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"Layers of Time"

by Ken Young

Commissioners Court selects an engineer for water project in Flomot; lifts the burn ban

Lack of a motion kills wind energy resolution

By Carol Campbell

The Commissioners Court covered a 21 item agenda Monday, including a wind energy resolution that died in session due to lack of a motion; and the selection of an engineer for the Flomot water project. Other action items included the temporary lifting of the burn ban; and the rejection of jail bids to renegotiate within budget.

A full quorum was present, consisting of County Judge Ed D. Smith, Commissioners Ronnie Davis, Donnie Turner, Franklin Jameson, and Russell Alexander. Other staff attending was: County Clerk Kate Hurt, Carol Campbell, Assistant to the Judge, and County Attorney Tom Edwards.

Guests attending were Betty Simpson, Marisue Potts-Powell, Ray Baxter, Ronnie Cox, Vann Francis, Larry Vogt, Ches Carthel, Carthel Engineering Solutions; Elena Quintanilla, Director of Regional Services, South Plains Association of Governments, and Ryan Martin.

In the first order of business, AgriLife Extension Agent Ryan Martin submitted a request for a proclamation to dedicate the year 2008 to Colorectal Cancer Awareness and Prevention. He introduced Ray Baxter, a colorectal cancer survivor, who made a presentation to the court, cautioning the group that "everyone over age 50 should be tested."

"We can wipe out colorectal cancer in 10 years if people will test," she said, adding, "there is a 90 percent cure rate if this cancer is caught early." The court voted unanimously to adopt the proclamation.

County Judge Ed D. Smith introduced a resolution from State Representative David Swinford's office encouraging the court to support the construction of new transmission lines to wind energy projects in West Texas.

Wind energy expert Tom Edwards, vice president of the Caprock Plains Wind Energy Association, said that some interests in the Amarillo area which is in the federally-regulated Southwest Power Pool (not ERCOT) are involved in an "exceedingly complex political fight with billions of dollars at stake." In response to the reading of the resolution, he said that the key questions are: "What is its purpose? And how will it be used?" "This plan could be used against us," Edwards added.

Edwards updated the court on the recent ERCOT Optimization Study that was published on

the two highest scenarios was \$9 billion.

"Some are good for our area," Edwards said, "but there is a major push from the 'big players' in the industry to get transmission lines into the Amarillo area. "This area (Amarillo) is neither in ERCOT nor in an economically depressed area, as we are," he said.

"Some plans would bypass Motley County altogether with transmission lines from Childress to Amarillo at an excessive cost," Edwards said. The bottom line: "What is good for the Amarillo area, Swinford, and Boone Pickens, is bad for us." Edwards "strongly recommended" to the Commissioners Court that this resolution not be signed. The resolution then died for lack of a motion.

In other business, Sheriff Michael Crutchley informed the court that the prisoner that was arrested in Motley County and residing in Dickens County Jail since late November, 2007, has been paroled back to Texas Department of Criminal Justice. "If someone is arrested in Motley County, we foot the bill," Crutchley said. The county budgets \$10,000 per fiscal year for jail and prisoner up-keep. "We contract with Dickens County," Judge Ed D. Smith said. "They charge \$38 per day for the county jail and \$44 per day for the correctional facility in Spur." Currently, the county has spent about \$5,000 on one prisoner.

The court voted to advertise for bids on Lot 27, Block 121, voting four "for," with one abstaining vote. This lot is located near the intersection of Bailey Avenue and Wood Street, diagonally across from the county barn. In other business, Ronnie Cox submitted a request to the court to move a cattle guard in order to realign a fence on his property line, the court voted unanimously to approve.

A Matador Ranch request to close CR 247, a 3.5-mile stretch of road to the former site of Teepee City, was tabled until legal research could be initiated. In a letter to the court, Matador Ranch Manager Bob Kilmer, states that the marker to this historical site was moved to the roadside park on Highway 70, and a second marker with additional information about Motley County was erected. The ranch proposes that the county close this road on private property due to trespassers, poaching, and trash accumulation. The Matador Ranch owns both sides of CR 247, and the only adjacent landowner is at the end of the road. This owner is not opposed to having a locked gate, Kilmer said.

Architect Hugh Welch spoke to the court on the recent mandatory asbestos study and the current status of the bid proposals on the renovation of the historic jail. Welch said that minute quantities of asbestos were found in the tiles and in the glazing of the windows.

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City Council increases landfill rates; water project on track to replace water main

By Carol Campbell

The City Council met Thursday, April 10, at City Hall with a full quorum, consisting of Mayor Pat Smith, City Secretary Debra Scott, Water Superintendent Steve Barton, and City Council members Terry Simpson, Chuck Ream, Kay Bailey, Pat Seigler, and Shane Jones. Guests included Carol Campbell, Larry Vogt, Ed D. Smith, Ken Jones, and Tom Edwards.

In Open Forum, Tom Edwards spoke to the group on recent wind energy development. Edwards said a more in-depth briefing would be presented at the Commissioners Court meeting on Monday, April 14, at which time a resolution on Wind Energy from House Representative David Swinford's office in Amarillo will be considered. Edwards said he believes the resolution is "unfavorable" to Motley County in regards to coveted transmission lines.

According to Edwards, ERCOT's Optimization Study was completed, outlining various proposals to build transmission lines in the state. Some are good for us, he said, but due to pressure from the Amarillo area, currently in the federally-

regulated Southwest Power Pool, certain "powers-that-be" want new transmissions lines built to Amarillo, effectively bypassing or severely limiting expansion in Motley County.

"What is good for Amarillo, is deadly for us," Edwards said. Edwards sees this as a political maneuver to include the Amarillo area. "This is a very convoluted, political effort with billions of dollars at stake," he said. "I will recommend to the Commissioners Court that they not approve the resolution, which I believe is an attempt to get Motley County to support something that would not be beneficial and could be used against us," he said.

"On April 25, the Public Utility Commission has scheduled an adversarial hearing on competing interests," Edwards said. "They are pushing for final determination in June."

Following Open Forum, County Judge Ed D. Smith, president of the 4A Board, informed the Council that he had made contact with the state comptroller's office, and that Russell Gallahan, Economic Development and Local Government Assistance specialist from the Texas Comptroller's Office, Austin, had agreed to meet with the 4A and 4B boards

to discuss economic development. He said he would meet with any other officials from cities in the surrounding area that might be interested in economic development. The Council asked the judge to go forward with this effort, and encouraged him to set a meeting.

Further, Judge Smith announced to the Council that the jail renovation project is going forward, and that the in-kind commitment from the city for water and sewer would be needed in the near future. "One year ago, the city agreed to help us with the jail," Smith said. "We are almost ready to get the project started, and need help getting the water tap and sewer service re-installed," he said.

In other business, Water Superintendent Steve Barton announced that the contractor working on the intersection of Highways 94 and 70 hit a water main Monday, April 7. This disrupted service to several families, but was repaired before the end of the day.

The Council opened one bid on the sale of Lots 25, 26, Block 121. Jeremy Jameson submitted a bid of \$75,00 for Lot 25; and \$75,00 for Lot 26. The Council voted

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4B Economic Development Council conducts public hearing

By Carol Campbell

The 4B Economic Development Council conducted a public hearing Thursday, April 10, at City Hall, to invite public discussion on a recent proposal to use 4B sale tax funds for a cash match challenge for a city sidewalk grant.

President Judy Renfro called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. In attendance were 4B members Roy Hobbs, Kay Bailey, Debra Scott, and D'Anna Russell, constituting a quorum. Members of the board not in attendance were Craig Turner and Wes Day. Guests attending were Carol Campbell, Larry Vogt, Ed D. Smith, Tom Edwards, Pat Smith, Steve Barton, Ken Jones, Shane Jones and Pat Seigler. No citizens participated in the public hearing.

The sidewalk grant was written in collaboration with the South Plains Council of Governments for \$150,000 to repair sidewalks on Main, Bailey, and Dundee Streets. The funding for the grant is from the Texas Department of Agriculture's Downtown Revitalization Program. Matador was one of eight projects funded throughout the State of Texas in

the 2006 funding cycle. The City has two years to complete the project.

As part of the commitment to the project, the city is required to provide "in-kind" work in the amount of \$30,000 consisting of sidewalk demolition, removal of the concrete to the landfill, equipment lease and use of city equipment, labor and fuel. An additional cash match of \$15,000 is required.

The demolition will provide some inconvenience to businesses on east and west Main Street from the bank to the Matador Variety; and on Dundee Street east to the Farm Service Agency, City Secretary Debra Scott said, adding, "The City will tear out the concrete one-foot away from the building, out to the curb." However, the consensus of the board is that the final benefits will be worth any inconvenience the project may create. "This grant will not only address safety issues for citizens, but it will really make the town more appealing to new businesses," Scott said.

On March 20, 2008, the Board voted to provide the funds for the cash match requirement from the 4B sales tax funds. Citizens have a 60-day right of petition

that gives them a chance to protest the use of the funds in this manner.

In other business, County Judge Ed D. Smith and president of the 4A tax board addressed the group about a future meeting with Russell Gallahan, an economic development and local government assistance specialist at Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, Austin. He informed the board that Mr. Gallahan said he would be happy to discuss economic development with both the 4A and 4B boards, as well as any other officials from other cities in the area that might be interested.

Judge Smith said Gallahan indicated he would speak to the group about the proper application process and permissible uses of 4A and 4B funds. The board thanked Mr. Smith for submitting this request to the Comptroller's office, and asked him to use this contact to set a date for the meeting. "We want to do what we can for the community, and we want to do it right," Smith said. Smith serves on the 4A tax board; 4A and 4B tax boards help finance the community's economic development efforts.



JUDGE ED D. SMITH signs the proclamation on Colorectal Cancer Awareness Prevention, naming 2008 as awareness year. Ray Baxter, a colorectal cancer survivor, looks on, citing early detection as the key.

April 2. ERCOT laid out multiple scenarios of sizing and placement of transmission lines. According to Edwards, the estimated costs

FOOTHILL COUNTRY CONNECTIONS

By Larry Vogt

Well, whaddya know, it's tax time. Federal, that is, unless you live in a state with income tax (Kentucky, for one). At the beginning of April every year some of us find ourselves a bit jittery and have some amounts of frustration and resentment. Where does all that money go? Who decides how much goes where? The whole federal budget seems so far removed from our sparsely populated county but nevertheless, it affects every citizen.

