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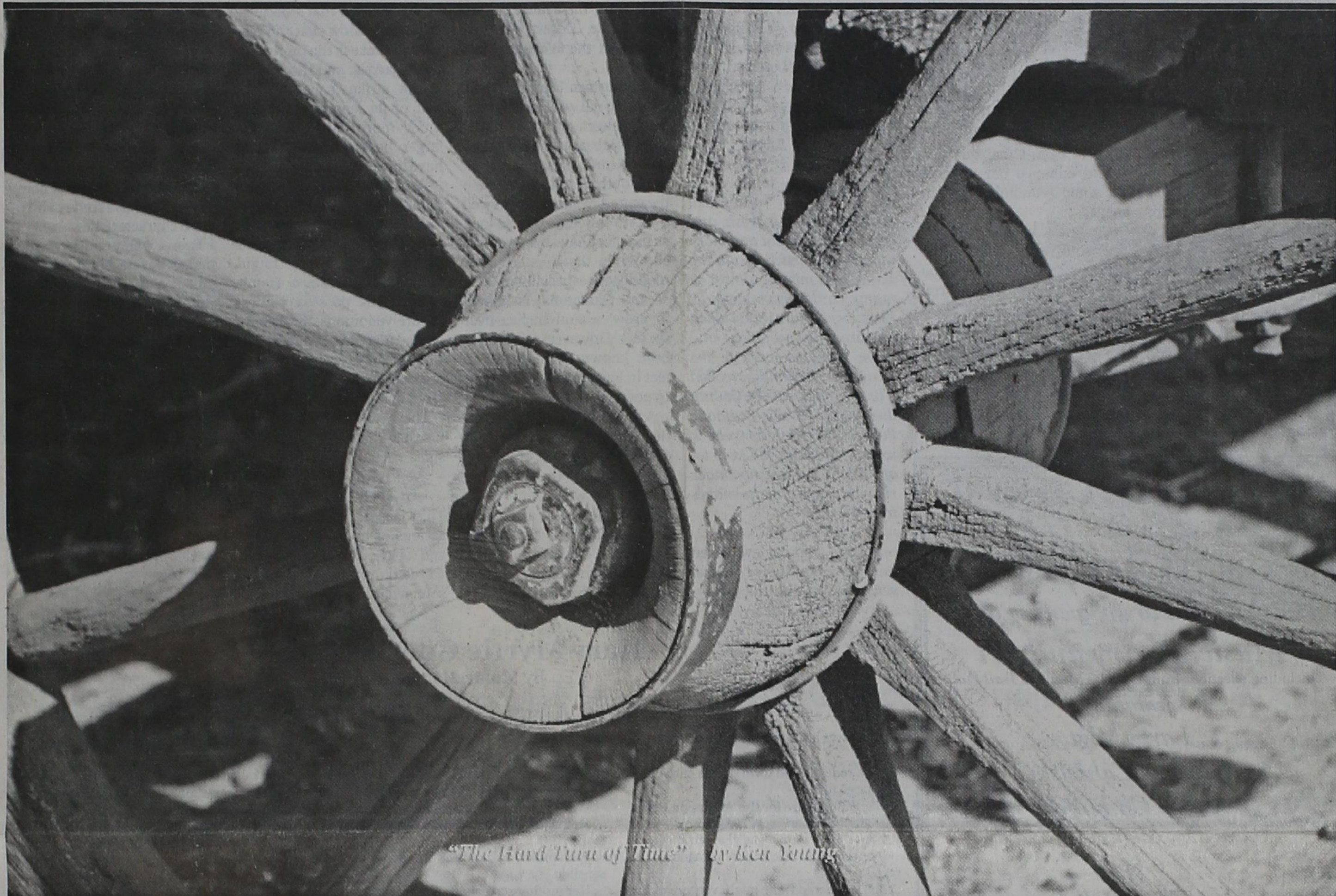
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"The Hard Turn of Time" by Ken Young

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By Carol Campbell

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ered interior portions of the historic mortar. White will prepare some sample panels on inconspicuous areas of the building to test the masonry color and texture. Architect Hugh Welch will inspect the sample panels, and give the final authorization for the mortar re-pointing to begin. Repointing is a process of removing deteriorated mortar from the joints of a masonry wall and replacing it with new mortar. Care will be taken to match as close as possible to the original mortar used in 1891.

The existing stone was originally quarried from Salt Creek, five miles west of Matador. Efforts to locate the old original quarry were not successful. The Matador Ranch is in the process of dismantling the old Scotsman Dive on the Matador Ranch headquarters property. Part of the stone will be hauled to the jail location to be used as replacement stones on the roof parapet.

Scotsman Dive was originally built for the first Scottish bookkeeper in the early 1900s. Judge Ed D. Smith said he knew the living quarters were built before 1918 because "daddy said he was laid up there in the flu epidemic in 1918," he said, adding, "when I worked for the Matadors in the early '60s, I stayed there a while." Big

Transmission lines surround Motley Co.

(Crosbyton, July 18, 2008) - Representative Joe Heflin (D-Crosbyton), House District 85, is pleased to report that the Texas Public Utility Commission (PUC) on Thursday approved "scenario 2," which is the transmission line plan that will eventually move a total of 18,456 megawatts of wind power from West Texas to the state's power grid. According to the PUC news release, scenario 2 is estimated to cost \$4.93 billion or \$4 per month per residential cus-

tomers and will be completed within four to five years.

Rep. Heflin stated: Several counties in House District 85 have been designated by the PUC as proposed routes for the new transmission lines to move the energy produced by our West Texas wind farms to the rest of the state. Scenario 2 appears to be a good plan that benefits the existing wind farms, as well as giving companies the assurances they need to invest in and de-

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**You are invited
to a reception for
Randy Brown
at MCISD
July 31, 2008
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*Please stop by to give your
best wishes to
Randy and his family*

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Writing Community
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Days Gone By
The Texas Chief Bonanza,
Part 1 of 3 begins this week.

County Agent News
Wind Energy & Wildlife Seminar scheduled for August 8-9.

Coming Home
Carol Campbell tells her own coming home story.

Library News
Lots of new books in this week including six different books from the very popular "American Girl" series.

Foothill Country

Connections

Community, Diversity, Art

By Larry Vogt

As you can see by the story that starts on the front page about the proposed new electric transmission lines, we don't need to hold our breath until Motley County gets to strike it rich.

There is good news, however, since the proposed plan puts transmission lines close to the county lines in the Northeast and Southwest. It is also expected to increase employment opportunities for County residents in the construction of both the transmission lines and the wind turbines that will generate the electricity that will flow to and through those lines.

Although some folks may have been disappointed at the plan that was adopted there seems to be more up-

beat possibilities for Motley County and there may even be a chance for the County to petition the PUC to press our case for having some of the new lines traverse all or part of the county.

The key word may be proactive. Instead of standing by while everything seems to pass us by, we might be well advised to engage the powers that be in a dialogue that would enhance our chances for some economic development.

Goodness knows, we have the wind, we also have the solar energy option. You may think that these warm, still nights would be good for nothing but mosquitoes but the wind always seems to come back and that may be a sure bet.

Part 1 of 4

The facts in the following article are largely from the abridged edition of Laurence M. Klauber's two-volume work, "Rattlesnakes, Their Habits, Life Histories, and Influences on Mankind," published in 1956 by the University of California Press, Berkeley, Los Angeles, and London. This article might give someone some ideas on starting a "rattlesnake business," selling fresh and canned snake meat and making various articles from the skin. There may be almost as many rattlesnakes now as there were in the 1860s when my great uncles Wiley and Dave Williams were in the Texas Rangers and patrolled a beat from San Saba County due north to the Quitaque Peaks. The Matador chuck wagon cowboys killed a lot of rattlers, but they no longer ride the range and the snakes multiplied.

Anyone who has ever lived in Motley County for several years knows that the county

is home to more than one kind of rattlesnake. There are the Western Diamondback, whose venom is the most poisonous, the Prairie Rattlesnake, the Desert Massasauga, and the Western Massasauga.

