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"The Turn of Power"

by Ken Young

## Caprock Association urges landowners to organize

By Carol Campbell

While working more than two years on wind energy development, Dora Ross has signed up more than 200 members and 105,000 acres to an organization that represents landowners in the Caprock Plains area of Texas.

The Caprock Plains Wind Energy Association hosted a meeting for landowners and other interested persons in the Motley County Courthouse District Courtroom on February 28.

About 40 people attended the meeting that outlined the association's areas of focus, provided an update on the status of transmission lines, an encouraged attendees to join.

Floydada Economic Development Corporation Director and president of the association Dora Ross said the areas of focus are: 1) to improve access to transmission, 2) recruit wind energy industry; and 3) strengthen our community.

"We are very interested in recruiting the wind energy manufacturing sector," Ross said.

"When you put jobs in the community, that is when change really happens."

Tom Edwards, vice president of the Wind Energy As-

sociation, introduced Dora Ross, president, and reported that although there is still no "firm decision" on transmission lines by the Public Utility Commission in CREZ 2, "we are still in the game," he said.

Ross urged landowners in Motley County to get organized.

"Developers want to look at a block of land, not individual owners," she said. And before you sign up, Ross warned, "get a wind attorney to look at your lease." Ross cited example after example of people who got bad leases from developers looking to own exclusive wind energy rights to property.

However, only a handful of landowners in Motley County are on board with the Caprock Plains group.

In fact, only 12 landowners plus the county government, and the City of Matador and City of Roaring Springs have signed up, Ross said, and most of the 200 plus members live in Hale and Floyd counties.

"When developers contact me to look at land, I will only show land to members of the Caprock Wind Energy Association," Ross said.

"Landowners are the foundation of this organization,"

Ross said. Membership in the association is based on acreage.

There are five membership categories: Foundation members at \$1.00 per acre, voluntary; \$100 minimum, and \$1,500 maximum.

Platinum at \$1,000 (this category is advisory only consisting of developers, consultants, utility companies); Gold members at \$250; Silver at \$100; and Bronze at \$50.

"Foundation, Gold, Silver and Bronze members are the voting membership," Ross said. Gold consists of counties, cities, school districts, other government and taxing entities, chambers of commerce, economic development corporations and similar organizations.

Silver members are individuals and businesses providing services and products to the wind energy sector; and Bronze are individuals, non-profits and businesses supportive of wind energy but not directly involved.

And what do you get for your bucks? Well, Ross said, you get someone working fulltime in your behalf to get wind turbines on your property, and that is no small deal. "Dora has made a worthwhile presence for us in Austin," Tom Edwards said.

In addition, dues will help support the association to "scatter met towers" to measure the wind capacity. Collecting data on the wind capacity will entice developers to lease land for wind energy in Motley County. The investment opportunity in wind meteorological towers cannot be underestimated, Ross said.

Wind assessment has created a whole new industry that focuses on met tower installation, wind data acquisition, wind farm layout and design, and environmental impact issues. The plan of action by the Caprock Plains Wind Energy Association to install towers will cost about \$15-\$30,000 apiece, Ross said. It would be ideal to have met towers every five miles, she said, but having even one tower would be well worth the investment.

"We have 47 to 49% wind capacity in our area," Ross said, "compared to Sweetwater at 33% wind capacity. And harvesting the wind has brought big bucks to landowners in Sweetwater.

In an article in *The New York Times* (February 23), wind turbines that recently went up on Louis Brooks's ranch pays him \$500 a month apiece to permit 78 of them on his land, with 76 on more on the way. "Can anyone use an extra \$100,000?" Ross asked the crowd.

Sitting on the front row, Mrs. Winifred Darsey raised her hand high. Harvesting the wind is not a new concept to her. She lived on the Darsey Estate consisting of a 4-section farm and ranch in the foothills of the Quitaque peaks.

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## The State of Texas



### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Bringing a triumphant close to the 2007 season, the football team of Motley County High School claimed the University Interscholastic League IA Division II six-man state championship with a victory in the title game held on December 15, 2007; and

WHEREAS, After valiantly battling their way through the playoffs with wins over the teams from Lefors, Southland, Follett, and Jayton, the Matadors met the Woodson Cowboys in the championship match-up; it proved a dramatic contest between two talented teams, with the lead changing hands five times during the game; and

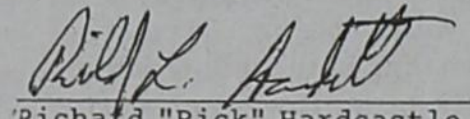
WHEREAS, Motley County fell behind by 16 points in the first half, but these dedicated athletes demonstrated the heart of true champions and refused to give up on their dream of winning the state title; tallying two touchdowns in the final six minutes of the second quarter, they narrowed the score to 24-22 at halftime; and

WHEREAS, A gutsy performance by the Matador defense proved decisive in the second half; they limited the high-powered Woodson attack to just 14 points and made two key interceptions when the Cowboys were threatening to score; and

WHEREAS, The Motley County offense did its part by scoring two touchdowns in the third quarter and then putting together an unforgettable 50-yard drive midway through the final stanza that put them on top to stay; when the final seconds ticked away, the Matadors had registered a 44-38 victory and had staked their claim as the finest IA Division II team in the Lone Star State; and

WHEREAS, Under the guidance of head coach Mike Bigham and his assistants, members of the Motley County squad have achieved the pinnacle of success, and the memory of this championship season will long be treasured by their many fans; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Motley County High School football team be congratulated on winning the UIL IA Division II six-man state championship and that the players, coaches, and staff be extended best wishes for continued success.