If we go from the national to the local level, we can experience some of the similar frustrations, etc. close at hand. At the Commissioners Court last Monday Commissioner Alexander handed out a very interesting printout from a magazine aimed at county government officials called "Texas County Progress." This reprint, written by a county commissioner from Midland County named Randy Prude, had a title that had a catchy title: "Uniting Irreconcilable Parties."

The parties he refers to are, local elected officials, (especially county commissioners and county judges); state legislators;

By Laverne Zabielski

The Trail Duster Writers meet at the library every Friday at noon and in Roaring Springs on Saturdays at 10:00 a.m. We use words or photographs as prompts to get us started, then follow our thoughts to wherever they take us. This past Saturday the word was wilderness and this is where it took me:

There is a wilderness wherever I go. I think of Doug Meador's writing on pioneers in a 1934 Trail Dust. He's quoting Los Angeles writer, Harry Carr, who says there are no more pioneers. Meador challenges this statement referring to the pioneers of his day; those who embark into the unknown, take on a new adventure. "The universal condition of the world today bids frantically for pioneers of foresight and determination, whose rugged character will withstand the hardships that stand between nonentity and the goal."

That was 75 years ago. I wonder where the pioneers are today. Could it be those of us who still live in small towns? I'm lucky my mom had a house here, however, that I could move into. Motley

and the rest of the taxpayers. He means, of course, that all three groups are taxpayers and have to live with the decisions that are made at any governmental level.

Now there is an interesting concept: we are all taxpayers and have to work together to achieve cost effective decisions in government. The author suggests four steps in making it all work better.

Step one is to issue a complete moratorium on unfunded mandates; step two is to constitutionally limit the growth of government to population plus inflation while allowing for increases for capital projects approved by voters or a declaration of emergency; three is to be transparent in finances; and four is to use the surplus current and future to "pay down" the property tax to zero.

These steps, along with the long debates they will engender, could have possibilities for all of us whether or not we agree with each step. Perhaps we can have dialogues with all of our officials and see if we can't work together to achieve more common goals in our plans and expenditures.

County is like a country club few can join. Lots of land but none for sale.

People come into the Tribune office like we're the local realtors. They're looking for land to buy. Good luck, we say. There's lots of land but none for sale. They put a "Land Wanted" ad in the Classifieds. I used to think there were no Real Estate offices because there were no buyers. Now it appears it's because there are no sellers.

This lack of land for sale makes the tax discussion even more interesting. So much desire for growth, many say, yet an unwillingness to pay taxes to attract it. So many who want to open businesses here, but no buildings for sale. Our school is in dire straits but there's resistance to raise taxes to pay for our children's education. It's as though the Motley County Country Club is full, no room for new members.

If landowners sold a few acres, or empty business buildings were for sale, we would attract more people, spread the taxes around and bring new pioneers; young citizens with new ideas and energy, "foresight and determination." It's what pioneering is about.

WRITING COMMUNITY

Cathedral of Experiences

By Marisue Potts Powell

Any old barn triggers my memories. The barn I knew as a child was a cathedral of experiences, two levels of surprises and intrigue. It was a special place to take the rare kid visitors to the plains farm and ranch. We entered through a door with a sliding board latch into the saddle room, then stepped over the threshold into the long hall flanked by huge doors on each end. Rays of sunlight froze the dust motes as we climbed up the wooden ladder to the loft.

The loft was the perfect hiding place, a place to hide from parents who thought it was dangerous for us to play in or from a brother who wanted to tease. Bales of alfalfa created the perfect setting for a hideout where we could re-

live the B-movies we saw at the Rogue Theatre in Matador on a Saturday night.

Loose hay scattered on the floor attracted banty hens intent on laying a clutch of eggs. The banty hens, though small, had an attitude. They were feisty and likely to flog us, but their eggs were small and just the right size for ammo. Throwing open the loft door looking out on the pasture, we used the "rotten" eggs to bombard the innocents below, whether kid, beast or fowl.

In the hall below were grain bins where wheat, milo and oats were stored. Slat in the door held the grain in but allowed just

enough room to fill a scoop to dump the feed or seed in a bucket or a sack. Often we found mummified rats and other victims buried in the depths as the grain was augured in.

Grain bins harbored other secrets. One time in my Granddad Burleson's barn, as a grain bin was being emptied, a pearl-handled pistol was discovered. It was many years later that a Martin cousin at a family reunion asked, "What ever happened to the pearl-handled Colt of your granddad's?" I knew what but not why.

Suzanne Abbott's photo of a barn from her childhood reminded me of another use for barns: advertising for products like "Dr. Classes' Liniment" and "Groves

Chilli Tonic."

Dr. Classes' Liniment. Now there's a classy rub, for people and horses, no doubt. Granddad Barton used Absorbine Veterinary Liniment (patented in 1892) for his mules and horses. Absorbine was a green, smelly concoction of alcohol, spearmint oil, and herbs like calendula, echinacea and wormwood, that W. F. Young first mixed up in his bathtub.

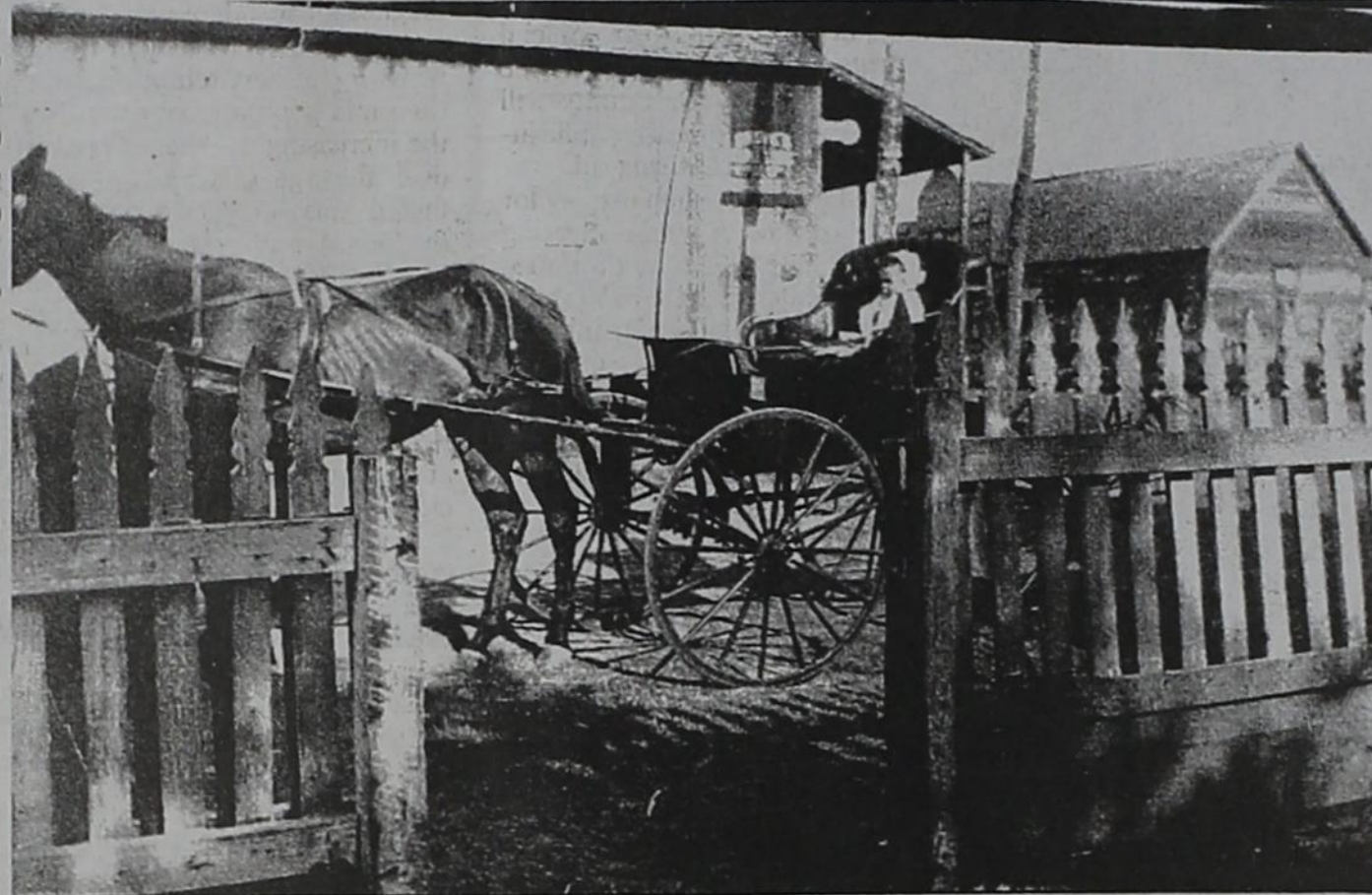
It worked so well on the animals for stiffness and soreness that Granddad Barton began to use it on his own aches and pains. The memory smells I have of him are the minty Absorbine rub and tobacco juice in the spit can beside his chair. Naturally, we kids all turned up our noses at both.

Probably Dr. Class brewed up something similar from herbs or Mormon tea that we find on the prairie, the bark of the Chittam tree, or the leaves and bark of the ash willow. Healers had to be inventive and use whatever was native to the place. Dr. Class likely practiced as a doctor, a vet, a healer and/or a snake oil salesman. He might have been an entertainer who hawked his wares around the courthouse square, promising a cure for just about anything to just about anyone.

Then, in the photo, there's the interesting sign for "Grover Chilli Tonic." That sounds like a cure for internal ailments. Certainly constipation could be cured with hot, peppery solutions of chilli—scurry or a vitamin deficiency could be cured with a batch of chillies. But just how far can you go with chillies? Only Grover knows and he's not telling.

I'd have to go with Absorbine Sr. and now, after five generations, Absorbine Jr. for my horses and Ralph.

For me? I think I'll just take an aspirin.



HOWLAND, TEXAS, 1910, photograph used as a writing prompt for the Trail Duster Writers on March 28, 2008. The signs on the side of the building are advertising two health products: Dr. Classes' Liniment and Groves Chilli Tonic. The baby, John Walker Wilson, father of Suzanne Abbott, is about two years old. (Hopefully someone off camera is holding the horse.)

The Tail Eating Coyote

By Genetta Ameijide

Coyotes are the most versatile animal on the planet. Coyotes eat practically anything and everything. That is one reason they have been around so long. The vastness of their territory is another reason they have survived while other species have died out. Coyotes now live from Canada to Mexico and beyond.