The Eastern Diamondback, found in all of Florida, and the southern parts of Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, and the coastal areas of North and South Carolina, has been measured by scientists at well over seven feet; some as long as nine feet have been reported. While the Western Diamondback, especially in Texas and Oklahoma, is known to grow several inches over six feet. However, a few have been known to reach seven feet in length, weighing about 15 pounds.

A Mexican west-coast rattler has been measured at 6-feet, 1-1/2 inches. However, it was raised in the San Diego Zoo and ate well.

The vertebrae of an extinct rattler, found in Florida, of thousands of years ago (the Pleistocene epoch), reached a length of 12 feet.

Someone living in the state of Maine, the only state that doesn't have rattlers, may think the size of a rattler is irrelevant, but that's because they don't know that the bigger the snake is the more venom it carries, and the further it can strike, usually about half of its length, making it much more dangerous. The larger headed ones tend to have longer fangs, as well.

Rattlesnakes are pit vipers - popular name for the whole family Crotalidae - belonging to the genera Crotalus and Sistrurus. They are found only in the Western Hemisphere. All possess rattles. All are venomous, are heavy-bodied and have broad heads. They are of various colors and are marked by blotches or by cross bands along the back.

The crucial characteristic that distinguishes rattlesnakes from all other snakes - even from other pit vipers - is possession of the rattle. This is a loose interlocking series of horny rings at the end of the tail, which when vibrated, produces a sound somewhat like a hiss. All rat-

tlesnakes have rattles, or at least a numb of one, because they do sometimes break off. No other kind of snake has rattles. No snake is a rattlesnake because it is shaped like a rattler, or because it has blotches like one, or because it is venomous, or because it is found among rattler, or because it will coil like a rattler, or because it will vibrate its tail like a rattler. A number of both harmless and venomous snakes have some or all of these characteristics.

Even when born rattlesnakes have a blunt segment called a prebutton, which, although soundless, is quite different from the pointed tail end of other young snakes. Rattles are born live, not in eggs.

There are now 31 known species and 70 subspecies known to exist, with some restricted to a single island, one found only in the Grand Canyon, and one found only in the southwest corner of New Mexico (and south of there in Mexico).

WRITING COMMUNITY

RATTLESNAKES

By Tom Sanders

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TRAIL DUST



Matador Tribune
July 29, 1948

Clouds were fermenting in the bowl of sky above the brown valley but the solitary man in the vast field did not look up from the little puffs of dust where his hoe struck at tough, stubborn weeds. Sweat had caked in white formations along the edges of his overall suspenders and moisture had pierced the sweatband and felt of his broad brimmed hat. He wiped it from his brow with the sleeve of his blue shirt. When he reached the fence row and chopped the scattering weeds within the reach of his hoe,

he removed the cloth-covered water jug from a clump of sage and drank heartily, pouring some of the warm water in his hand and applying it to the cloth covering. At that instant three saddle horses, romping and playing, raced by along a path beyond the fence. The man watched them for an instant, then resumed his hoeing. Again deep in the field he ceased his work, sat down between the rows and pulled off one of his high-heeled boots. He tried his tender foot in the hot dirt, then removed the other boot and continued hoeing, limping from the pain that tortured his feet. His interest now centered about the door of a half-dugout pressed against the hill beyond the field. He would look at the sun and again at the dugout. Finally a large white cloth was hung above the door as a signal that his noon meal was ready and he walked back after his boots. Domesticity was involved in its process of creating a farmer from a cowboy.

There was a young lady named Mary Myrtle

Who rode around town on the back of a very large turtle.

Her riding attire for this excursion was one of her mother's very old girdles.

When she set forth one glorious day Dressed to the hilt in her outrageous regalia

She wondered if she might venture as far as Australia.

She thought likely not....because it was so hot.

She would venture only as far as Sedalia. The short trip won

For she had little mon.

So away she rode in the land of the sun. Now her steed was quite slow and stubborn

Which gave her time to acquire a terrific glow,

That was quite remarkable with her hair of light auburn.

When she got home she knew there would be a terrible row.

Now her beau was riding in a lovely new convertible

That was the envy of Mary Myrtle

How could she ever compete with just a hard top turtle?

And alas! She was only wearing her mother's very old girdle.

How she wished herself invisible

What to do? Where to hide?

Her acts today were downright reprehensible.

From now on she vowed she would be sensible.

Her mother screeched, "Mary Myrtle! You're just plain feckless;

Your behavior today has been extremely reckless

When you daddy sees you; why, he will be quite speechless".

She thought her adventure had left her unscathed

That was before she drew a warm bath and bathed.

Horrors upon horrors, she must be brave, Her skin was as red as the rockets red glare

To dress was so painful she just remained bare...

What others thought, well, she really couldn't care.

"Mary Myrtle, Mary Myrtle...Where are your clothes?

You're naked from your head to your toes

What's more your are red as a rose.....

Hurry...get your dress, panties and hose. There's company coming

They called while you were out riding

Hurry up now...oh, dear, you really need a hiding."

Ouch, ouch

It hurt terrible bad she could vouch

Could she ever sit quietly on that scratchy horsehair couch?

She must behave like a lady

Not squirm and behave like a baby... Maybe it would be cooler on the porch and quite shady.

Here comes, Baby, Uncle Clyde and god-mother, Aunt Myrtle

She wondered and wondered

Did Auntie ever have a turtle?

Did she inherit this uniqueness fom Auntie;

Or did she never go about in just her scanties?

From the looks of Auntie, she didn't have a clue

Her hat was on straight, her dress so blue

Mary Myrtle thought her a beautiful lady. Surely to goodness she would learn that riding was verboten

When dressed solely in the old girdle she had chosen.

Mary Myrtle Goes Riding

By Monta Marshall

Growers encouraged to tell their conservation stories

St. Louis, Missouri. The American Soybean Association (ASA) is now accepting applications for the 2009 Conservation Legacy Awards Program. Growers are encouraged to share their story of environmentalism and conservation with others by submitting an application to the program.

Three regional conservation awards will be presented - Midwest Region, Northeast Region and South Region. All regional winners receive an expense-paid trip for two to Commodity Classic in Grapevine, Texas, February 26-28, 2009. Commodity Classic is the premier convention and trade show for the U.S. soybean, corn, wheat and sorghum industries.

At the ASA Awards Banquet at Commodity Classic, a national winner will be announced from among the three regional winners. All winners will be featured in an issue of Corn & Soybean Digest magazine.

In its seventh year, the Conservation Legacy Awards Program is a national program designed to recognize the out-

standing environmental and conservation achievements of U.S. soybean farmers. Selection is based on each farmer's environmental and economic program. Judges look for dedication to the land through cropland management practices; farmstead protection; and conservation and environmental management.

The American Soybean Association wants to acknowledge good stewardship of the land. The awards showcase management practices that are environmentally friendly and at the same time allow growers to reap economic returns from their farm.

Applications are in the mail to all ASA members or go online to www.SoyGrowers.com/Programs. A grower must be a member of the American Soybean Association to enter the Conservation Legacy Awards program. Join ASA online at www.SoyGrowers.com.

Along with the American Soybean Association, this program is co-sponsored by Monsanto and The Corn And Soybean Digest.

A Wedding Toast

By Dinah Young

Deep resides in the soul of man

a desire for true love

As deep as the ocean depth does span

That desire sits like a pair of loves

Who mate for life and stay close

by each others side.

As well the heart of a woman waits

To find the love she craves

Someone to protect her soul from hate

And the cruel things life befalls

And so these two have found that love

They are their all and all.

We celebrate this day with them

With joy and hope and profound

Desire that this great love will never dim.

So lift your glass and give a cheer

For Joshua and Victoria.

Hear! Hear!