  
Richard "Rick" Hardcastle

State Representative  
District 68



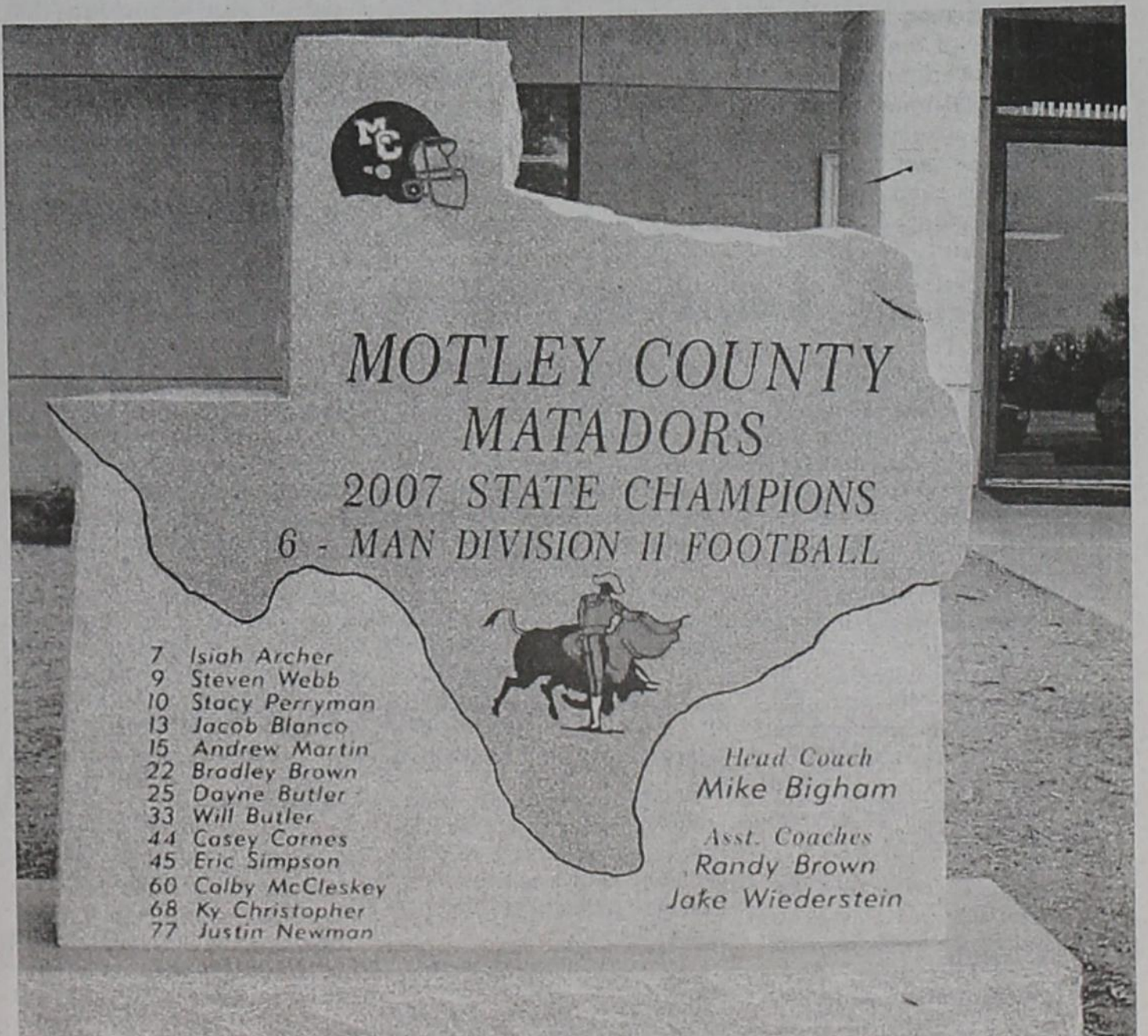
photo by Larry Vogt

FLOYDADA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT Corporation Director Dora Ross speaks to about 40 Motley County landowners and other interested persons about the wind energy initiative. Pictured (left to right) are Harry Hamilton, Dora Ross and Mike Sullivan.



photo by Larry Vogt

WIND ENERGY EXPERT Dora Ross, Floydada Economic Development Corporation Director speaks to Motley County landowners about wind energy initiatives.



A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP MONUMENT located in front of the school entrance honors 13 football players, Head Coach Mike Bigham, and Assistant Coaches Randy Brown and Jake Wiederstein. The monument was paid for by private donations and money earned at the State Championship barbecue dinner.

# FOOTHILL COUNTRY CONNECTIONS

By Larry Vogt

They were not kidding when they wrote the song, "Deep in the Heart of Texas." Those stars at night are so big and bright one can almost see the words in a book. Going out at night and looking to the sky for guidance and inspiration has been a human endeavor for many millennia. Walking at night or riding a horse, the night sounds of insects and coyotes remind you of the presence of countless activities going on all through the landscape. The comforts of sitting by a camp fire, chatting with fellow travelers, trading tales, singing songs, these are the memories of life to be carried always. Sleeping under the stars on a warm summer evening, looking up at the big Texas sky just as you fall asleep, the sound of the last crackling of the fire, the whispered good night to your

fellow travelers, these are the makings of many song lyrics. "Deep in the Heart of Texas" was written in 1941 by June Hershey and Don Swander and enjoyed five weeks at the top of the radio program "Your Hit Parade" in 1942. That first version was performed by Perry Como with the Ted Weems Orchestra and the song went on to become one of the definitive Texas songs. The song was sung, complete with the regulation claps, in school in Marion, South Dakota where I was living at the time in the late 1940's. Who can resist the lyrics:

"The stars at night  
are big and bright,  
Deep in the heart of Texas.  
The prairie sky  
is wide and high,  
Deep in the heart of Texas."

Well, of course, you know the rest.

By Laverne Zabielski

Caucuses were convening all across Texas Tuesday night. According to national news there were long lines in the larger cities. Not in Motley County. (One of the many advantages to living in a small town.) There was also criticism of Texas for implementing the caucus process. I found it exciting. There was something of a frenzy as people tried to figure out what to do, where to go for their caucus and what to decide once they gathered. Citizens also gathered last week to learn more about wind energy. Hopefully it's coming to Motley County will bring jobs and tax revenue. Carol Campbell reports extensively on the work of the Caprock Plains Wind Energy Association.

The Motley County Oversight Committee also gathered and the Maador Lions met. One of the most important things citizens in a small community can do is to participate in the decision making process and to do it in such a way that those in positions of leadership are empowered. After reading the report on the healing aspects of cotton, especially in relation to bed sores, I found myself remembering the urgency with which I had to organize my life in order to make sure my son was "turned" regularly after his paralyzing accident. When we became caregivers our lives are altered in many ways. When I read about the research being done with cotton I realized how we are assisted in our caregiving by the work being done in the fields and gins around us.

excerpt from my journal, 1998

Of course I said yes when the intensive care nurse asked me if Donnie could come live with us. I had no idea what yes meant. We put his hospital bed with crisp white sheets in the living room. I moved all my handmade artist books into my bedroom and put medical supplies on the oak bookshelf. During the night the house felt cold. "My legs are burning," I heard him call through the monitor. I put on my old mauve terry cloth robe, groped down the stairs in the dark, turned on the lamp on his dresser, and searched for medicines and supplies. His legs trembled. I waited. They thrust up tight like a pretzel, then spasmed straight out. I pulled his legs up, placed a pillow between his bent knees so the bones wouldn't clash, pushed his thighs over, pulled the draw sheet beneath him making his body turn, then placed my hands on his torso to roll him further onto his side and placed a flat firm pillow behind his back. Carefully smoothing his UK wildcat t-shirt, I removed pressure-creating wrinkles, then flipped the pillow behind his head making it cool and fluffy again. It was an easy turn. "Do you think," he asked, "since my legs burn that means something?" I had no answers. In the stillness, climbing the stairs in the dark back to my room, I passed a photograph of when he was three, beaming in the back seat of his uncle's old convertible with the top down. I crawled back in bed, pulled flannel covers around my shoulders, punched my pillow down, and listened to the monitor. As his breathing became steady, it lulled me to sleep. In the quiet I heard his restlessness. I rose, walked through the dark to begin the turning again, and then slipped into the kitchen. Sliced apples and cinnamon rolls for him, fixed coffee and toast for me.

## continued from page 1 Caprock Plains Wind Energy

There is no doubt in her mind that "this deal will work," she said. Wind chargers, the precursor to the current mammoth towers, provided electricity to rural farmers and ranchers in the early 1940s, before President Roosevelt introduced the Rural Electric initiative. When the wind blew, Winifred ironed. "I remember ironing with a wind charger," she said. "We had a 32-volt electrical system, and when the wind stopped, the iron went off." How does the wind energy initiative benefit the local economy? According to County Judge Ed D. Smith, improvements on the land create more value to tax for those entities within which the improvements reside. For example, "more improvements of this nature require building, servicing and

maintenance," Smith said, "thus more jobs and more people. "More people creates a need for homes and quality of life items like barbers, cleaners, pharmacies, hardware stores, to mention a few." In addition, Smith adds, "it brings younger working families to the area which means more children in school. "The cost of services is spread over a higher tax base, thus taxes could stabilize or even possibly go down," Smith said. "Your economy either grows or in our case it has deteriorated while the need for services do not diminish and the cost of those services do not go down," he said. "The turbines themselves will benefit the larger landowners the most," Smith said. "The ancillary needs created by large wind farms will benefit the rest of us."