A coyote can live on a diet of only mice and harmful rodents. However, they have been known to live off of fish, grasshoppers, lambs, turkeys, watermelon (a real favorite), and crickets. In the swamps of Louisiana they live on crayfish and frogs. On the plains of Texas they grow fat eating mesquite beans, beetles, prickly-pear apples, hackberry, and wild plum. Many insects are consumed but the favorites are locusts, cicadas

and four o'clock beetles. Once a coyote has tasted a chicken there is practically no way to stop him from getting into the hen house short of killing him, or he finally gets all of the chickens.

But it is the Texas ranchers who have a most unusual story about hungry coyotes. Many cows hide their new born calves in tall grass, weeds or bushy areas. Then they leave to return later in the day. New born calves seem to be afflicted with chronic diarrhea because the mother cows produce milk too rich for the young digestive systems. Coyotes have a real fondness for calf manure, not cattle manure, but calf manure. The coyotes take advantage of the mother cow leaving to search out the young calves. Without the protective cow to drive him away, the coyote begins to lick the manure that has collected on the calf's tail.

A nip here and a bite there might lead to blood loss thereby encouraging an already hungry coyote to amputate the calf's tail.

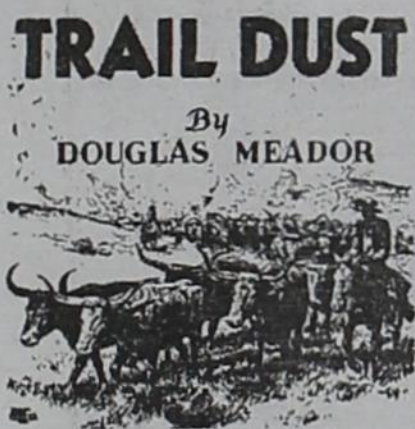
The story is told of one rancher who was riding his range when he saw a coyote busily feeding on something in the tall grass. Not wanting to frighten the animal, the rancher dismounted and crept closer to get a better look. He studied the scene and realized that the coyote was indeed eating the tail of a new born calf. The calf was lying motionless on the ground, making no noise nor effort to escape. The coyote nonchalantly removed the tail almost as clean as a surgeon's knife. The calf survived without any complications and grew to be a healthy adult.

Almost all ranchers in the plains region can relate to the spring branding and counting the "bob-

tailed" calves. The coyotes' habit of eating calf tails is for the most part viewed as a natural aspect of ranching. Unless, of course, there is an excessive number of calves showing up with no tails. Then the ranchers have to take steps to kill the coyotes before they begin to kill the young calves in addition to eating their tails. Normally there is only a small percentage of coyotes engaged in this tail eating activity. And an even smaller number that begin to kill young or disabled calves. However, some coyotes have been seen eating the after birth even as a cow is giving birth. Usually, the coyotes are content to eat just the tails.

So there you have the story about the tail eating coyotes.

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Scarlet geraniums lined the graveled path through a deep lawn to the door where a purple bougainvillea vine waved thin, aggressive fingers above the trellis. The small greenhouse, with its fragrant gardens was an oasis in a stone and asphalt desert where white butterflies darted swiftly in delivering their messages to expectant flowers. A mad city roared and trembled in its agony outside the sanctuary's narrow boundary but the frail old lady who dwelt somewhere in the tiny house, was secure from its poisoned claws. She was as sweet and fresh as the velvety tulips nodding in the sun, with a smile fed from the reservoir of mellow beauty in her heart. The lace collar she wore was crisp and white though frayed from many washings.

I selected the violets which she gathered with a slight reluctance as if the snips pinched off something from her life at each severed stem. She looked at them fondly before closing the box, perhaps as a mother might view her children which she had sold into bondage.



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April 21, 1938

TEXAS RANGER WARNS OWNERS CHANCE GAMES

Texas Ranger, W. H. Lay, in Matador yesterday afternoon asking the cooperation of the Tribune in notifying all local owners of chance machines that they are subject to felony or misdemeanor charges. Ranger Lay, who is stationed at Wichita Falls, declared that many people operated these machines and devices without knowledge of offense of the law and that all would be notified and fair warning given before charges were filed and machines confiscated. He declared that all devices must deliver some merchandise or service at each operation or be classified as a chance machine and subject to the above penalty. Ranger Lay also declared punch boards which do not deliver merchandise at each operation, to be in violation of the law.

OPINION EDITORIAL

Memorials Benefit Care Center

By Marisue Potts Powell

During the last few weeks Hackberry Creek Care Center's maintenance man, Fred Parsons, and board members Jim Watson and Larry Hoyle have been assembling some of the specialty beds purchased with funds from the Meadows Foundation and the Buddy Davidson Foundation. These beds serve a special purpose, one designed for the very large person and the four others for air therapy, particularly helpful for those with wound problems. Grant-writer and retired board member Darleen Fletcher envisioned the need for these beds and convinced these two foundations of the care center's need to utilize these state of the art beds.

Memorials have been vital to the care center from the very beginning. The donations are not only appreciated from a purchasing standpoint, but they testify to the community's support and involvement in the non-profit, membership directed facility. Each donation is acknowledged by board member Sammie Phillips who sends a thank you to the donor and an acknowledgment to

the family. Darleen Fletcher has started a beautiful scrapbook with photos and a theme for each honoree. This unique scrapbook is on display in the family sitting room at the care center.

Recent donations to the care center include the following memorials for Pete Williams by Steve and Linda Hess, Douglas and Sherry Duncan, James and Katy Gillespie, Todd and Theresa Washington, Seab and Dianne Washington, Dale and Nora Massey of Euless, JT Naron of Merkel, Clayton and June Cunningham of Lubbock, Mary McMahon of The Arbors in Amarillo, Ronnie and Karen Davis, Betty Reed of Denver City, Garland and Shirley Rattan of Amarillo, Bob and Jimmie Jameson, Douglas and Janie Campbell, Sammie Phillips, Crowell USDA-NRCS, Jackie Smith, Larry and Donna Hoyle, Judy Renfro, Wilma Hare of Clovis, Leo and Joyce Archer, Evelyn Garrison, Charlie and Opal Johnson, Edna Ruth Green, Tim and Dorothy Green, Pat and Noel Scoggins, Andy and Gay Green, Virginia Green of Whiteface, Rodney and Celeste Howard of Tulia, Jerry and Barbara Luster of Cisco,

Faye Slover of Cisco, Carol Ann and Johnny Turner, and Joe Edd and Joan Helms.

We have received memorials for Butch Renfro by Todd and Theresa Washington, Seab and Dianne Washington, Vaden and Carol Hays, Larry and Deidra Clifton of Elk City, Oklahoma, Ronnie and Karen Davis, Geneva Martin, Pete and Bessie Williams, and Steve, Reneigh and Leigha Burns.

Memorials have been given for Dona Browning by Don and Ray Baxter, Evelyn Garrison, Todd and Theresa Washington, Bennie and Charla (Wason) Marricle of Hermleigh, Marihelen Wason, Seab and Dianne Washington, Joel and Debra Spray, Matador Branch Officers, Directors and Employees, Carol Ann and Johnny Turner; for Iris Blevins by Bob and Jimmie Jameson, June Moss, Vaden and Carol Hays; for Carolyn Brooks Fletcher by Steve and Linda Hess; for Anthony Moss by June Moss; for M.C. Jones by E. G. Reed, Todd and Theresa Washington; for Pat Engle by Vaden and Carol Hays; for Orvel Leedy by Vaden and Carol Hays; for Coleen Taylor by Todd and Theresa Washington; and

for Dena Meador by Ronnie and Karen Davis.

The care center's beauty shop, operated by volunteers Carolyn Ewing, Nova Dell Turner, Susan Jameson, has received donations from Regina Sheffield and Moe-dean and Timmy Brooks. This labor of love for the residents is evident on Fridays when the ladies receive attention from the volunteers, complete with new hair-do's and freshly painted nails. Nothing perks up the spirits of a woman like a trip to the beauty shop, and we are fortunate to have a well-equipped in-house facility furnished by donations and memorials.

Dues continue to trickle in. If you've forgotten yours, it's not too late to send them in. Billie Koon, Sandra and Vann Francis, and Roy and Francis Hobbs have sent their \$5 each for memberships. In addition, Sandra and Vann Francis sent a nice donation. Sammie Phillips and Cynthia Stafford are key people in keeping up with the donations. The board of directors thank each and everyone for their contributions, donations, and memorials to the continued success of our community's care center.

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Commissioners Court

"We have the opportunity to abate this asbestos under special rules, generally accepted by the state and the feds," he said. "The tiles will not be disturbed in Phase I of the project, and as long as the tiles don't get broken up into pieces, then we are okay," he said. Welch said he had requested permission from the Texas Historical Commission to go forward with a sash replacement procedure on the windows, rather than hire an expensive abatement process.

The recent bid process on the jail renovation consisted of four categories: Masonry, Windows, General Construction, and Roofing. "Only one of the four categories was within the bid budget," he said. Welch recommended to the court that they formally reject all the bids, and renegotiate the bids with interested parties. This motion passed by unanimous vote.

Judge Ed D. Smith reported to the court that Matador Ranch had offered to haul about two tons of stone from the demolition of Scotsman Dive to the jail site. The stone will be used as replacement stone during masonry restoration. Scotsman Dive is an historic building on the Matador Ranch Headquarters land, built in the late 1800s.

"We are so grateful to the Matador Ranch for this generous offer," Judge Ed D. Smith said. "Our architect told us we needed about two tons of matching stone for repair purposes and I was not sure where it was going to come from. This stone will be going

from one historic building to another."

"It was a pretty neat little building at one time," Smith said. "I can remember my dad talking about being housed there during the flu epidemic of 1918. I even stayed there for a short while when I worked for the ranch in the early 1960s," he said. "I can't say enough 'Thank Yous' for this generous contribution by the Matador Ranch.

The court opened two bids for engineering services for the \$300,000 water grant from the Office of Rural Community Affairs. The grant will be administered by the South Plains Council of Governments (SPAG) and the county. The grant from the agency's Texas Small Towns Environment Program (STEP) is a "self-help" grant that will ultimately solve the problem of excessive nitrate contaminants in the Flomot water system. Firms submitting bids were: Carthel Engineering Solutions and Enprotec/Hibbs and Todd, both from Lubbock. Elena Quintanilla, Director of Regional Services at SPAG, provided guidance and scoring criteria to the Commissioners.

"We are very happy to work with Motley County and to write this grant," Quintanilla said. "The community is fortunate, this is a difficult grant to obtain," she said. "Now we need to hire an engineer to get the work done."