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HAPPY 60TH

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Buddy, Susie, Alan, Bret,
Stephanie, Denisa, Curtis, Janice,
Amber, Robert, Shandy,
Dustin and Hannah

COMING HOME

In baseball, home plate is where you begin your journey and also your destination. You venture out onto the bases, to first and second and third, always striving to return to the spot from which you began. There is danger on the basepath -- pick-offs, rundowns, force-outs, double plays - and safety only back at home. I am not saying, as a true fan would, that baseball is the key to life; rather, life is the key to baseball. We play or watch this game because it draws pictures of our desires. -- Scott Sanders (b. 1945), U.S. educator, author.

By Carol Campbell

Home is where the journey begins, they say. I have been writing Coming Home stories for about eight weeks. I only made a small dent in the 20-plus number of residents that have moved back to Matador after long absences. I loved this baseball quote, a parallel with life, at least my life, so I saved it to inspire me to write my own story.

And indeed, I was born in Matador, raised in Matador, graduated from Matador High School in 1961, and finally came home after 45 years, 10 days, 8 hours, and 14 minutes. I came home to save myself. I know that sounds terribly dramatic. But the fact is: I have been trying to "save" someone or something all my life.

Let's see: I went through my "I boycott fur-bearing people" phase in my 20s when I was trying to save the coyotes in Gray County. I wore my "boycott button" and harangued the good citizens of McLean who cheerfully tolerated me.

Then I decided to rid the community of hunger and poverty and bought groceries for strangers for about a year; then I jumped in the swimming pool at the community

County Club to save a little girl who was dog-paddling with just her nose above water. She hit me on the head for saving her, and screamed, "I CAN SWIM." Her mother didn't thank me either.

Finally I decided to go back to school to learn how to really save people.

But I started out slow. I decided it might be safer to 'write' about saving people. I worked for the *Arlington Citizen Journal* and they assigned me all the "hero" stories; stories about soldiers who earned medals for saving people, dogs-that-saved-children stories, firefighters who rescued children and animals; and one story about a woman who gave mouth-to-mouth to her neighbor's puppy who had fallen in her swimming pool. I can still see that smiling fat-baby Labrador. I was assigned all animal stories and all 100-year-old birthday parties. I finally graduated to the obits. Escape was futile. So after six years in undergraduate study (hey, I worked and changed majors three times), I switched from journalism to social work so

I could learn how to properly save the world.

My first job out of undergraduate school was in Child Protective Services. I lasted four years in Fort Worth, and two years in Austin. This was the hardest job I have ever had. In fact, it was not a job, it was a lifestyle. I went to graduate school in Social Work in Austin because I couldn't figure out how to get out of the CPS job and still get a good reference. So, for all the wrong reasons, I got a master's degree in Administration and Planning in the School of Social Work at a prestigious public university. Now I could actually develop social programs and supervise people who were saving the world. That seemed a much safer avenue for one's life work.

But because strangers tell me their life story in check-out lines at post offices and grocery stores, it was inevitable that I should try my hand at saving criminals. My first job out of graduate school was for a probation department in Williamson County as a Special Projects Coordinator. I feverishly wrote grants, developed programs for offenders, tracked statistics, wrote "how to" manuals on software

designed to track programs, traveled, and earned the respect of my peers and bosses. It was a dream job. I earned a Leadership Award the first year I was hired for writing a \$23 million dollar grant that secured a minimum security state jail facility in Bartlett, Texas. I could do good and not have to be in the direct-care saving business. Sweet.

Then I moved with my husband to Dallas and landed a job with Dallas County. I was the Program Director of DIVERT Court (an acronym that totally escapes me at this point). I was out to save alcoholics and drug addicts. This was a diversion court that offered one year of substance abuse treatment and intensive court-monitored programming by a district judge in exchange for dismissal of their first-time felony drug charge. If they graduated successfully, then their case was dismissed. At last, *incentive* to save yourself.

This program was right down my little social work ally; and the second hardest job of my life. Cocaine addicts have a hard time being saved, but that doesn't keep a died-in-the-wool bleeding heart from trying. And I tried

with a passion for six years. I worked with district judges, county judges, defense attorneys, prosecutors, and probation officers. I developed programs and guidelines for programs, and coordinated inpatient and outpatient substance abuse treatment. In cooperation with the psychology department at Southern Methodist University, I helped complete the first in-depth recidivism study on the viability of diversion courts in the state of Texas.

I served as faculty for the National Drug Court Institute, the National Association of Drug Court Professionals, and help found the Texas Association of Drug Court Professionals, serving as secretary of this state organization for six years. I attended six national conferences, spoke in front of large groups of people who were also in the saving business. They began to call me The Mother of Drug Court. I counseled, cajoled, cried at

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LIKE THE BASEBALL ANALOGY, home plate is where you begin your journey, Carol Campbell has made it back to the spot where she began.

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Post City celebration day set for August 9

The 4th annual Post City Celebration Day is set for Saturday, August 9 as part of a weekend packed with a rodeo, entertainment and other fun activities in Post. Local musicians will line Main Street and the Post Art Guild will host a juried art show. Western artist Brian Asher of Snyder will have an exhibit & demonstration at Hudman Furniture and Lubbock watercolorist Dyan Newton will exhibit at Ruby Lane Books.

The Heritage House will celebrate its community grand opening with entertainment and tours of the building. An Antique Tractor Show is planned along with special fun for the kids. The OS Museum and the Garza County Histori-

cal Museum will have special tours and exhibits. Performances at the Garza Theatre and Ragtown Gospel Theater are also planned as part of the celebration.

The traditional rodeo parade, sponsored by the Post Area Chamber of Commerce will head down Main Street at 3 p.m. Saturday.

ANNUAL RODEO AND PARADE

The 68th annual Post Stampede Rodeo will run August 7 - August 9 with all of the spectacular rodeo events that have made this rodeo one of the most exciting in West Texas. Mutton Bustin' and Flag Race events for the kids are

included each night and a rodeo dance is scheduled Friday & Saturday night.

Jody Nix & the Texas Cowboys will play for the Friday dance and Wes Nickson will provide music Saturday night. Admission to the Friday night dance is \$10 per person and admission to the Saturday night dance is \$5 per person.

Rodeo admission is \$5 for adults and the Grand Entry begins each night at 7:45 p.m.

For more information about Post City Celebration Day & the 68th Annual Post Stampede Rodeo, contact the Post Area Chamber of Commerce, 806-495-3461.

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"In Search of Life Eternal"

There is evidence all around us that the things of this earth are passing. The longing for that which is eternal begins as a tiny spark somewhere deep within us. The Bible tells us in Ecclesiastes 3:11 that God has put "eternity in our hearts." Since we understand that the things of this earth are passing away and since there are things which shall endure forever, shouldn't we be searching for the eternal?

Ernest Brecker stated: "Man transcends death by finding meaning in his life...It is the burning desire for the creature to count... What man really fears is not so much extinction, but extinction with insignificance." The promise of eternal life through Jesus Christ offers us great significance! Someone has written:

Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
At all the times you can,
To all the people you can,
As long as you can.

For those in search of "Eternal Life," that sounds like good advice, let's put it into practice.

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NEWS AROUND MOTLEY COUNTY

Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

We had a little down pour Sunday night. It lasted less than five minutes and was a very hard rain. Corky said it measured a quarter of an inch in our gauge. Buzz said the official gauge measured 2/10ths. I guess that is what those little showers we see sometimes in the distance that look like dark strips of rain so narrow they look like they would fit in a stock tank are. Any amount is welcome though! It seems hotter this year. I know that it isn't, it just seems that way. I was hoping for hurricane Dolly to come our way. After seeing in the newspaper about it reaching Ruidosa and the heavy downpour and flooding, maybe it was a good thing it didn't come our way.

Happy birthday was sung and guests enjoyed German chocolate cake, strawberry cake, watermelon and coffee when Glenard Daniell celebrated his 70th birthday on Sunday, July 27th at Travelers Inn in Roaring Springs. Family and friends attending were: his sister, Billie Ruth Clark of Wichita Falls, his daughter, Karen Lamar; Grandchildren and greats, Brad, Alyssa, Alexis and Autum Daniell of Plainview,

and Edith Daniel. Friends: J. N. Fletcher, Corky Marshall, Don and Billie Stuckey, Alex Crowder, Chig Guinn, Zella Palmer, Joy Beeson, Bennie D. and Devonne Dillard.