# WRITING COMMUNITY

## Different Kinda Days

by Dinah Young

These new windmills just ain't the same –  
All white and clean and shiney  
You see them for forever.  
Red lights at night surround the sky.  
The horizon dances as the red lights fly.

They come in tens and twenties  
Covering a hillside once was bare.  
They mesmerize you driving by  
You think you're at the fair.  
It ain't the same as the lone windmill  
Wood legs tower sittin' on the hill  
Tin fans whirling in the wind  
Bringing water to the land –  
For cattle and cowhands.

These big ones may bring money  
They may bring taxes too.  
Guess we'll just get used to them  
And young ones won't remember  
When the land didn't look this way.  
But I'm kinda like the old timer  
Giving pros and cons who says –  
"The real problem is I ain't got no connection with  
them –  
We just live in different kinda days."

## Sentinels Along the Caprock

By Suzanne Abbott

One big, tall leg  
Gleaming in the sunshine.  
One head  
Turning at the whim of the Southern Plains winds.  
One red eye  
Blinking, seen only at night, guarding against all comers.  
Three long arms  
Rotating in the wind,  
Feeding an electricity-hungry world.  
These sentinels along the Caprock.

Many Sentinels, tall towers  
Marching along the Caprock.  
Visible for miles, these Sentinels  
Changing the landscape with their  
Futuristic shape.  
Bringing and old idea into the Twenty-first Century.  
These Sentinels along the Caprock.

Three long, whirling arms  
Catching the wind.  
Don Quixote's lance can't reach that high.  
Tilting at windmills?  
Or  
Providing economic benefits to families and counties.  
These Sentinels along the Caprock.

## The Touch, the Feel-and Now, the Heal-of Cotton

By Erin K. Peabody, formerly with ARS, published in the February 2008 issue of Agricultural Research magazine.

Its cultivation may be ancient-dating as far back as 5,000 years ago-but cotton, and its characteristically soft, downy fibers, could be just what modern medicine has been waiting for. Believed to have first been grown in the Indus Valley of current-day Pakistan and India, cotton is a favorite fiber in terms of its innate softness, breathability, and agronomic abundance. Nothing wicks moisture away better on a steamy August day. No other fabric feels as naturally smooth and airy against the skin. And now, thanks to research done by an Agricultural Research Service chemist in New Orleans, Louisiana, this fabric basic is poised to help address one of our healthcare system's most costly medical conditions: debilitating chronic wounds.

### An Increasing Concern

Chronic open wounds-also known as "bedsores" or "pressure ulcers"-are a painful and sometimes fatal condition afflicting about 5 million Americans. Sufferers of these hard-to-heal wounds mostly include elderly patients restricted to hospital beds or wheelchairs and diabetics beset by circulation problems. Brought about by the constant pressure of lying on a stationary surface, painful ulcers can involve substantial skin loss, sometimes exposing muscle and even bone. The annual healthcare costs associated with treating these wounds are currently estimated to exceed \$7 billion. This figure is expected to grow by as much as 10 percent annually as the nation's population ages and the incidence of pressure ulcers increases. And while several products are currently on the market for treating chronic wounds, there's vast opportunity for improvement, says ARS chemist Vince Edwards. "That's largely because of ongoing advances in the medical community's understanding of wound physiology,"

he says, "coupled with a recent growth in innovative textiles." Edwards's research is perfect evidence of how these two worlds are merging. Weaving together a keen interest in wound medicine and an expert knowledge of cotton chemistry, Edwards has already invented a novel wound dressing that could reach hospitals and nursing homes in the next couple of years. But that's not all. Cotton fibers in Edwards's lab, located at the agency's Southern Regional Research Center in New Orleans, are being spun into all kinds of medically promising materials. The inventive chemist and his group are creating an array of valuable medical products that can halt bleeding, soothe burns, fight microbes, and more-all from farm-grown cotton.

### A Bandage With a Brain

One technology that's inching ever closer to the marketplace is a wound dressing Edwards and his group developed that targets destructive enzymes called proteases (pronounced pro-tea-ACE-es) which collect in chronic wounds. In most chronic wounds, the problem's not that the body has a deficient immune system; it's, ironically, that the body's natural defenses are laboring in overdrive, dispatching too many "foot soldiers" to break down dead and dying tissue. Having enough of these enzyme-producing armies, or structures called "neutrophils," is critical to healing. But too many can jam up the process, leaving it locked in a vicious, harmful inflammatory cycle. Edwards's dressing, licensed by Tissue Technologies in Richmond, Virginia, was the first bandage of its kind with the proven ability to sop up excess protease. Tissue Technologies president Kel Cohen says the dressing, which was approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration in 2006, now has a manufacturer and marketer. A major goal is to introduce the product to the Veterans Administration system, where it could have significant impact. Edwards hopes the dressing will be a cost-effective alter-

native to similar dressings currently available. "Especially," he says, "since we've found it's even better at sequestering protease than a comparable wound dressing currently in production." In a recent study in the Journal of Biomedical Materials Research, Edwards details how his bandages curtail protease activity 40 to 80 percent more effectively than untreated cotton wound dressings do. And based on recent investigations, Edwards believes the cotton dressing may not only be suppressing overzealous enzyme-producing neutrophils, but it may also be recruiting protein-building macrophages, which are necessary for proper skin healing. So how does an ordinary cotton bandage accomplish such healing magic? "It's simply a matter of attraction," says Edwards. He discovered that when negatively charged phosphoric acid is incorporated into cotton fibers, the dressing is able to pull positively charged proteases up and away from a wound.

### Not Your Ordinary Bedsheet

As with most medical conditions, a real reduction in health-care costs is best realized through prevention. The same applies to pressure ulcers, says Edwards. They become much more difficult to treat once they reach an advanced stage. Specially engineered foam mattresses are one treatment alternative. Now, improved bedsheets are being designed to be compatible with that technology. When woven from the smoothest of cotton fibers, they might even prevent pressure sores from forming in the first place. "There's a lot of potential in this field," says Edwards, "as hospital sheets haven't changed much in the last 100 years." He's exploring how to best reduce the two forces that play a major role in pressure ulcer development: friction and shear. The slightest motion of a patient in bed creates friction between skin and sheets and results in loss of cells from the skin's outermost layer. Pressure and gravity-which might result, for instance, when a patient sits up in bed-create additional shear

forces that compound cell loss. To blunt their cumulative rub, Edwards and his group are developing super-smooth, wrinkle-free cotton sheets that can also battle microbes. And shrimp, oddly enough, can be thanked for this added benefit. The shells of these small crustaceans are composed of a unique carbohydrate, chitosan, that's a natural microbe fighter. Since medical-based protocols don't yet exist for evaluating a bedsheets performance, the team is relying on tests developed by the high-end garment industry to measure the sheeting material's smoothness, feel, and tendency to wrinkle. "Eventually, we're looking at creating a multilayered sheeting system," Edwards says. "It would be made of a porous layer to address low levels of moisture, a more absorbent layer for higher levels of moisture, and a core layer for absorbing fluids such as urine." Absorbency properties in the fabric help keep the skin dry and cool, providing further protection against friction and shear.