Following the scoring process, it was announced that Carthel Engineering Solutions had earned the highest scores for the project, and was awarded the bid

as the engineering firm to represent the Flomot water project.

In further business, the court voted to lift the burn ban for Motley County. The ban will be lifted for 30 days, and will be placed back on the agenda in May for review.

Judge Smith reported that he had received a request to lease two rooms behind the district courtroom, upstairs in the courthouse on the northeast corner. After reviewing Section 263.007 of the Local Government Code, Smith said the court could adopt a procedure for sale or lease of space by initiating a sealed bid process and publishing a notice in the newspaper for two dates. The Commissioner's Court voted to publish the lease of this space for a minimum of \$250 a month, and a one-year contract, with four votes "for" and one abstaining vote.

Judge Smith announced to the court that a large 7-foot county road map would be displayed in the lobby of the courthouse in September-October, 2008, to help inform property owners and interested citizens of the county's intention to adopt an official county road map. A list of the roads in which the County will claim the existence of a public interest will also be displayed.

Following the map display for public review, a public meeting will be announced, and a notice of the public's right to protest the County's claim of public interest in a road will then be available.

Fire in McAdoo spreads into Motley County

A fire late Tuesday night in McAdoo spread into Motley County onto the Matador Ranch. Firefighters and equipment from Dickens, Floyd, and Motley Counties, as well as Forest Service personnel and equipment were involved in stopping the fire. Many firefighters fought the fire, which was driven by strong winds from the Southwest, and by Wednesday morning the fire was mostly under control.

The Need For Coordinated Action Against Colorectal Cancer in Texas

By Davor Vugrin, MD, FACP
Chairman, Texas Comprehensive Cancer Control Coalition

Colorectal cancer (CRC) came to the attention of public health officials and cancer control experts in the USA because it is one of most common cancers and the second most common cause of cancer death, while at the same time most of these cancers can be prevented from occurring and most deaths can be avoided if the currently best available screening and treatment technologies are consistently applied to the entire population at risk. A major barrier to achieving possible levels of colorectal cancer control is due to community attitudes and lack of organizational, financial and societal commitments.

In 2008, an estimated 9,570 men and women in Texas will be diagnosed with colorectal cancer and 3,020 will succumb to it. Over the next ten years, with the rapid population growth and the increasing number of people over the age of forty, an estimated 100,000 Texans will be diagnosed with colorectal cancer, and 40,000 will die from it, if preventive measures are not implemented.

The risk of colorectal cancers increases with the age. Ninety percent are diagnosed starting at age 50 and older. While incidence rates are a little higher in males, women account for a greater proportion of the population over age 50. This results in overall similar number of cases being diagnosed in women as men.

African-American men and women in Texas have higher CRC incidence and mortality rates than any other racial group. However, Non-Hispanic Whites account for a majority of CRC cases diagnosed because of the size of population. Colorectal cancer has been rapidly becoming a major problem among Hispanic Americans living in Texas.

Early stage colorectal cancer

usually produces no symptoms. Treatment of early CRC results in over 90% cure rates. Patients diagnosed with advanced, metastatic colorectal cancer with the current systemic therapy may experience a meaningful prolongation of life but a majority will eventually succumb to progression of their disease.

Screening for early stage colon cancer is behind the strategy to reduce illness and death rates in the population with CRC. Therefore it is important to look for adenomatous polyps and early cancers in persons who are at risk for them even if they have no symptoms. The use of screening tests, removal of polyps and early detection and treatment of colorectal cancer saves lives.

Because 90% of colorectal cancers are diagnosed in those 50 years old and older, the national consensus recommendations are that all men and women of normal health and otherwise at no increased risk begin preventive screening at the age of 50. Those with a family history of cancer or polyps are at an increased risk and may need to start screening earlier and more frequently. All men and women with colon symptoms should seek medical evaluation for diagnosis regardless of their age.

The just released national consensus screening guidelines recommend that all asymptomatic, average risk adults aged 50 years or older be regularly screened with 1) Tests that detect adenomatous polyps and cancer, such as: a) colonoscopy every 10 years, or b) flexible sigmoidoscopy every 5 years, or c) double contrast barium enema every 5 years, or d) CT colonography every 5 years; or 2) Tests that primarily detect cancer such as: e) yearly guaiac based fecal occult blood test, or f) yearly fecal immunochemical stool test, or g) stool DNA test. Tests that detect both adenomatous polyps and early cancers are encouraged if resources are available, because removal of polyps decreases can-

cer rates.

In order to achieve the elimination of colorectal cancer as a cause of illness and death in Texas, it is essential that all those 50 years old and older be educated and motivated to seek immediate and consistent screening and removal of colon polyps and early colorectal cancer. It is equally important that the entire population practice primary prevention by adopting healthy lifestyles.

In 2003, the Lubbock Colon Cancer Prevention Task Force initiated the Lubbock Colorectal Cancer Demonstration Project with the objective to transform community health screening attitudes through a colon cancer prevention awareness campaign.

The goal was that by the end of 2008 at least 70% of those 50-years and older living in Lubbock County would be receiving CRC screening according to the American Cancer Society guidelines. The next target is to increase these numbers up to 90% by the end of 2011.

The basic goal was to decrease age-adjusted CRC mortality in the Lubbock County by at least 50% by 2008-2010 period. The ultimate goal was to reduce CRC mortality in Lubbock County by 90% in 2011-2015 period. Over 56,000 men and women living in the Lubbock County are 50 years or older.

Texas Comprehensive Cancer Control Coalition members and its partners are in a position to help organize and sponsor Community Dialogues throughout the state in order to focus public officials, business leaders and the public's attention on colorectal cancer control issues, to mobilize public opinion and to lay the groundwork for development of a effective state-wide community based cancer control network. Lots of work needs to be done. However, only working together we can help to eliminate colorectal cancer as a cause of illness and death in our large community.

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City Council increases landfill rates

unanimously to accept the bid. Mr. Jameson asked the Council to consider "condemning the alley on Block 121," for his use. It was determined that the alley behind Block 121 may actually be a 75 by 150-foot street. No action was taken until further investigation.

In other business, the Council voted unanimously to increase the landfill rates by \$1.00 per ton. Further, a discussion was initiated by Mayor Pat Smith on the condition of City Wells. Matador has one active well; Roaring Springs has two active wells; and there are three other wells to be used. According to the Water Superintendent Steve Barton, the wells on Summerville and Buffalo Streets in Matador need to be repaired with submergible pumps.

Due to the commitment of the city on the water and sidewalk grants, city clean-up was tabled until the May agenda.

The City of Matador was awarded a \$250,000 water grant

from the Office of Rural Community Affairs (ORCA) in 2006. The grant was written in collaboration of South Plains Council of Governments (SPAG) to replace water mains and paint above-ground water storage tanks. The storage tanks were painted in November, 2007. The Jameson Brothers, Matador, were awarded the bid to repair and replace the water main from Somerville south to Lariat and back to Somerville. Engineers for the project are OJD Engineers, Lubbock. "We are currently marking the utility lines, and locating buried lines," Travis Jameson said. The work is projected to begin in early May.


According to SPAG, this project will improve water quality and pressure to much of the city. ORCA awards Community Development Block Grants in 2-year cycles. The City of Matador's 2006 water grant will officially close out in July of this year. Extensions are possible through a formal request process.

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MIKE CROWLEY

In John 5:28 - 29, Jesus is voicing in a different way what the Hebrews 9:27 passage points out: everybody is going into eternity to live. What Jesus clarifies is that some will rise to live (eternal life with God), and some will be condemned (an eternal life of separation from God). The only "thing" from this life that you can take with you into eternity that will make a difference will be a relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

I've spoken quite a bit with funeral home directors over the years and enjoy hearing about all of the things people are buried with in our modern world: golf club sets, jewelry, etc. Ancient Egyptians weren't the only ones who have tried to take something from this world to help enjoy the next life. All of the mementos won't do them any good.

To have developed the Fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5), and have laid up treasure in Heaven (Matthew 6) while in this life will ensure that eternal life will be yours, and that you will have taken something from this life into the next one, body, soul, and spirit (cf 1 Thessalonians 5:23).

Michael G. Crowley, Sr.

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News Around the County

Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

This past week was stay at home week for me. It was really nice to have time to get some things done that I wanted and needed to do. Sometimes I put off my needs to do other things and then my "wants" and "need to's" become overwhelming. I will get the materials ready for a project and then I can't find the time to do them. They sit and sit and become a real source of aggravation to Corky. Of course, Corky is a people person and I am a "do it-your-self" and crafty. (Crafty in the sense of liking to make and re-do things...not deceiving!)

One problem is that when I start something I like to finish it without stopping for other things like meals and sleep or even washing and ironing. That doesn't soothe Corky's feelings one bit.

I have a rocking chair that has been sitting in the garage half finished for at least two years. Before that it was up in the rafters not even started. I have all the materials, the needs to re-weave the seat and the back as well as the instructions, varnish, and sanding supplies. It is pretty much stripped and sanded; there are a few difficult places where I haven't gotten all the old finish off. It was actually my great-grandmother's chair. My granddad sat in it each day that I remember. It was by his radio so he could hear the news and the chair was where he read his Bible at least once a day. The chair is special to me and I want very much to have a block of time to finish it. Maybe someday!

Ken and Dinah Young had family visiting this past week. Dinah's sister Ginhah Milnes was here from Big Pine Key, FL. Ginhah's daughter, Corriander Stengel, from Santa Fe also came to visit. Dinah's daughter, Ginny La Due, and granddaughter, Jena, came from Lubbock to spend the weekend and attended Ken's art show at the library annex.

Devonne Dillard reported that they had word that Bill Dillard has had several mini-strokes. He is doing better and it is believed that he did not suffer further permanent damage. He and his wife, Dr. Della Dillard, live in

Oklahoma City.

Charlie Long was released from the hospital and was at home for the week-end. He has returned to Amarillo where he will receive further treatment as an out patient. He will have dialyses treatments and be taught to use a portable dialyses machine at home.

Corky Marshall attended a meeting of the Office Of Rural Community Affairs on Tuesday, April, 8th in Lubbock. The board meeting was to establish criteria for small towns seeking grants to improve their towns.

Congratulations are in order for Patton Springs High School. They competed in the Regional UIL one act play division in Levelland on Saturday and won! They will be going to the State UIL Meet. Some of the young actors and actresses have family ties in Roaring Springs.