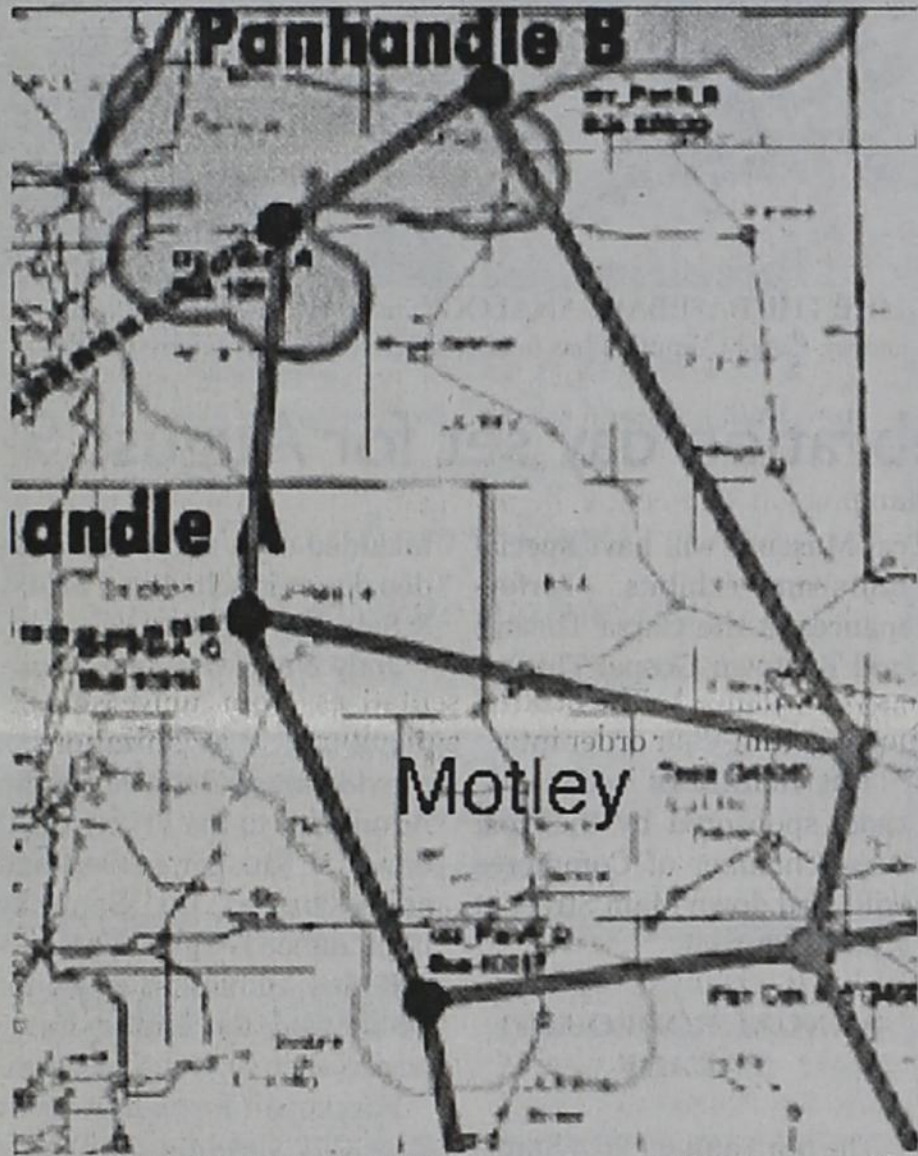
Pearl Patten has moved to a new home at 506 3rd street. This is the house that was originally the Jack Davis home.

Several met at the First Baptist Church in Roaring Springs on Saturday afternoon to plan for their upcoming Bible Extravaganza on August 9th. The age group will be from 3 - 11 years. The day will begin at 9:30 a.m. and go until 2:00 p.m. Those attending were: Vonda Brendle, Jo Trammell, Joyce Meredith, Barbara Alexander, Teresa Woolsey, little Zoie Buckner, Corky and Monta Marshall.

Ken and Dinah Young were in Lubbock on Saturday to celebrate the birthday of Dinah's daughter, Jenny LaDue.

No matter the price; no matter how new; the best safety device in the car is you! Burma Shave.

Another One: The midnight ride of Paul for beer; led to a warmer hemisphere. Burma Shave



COMPETITIVE RENEWABLE Energy Zone (CREZ) "scenario 2"

The CREZ map shows proposed layout for the new transmission lines that will be built to carry electricity from new and existing wind farms in the areas including Motley County.

According to Tom Edwards, a representative of the PUC told him on Tuesday that the lines are general and the exact routing will not be known until engineering and feasibility studies have been completed. Even though it appears that the lines in the map go around Motley County, there is still a

chance that wind farms in the county will be able to use those new transmission lines wherever they are.

Mr. Edwards also stated that the County may have a chance to lobby the PUC to present a case for running some of the new transmission lines inside the County. He also said that there is some growth or expansion built into the "scenario 2" plan which means that there is a possibility that more electrical generation can take place.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

The only questions I should never let into my mind if I want to be happy is: "What if? If only? Why me?"

Her daughter and husband, Kathy and Clois Shorter, accompanied Mrs. Geneva Martin from Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock Friday to the Hackberry Care Center in Matador. She is under rehabilitation treatment. She has had many visitors from Flomot.

Horun and Patricia Otieno of Kenya, Africa were guests of Connie and Coy Franks Saturday. They watched their first branding of livestock and were impressed by the adept work and the good meals! Those helping with the branding and visiting the weekend were the children of Mr. and Mrs. Franks, Cory and Amy Franks, Madison and Hudson and Cary Franks of Idalou, Cara Franks and Connie's mother, Mrs. Erma Washington of Flomot.

Mrs. B. Rogers and son, Donnie Rogers visited in Quitaque Friday with Mrs. Leona Degan. Mrs. Degan, a former Flomot resident who sold her home when she moved to Quanah, is elated to move to a home she bought in Quitaque. Her sons and wives, Morris and Lou Degan of Medicine Mound and Stanley and Donna Sue Degan of Kalgary helped her move to Quitaque and set up house-keeping.

Weekend visitor of Wilburn Martin was son, Cole Martin of Portales, N.M. They visited Mrs. Geneva Martin at Hackberry Care Center in Matador, Saturday.

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

Tim and Dena Washington of Roaring Springs visited Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Erma Washington.

Mrs. Cally Sperry, Gage and Cash visited in Lubbock, Monday with her grandmother, Mrs. Sue Pool and had lunch with Scarlett and Brianna Sperry. They visited Mrs. Geneva Martin, a patient at the Covenant Medical Center before returning home.

Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse of Turkey had lunch with Mrs. B. Rogers and Donnie Rogers, Sunday.

Mrs. Nola Lon, Christen Long and son, Jake of Wynnewood, OK and Mrs. Bobbie Hanna of Warner, OK, returned to their respective homes, Monday after visiting the past week with Johnie Starkey and Jack and Nada Starkey. They canned wild plums and used some to make plum jam.

Butch Hughes had major surgery Friday at the University Medical Center in Lubbock. With him during surgery and hospitalization are his wife, Janice and sons, Benjie Hughes of Royce City, Billy Don Hughes of Lubbock, Rickey and Roger Hughes of Floydada.

Matador News

Carol and Lucretia Campbell recently visited in Denton with Charise Cullen Christian, husband Craig, daughters Caitlin and Cameron Christian. They were joined by Charyn Cullen Parra, and her daughter Callen. Callen recently competed in the 15 year-old national soccer finals

in Little Rock, AK. Callen's team won third place, earning a bronze medal. Charise hosted a family dinner on Sunday evening. Other family members at the gathering were Barbara Christian, formerly of Matador, and Carla Christian Oldham, Denton.