### For the War-Wounded, Too

In addition to his concerted efforts to improve treatment options for victims of pressure ulcers, Edwards has also turned his attention to patients on the battlefield. There, the existence of a superior blood-clotting bandage can mean the difference between life and death. More than 90 percent of all combat deaths occur before the injured reach a field hospital, many of them a result of runaway hemorrhaging, or blood loss. While a handful of coagulant-inducing bandages are already on the market, there's always room for improved technology that boasts greater comfort and lower cost. Turn again to chitosan, a true natural wonder. In addition to its antibacterial qualities, the shrimp-based compound is also a natural clot promoter. Dressings modified with it are currently available to members of the military, but Edwards is working to engineer them to be less brittle and more homogeneously formulated.

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## Letter to the Editor

Lexington, Kentucky

Dear Editor,

Thank you very much for the two issues of the Motley County Tribune. I loved Ken Young's photos on each front page, especially "The last storm." It has been a long, long time since I've seen ads for cotton gins. My attention was such that I got out the map and looked up Silverton and Roaring Springs. My childhood was largely experienced in the Ozark Mountains but for a couple of growing seasons around the age of ten I learned how to pick cotton and play atop a hill of cotton boll husks at the local gin in Beedeleville, Arkansas. I am very familiar with what you mentioned as "cotton, cattle, and poverty"- and in those days the Jim Crow system. I thought Carol Campbell did a good job of capturing the local history and honoring the veteran members of the


Macedonia Baptist Church.

I was sorry to read about the cotton farmers' problems with rainfall and wind. Betsy and I were delighted to see the Valentine pictures of your mother, her great-grandchildren, and your four grandsons (such wonderful smiles from that quartet!). I'm sure your mother is very fortunate to have you back in Matador. It was good to see so many kids helping take care of animals. Richard Louv's book of a couple of 2-3 years ago has struck a chord with a lot of Americans. He writes about "nature deficit disorder" which would not seem to be as big a problem in Motley County. His book is called *Last Child in the Woods*. Hopefully, your County Gardens Forum will stir interest among young and old. I'll never forget the day my father took me into the forest looking for bee hives. Kentucky bees seem to be

doing better than those in some other states such as California. I think kids are hungrier than some adults imagine for such experiences and for the local knowledge(s) that is becoming more rather than less important. Bill McKibben writes in *Deep Economy* (dedicated to Wendell Berry): "If we grew most of our food close to home, we'd use far less energy in the process, helping alleviate both oil shortages and climate change." I think younger people especially are tuning into these ideas partly because they rightly suspect that 20-30 years from now catastrophic climate change will be much more evident than it is now. Well, thanks again, Laverne, for the fascinating glimpse of Motley County the Tribune provides. My best wishes to you and Larry in your new endeavor.

Herbert Reid  
University of Kentucky

**America Grows With Agriculture**



USDA Farm Service Agency  
Salutes America's Farmers and Ranchers

**National Ag Day - March 20**  
National Ag Week - March 16-22

# County Garden Forum

By Larry Vogt

A favorite home grown food that falls into the "gourmet" category is the "mesclun" seed mixtures that are now available from many seed catalogs. This mixture which came from the Provencal region of France has many types of fresh greens that are interesting to the palate and fun to harvest the whole spring season. When this mesclun mixture is offered in the finest restaurants and food markets it commands a good price per pound. Mesclun mixtures have all the good advantages for home grown food. They will yield for a long period, are easy to harvest, need no cooking, and will add spice, variety, and color to any salad. The mixture can contain peppery mustard greens, bitter-sweet chicory, tender butterhead, arugula, crunchy romaine, mache, endive, cress, anise tasting chervil, and, sometimes, some parsley. Gard-

deners can buy the seeds separately or use one of the many mixtures that are available.

There are still below freezing temperatures in store for Motley County for the next few early mornings so protect any young tender seedlings that you may have planted during those encouraging nice days we have had over the past few weeks. Covering seedlings with straw or loose hay actually works as long as the wind isn't too gusty in your garden.

Monta Marshall has Lariope Grass, Iris, Canas, and Day Lilies to share if anyone has a desire to transplant some this spring. Call her in Roaring Springs at 348-7000 if you are interested.

Gardening is a wonderful activity to share with children. The almost magic of putting seeds in the ground and watching over them is "contagious" and has long lasting positive effects on all who participate.



Photo by Larry Vogt

## Conditions critically dry in Motley County Fuel prices escalate

By Earlene Jameson

Temperatures fluctuated unexpectedly accompanied by high winds from every direction during February. Dry weather is complicating field preparation. Winter wheat crop and pastures are in distress. Supplemental feeding of livestock continues.

Farmers are feeling the sting of record high fuel prices and high costs of fertilizer, rising with fuel prices. It is a necessity for tractors to fill up and plow fields.

Motley County National Weather Service volunteers reported a mixture of rain, snow and ice on February 16, the only significant moisture since mid-December. Rain would be just what the doctor ordered right now—several inches!

Buzz Thacker, Roaring Springs, 0.41; Ronnie Bailey, Matador, 0.35; Betty Simpson, Northfield, 0.51; Lawrence Allen, Whiteflat, 0.50; and Clois Shorter, Flomot, 0.63.

## Motley County FSA News and Reminders

By Amy Hackler, CED

Reminders: For the past couple of months, the county has received very little moisture and the wind has blown what seems to be every other day. If you have wheat planted and that crop is covered under the NAP program you need to contact the office and file a notice of loss. This will protect you in case that we don't receive any moisture or if it just doesn't come up. It is extremely important that producers timely file a notice of loss.

**NAP Deadline approaching:** If you want to purchase NAP insurance on spring seeded crops, such as forage sorghum, please contact the office for an appointment or more information. The deadline to purchase this coverage is March 14th.

**DISASTER PROGRAM** is ongoing and if you have not signed up for the Livestock Compensation program or Crop Disaster program for 2005 or 2006, please call the office ASAP to schedule an appointment. There has not been a deadline set, but it could happen at anytime.

## Taxpayers' Rights, reviewed by MCOC

The Motley County Oversight Committee met on Tuesday, March 4 to establish strategies designed to assist citizens in appealing their property evaluation increase if they feel it is inaccurate. Since the deadline has passed for appealing the current appraisals, MCOC intends to be prepared for future increases by educating themselves and others regarding the appraisal and appeal process. Duke Barton, Joe Ike Clay, James Beardon, Billy Shannon, Marisue Potts, Barbara Armstrong, Marie-Louise Liebe-Harkort, Sondra Francis, J. Don Finch, and Laverne Zabielski attended the meeting.

Marisue Potts presented the "Taxpayers' Rights, Remedies and Responsibilities" which can be obtained from the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts. This report details the exemptions that are available. Anyone who would like assistance in understanding their property evaluations and the appraisal and appeal process are invited to attend the next meeting on April 1, 4pm at 1st Ag Credit.

## State, utility company firm up agreement offering more weatherization for low income households

### State housing agency sending \$300,000 to five area organizations helping to increase energy efficiency of low income homes

(AUSTIN) — More low income customers of Southwest Public Services may be in line to receive home energy efficiency improvements as the result of a recent agreement between the utility company and the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA). The contract will send an additional \$300,000 in utility funds to one city and four non-profit organizations providing weatherization assistance on TDHCA's behalf to low income households in the Panhandle and high plains regions, reducing their energy consumption and lowering their utility bills.