Don and Billie Stuckey attended a birthday party for Don's eldest sister, Bobbie Jo, in Oklahoma City this past weekend and then drove on to Flower Mound to visit their daughter, Leandra Whittenberg and grandchildren, Matthew and Kenna.

Eugene Daniell visited his family, Glennard and Edith Daniell this week.

The Roaring Springs writing group, The Trailduster Writers, met at Dinah's yurt Saturday morning to share their stories. Attending were Laverne Zabelski, Pauline House, Genetta Ameijide, Dinah and Monta Marshall. The subjects we were given to write about were The Sixties and Wilderness. The sixties writings were especially interesting as we are a diverse group in age and experiences. Every era shapes our lives if we think about it. Some of the Sixties pieces will be published in the Writing Community section of the Tribune.

If you would like to attend a writing group, there are two, one at Friday noon at the library and another at Dinah's yurt on Saturday mornings at 10:00 a.m. We enjoyed seeing Dinah's flower garden. She had tulips and irises in bloom. Isn't spring lovely in spite of the dust storms?

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

A taxpayer is someone who doesn't have to pass a civil service exam to work for the government.

Mrs. Beverly Vinson, son and wife, Roger and Doris Vinson returned home Saturday night, April 12, after a 10-day trip to California.

They visited in Santa Ana with Beverly's sister and husband, Betty and Bub Schroeder and attended the wedding ceremony of their grandson, Michael Sarina. They also visited at the Big Bear Lake at The Schroeder's lakeside home.

Mrs. B. Rogers visited in Quitaque, Thursday with Mrs. Sherry McKay.

Butch and Janice Hughes enjoyed attending the birthday party of granddaughter, Baylee Hughes on Saturday held at bowling alley in Lubbock. She blew out her four candles on a High School Musical decorated cake. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Don Hughes of Lubbock. Many family members and friends attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barclay visited in Lockney, Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S.D. Barclay.

Tim Kendall and his Club Scout troop 274, Jere and Jacob Kendall, Will Farley and Dax Allen, attended Volunteer Day at the Caprock State Park, Saturday. They stayed busy cleaning flower beds and picking up litter.

Mrs. Janice Hughes attended the baptism of grandson, Brennan Hughes Sunday morning at Genesis Baptist Church in Lubbock. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Don Hughes of Lubbock. Janice accompanied

grandchildren, Kendal and Reagan Hughes of Floydada to the service. The families had lunch at the Home Plate Diner.

Mrs. Jackie Lynn Davis of Fritch met her parents, Jack and Nada Starkey in Amarillo, Monday and accompanied both of them to medical appointments.

Will and Cally Sperry and children attended the birthday party Saturday night held at the Eddie's Barbecue in Lubbock honoring his mother, Mrs. Jackie Sperry of Quitaque, Jarett Pigg of Turkey and Josh Brooks of Lakeview.

Mrs. Christi Milam, Haley and Emily of Petersburg visited overnight Thursday with her parents, Kathy and Clois Shorter. Haley remained to visit. On Saturday, Kathy and Clois, his father, L.E. Shorter, grandson, Cade Calvert and Haley enjoyed the Classic Car Show in Lubbock. Joining them there were Mrs. Keri Sehon and son, Brian of Ropesville.

Mrs. Cally Sperry, Savannah, Blayne, Gage and Cash attended a birthday party Sunday afternoon given for four-year-old Jaycee Pigg in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Earl Pigg of Gasoline.

WEATHER REPORT

A thunder and lightning storm Wednesday, April 9, in Flomot and Whiteflat registered 0.70 to 1.40 inches of rain. The following day, Thursday, April 10, the National Weather Service reported 52 mph winds and dust storm in Motley County. The temperatures hovered around freezing, but no damage to fruit trees and plants reported in the area. However, the gusting winds ruined wild plum bushes and blossoms.

Thank You

Thank you for your kind words, visits, delicious food, beautiful flowers and especially your prayers. It was all so uplifting. Your many acts of kindness were greatly appreciated.

Many thanks, again.
May God bless each of you.

The family of Dona Browning

County Agent's News

by Ryan Martin, Agri LIFE EXTENSION Agent



Gardening Tips

It's that time of year again when residents start preparing their gardens. Here are a few tips to keep in mind when planting your garden this year.

1. Till up your old garden to aerate the soil and reduce soil compaction. Also add organic material such as compost to increase nutrients, prevent erosion, reduce soil compaction, and reduce time spent weeding, watering and fighting pests. The ideal vegetable garden soil is deep, friable, well-drained, and has high organic matter content.

2. Before fertilizing, take a soil sample to know the fertility and pH of your soil. Too many times people use too much or the wrong type of fertilizer for their garden. A soil sample will tell you what nutrients your soil needs.

3. Prior to planting, break up large clods of soil and rake beds level. Small-seeded vegetables germinate best in smooth, fine-surfaced soil. Do not pulverize the seed bed soil. This destroys the structure and promotes crusting and erosion problems.

4. Plant seeds at the recommended depth and distance. For Beans 1 - 1 1/2 inches deep and 3-6 inches apart, carrots 1/2 inches deep and 2 inches apart, cucumber 1/2 inches deep and 8-12 inches apart, okra 1 inch deep and 12-24 inches apart, onion 1/2 inches deep and 2-3 inches apart, potato 4 inches deep and 10-15 inches apart, squash 1-2 inches deep and 18-36 inches apart, tomato plants 4-6 inches deep and 36-48 inches apart and watermelon 1-2 inches deep and 36-72 inches apart.

5. While growing, vegetable crops need about an inch of water per week in the form of irrigation or rain water or both. Keep a rain gauge near the garden or check with the local weather bureau for rainfall amounts, the supplement rainfall with irrigation water if needed. During dry periods, one thorough watering each week of 1 to 2 inches of water is usually enough for most soils. Soil should be wetted 5 to 6 inches deep each time you water and not watered again till the top few inches begin to dry out.

6. If possible, mulch your garden. Mulching is a cultural practice which

can significantly decrease the amount of water that must be added to the soil. A 4 to 6 inch organic mulch can reduce water needs by as much as one-half by smothering weeds and reducing evaporation.

7. When watering your garden remember- watering in the morning reduces evaporation, increases the amount of water the plant receives and prevents diseases due to plants standing in water overnight.

These are just a few tips offered by Texas AgriLife Extension Service. For more information on gardening practices and what works best for you area, contact your local Texas AgriLife Extension Agent.

Motley 4-H Club Sponsors Rabies Vaccination Clinic

Members of the Motley 4-H Club helped Dr. David Fuston vaccinate pets at the Rabies Vaccination Clinic. It was estimated that around 90 animals were vaccinated. The Rabies Clinic is an annual community service project that the Motley 4-H Club sponsors to help reduce rabies in Motley County.

2008 Multi-County Horsemanship Clinic

If you have a horse and are interested in learning how to become a better rider then your opportunity is coming up! The 2008 Multi-County Horsemanship Clinic is designed to help strengthen beginning horsemen and challenge veteran horsemen. The Horsemanship Clinic will help teach basic horsemanship skills and training maneuvers. The Clinic will be held June 2nd and 3rd from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day in the Childress County Old Settlers Rodeo Arena. Only the first 30 riders will be accepted. The participation fee is \$25 per rider and is open to ages 3rd grade through 12th grade. Registration deadline is May 1st by 5 p.m. Clinics like this usually cost around \$150, so if you are interested, please take advantage of this one. For more information, please contact the Motley County Extension office or the Childress County Extension office at 940-937-2351.

Fairways and Rough

by Tammy Simpson

Tuesday Scramble

April 8
First with a score of 28, Conway Clary, Tammy Simpson, David Taylor, Pat Smith and Larry McClenny.

Second, with a score of 29, Robert Osborn, Bill Hoover, Jean Hoover, Ray Martin and Jim Watson.

Others playing were Kenny Barton, Olivia Barton, William Cochran, Darrell Cruse, Ken Marshall, Christian Brooks, Timmy Brooks and Alan Bingham.

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MATADOR NEWS

100th BIRTHDAY TO BE CELEBRATED

Mrs. Rufus (Ethel) Emmons, former resident of Matador, will hit the milestone of 100 years on April 21, 2008. She would appreciate letters or birthday cards from her friends.

Her address is: Mrs. Ethel Emmons, 3202 South Willis, Abilene, TX 79605.

Mrs. Cindy Hooten and daughter Jenne of Bowie accompanied her father, Richard "Jiggs" Green to the Hackberry Care Center on Monday. He is in room 106. They visited Mrs. Bessie Jean Williams before returning home.

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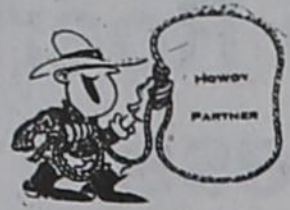
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Chamber News & Views



By Marie-Louise Liebe-Harkort

Consider:

Spring is nature's way of saying, "Let's party!"
-Robin Williams

So let's party and fly a kite. The kite flying date is still being decided. So in the meantime get with your child or grandchild and make a kite or purchase one from the Matador Variety and get in some practice! We will have prizes.

You can also enjoy the Spring by noticing some of the early wildflowers that have started blooming. This helps to ignore the real windy days we are having!

I hope as you are doing spring cleaning as you clean out closets to get ready for May 3rd 70-Mile Garage Sale from Spur to Quitaque. Wait, don't throw away that 'ole thing' -- remember one person's trash is another one's treasure!

On that same day in May the 3rd Annual Tour de Nine-Zero Bicycle Ride will cycle through to raise awareness of fetal alcohol spectrum disorder. This event is sponsored by the Parenting Cottage of Lubbock.

The Chamber is planning a

May 20th meeting with speakers Janell Kilmer Turner of Go Texas, and Nancy Cordero with the Texas Department of Agriculture, Rural Economic Development. They will tell us ways to help improve on tourism, to create new businesses, as well as promoting our already established businesses. We hope everyone interested in promoting their business, improving their business or starting a new one, will attend. Time and place to be announced soon.

In June, Friends of the Historic Motley County Jail will sponsor a 'star party' with the help of the stargazers from the Three Rivers Foundation Astronomy Campus (www.3rf.org) outside of Crowell. Maria and I took grandson and friend last year and we all loved it. It is definitely a family affair! More on this later from the Friends group.

Of course the July events are in the works including the celebration on July 4th in Roaring Springs and their wonderful fireworks display. Also this is the year Flomot has their Homecoming over the July 4th weekend. Don't forget the 4-H Jr. Rodeo during July.

Remember to shop at home!