Fairways and Rough

by Tammy Simpson

Ladies Playday July 24

18 hole players were Olivia Barton, Geneva Wilson, Dartha Westbrook and June Moss. Olivia Barton won the

ball - lowest score 9 hole players were Frances Hobbs, Nell Berryman, Judy Renfro, Tommye Keith and Pat Warren.

Nell Berryman won the ball - lowest score

Jaci Zingerman attends West Texas A & M basketball camp

Roaring Springs resident, Jaci Zingerman, daughter of Russell and Lori Alexander, recently attended the West Texas A & M Lady Buffs basketball camp at Canyon, Texas.

Jaci received honors at camp as the Best Rebounder, the Best Hustler, and was chosen for the All Star Team where the top girls participated in an All Star Game. Jaci's team also won

the All Star Game. Girls from all over Texas came to learn skills and drills from the Lone Star Camps, the Lady Buffs and their coach, Krista (Kirkland) Gerlich. Jaci was all set to go to camp with Lexi Osborn, but after her injuries, she was unable to attend, so Lexi and Jaci's step-sister, Hanna Alexander, enjoyed an exciting trip to Canyon to watch the All Star game and awards.



JACI ZINGERMAN with Krista Gerlich, Head Ladies Basketball Coach at WTAMU

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Transmission lines surround Motley Co.

velop even more wind farms. Heflin went on to say that: The lack of transmission lines created a situation where the power currently produced by the wind farms was constrained by the lack of available transmission lines.

The increased transmission capacity will spur the development of even more wind farm projects, which is good for the residents and economy of our area. Developers now know that expanding their wind farm operations is good business because when the new transmission lines are built, additional energy can be produced and

loaded onto the grid. This is a win-win for our area and the state.

The House District 85 counties currently included in the proposed routes for the new transmission lines are: Borden, Fisher, Floyd, Glascock, Howard, Jones, Kent and Sterling. The PUC will take a final vote on its transmission line plan either later in July or some time in August. A map of scenario 2 of the competitive renewal energy zones (CREZ) is available on the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) website at: www.ercot.com. Search for "scenario 2" to find the map.

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Notes from the Library

By Buffy Crutchley

We've got lots of exciting new books in this week. Catherine Coulter's "Tailspin," Ridley Pearson's "Killer View" and Nora Robert's "Tribute," which just made it to the New York Times Best Seller's List.

There are plenty more, so stop in today to browse the New Arrival section. You never know what you'll find!

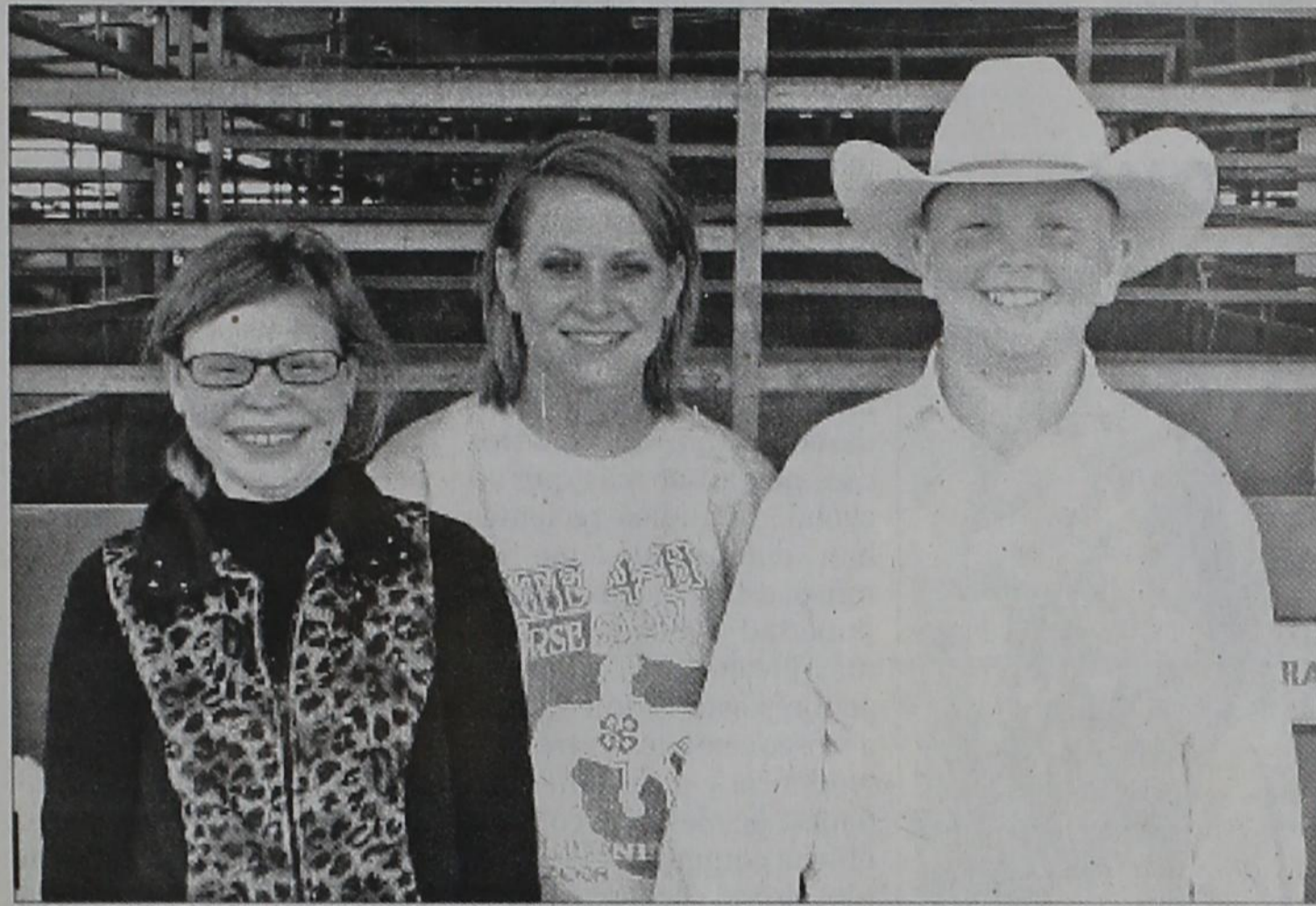
Parents, I also just got in six different books from the very popular "American Girl" series. There is a new movie in theaters based on one of the characters, and looks to be very interesting.

All the books in the series take place at different points during history, like

World War II and the Great Depression. They look to be very entertaining, as well as very informative about different ways of life.

We also have the first two books from Stephenie Meyer's "Twilight" series. These have already become very popular with the patrons, so if you're interested, get your name on the reserve list today!

Friends of the Library, mark your calendars. Our next meeting will be August 7th at 3:30pm. We have so much to discuss, as usual, and would definitely love your input. Our Beans & Cornbread Luncheon is coming up, and we need your help making it a huge success again this year.



MOTLEY COUNTY 4-H Members Compete at State 4-H Horse Show in Abilene. L-R Cassidy Turner, Shane'a Russell, Seth Baxter.

Growers encouraged to tell their conservation stories

St. Louis, Missouri. The American Soybean Association (ASA) is now accepting applications for the 2009 Conservation Legacy Awards Program. Growers are encouraged to share their story of environmentalism and conservation with others by submitting an application to the program.

Three regional conservation awards will be presented - Midwest Region, Northeast Region and South Region. All regional winners receive an expense-paid trip for two to Commodity Classic in Grapevine, Texas, February 26-28, 2009. Commodity Classic is the premier convention and trade show for the U.S. soybean, corn, wheat and sorghum industries.

At the ASA Awards Banquet at Commodity Classic, a national winner will be announced from among the three regional winners. All winners will be featured in an issue of Corn & Soybean Digest magazine.

In its seventh year, the Conservation Legacy Awards Program is a national program designed to recognize the outstanding environmental and conservation achievements of U.S. soybean farmers. Selection is based on each farmer's environmental and economic program. Judges look for dedication to the land through cropland management practices; farmstead protection; and conservation and environmental management.