The funds will be shared between the City of Lubbock, which is receiving \$28,164; Caprock Community Action, headquartered in Crosbyton, set to receive \$25,417; Panhandle Community Services, a non-profit headquartered in Amarillo, which is receiving \$181,911; Levelland-based South Plains Community Action, scheduled to receive \$52,583; and West Texas Opportunities, headquartered in Lamesa, which is slated to receive \$11,925.

The awards are distributed based on the percentage of electric service households in each organization's service area. "Providing much needed energy assistance to low income households is a key part of the Department's goal of ensuring that all Texans have an affordable, healthy place to call home," according to Michael Gerber, TDHCA Executive Director.

"The cost of heating or cooling a home significantly impacts the household's ability to afford their home.

And, given Texas' weather extremes, the inability to afford utility services can rapidly become a health and safety issue for many of our most vulnerable neighbors."

Gerber explained that these utility funds are in addition to the annual awards TDHCA makes to these organizations through its Weatherization Assistance Program, funded through grants from both the U.S. Department of Energy and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

"These funds are extremely important, as they significantly help stretch the Department's weatherization efforts," he said. "The Weatherization Assistance Program has a cap of \$6,885 per household. Many times that simply isn't enough to provide all the assistance a low income household needs, so being able to 'piggy-back' these utility funds on top of our Weatherization Assistance Program can help bridge the gap and make a real, positive impact on a family's health and welfare."

The city and four non-profit organizations will be able to utilize up to an additional \$4,000 per unit in utility funds to make the necessary home improvements. Typical weatherization measures include attic and wall insulation, weather-stripping and air sealant measures, minor home

repairs, the repair or replacement of inefficient heating and cooling equipment, and other energy efficiency improvements.

The program targets households at or below 125 percent of the federal poverty guidelines, which equals an annual income of about \$25,800 for a family of four. It is administered at the local level by contract service organizations which collectively serve all 254 Texas counties. Households who have been served through TDHCA's weatherization programs save on average \$300 each year on their utility costs.

For more information about these utility funds or the Weatherization Assistance Program, use a land-based (non-cell) telephone and call the program's hotline at (888) 606-8889. Callers will automatically be connected to the service provider in their county.

### About the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs

The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs is Texas' lead agency responsible for affordable housing, community services, energy assistance, and colonia housing programs. The Department annually administers more than \$400 million through for-profit, nonprofit, and local government partnerships to deliver local housing and community-based opportunities and assistance to Texans in need.

## Spring Forward...

- Daylight Savings
- Time begins on Sunday, March 9. Don't
- forget to set your
- clocks up one hour
- before going to bed
- Saturday night!!

**COLLECTORS**  
**Motley County Tribune**  
has limited quantities of back issues collected in archival page protectors

All four issues of the  
**MC State Championship Coverage \$5**  
**Jan 7-28, 1938 Matador Tribune \$5**  
**July 31, 1975, Roy Rogers Day \$2**  
**November 28, 1963, Death of President, \$2**

## Official Notice of Nominating Committee Meeting

2:00 p.m. March 6, 2008  
Lighthouse Electric Cooperative, Inc. Headquarters  
East U.S. Highway 70  
Floydada, Texas

In accordance with Article IV, Section 4.06 of the Bylaws of Lighthouse Electric Cooperative, Inc., the Board of Directors has appointed a Committee on Nominations to prepare a list of nominations for Directors to be elected at the annual membership meeting of the Cooperative on April 26, 2007. Three (3) Directors, one each from District 6, District 7, and District 9, will be elected in 2007. Although Directors are nominated from the District they represent, all members in attendance at the annual meeting vote on all candidates who may be properly nominated.

### SECTION 4.02 QUALIFICATIONS:

No person shall be eligible to become or remain a director of the Cooperative who is a close relative of an incumbent director or an employee of the Cooperative, or is not a member in good standing of the Cooperative and receiving service within the District he/she represents; PROVIDED, that the operating or chief executive of any member which is not a natural person, such as a corporation, church, etc., or his/her designee, shall be eligible to become a director, from the Directorate District in which such member is located, if he/she or such designee (1) is in substantial permanent occupancy, direction or use of the premises served by the Cooperative, and (2) is a permanent and year-round resident within or in close proximity to an area served by the Cooperative; BUT PROVIDED FURTHER, that no more than one (1) such person may serve on the Board of Directors at the same time. No person shall be eligible to become or remain a director of, or to hold any other position of trust in, the Cooperative who does not have the legal capacity to enter into a binding contract or is in any way employed by or financially interested in a competing enterprise, or a business selling electric energy or supplies to the Cooperative, or a business primarily engaged in selling electrical or plumbing appliances, fixtures or supplies to, among others, the members of the Cooperative. No person shall take or hold office as a Director who is the incumbent of or candidate for an elective public office in connection with which a salary is paid.

### SECTION 4.05 DIRECTORATE DISTRICTS

The territory served by the Cooperative shall be divided into nine (9) Directorate Districts. Each District shall be represented by one director and the Districts are described upon the map of the territory served by the Cooperative attached to the Bylaws and made a part hereof.

### SECTION 4.06 NOMINATIONS

It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to appoint, not less than thirty (30) days nor more than one hundred eighty (180) days prior to the date of the meeting of the members at which directors are to be elected, a Committee on Nominations, consisting of not less than five (5) nor more than eleven (11) members. The Committee shall prepare and post at the principal office of the Cooperative at least twenty (20) days prior to the meeting a list of nominations for directors to be elected, listing separately the nominee(s) for each Directorate District from or with respect to which a director must, pursuant to this Article, be elected at the meeting. The Committee may include as many nominees for any director to be elected from or with respect to a Directorate District as it deems desirable. Any fifteen (15) or more members of the Cooperative, acting together, may make additional nominations in writing over their signatures, listing their nominee(s) in like manner, not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting, and the Secretary shall post such nominations at the same place where the list of nominations made by the Committee is posted. The Secretary shall mail to the members with the notice of the meeting, or separately, but at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the meeting, a statement of the names and addresses of all nominee(s) for each Directorate District from or with respect to which a director must be elected, showing clearly those nominated by the Committee and those nominated by petition, if any. The chairman at such meeting, after all nominations so made have been duly announced, shall call for additional nominations from the floor and shall ascertain and announce, after any nominations made from the floor, the particular Directorate District from or with respect to which any additional candidates have been nominated.

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR 2008

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Robin Robertson 1742 CR 174 Crosbyton, Texas 79322	Jimmie Wheelless 2381 CR 136 Crosbyton, Texas 79322
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# News Around the County

## Roaring Springs News By Monta Marshall

Saturday and Sunday I was really getting in the notion to get started working on my yard. There is a lot of work to do. Today that idea is far from my mind! It will be almost a month before the weather settles to do a lot outside. Planting and making a pretty yard take shape are two of my favorite pastimes and I really regret that I cannot do as much as I would like outside.

Our hearts were saddened at the death of Carolyn Brooks Fletcher. She will be missed by all who knew her.

A big thank you to the folks of the community who brought food to the First Baptist Church for the Brook's and Fletcher's family dinner on Friday. Your help was greatly appreciated.

Kagen Keltz celebrated his second birthday on Saturday afternoon with his parents, grandparents and friends. Lesa's parents, Coach and Sherrie Prather from Azle, Tx and Lesa's sister Stephanie were out of town guests coming to help little Kagen celebrate. Also attending were grandparents, Kelly and Pennie Keltz, Kagen's Aunt Kandi and Uncle Jared Johnson of Lubbock and great grandpa, Corky Marshall.