Notes from the Library by Buffy Crutchley

For those of you that haven't been by to see the Ken Young Photography exhibit, Friday will be the last day to take advantage. It definitely is quite an experience. I hope you stop by before it's too late!

I've had a few different requests for Christian Fiction titles recently. As luck would have it, some best selling author's have new releases in this genre. I've just received two books by Lori Wick, from her new series "Big Sky Dreams." Karen Kingsbury also has a new series that is ongoing called "Sunrise." We now have the first three books in that set. The fourth one will be out in September. The library also just got in Beverly Lewis' new book "The Parting." These all are great books for anyone who enjoys a good story. Stop in today to check them out!

We tried last week to have a Springtime Plant and Seed ex-

change that was going to be every Friday during April. Well, I've decided to revamp the idea a little bit. I've created some sign up sheets for a Calling Tree. There are two sheets. On one sheet, you can write any plants that you have an abundance of. If you're willing to share or trade, you can write down your name and phone number so anyone interested can contact you. On the other sheet, you can write any plants you are looking for. If someone sees the request and has extra to share, they can get your name off the sheet, and call you to work out a trade.

I think this is a great way to save a ton of money and build a great garden. The Calling Tree sign up sheets will only be around for the rest of the month. So come on by, and check out what everyone has to offer, and see what you might be able to add!

Red Hatters travel to Slaton

The Red Hatters traveled to the dedication of the Harvey House, Slaton, as a Texas Historical Landmark.

The group toured the Harvey House, and then enjoyed a box lunch from the historic Slaton Bakery.

A program consisted of slides, testimonies, and songs of the "Orphan Trains," a turn-of-the-century social solution to homelessness. Children were taken from orphanages and the streets of New York and put on a train west.

The group also toured Slaton Bakery, and returned home by the windmill farm at McAdoo.

Attending were Norma Marrs, Evelyn Garrison, Winifred Darsey, Dorothy Knight, and Marihelen Wason.

El Carte Bridge Club meets at Darsey home

The El Carte Bridge Club met in the home of Winifred Darsey April 8, for fellowship and card play.

The group enjoyed refreshments served on a formal table highlighted by a centerpiece of yellow carnations.

The group was served gourmet single-serving quiches, sausage balls, salmon salad with crackers, a vegetable tray, chips, and homemade cherry pie with ice cream.

Attending the play were: Carol Campbell, Kay Bailey, Joanie Stephens, Dixie Campbell, Mary Jones, Marihelen Wason, and Marjion Woodruff.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

Ken and Dinah Young of Roaring Springs would like to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage on July 12, 2008 of their son Joshua Elliott to Victoria Taylor. Joshua is a graduate student at McGill University in Montreal and plans to finish his PhD this summer. He tutors students in Chicago and has taught classes at McGill University and been published on several occasions in his field of physics. Victoria is in graduate school at North Western University working on her doctorate in psychology. They will be mar-

CATCH THE SUNRISE

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

- THURSDAY, April 17:** Baked ham, potatoes, greens, rolls, chocolate cake with berries.
- FRIDAY, April 18:** Taco salad, corn, plums, cookies.
- MONDAY, April 21:** Beef tostadas, refried beans, Mexican rice, ambrosia fruit salad, tortilla.
- TUESDAY, April 22:** Broccoli and cheese, stuffed potato, tossed salad, Banana split dessert.
- WEDNESDAY, April 23:** Hamburger on a bun, lettuce, tomato, onion, Southwest potatoes, baked beans, veggie of the day, apples.

OBITUARY

"Little" Hoyet N. Burnam

"LITTLE" HOYET N. BURNAM

"Little" Hoyet N. Burnam, 71, of Tulia died Wednesday, April 9, 2008, at his residence in Georgetown.

Funeral services were April 14, 2008, at Kornerstone Funeral Directors Chapel, with the Rev. Charles Davenport officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery under the direction of Kornerstone Funeral Directors in Tulia.

Hoyet was born on July 2, 1936, in Matador, to Hoyet Sr. and Carrie Burnam. He lived in Matador until his family moved to Swisher County in 1945. He graduated

from Texas Tech University with a degree in Agriculture. He married Joyce Evans on November 22, 1969, in Plainview. She preceded him in death in 2004. He farmed in Swisher County until retiring in 1994. He then worked for the TDCJ as a corrections officer from 1994 to 2005. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Tulia.

Survivors include a son, Gregory Burnam of Austin, and an uncle, Troy Perkins of Amarillo.

The family suggests memorials to the American Heart Association, 6605 I-40 West, Building A-6, Amarillo, TX 79106.

Bob Wills celebration in Turkey April 24-26

The annual Bob Wills Celebration in Turkey, Texas, will be held April 24-26, featuring 35 to 40 of the most famous and talented musicians in the country.

Entertainer of the Year and 3-time Grammy Nominee Dave Alexander will play at the 7:00 p.m. dance, Thursday, April 24.

On Friday, April 25, a 7:30 a.m. breakfast sponsored by the Turkey/Quitaque Lions Clubs will be held at the Bob Wills Cafeteria. Cost is \$5.00 per plate. A 7-9:00 p.m. dance will feature the South Plains Cowboys from Levelland, under the direction of Joe Carr. The 9:00 p.m. dance will feature the former Texas Playboys under the direction of Truitt Cunningham. Dance to both bands for one low price, just \$15.00.

On Saturday, April 26, Bob Wills Day will be kicked off by a 7:30 a.m. pancake breakfast, followed by a 10:00 a.m. parade in downtown Turkey. At 11:00

a.m., a barbecue lunch will be held at the Bob Wills Cafeteria; and at 11:30 a.m., an Old Fiddlers' Contest will be held at the Bob Wills Center.

At 2:30 p.m. a free concert by the former Texas Playboys will perform in the outdoor stage at the old football field, featuring Master of Ceremonies Dr. Charles R. Townsend. A dance beginning at 8:00 p.m. will highlight Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys. Tickets are \$15.00.

Guests are encouraged to visit the Bob Wills Museum, Bob Wills Monument, and get Bob Wills Souvenirs and Concessions in the Bob Wills Center.

For tickets, directions and any other information about the Bob Wills Day Festival log on to www.BobWillsDay.com or call 806-423-1033.

"Managing Small Acreages for Wildlife" workshop at Clarendon College

In today's world, wildlife management and recreation can be an integral part of your ranching operations. With proper management techniques, rangeland habitats can support a variety of wildlife species. If you like to learn more about managing small acreages for wildlife, plan to attend the upcoming workshop on Thursday, May 8, 2008.

During the morning session, presentations will be held in the Bairfield Building Wildlife Management Area (7 miles east of Clarendon). Topics will include Farm Bill Programs, Invasive Brush Management, Riparian

Restoration, Prescribed Burning, White-tailed Deer Control, Plant Identification, Forage Inventories, and Grazing Management.

Registration fee is \$15.00 (includes catered lunch). Pre-registration is required. The workshop will start at 8:30 a.m. and will end at approximately 3:30 p.m. Participants are asked to pre-register by May 2, 2008. For more information call Leonard Haynes, Donley County Extension Office at 806-874-2141 or Kory Perlicheck, Matador WMA at 806-492-3405. CEUs will be offered for those attending the event.

County Garden Forum

During the next few weeks, the County Gardening Forum will present a series of articles on water conservation gardening by

Nell Rains, Certified Texas Master Gardener

As Texas Master Gardeners we represent our sponsor, Texas A&M University. Our purpose is two fold. To give accurate-current information and to be a liaison, between the horticulturists and Texas AgriLife Extension Service. We are trained volunteers with garden knowledge.

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Gardening on the South Plains of Texas can be quite a challenge. An adequate supply of water has become the critical issue for the future of Texas. We constantly face temperature extremes and windy conditions.

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Your ideal of gardening and mine might differ, as we may be in different places in our lives. I may want to put out a few pots on my patio, having lost-- the notion of tilling up the south forty and planting daffodils. You on

the other hand may be excited about the prospect of putting in a small water feature, or changing out the blue grass yard to a more water efficient variety such as buffalo grass. If we follow the same guidelines, we both will have a more desirable landscape. Traditional landscapes may incorporate one or two principals toward water conservation. However, Xeriscape Landscaping incorporates seven principals in order to effectively conserve our most precious resource--water.

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Planning and Design is the foundation of any water-wise landscape. Consider how you are using the landscape you have now. What do you want to add? What needs to be removed or changed? Sketch what exists and make a simple plan that will work for you and your landscape.

Next week more of the seven principals will be discussed. Here in Motley County there are gardeners who hate to throw plants away when they are thinning their beds of bulbs, etc. There are also those who are seed savers and have various seeds to share. If you have seeds or plants to share bring them to the? Tim at Matador Motor is now selling soil amendments so we do not have to travel elsewhere to get them. Happy gardening!