The American Soybean As-

sociation wants to acknowledge good stewardship of the land. The awards showcase management practices that are environmentally friendly and at the same time allow growers to reap economic returns from their farm.

Applications are in the mail to all ASA members or go online to www.SoyGrowers.com/Programs. A grower must be a member of the American Soybean Association to enter the Conservation Legacy Awards program. Join ASA online at www.SoyGrowers.com.

Along with the American Soybean Association, this program is co-sponsored by Monsanto and The Corn And Soybean Digest.

Obituaries

Ruth Maxine Pickens

Ruth Maxine Pickens was born November 17, 1916 to the late Clarence Thomas and Gladys Rudd Thomas in Judsonia, Arkansas. She went to be with her heavenly father July 26, 2008. She married J.W. Pickens in 1950. J.W. preceded her in death 1991.

Maxine's hearty helpings of banana pudding, peach cobbler and homemade rolls made a legendary impression on the school children of Spur for thirty years. Quick to grab her purse, Maxine enjoyed going places and spending time with her family.

Left to cherish her memory are daughter, Pat Laster of Amarillo; daughter Sandy Duboise of Lubbock, and daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and Harold Parks of Roaring Springs; grandchildren, Michael Duboise of Los

Angeles; Teresa Ball of Tyler; Donna Luby of McKinney; Robbie Laster of Amarillo; Debbie Naylor of Arlington; Brenda Laster of Amarillo; Lacey Rankin of Roaring Springs and Kasey Bell of Clarendon; great-grandchildren, Brandon, Blake, BJ, Dylan, Aaron, Whitley, Ashlee, Amy, Linley, Aaron, Brody, Brogan, and Kyler.

Services were held July 28 at the First United Methodist Church in Spur with Rev. Larry Burton officiating. Interment will follow at Spur Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to Vista Care Hospice of Lubbock, 1717 Norfolk, Suite C, Lubbock, TX 79416 or the Spur Cemetery Association, P.O. Box 111, Spur, TX 79370.

HealthCare Interactive releases Alzheimer's Training DVD

MINNEAPOLIS, MN - July 7, 2008. HealthCare Interactive, Inc. (HCI) announces the release of the Savvy Caregiver DVD for family caregivers of someone with memory loss, dementia, or Alzheimer's disease.

The Savvy Caregiver training is offered in a live, classroom format in six states, and is specifically recommended to state agencies by the U.S. Administration on Aging (www.aoa.gov).

For the first time, this research-validated program is available on DVD to be viewed by families in the privacy of your own home.

The Savvy Caregiver curriculum was originally developed by a team of researchers at the University of Minnesota School of Nursing and has been shown in research to reduce caregiver distress (Heppburn et al., 2007).

After realizing that a family member's memory and other thinking skills are starting to decline, the information on this DVD is a long-awaited answer to the questions, "What's happening to my love one, and what do I do now?"

The DVD is designed to teach families about the changes in behavior that occur when Alzheimer's or dementia affects someone and specific strategies to reduce your own personal distress associated with the disease.

The 4-DVD program is designed to be watched one session per week for four consecutive weeks.

County Agent's News



by Ryan Martin, AgriLIFE EXTENSION Agent

Motley 4-H Members Compete at State 4-H Horse Show in Abilene

Motley 4-H Club members Shane'a Russell, Cassidy Turner and Seth Baxter participated in the 2008 State 4-H Horse Show held in Abilene.

The State 4-H Horse Show brings youth from all over the state of Texas to compete in areas such as halter classes, western riding, trail, horsemanship, futurity projects, speed events and English events.

Shane'a Russell competed in the 2 Year Old Futurity Project and the 3 Year Old Futurity Project. She placed 10th with her 2 year old, but only rode 2 out of the 3 patterns due to her horse becoming sick.

Cassidy Turner showed her horse, Twister, in the 5 and over Registered Gelding Halter class. This class was one of the largest classes at the State Horse Show with over 100 horses. Unfortunately she did not place.

Seth Baxter competed in the Grade Mares Halter class and placed third with his horse Frankie.

Congratulations to these kids for a job well done.

Texas 4-H/FFA Lamb and Goat Validation

It is time once again to order state validation tags for goats and lambs. If you are planning on competing in a major stock show with goats are lambs, please contact the Extension Office and let me know how many goat or lamb tags you will need. The deadline for getting your order into the Extension office is August 26, 2008. Once tag orders have been received from the state office, we will set up a validation day to validate animals in the county. Validations tags are \$7 each. If any tags have to be ordered after the deadline, the cost is \$20 per tag.

Wind Energy and Wildlife Seminar Scheduled for Aug. 8-9

AMARILLO - The Panhandle Wind and Wildlife Conference on Aug. 8-9 in Amarillo is an effort to provide land-

owners with an impartial view of wind energy development, said a Texas AgriLife Extension Service specialist.

AgriLife Extension, the Texas Wildlife Association and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department are working together to offer the two-day conference at the Ambassador Hotel, 3100 W. Interstate 40, in Amarillo.

The program will begin with registration at 7:30 a.m. and run through 5 p.m. on Aug. 8. The second day will also begin at 7:30 a.m. with coffee and doughnuts, followed by an 8 a.m. departure for a tour of Wildorado Wind Ranch.

"Getting an impartial handle on all of the ins and outs, the pros and the cons, the advantages and disadvantages, is a daunting task," said Ken Cearley, AgriLife Extension wildlife specialist in Canyon.

The meeting is aimed at objectively educating landowners and the general public about the many issues associated with wind energy opportunities that should be considered before signing a contract, including the impacts on wildlife, Cearley said.

Some of the topics covered will be: the history and current state of wind energy; its future and viability; what is known about its impact on wildlife; power transmission issues; and land appraisals and the impact on real estate value by wind energy development. Discussion panels will include landowners, operators and state-elected officials. Panels also will include representatives from universities, agricultural organizations, conservation organizations, the wind energy industry and state and federal agencies.

A visit to the Wildorado Wind Ranch will provide participants with an up-close introduction to the day-to-day operations of a wind-energy project, as well as what is involved in site determination and construction, Cearley said.

The fee is \$75. To register, contact Kassi Scheffer at 800-839-9453 or kscheffer@texas-wildlife.org.

For more information on the conference, contact Cearley at 806-651-5760 or kcearley@ag.tamu.edu.

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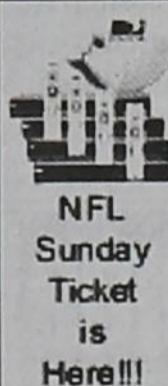
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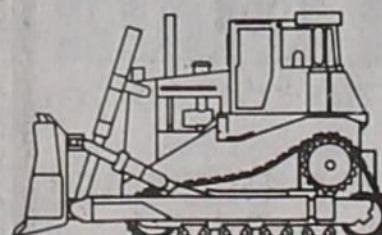
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Days Gone By

The Texas Chief Bonanza

From Motley County Roundup, c 1991 by Marisue Potts

Part 1 of 3

1918--The year was dry and the cattle market had gone sour. Henry Hobbs who ranched west of Matador was flat broke. Opportunity and adventure lured him to the Burkburnett Oil Field.

Like wolves on the prowl men sniffed the promise of wealth in the air. Mired up their hubs, Model T's clogged the muddy streets lined with jerry-built shacks. A lane harbored make-shift cafes, stores, and offices on either side. Ravenous men, anxious to get a little food at any price, lined up outside cafes, where cooks mixed hot cake batter in barrels.

Hobbs began checking on the apparent trend of the oil field. With his earnings on selling oil leases, he acquired an option on 160 acres of land. Because it required he raise \$22,000 in a few

days or lose it, he returned to Matador to try to raise the money.

There were two banks in Matador at the time, the Farmers and Merchants Bank and the First State Bank. Hobbs propositioned the vice-president of the First State, his friend Fred C. Bourland. They considered the risk and acknowledged that not all wells drilled were producers. But Hobbs believed in the location, and Bourland believed in Hobbs. In a time when a handshake constituted a business deal, the pair offered interest in the project for \$2,000 each.