Many in the community are still ill with bronchitis and flu. Some have been very ill.

Dinah Young's daughter, Jenny is at home recuperating. Ken and Dinah are keeping their granddaughter, Jenna while her mommy gets better.

The Roaring Springs Community Volunteers will meet on Tuesday, March 11th at 7:00 p.m. for their regular meeting. The public is invited to come and be a part of this group that works for the betterment of our community.

Dahl Clower, Dwight Clower, J. N. Fletcher, Corky and Monta Marshall met Friday afternoon at Traveler's Inn to plan the 77th Annual Marshall Reunion to be held at the Community Center on March 29th and 30th.

Ralph and Ellie Baliff, part time Roaring Springs residents returned to their home in Tennessee this past week.

The Roaring Springs Lions Club will meet on Thursday, March 6th. Barbara Bogart of CapRockTelephone Co-op will be bringing the program. They meet at the Hitchin' Post at 11:30 A.M.

Walter Trammell celebrated his 80th birthday on Sunday. Most of Walter's and Jo's immediate family were at church on Sunday with them. Coming for the birthday celebration were: Randy and Shannon Trammell of Carrollton, TX; Darrell, Terrie, Travis, Taya and Tage Trammell of Lubbock; Angela, Mike, Matt, Trevor and Callie Cochran of Lubbock; Tina, Jerry, Shea and Scott Overman of Lubbock.

Margaret Leonard returned home on Saturday after spending several days with her brother, Larry Joe Hamilton while he was in the V.A. Hospital in Memphis, TN following surgery. Larry is at his home in Missouri after being released from the hospital.

Sherrie Harris and Jeremiah Tagle were united in marriage on Friday evening at the First Baptist Church with Pastor Johnny Morris officiating. Sherrie lived here a few years; she helped take care of Cleo Watson.

A roast was held in honor of Ken and Suzanne Abbott on Monday, February 25th at the Lula Swim Memorial Fellowship Hall. A chili supper was served.

Those attending were: Alex and Jo Crowder, Corky Marshall, Pearl Patten, Joy Beeson, Clint and Freda Burns, P. K. Green, and Don Stuckey. A good time was had by all.

Rodney Long came home from UMC Hospital in Lubbock last Wednesday. He is doing well. His daughter, Robin Green and his grandchildren visited with the Longs on Sunday.

## Flomot News By Earlyne Jameson

**OVERHEARD**  
Politics is the art of looking for trouble, finding it everywhere, diagnosing it incorrectly, and applying the wrong remedies!

### HUDSON FRANKS CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

Connie and Coy Franks gave a fun-filled birthday party for their grandson, Hudson Franks of Lubbock on Saturday afternoon at their home. He blew out his four candles on a colorful cake decorated with three wild hogs and a little boy with a rifle. Adding to the Wild Hog party, pictures of wild hogs were located all over the back yard and they were given a chance to shoot them with a B.B. guns. Refreshments of pigs-in-a-blanket, barbecued pig skins, cake and soft drinks were served.

Special guests were grandparents, Mrs. Syd Pipkin and Gerald and Penny Pipkin of Lubbock, and Mrs. Erma Washington of Flomot and his family, Amy, Cory and Madison Franks of Lubbock. Others attending were Lee and Brad Ralston, Anissa Huckert, Johnney and

Carol Ann Turner, Heather and Cash Blount of Lubbock; Tylee, Trent and Trevor Barclay of Matador; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barclay of Flomot; Matt Washington, Brazos and Blu of Roaring Springs; Cary Franks of Idalou; Clint Cowart of Post and Cara Franks of Flomot.

Cally and Will Sperry, Savannah, Blayne, Gage and Cash were in Miami from Friday until Sunday. They enjoyed the Mayo Mi-

ami Athletic Organization basketball tournament in which Savannah and Blayne and Valley teammates competed.

Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton was the special guest at a luncheon in Turkey, Saturday of Mrs. Barbara Jones of Santa Anna, Salt and Susan Jones of Calgary, Canada, Mrs. Candy Kern of Plano and Pepper Jones of Austin.

Tylee, Trent and Trevor Barclay of Matador visited the weekend with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barclay.

Luncheon guests Sunday of Brenda and Darrell cruse was guests speaker at the Church of Christ services in Flomot, Jay Henderson of Plainview, Brand, Jodie Cruse, Branson, Baylor and Brayson and Keane and Lacy Cruse and Reese of Turkey, Donnie and Judy Cruse and Reagan Cruse of Flomot.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay accompanied granddaughter, Ryleigh Carson of Turkey to Lubbock Saturday where she did tumbling acts and feats on the trampoline in the Upside Downers Invitational Gymnastic Meet.

Lynn and Judy Stark of Brady visited overnight last Sunday with Kathy and Clois Shorter after attending the funeral services of M.C. Jones Sunday afternoon.

Wilburn Martin visited the weekend in Borger with daughter and husband, Marilee and Fred Cooper. They visited Saturday afternoon in Amarillo with Carol and Kendra Cooper.

Mrs. Geneva Martin is having chemo treatments once a week in Lubbock. Her daughter and husband, Kathy and Clois Shorter are accompanying her there.

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## School Menu



**Thursday, March 6**  
Breakfast: Biscuit, sausage, gravy, or cereal, toast, juice, milk.  
Lunch: Popcorn chicken, mac/cheese, salad, toast, sliced peaches, milk.

**Friday, March 7**  
Breakfast: Cereal, toast, sliced pears, milk.  
Lunch: Hamburger/cheese, lettuce, tomato, pickle slices, vanilla wafers, fruit, milk.

**Monday, March 10**  
Breakfast: Waffle, sausage, or cereal, toast, juice, milk.  
Lunch: Bean/beef burrito, Mexican beans, salad, tortilla chips, applesauce, milk.

**Tuesday, March 11**  
Breakfast: Cereal, toast, applesauce, milk.  
Lunch: Chicken patty/bun, lettuce, tomato, pickle slices, french fries, brownie, milk.

**Wednesday, March 12**  
Breakfast: Breakfast bagel, or cereal, toast, sliced pears, milk.  
Lunch: Spaghetti/meat sauce, cheese sticks, salad, jello, milk.

**Easter has arrived at Matador Variety**  
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## County Agent's News



by Ryan Martin, Extension Agent

### The reemergence of dengue in south Texas

by Mark M. Johnsen Ph.D.

Unbeknownst to most Texans a major disease, responsible for 200,000 human deaths annually, is cycling across the border in northern Mexico. This infectious disease, goes by several names including break bone fever, dandy fever, and the seven day fever, but is most commonly known as dengue fever. This virus has resulted in several outbreaks in south Texas since its reemergence in 1980 with the latest occurring in Cameron County in 2005. The 2005 outbreak consisted of 24 confirmed cases of dengue fever and one case of dengue hemorrhagic fever in Texas (the first locally acquired case in the United States) and 1,251 cases of dengue fever and 223 cases of dengue hemorrhagic fever in northern Mexico.

Dengue is an arbovirus (arthropod-borne virus) that is transmitted between humans by the bite of an infected mosquito. The primary vectors of this virus are Aedes aegypti (yellow fever mosquito) and Ae. albopictus (Asian tiger mosquito) which both prefer artificial containers (bird baths, flower pots, etc.) for oviposition (egg laying) and larval development. These mosquito species are the primary backyard species in Texas and will actively feed during the day.