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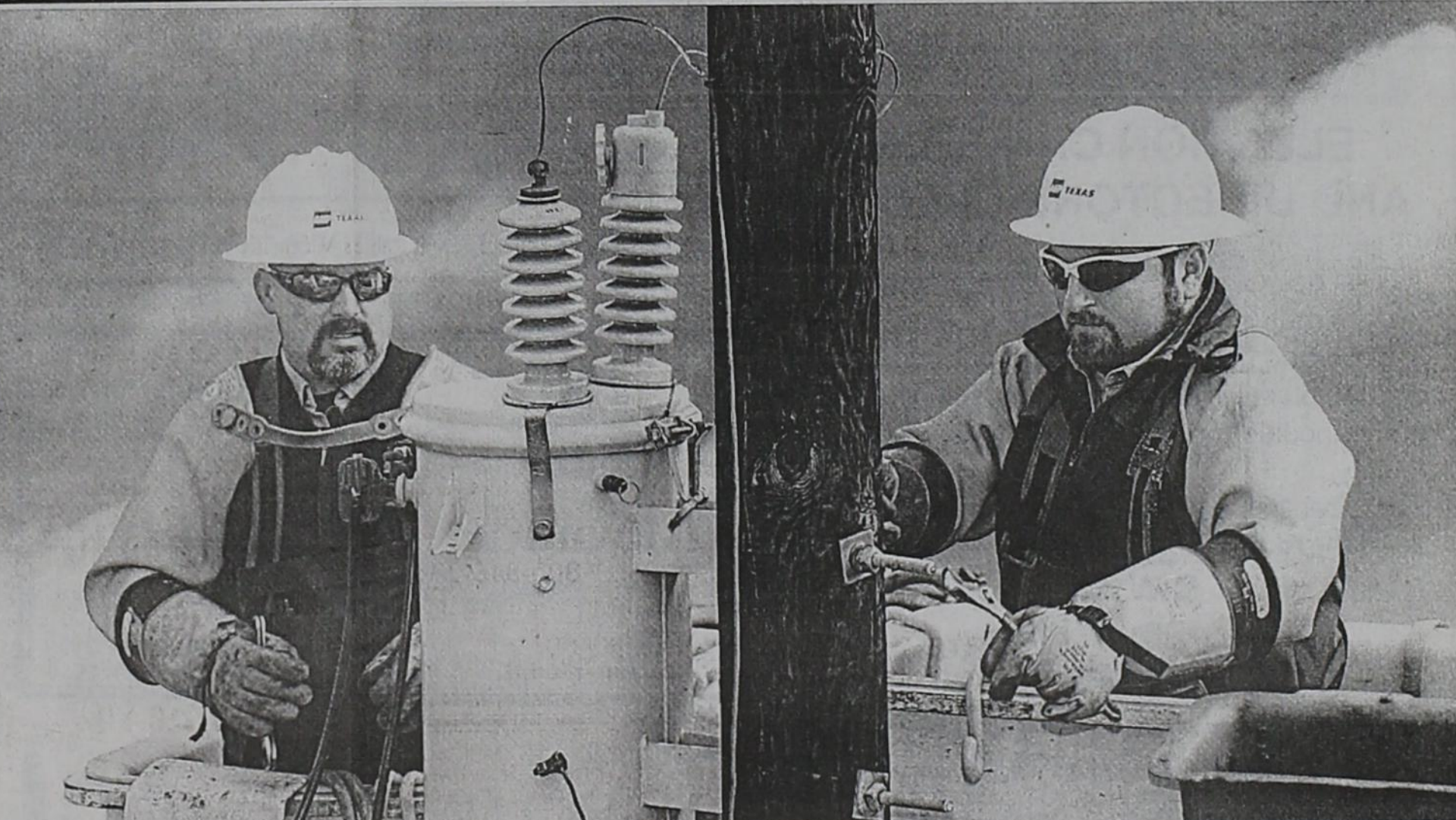
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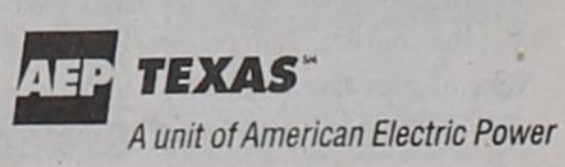


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Wind Power to help west Texas town desalinate groundwater

State agency awards \$500,000 grant to city of Seminole for project

(AUSTIN) — A pilot project utilizing wind power to desalinate brackish groundwater in West Texas will get a jump-start thanks to a \$500,000 grant from the Office of Rural Community Affairs (ORCA).

Announced today, the grant to the City of Seminole (Gaines County) from ORCA's Renewable Energy Demonstration Pilot Program will help fund the \$1,075,000 project.

The project holds great promise for rural communities in West Texas and the Panhandle needing to develop new sources of drinking water, said Charles S. (Charlie) Stone, ORCA executive director.

"This project could be a road-map for how our rural communities can use wind power to help meet future water needs," Stone said.

The project would be the first in the U.S. to use wind power to desalinate drinking water for an inland municipality, as opposed to a town located on a coastline.

Seminole's proposal to ORCA calls for groundwater to be pumped from the deep, brackish Santa Rosa aquifer. A 50-kilowatt wind turbine will help power a reverse osmosis plant that will make the water drinkable for the town's residents.

ORCA is partnering with Texas Tech University, which has been working three years with Seminole on the design and economics of wind-driven groundwater desalination systems.

"This project represents an innovative approach ORCA can take to help rural communities meet basic human needs, such as clean, reliable sources of drinking water," said Dr. Wallace Klusmann, chairman of ORCA's governing board.

Seminole, like many West

Texas towns, draws its drinking water from the Ogallala Aquifer, which is rapidly being depleted. The town has no access to surface water supplies.

And the cost of electricity to operate a reverse osmosis plant large enough to meet the town's water needs was cost prohibitive, said Jamie Chapman of Texas Tech's Wind Science and Engineering Research Center.

"Seminole can make this project affordable by tapping into the strong wind power resources in West Texas," Chapman said. "With this ORCA grant, we can get this pilot project underway."

The wind turbine will provide the electricity for a reverse osmosis plant that, depending on the aquifer characteristics, will produce up to 30,000 gallons per day of drinking water for the city.

If the project is successful, Chapman said Seminole eventually plans to install three megawatts of wind turbines to power a reverse osmosis plant large enough to treat a future peak demand of three million gallons of water per day. Seminole currently uses about two million gallons per day on average from the Ogallala aquifer.

In addition to the ORCA grant, the project calls for Seminole to contribute \$400,000 in cash, land and in-kind services. Texas Tech will contribute \$25,000 in data collection and analysis and Entegry Wind Systems will donate for two years a wind turbine valued at \$150,000. After two years, Entegry likely would lease the turbine to Seminole, Chapman said.

"We are grateful to ORCA for its leadership on addressing the critical water needs of Seminole and the region," said Seminole Mayor Mike Carter.

Seminole also has submitted to the Texas Water Development Board a request for additional funds for this project.

The ORCA funds for the two-year project recently were approved by ORCA's state review committee, a group of 12 local elected officials who are appointed by the Governor to approve grants awarded from community development block grant funds.

Stone said many rural communities have benefitted economically in terms of jobs, tax revenues and landowner royalties from the large wind farms in West Texas and the Panhandle that now produce about 4,500 megawatts of electricity, or about three percent of the state's electricity.

"The potential now exists for towns such as Seminole and even rural school districts to cut their energy costs by putting up their own wind power projects," Stone said.

ORCA's governing body in 2007 approved allocating \$500,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds for a Renewable Energy Demonstration Pilot Program. Another \$500,000 for the program has been allocated for fiscal 2009.

As the state agency dedicated solely to rural Texas, ORCA makes the broad resources of state government more accessible to rural communities. ORCA was created by the 77th Legislature to ensure a continuing focus on rural issues, monitor governmental actions affecting rural Texas, research problems and recommend solutions, and administer rural-focused state and federal resources. ORCA is the door to Texas government for rural citizens. For more information, visit ORCA online at www.orca.state.tx.us.

Downtown Roaring Springs goes wireless



SUBSTANDARD DWELLING in first block of Second Street in Roaring Springs scheduled to be demolished.



SUBSTANDARD DWELLING on corner of Second Street across from US Post Office in Roaring Springs scheduled to be demolished.

The Roaring Springs City Council met on April 14, at 6:30 pm. All council members were present and the minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

Dennis Allen, a guest at the meeting offered to hook up a high speed internet wireless connection so that the downtown area would then be "hot" for wireless internet connections. The offer was accepted by the council and appreciation was expressed for this service.

The Mayor and the council then dispensed with payment of bills and letting overpayment from 4B tax monies be withdrawn on a monthly basis until paid back.

A resolution drawn up by the office of State Representative Swinford was presented for adoption by the council. After some discussion the council voted to sign on to the resolution which outlines support for wind energy development and getting transmission lines to the Amarillo area.

The council then voted to address the issue of rising fuel costs in regard to mowing areas that previously were done without charge. Action taken was to send letters to the various organizations informing them that the City will now have to charge for that service.

The council voted to proceed with the demolition of two houses that were previously designated as unoccupied and dangerous structures.

An ordinance was adopted that would certify that unopposed candidates could be declared elected and the election could be canceled and the cancellation would be published.

There was discussion concerning the deterioration of the school buildings that are owned by the City. A motion was made and seconded to proceed with the process of applying to use 4B tax money to repair the roof on the three buildings concerned.

All items on the agenda having been addressed, the meeting was adjourned.

Gamma Eta Chapter met in Spur

Gamma Eta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma International met at the First Methodist Church in Spur, Monday, April 7, at 5:30 p.m. for the monthly meeting. A delicious meal of chicken salad, rolls, fruit kabobs, and brownies was served to the 31 members attending.

In business meeting conducted by the president, Rhea Melton, committee reports were given, and members were urged to attend the state convention in June. Elisha Reese was recognized for her work on the Chapter website which is now available. Brags and concerns for members and family members were given.

Our new member, Susan Brooks, of Crosbyton was initiated into the chapter. The initiation was conducted by the ceremonies committee, Nancy Duval and Susan Chastain.

The program, "I Can't Sing, but I Wait to Learn the Song" was led by Sharon McDougle and Jean Williams. The song was read by the group and the leaders gave information how the song related to Delta Kappa Gamma and the members. Debby Ball played the song while the group sang in closing.

Roaring Springs water exceeds MCL

The city of Roaring Springs has been notified by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) that the water this system supplies has exceeded the maximum contaminant level (MCL) for total trihalomethanes (TTHM's), as set in the commission's Drinking Water Standards.

Trihalomethanes are a group of volatile organic compounds that are formed when chlorine, added to the water during the treatment process for disinfection, reacts with naturally-occurring organic matter in the water.

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TWC Approves \$1 Million for Math and Science Youth Summer Camps

Programs Inspire Students to Focus on Careers in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math

AUSTIN — The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) has awarded \$1 million to fund summer youth camps focusing on science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). These Summer Merit Program camps support initiatives by Gov. Rick Perry to prepare Texas' future workforce to compete for the high-skill, high-demand jobs of the future.

"Industries of the future will depend on and demand an educated workforce with a solid foundation in math, science, engineering and technology," said Gov. Perry. "For Texas to remain truly competitive in a global economy we must begin today preparing for tomorrow."

The Governor's Summer Merit Program will include up to 50 existing or new summer camps providing opportunities for more than 1,000 students at Texas universities and community colleges during the summer of 2008.

Summer camp program curricula for students ages 14 and older include computer science, earth science, engineering, robotics, math, natural science workshops, scientific research and more.

One of the goals of the Summer Merit Program is to relieve financial obstacles for students who may not have had an opportunity to attend summer camp. The program also hopes to inspire students to pursue STEM-related careers, thus increasing the number of STEM college graduates in Texas. The Summer Merit Program is supported by Workforce Investment Act State-wide Activity funds.

Matador Lions Meet

The Lions Club of Matador met April 15, at 12:30 pm at the Methodist Church. There were 15 Lions present for the luncheon meeting and committee members were named for the Nominating Committee and the Audit Committee.