Eleven men wanted in on the deal and went to the First National Bank in Wichita Falls to borrow the money. They were A.B. Echols, A.D. Beauchamp, W.R. Dirickson, Jack Luckett, T.G. Duncan, W.A. (Raldo) Newman,

Oscar Williams, J.R. Moore, I.F. Fish, Bourland, and Hobbs.

At first the well did not look too promising but as things improved others wanted to buy into the deal. Bourland recalled in an interview, "I could see that \$40,000 profit, and I knew the note was coming due..." So Bourland and Fish sold their interests.

The Texas Chief blew in on May 25, 1919, spewing oil out over the top of the tall wooden derrick in the Burkburnett field. The remaining investors sold their investment for 80 to 1. It was said that more than a million dollars came to Motley County investors in a single day.

"There was much excitement in Matador after the Texas Chief was sold," Bourland explained, "and as I remember, 20 Buick automobiles were bought, besides other makes." In addition, the

prosperity of the county in 1919 was boosted by a good crop year.

Oil Fever gripped the residents in October of 1919. Motley County was wide open for oil speculation. Some made money, and some lost. A local newspaper adopted the name *The Matador Gusher*. Editor C.A. Lamb speculated on a bright future. "... we shall boost Matador and Motley County and we insist that every business man of Matador join the Booster Club... let's lock hands for a greater Matador."

As the Matador Petroleum Company sunk its bits to 700 feet, *The Gusher* described the well as "the wildest kind of a wild cat." However, forty-two years and over thirty attempts would pass before oil flowed from the bowels of Motley County.

Earth Talk

To say that kids are growing up faster than ever these days may be more than just cliché. Recent studies have shown that children are reaching puberty at younger and younger ages, and researchers are starting to see links between this trend and other societal ills such as ubiquitous pollution and sedentary lifestyles.

In a 2007 report for the Breast Cancer Fund entitled "The Falling Age of Puberty in U.S. Girls: What We Know, What We Need to Know," ecologist Sandra Steingraber argues that unfettered access to computers and TVs over the last 30 years has led to an increasingly sedentary lifestyle among kids in the U.S. and beyond. Active kids produce more melatonin, a natural hormone that serves as the body's internal clock and calendar. This could explain why sedentary kids are likely to go through puberty sooner: Their bodies think their decreased melatonin production is a trigger to move into puberty. "[Melatonin is] an inhibitory signal for puberty,"

says Steingraber. "The more melatonin you have, the later you go into puberty."

Of course, sedentary lifestyles are also linked to childhood obesity, a condition that often continues—along with the many health problems that can accompany it—into adulthood.

"Shortening childhood means a shortening of the time before the brain's complete re-sculpting occurs," says Steingraber. "Once that happens, the brain doesn't allow for complex learning." She adds that the brain can only build the connections used to learn a language, play a musical instrument or ride a bike before it gets flooded with the sex hormones that come with the onset of puberty.

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Elliot and Taylor exchange vows

By Dinah Young

Joshua Elliott and Victoria Taylor exchanged vows on the evening of July 12, 2008 on a cliff overlooking the beautiful Pow Wow River in Amesbury, Mass. The trellis where they stood with their minister was decorated with sprays of hot pink orchids fastened on palm leaves with a fan, smaller white and yellow orchids and white lilies. On the isle chairs were decorations of bunched hot pink netting with orange, yellow and hot pink gerbera daisies in the center. There were also fans on every chair for the guests. The bride wore a strapless gown by designer Vera Wang in fine tulle netting with ruffles cascading down from the fitted bodice to a short train of ruffles. She wore an ornamental tulle veil on one side of her raven black hair. Victoria carried a cascading spray of 2 dozen hot pink orchids. Her bridesmaids wore dresses of their own choosing in yellow, orange and hot pink and carried gerbera daisies... very vibrant colors. Joshua wore a fitted black suit tux with a white shirt and a black silk tie. Their minister was a friend from New York who gave them a journal after the ceremony with their vows and encouraged them to both write on their honeymoon and afterwards of their lives and their love. Friends and family came from San Francisco, New York, Austin, Montreal, Cape Cod, Toronto, Chicago, North Carolina and Roaring Springs.

The reception was held near by at the Pow Wow Restaurant. They served delicious hors d'oeuvres. The main meal was a buffet with choices of chicken with capons, had-dock stuffed with lobster, an eggplant cheese vegetarian entrée, a veggie penne pasta dish, and sweet potato wedges. The cake was an amaretto Italian cream with raspberry filling. It was decorated with black and hot pink polka-dots and colorful dancing characters... very playful and yummy. There were also dark and light chocolate petit fours served on platters around the room. There were many toasts from friends and family and dancing until midnight. It was an amazing evening of celebration of love between these two. The couple took a two week trip to Thailand for their honeymoon.

On their return Joshua is employed by Argon Corporation affiliated with the University of Chicago and plans to finish his PhD in physics by October. Victoria will be seeing clients in her field of psychology and working on her PhD at Northwestern University.

I realize this is long but I could not keep from telling the following. The above was wonderful but the best part for me was getting to meet and work on Victoria's Dad, Gavin Taylor, who has battled Parkinson's disease for 20 years. His only form of communication is smiling and blinking his eyes. Joshua called us Sunday morning and asked if



we could come to the hospital Gavin now calls home. We met them there and all of us fighting back tears told Gavin about the wedding and our love for his daughter and how many people spoke of how each of them is completed now being together as one.

It was such a sweet time and taught me more about Victoria than all of our visits have. She and Joshua have decorated his room with posters full of family pictures. He has pots of orchids and other flowers they have brought. They

read to him, play music and Joshua rubs his feet. Most of all they come every other weekend from Chicago and visit with him in that hospital room. They have done this for months.

Victoria and Josh left to catch a plane. When Ken and I left, Gavin had a peaceful smile on his face and was drifting off into a lovely sleep knowing his daughter is with someone who dearly loves her as well as Gavin. My heart was overwhelmed.

Diálogo Ecológico

Decir que los niños están creciendo más rápidamente que nunca estos días puede ser más que un cliché. Estudios recientes han demostrado que los niños están alcanzando la pubertad a edades más y más jóvenes, y los investigadores están comenzando a ver conexiones entre esta tendencia y otras enfermedades sociales tales como la ubicua contaminación y estilos de vida sedentarios.

En 2007 un informe para el Breast Cancer Fund [Fondo del Cáncer de Seno] titulado "La Edad Decreciente de la Pubertad en Muchachas Norteamericanas: Lo que Sabemos, lo que Necesitamos Saber", la ecologista Sandra Steingraber sostiene que el acceso sin restricciones a las computadoras y a las TVs durante los 30 años pasados ha llevado a un estilo de vida cada vez más sedentario entre la juventud de los E.E.U.U. y en otros países.

Los niños más activos producen más melatonina, una hormona natural que sirve como reloj interno y calendario del cuerpo. Esto podría explicar porqué es probable que los niños sedentarios pasen a la pubertad más rápidamente: Sus cuerpos piensan que su producción disminuida de melatonina es un gatillo para trasladarse a la puber-

tad. "[La melatonina es] una señal inhibitoria para la pubertad," dice Steingraber. "Cuanto más melatonina tienes, más tarde entras a la pubertad."

Por supuesto, las formas de vida sedentarias también se conectan ahora a la obesidad de la niñez, una condición que a menudo continúa—a la vez que muchos problemas de salud que pueden acompañar esta condición—en edad adulta.

"El acortamiento de la niñez significa un acortamiento del tiempo necesario para que se complete el diseño del cerebro," dice Steingraber. "Una vez que [esta etapa] sucede, el cerebro no permite aprendizajes complejos." Ella agrega que el cerebro puede construir solamente las conexiones usadas para aprender un idioma, para tocar un instrumento musical o para montar una bicicleta antes de que sea inundado con las hormonas sexuales que aparecen con el inicio de la pubertad.