The dengue virus can manifest itself in two distinct clinical forms known as classic dengue fever and dengue hemorrhagic fever. Symptom of classic dengue fever include headache, rash, joint and muscle pain, high fever, and vomiting. Dengue hemorrhagic fever is the more severe form of the disease and is classified by fever, blotchy rash, bleeding from the

mouth or nose, shock, respiratory problems, and high mortality (death) in patients suffering from this form of the disease.

There is currently no vaccine for the dengue virus and treatment is limited to treating the various secondary symptoms caused by the pathogen. The best defense against this disease is to practice the four "Ds" of

mosquito control. These include:

- Drain - dump, clean, or cover all containers that can hold water for over three days
- Dusk and Dawn - avoid periods of peak mosquito activity
- Dress - wear light colored, long sleeved shirts and pants
- DEET - use mosquito repellents during outside activities

### Cotton Variety and Technology Seminar

United Agri Products and Texas AgriLife Extension will be hosting a Cotton Seed Variety and Technology meeting March 7 in the Library Annex Building. Speakers will include area representatives from Bayer Crop Science (FiberMax), Delta and Pine Land Company and UAP - Dyna Grow. The program will start at 11:00am. A barbecue lunch will be served catered by Main Street Cafe. 3 continued education units will be offered. Make plans to attend this meeting to discuss new cottonseed varieties and technology. Remember, 11:00 am at the Library Annex building.

### Wind Energy Update

It's been awhile since I've passed on any updates on the wind energy in Motley County. There have been some new developments in the wind

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## Matador News

Olon F. "Pete" Williams had major surgery Wednesday, February 27, at the Covenant Lakeside Hospital in Lubbock. At newstime, he was still in ICU, but is reported to be improving.

Mrs. Myrna Stephens and son and family, Mr. and Mrs. James Hollis Stephens of Roaring Springs attended the funeral of Kenneth Dunning held in Plainview, Wednesday, February 27.

Mrs. Robert Pritchett nee Juanita Green of Flint is under kidney dialysis treatment in Tyler.

Attending the funeral services of Kenneth Dunning in Plainview Wednesday were Mr. and Mrs. H.R. "Skeet" Jameson. Following the services, they and Mr. and Mrs. Billy "Doc" Cross of Plainview visited Mrs. Nora Belle Dunning at the Prairie House Nursing Home. They also visited in Tulia with Mrs. Katherine Stephens, a patient at the Swisher Memorial Hospital and her visitors, daughter and husband, Virginia and Dyrle Maples of Canyon.

Lance Jameson of Vernon visited Saturday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H.R. "Skeet" Jameson.

Mrs. Rhonda Norrell is a patient at the Covenant Medical

Center in Lubbock. She had surgery Friday and additional surgery Sunday morning. She is listed in critical condition. Her husband, Mike Norrell, and mother, Mrs. Myrna Stephens, are at her bedside.

Carol and Lucretia Campbell traveled to Albuquerque, NM on Friday, February 29, to attend the services of Dr. James Parra, 49, Shiprock, NM, who died of an apparent heart attack. Dr. Parra was a prominent surgeon who worked for the Navajo Indian Reservation. A Celebration of Life ceremony was held Saturday at Our Lady of Sorrows in Bernalillo, NM.

A reception was held for family and friends in the family pottery business, Rose's Pottery Barn. The famous Range Restaurant in Bernalillo, visited by former President Bill Clinton, catered a full buffet to about 100 guests. Rose's Pottery Barn is a family-owned business that was first founded as a trading post by the great-great grandparents of the late Dr. Parra.

Dr. Parra was the brother of Mark Parra, husband of Lucretia's granddaughter Charyn Cullen Parra, of San Diego. Also attending was her great granddaughter, Callen Parra, who wrote and read a poem at the service dedicated to her uncle Jim.

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## Students celebrate Dr. Seuss's Birthday with guest readers

On Friday, February 29, students at Motley County Elementary celebrated the birthday of Dr. Seuss, the famous writer of children's books.

Students in pre-kindergarten through 5th grade were allowed to wear pajamas to school. They breakfasted on green eggs and bacon (as close as the cafeteria staff could get to the proverbial "ham" in the children's story.) After lunch, the classes had

guest readers to read stories in Dr. Seuss's books.

Kay Bingham read to the pre-kindergarten students; Judy Cooper read to the kindergarten students; and Kathy Gillespie read to the first grade class.

Linda Roy read to the second grade; and Marilyn Hicks read to the fourth and fifth grades.

After the readings, Mary Ann Potts, as a representative of the Parent Club, provided birthday cake for everyone.



**ELEMENTARY STUDENTS CELEBRATE** the birthday of Dr. Seuss wearing their pajamas, eating a special breakfast of "green eggs" and bacon, and enjoying Dr. Seuss stories read by guest readers. Pictured (left to right) are: Lexy Gullede, Macie Marshall, Thalia Mendoza, Cassidy Turner, Gabby Silva, Kaylee Woolsey, and Hannah Mason. Two other students in attendance were Mattie Brooks and Meagan Ford.

## PIPs awarded tee-shirts for completing ball handling drills

Six 5th graders received a camouflaged tee-shirt for completing 40 points in Basic Training for the PIP's basketball team.

Their names and date of completion were printed on the sleeves for the 2007-2008 season.

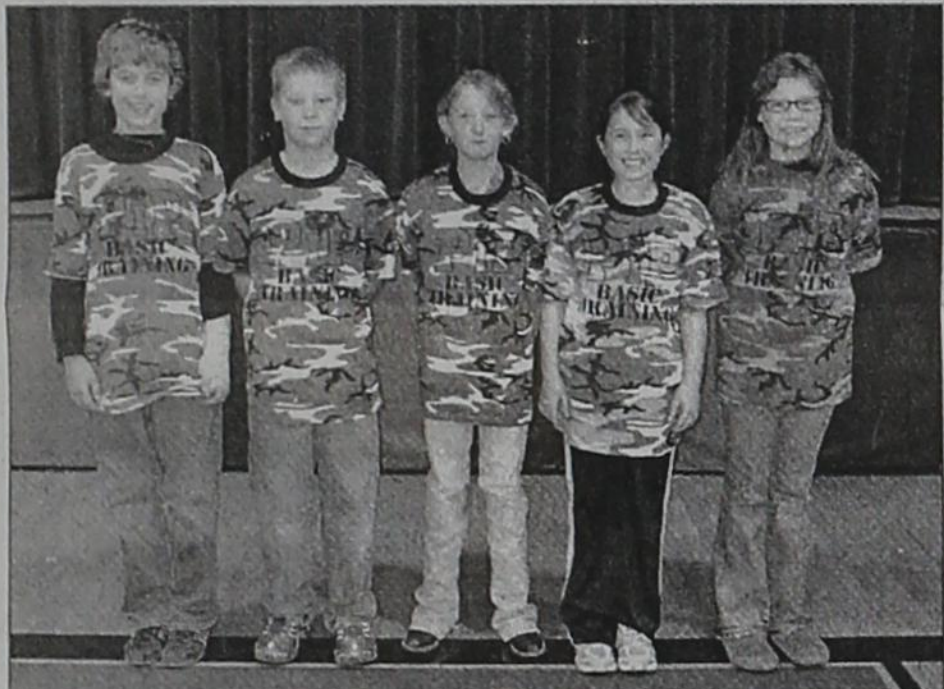
The students have to complete the Basic Ball Handling drills with strict criteria to move on to Advanced Ball Handling Skills.