There was a report from Lion Jim Watson on the role of the local club for the Tour de Nine-Zero which takes place on May 3, and involves setting up and helping out with a rest stop for the bicycle riders at the corner of the two Highway 70's in Matador.

Lion Michael Crutchley asked for volunteers to help at the breakfast at the First Baptist Church in Matador on the National Day of Prayer on May 1. The breakfast starts at 7 am followed by the prayer service.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by President Roy Hobbs.

NOTICE OF ELECTION CANCELED AND DIRECTORS ELECTED

The Motley County Hospital District Board of Directors met in regular monthly meeting on April 9, 2008 and declared the three unopposed candidates elected to office for new two-year terms and canceled the May 10, 2008 election.

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

C.W. Moore
Ken Abbott
Dianne Washington

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NOTICE OF ELECTION CANCELED AND SCHOOL TRUSTEES ELECTED

The Motley County Independent School District Board met in regular monthly meeting on March 24, 2008 and declared the two unopposed candidates elected to office for new three-year terms and canceled the May 10, 2008 election.

The Board of Trustees elected to the new three-year terms as of this date are:

Tina M. Brooks
John Douglas Russell

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Mike Bigham named Coach of the Year by Texas Football magazine

Coach Mike Bigham was named Coach of the Year in 6-man football by Dave Campbell's Texas Football magazine. Bigham is one of seven coaches in the state honored by the magazine in the April issue. The highlight reads:

"Though Motley County finished 8-2 in 2006, the Matadors missed the playoffs that year. They more than made up for it in 2007, going 14-1 and winning the Division II title in a 44-38 thriller over Woodson. Just two seasons ago, Motley County had finished 3-7."

Bigham joins six fellow award winners announced Thursday by the staff of Dave Campbell's Texas Football, which for decades has annually selected each classification's top coaching performance.

He shares honors with George Hermann, Pflugerville, 5A; Don Drake, McKinney Boyd, 4A; Jerry Vance, Liberty Hill, 3A; Keith Wright, Farmersville, 2A; Patrick Corcoran, Munday, 1A; and private schools, Robin Kirk, Houston St. Pius X.

Dave Campbell's Texas Football magazine, is sometimes referred to as "The Bible" of high school football. This is the 49th year of publication.

Mr. Campbell is a member of the Texas Sports Hall of Fame and ranks as one of the most respected sportswriters in Texas. He is the Editor-In-Chief of the prestigious football magazine, and the Southwest representative for Heisman Trophy balloting. He was a long-time sports editor of the Waco Tribune-Herald.

Motley County track team advances five to Regional

The Area 2 1-A track meet was held in Panhandle on March 8th. Several Motley County track athletes competed. The top four finishers in each event advanced to the Regional meet to be held April 25th and 26th at South Plains College in Levelland.

The results from the Area meet are as follows:

GIRLS:
Christy Smith—2nd place in the Shot Put.
Shane'a Russell—3rd place in the 800m run.

Chaundra Wolf—3rd place in the High Jump, 3rd place in the 300m Hurdles.
Kyla Simpson—6th place in the 100m Hurdles.

800m relay—Shane'a Russell, Alyx Smith, Melissa Flores and Chaundra Wolf—6th place.

Also participating were Courtney Alexander in the 800m run and Kyla Simpson in the 300m Hurdles.

BOYS:
Casey Carnes—6th in the Shot Put and the Discus.
Bradley Brown—3rd in the Long Jump, 5th in the High Jump, 4th in the 200m dash.
Steven Webb—5th in the Triple Jump.

Isiah Archer—2nd in the 100m dash.
Colby McCleskey—6th in the 800m run.

400m relay—Andrew Martin, Bradley Brown, Steven Webb, Isiah Archer—5th place.

800m relay—Will Butler, Andrew Martin, Steven Webb, and Bradley Brown—6th place.

Congratulations to these athletes on a successful track season.

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MCISD School Board Meets

Collaboration with Foothills Family Development Council discussed

The Motley County Board of Trustees met Monday, March 24, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. in a regular scheduled meeting. All board members were present except Robert Fisk. Also present were Mr. Brown, William Cochran, Denise Ford, Ryan Martin and Aaron Green.

Invocation was given by Ted Davey. Ryan Martin, Chair of the Foothills Family Development Council Inc. spoke to the board concerning a possible partnership with Motley County ISD concerning the renovation of the old school. The development council will bring grant applications to the board for approval.

Motion by Lewis Drum, seconded by Mark Seigler to accept the

Since two School Board candidates, Tina Brooks and J.D. Russell, were unopposed, the board voted to accept their certification and cancel the School Board Election scheduled for May 10, 2008.

The reorganization of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for June 16, 2008.

The board voted to accept the Coordinated School Health Curriculum and to approve the Energy Reduction Plan and the

2008/2009 School Calendar.

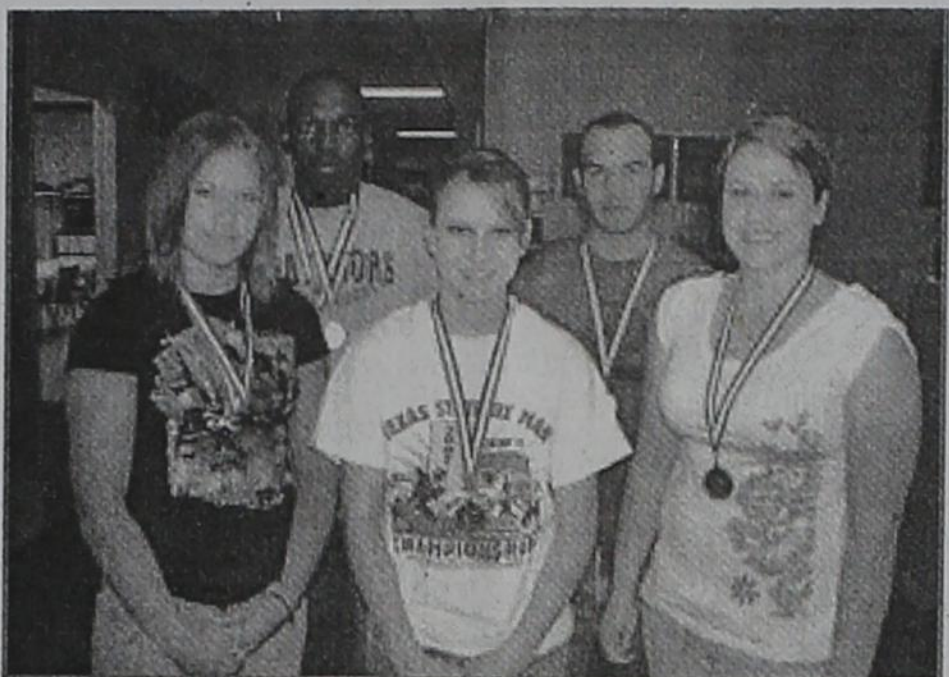
Principal, Mr. Cochran, reported that enrollment was 177 and the attendance was 91.3%. This low percentage is attributed mainly to illness and is the lowest in three years. Dual Credit is being reviewed and changes designed to encourage students to take dual credit classes will be implemented in the 2008/2009 school year.

Information will be given to students and parents. Mr. Cochran also stated that he is working on the master schedule for 2008/2009; a tutorial period and 1 additional minute to the passing period may be added. Orientation will be given to sixth grade parents and students before school starts.

During the Superintendent's report, Mr. Brown, informed the board of the spring workshop April 22, 2008 for board training.

April 10, 2008, at 7:30pm will be the next regularly scheduled board meeting.

The 2008/2009 preliminary budget was presented. Out of executive session the board voted to approve the revision to the Superintendent's contract.



MOTLEY REGIONAL TRACK QUALIFIERS for meet to be held April 25th and 26th at South Plains College in Levelland, (L to R) Chaundra Wolf, Bradley Brown, Shane'a Russell, Isiah Archer, and Christy Smith.

Rose qualifies for Regional at UIL contest.



SAVANNAH ROSE, qualifies for Regional University Interscholastic League.

Motley County High School senior, Savannah Rose, competed in the District University Interscholastic League contest at Silverton High School on March 27, 2008. Savannah placed 1st in Accounting, 5th in Number Sense, and 10th in Mathematics. By winning first place in Accounting, Savannah qualified for the Regional Academic Meet held at South Plains college on April 11, 2008.

Junior Class Bake Sale

The Motley County High School Jr. Class will be having a bake sale in front of Lowes Pay N Save on Thursday from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

The Juniors want to say thank you to all those who have supported their fund raising efforts this year.

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Friday, April 18 NO SCHOOL

Monday, April 21

Breakfast: Pancake, sausage, or cereal, toast, sliced pears, milk.

Lunch: Popcorn chicken, gravy, salad, french fries, toast, orange slices, milk.

Tuesday, April 22

Breakfast: Cereal, toast, juice, milk.

Lunch: Bean/beef burrito, salad, corn, tortilla chips, pear slices, milk.

Wednesday, April 23

Breakfast: Biscuit, scrambled eggs, bacon, or cereal, toast, juice, milk.

Lunch: Fish sticks, mac/cheese, green beans, hush puppy, fruit, milk.

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- 17 JH and HS Cheerleading Tryouts
- 18 Writing Workshop, Library, noon
- 18 Snow Day, No School
- 19 Writing Workshop, Roaring Springs, 10 a.m.
- 21-22 Girls & Boys Regional Golf, Lubbock
- 22 Relay for Life Meeting FBCM, 6:30
- 26 Motley County Community Staff Meeting, Tribune office, 10 a.m.

May

- 1 FBCM Breakfast, National Prayer Day, 7 a.m.
- 1 RS Lions, Hitchin' Post, 11:30 a.m.
- 1 Friends of the Library, 3 p.m.
- 3 Men's Breakfast, 7 a.m. FBC Matador
- 3 Hwy. 70 70-mile Garage Sale
- 3 MCISD Prom
- 5-6 Girls & Boys State, Austin
- 6 FFA Banquet 7 pm
- 6 Matador Lions, Methodist Church, 12:30
- 7 Guild, RS Methodist Fellowship, 3:30
- 7 Kids Praise, First Baptist Church, 5 p.m.
- 9 Comp Day, No School
- 12 Commissioners Court 9:30
- 13 RS Volunteers, Community Center, 7 p.m.
- 15 Matador Masonic Lodge, 6:30 pm
- 16 Snow Day, No School
- 20 Matador Lions, Methodist Church, 12:30
- 20 Chamber Meeting on how to improve tourism
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- 22 Matador Eastern Star 6:30 pm
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- 31 Graduation 7 p.m.



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