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Coming Home

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The Mother of Drug Court. I counseled, cajoled, cried at every graduation, raised money, wrote grants, and finally crashed and burned. I gave up on saving drug addicts through the criminal justice system and promptly leaped from the frying pan into the fire.

I decided to save mentally ill drug addicts living under bridges in Dallas. I would once and for all "close the revolving door" to the criminal justice system for mentally ill street people whose only crimes were poverty, or sleeping in the wrong doorway, or peeing in the street. There are 6,000 inmates in Dallas county jail at any given time. My program served 60 people at any given time -- a mere dot in the landscape, you might say. But don't forget, we are saving people one at a time, I reasoned.

I worked with a 25-member board of concerned public officials and other dedicated individuals; developed a program that bonded the mentally ill offender out of jail and into treatment in 6- to 10-days following incarceration, hooked them up with a treatment provider, who got them back on their medications, helped them find jobs, and stay clean and sober. I helped a software group from St. Louis develop software that tracked offenders from

incarceration to court.

This court was the straw that broke the Campbell's back. Soon, I reasoned, I would be the mentally ill person on the street if I didn't stop my saving career. Maybe it was time I saved myself.

I was blind-sided by my beloved sister Charlotte's ovarian cancer diagnosis (she died in 2004); my husband decided he wanted a divorce; my cat of 15 years died; I quit my job, took early retirement, and came home in March, 2005.

The first year I moved stones, loaded trash, cut dead limbs, and moved stones. Mom has been gathering stone from all her travels for more than 60 years. We now have two stepping stone paths, a stone staircase, a stone-lined fish pond, and a stone patio. The second year, I had cervical spine surgery, and practiced "chilling out." My sister used to say, "You don't idle well, Carol." And she was right.

It took me two years to keep from commuting to downtown Dallas in my head; to be okay with semi-retiring. I remember pulling the last U-Haul load from Dallas. I stopped in the turnout about 10 miles west of Paducah, got out of the pickup, and sat on a picnic table and cried because the night was so beautiful. Since I was a child I had

not seen stars like this. In the city there is so much ambient light from street lamps, traffic, buildings and homes that you never see the sky. And the smog-filled atmosphere is like acid on your lungs. I breathed clean, west Texas air.

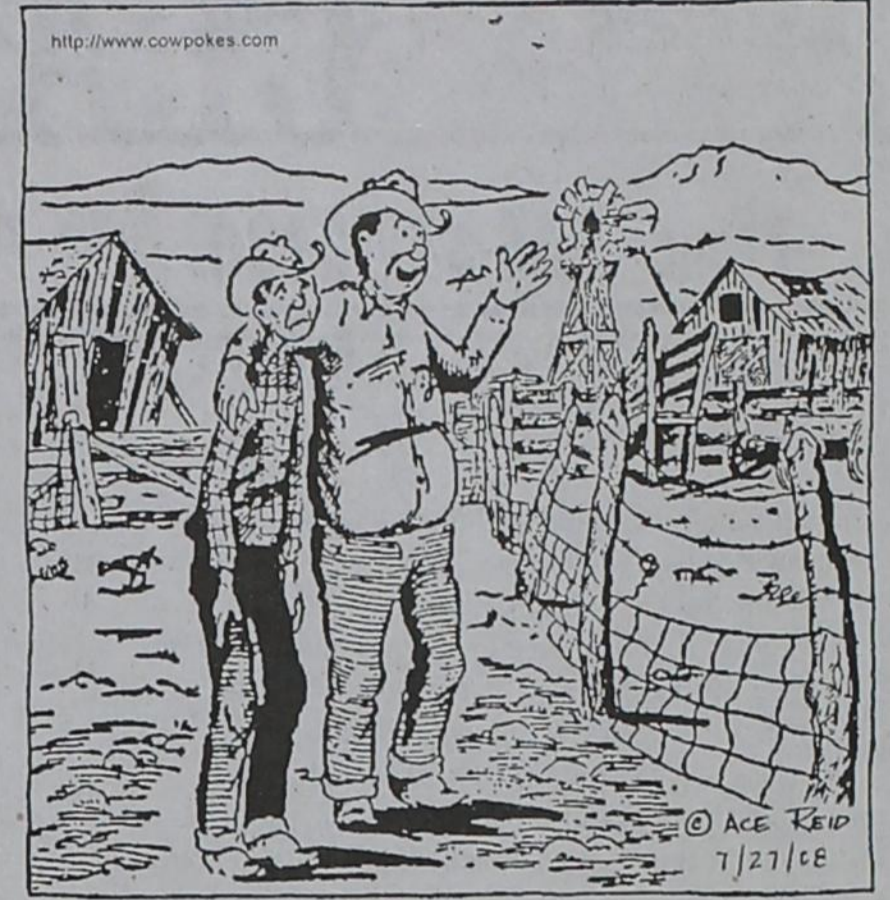
Every day now I wake up grateful for the stars, for the time I spend with my mother, for our Senior Citizens meals together, the "critter watch," the trips to Colorado, Yellowstone, Grand Canyon, Palm Dessert, San Diego, and Roaring Springs.

But I had one last thing to save other than myself. Circumstance and timing placed me in a position to attempt to save Motley County's historic jail. Many of you know that I have worked on grants, fundraisers, and community organizing to raise funds for the repair and restoration of the jail. I guess I saved the best for last. Our pioneer heritage -- mine and yours -- the little two-story jail, sitting sturdy and almost intact at 118 years, full of stories, full of life lived. It is surely worthy of saving. I

think we may indeed be judged by what we leave behind for future generations. When the jail is 200 years old, I suspect they will not remember me or you, but they will surely know that someone cared enough to preserve the past for their future enjoyment. Good old social work idealistic values. You and I are making this trip together -- this, my last little "saving" dream come true.

Well, I've had some danger on my basepath. I've had a few pick-offs, numerous run-downs, and a couple of force-outs, but all in all, I can't think of a place I had rather be than Matador, Texas, the place of my childhood, my youth, and now my retirement. I go to church in the little rock house on Main Street that Pappy Campbell helped build, where he and Mama taught Sunday School for 45 years. I remember Pappy told us that he gathered stone from 11 different counties in the state of Texas for that rock facade. Mom and I visit East Mound Cemetery, driving under the stone arch, built by my grandfather Bert Estes. I love seeing people everyday that know me, people that really care whether or not I'm ok. Finally, like the baseball analogy, I have made it back to the spot where I began. Life is good.

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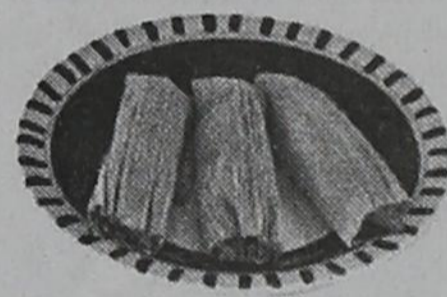
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- 5 Matador Lions, Methodist Church, 12:30 pm
- 5 Old Time Social, Senior Citizens, 7:00 pm
- 6 Tax Board Appraisal meeting, Courthouse, 6:00 pm
- 7 Roaring Springs Lions, Hitchin Post, 11:30 am
- 7 Friends of the Library, Library, 3:30 pm
- 9 MC class of 1983 reunion, Hotel Matador
- 11 Commissioners Court, 9:30 am
- 11 Roaring Springs City Council, City Hall, 6:30 pm
- 11 MCISD School Board, School, 7:30 pm
- 12 Roaring Springs Community Volunteers, Com. Center, 7 pm
- 14 Matador City Council, City Hall, 6:30 pm
- 14 Foothills Fellowship, RS Community Center, 7:00 pm
- 19 Matador Lions, Methodist Church, 12:30 pm
- 21 Matador Masonic Lodge, 6:30 pm
- 25 First Day of School, MCISD
- 25 Public Hearing on School Budget, MCISD, 7:00 pm
- 25 MCISD School Board, 7:30 pm

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