"We have had several that were close to completion and

they can pick up where they left off next season," Coach Lacey Rankin said, "congratulations to these six 5th graders."

The six students completing the basic drills were: Hayden Davey, Braden Bigham, Shelby Elliott, Meagan Ford, Cassidy Turner, and Seth Baxter.

In addition to Rankin, coaches for the PIP's team were: Danika Jameson, Cathey Turner, Denise Ford, Brittany Moore, and Lauren Drum.



**PIPs COMPLETE BASIC TRAINING** and earned tee-shirts for completing a program of ball handling drills. Pictured (left to right) are: Hayden Davey, Braden Bigham, Shelby Elliott, Meagan Ford, Cassidy Turner. Not pictured but completing basic training is Seth Baxter.

## Notes from the Library by Buffy Crutchley

Well, I survived my first ever book discussion!!! I actually had a lot of fun. There was only one person out of the seven participants that did not care for the book, but I was definitely expecting a lot more! I've never been a part of anything like this before, so it was very interesting. I find it fascinating that you can put seven people in a room together, all of whom read the same book. Then you begin discussing it, and you can truly see the power of the imagination. Parts of the book that were most memorable to me were parts that others didn't remember. And vice versa. It really was very interesting!

And don't forget, we've already decided our next book that we will be discussing is "A Buffalo In The House" by R.D. Rosen. It's a true story about an ancestor of Charles Goodnight who adopts an orphaned buffalo of her own. We haven't set a date for this yet, but you can never start too early.

I want to extend another invitation to all of the writers out there! We're still going strong with our writing workshops every Friday at the Library. And this month we're going to be trying something special. March is Women's History month, so we will be focusing our writing on our individual history.

This is definitely a good chance to put some of your favorite memories to paper. I've already started, and can't wait to continue. So, we'd love to see you Fridays at Noon! And don't forget, you can bring a sack lunch if you want!

Just a reminder, we're still collecting our Friends of the Library Dues for 2008. If you haven't done this yet, stop by the library today!

## Senior Citizens Menu

**Monday, March 10:** Sausage on bun, tator tots, carrots, baked apples.  
**Tuesday, March 11:** Chicken quesadillas, Spanish rice, stewed okra & tomatoes, tossed salad, peaches.  
**Friday, March 7:** Pork roast, mashed potatoes, mixed veggies, coleslaw, biscuit, mixed fruit.

**Wednesday, March 12:** Beef tostada, boracho beans, Mexican rice, ambrosia fruit salad, cornbread.

## Wedding Announcement

Tommy and Kate Hurt are proud to announce the marriage of their son Tommy Hurt to Angelcia Tarango in a private civil ceremony on February 13, 2008. The ceremony was performed by the Honorable Ed D. Smith.

A small reception was held in the Commissioner's Courtroom following the ceremony.

The table was decorated with a vase of red roses with lavender accents, laid with a white hand embroidered tablecloth. The family heirloom tablecloth was handmade by Tommy's great aunt Myra Spears. The wedding cake was furnished by Brenda Osborn. Guests included employees of the courthouse.

The couple and their family will make their home in Levelland.



## Chamber News & Views By Marie-Louise Liebe-Harkort

Consider:

We have all heard the saying, which is true as well as witty, That a website is a gem that was designed by a committee. --With thanks to Allan Sherma \*\*\*\*\*

Well, maybe not all websites are gems in the rough, but that sure applies to the website of the Motley County Chamber of Commerce.

You haven't seen it? Well, go to [www.motleycounty-chamber.org](http://www.motleycounty-chamber.org), and have a look. It was originally designed by Dumont Darsey, but he has not had a hand in its development for quite some time now. Bits and pieces have been added, changes have been made, updates were necessary, but it is still there.

Among other features, there are listings of upcoming events for the year, of important historical sites around the county, of the schedules of the different churches. Information about the businesses in the county is there, since free advertising for members of the Chamber of Commerce is one of the benefits of membership. And of course there is contact information about hunting opportunities and leases offered in the county.

The most recent newsletter is linked from the homepage, and there is more for you to find.

People from all over the world have found the site, and have not only commented on it, they have made links to it on their own sites.

This is all very complementary, but an honest appraisal brings to light the fact that a lot of work will be necessary to turn it in to a thing of beauty.

This is where your help would be appreciated.

What changes do you think should be made? What do you think could well be done differently? What should be added to make it more useful for you?

After all, the site is not only there for people from all over the world, it is first and foremost there for you. So what would have to happen for it to be more useful for you?

Any and all suggestions will be appreciated. Website construction is not all that simple, and it may be that not all of your suggestions can be implemented, but maybe something similar could be achieved. So send an E-Mail to the Chamber with your thoughts. The E-Mail address is [motcocm@caprock-spur.com](mailto:motcocm@caprock-spur.com).

## Class of 1960 attends services of classmate

Eleven members of the class of 1960 attended funeral services of their classmate, James "Butch" Renfro, on Thursday, February 28.

The group sat together in honor of their classmate. They met afterwards in the home of Carolyn Pohl Limmer for coffee and visiting.

Members in attendance out of the graduation class of 1960 were: Carolyn Pohl Limmer, Kay Rattan Bailey, Deanie Lynn Edwards, Tom Edwards, Ed D. Smith, Harry Hamilton, Robin Darsey, Pete Chambliss, Billy Crenshaw, and Dahl Clower. Another classmate, Bundy Hal Campbell was a pallbearer.

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**PROJECT: Phase 1: Restoration of the 1891 Motley County Jail, Main St. and FM 94, Matador, TX**

**CONSTRUCTION MANAGER:** Ed. D. Smith, County Judge, Motley County Courthouse, Matador, Texas 79244, 806-347-2334.  
**ARCHITECT:** Hubert Welch Jr., Architect, 402 Cedar St., suite 210, Abilene, TX 79601, 325-677-2528.

**GENERAL SCOPE OF WORK:** The Bid Packages for the Phase I Restoration of the 1891 Motley County Jail are as follows: Package 1: **ROOFING**. Package 2: **MASONRY RESTORATION**. Package 3: **WINDOW RESTORATION**. Package 4: **GENERAL CONSTRUCTION**.

**TYPES OF PROPOSALS:** Bids on each of the individual Bid Packages shall be submitted on the Bid Form found in the Project Manual. Bidders submitting bids on more than one of the packages shall submit a separate Bid Form for each package on which they are bidding.

**EXAMINING AND OBTAINING BID DOCUMENTS:** Bidding Documents may be examined at the County Judge's Office or the Office of the Architect during normal business hours. Sets of the Bidding Documents may be obtained from the office of the County Judge for the non-refundable sum of \$25.00 per set. No partial sets will be issued.

**PLACE AND TIME FOR RECEIPT OF BIDS:** Sealed Bid Forms will be received at the County Judge's Office, Motley County Courthouse, 701 Main and Dundee, Matador, Texas, until 5:00 p.m. Thursday, March 20, 2008. Bids will be opened and read aloud at that time. Consideration of Bids and Award of Contracts will be made by the Motley County Judge. Telephone and FAX bids WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

**MODIFICATION AND WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS:** Bids may be withdrawn or changed any time prior to the bid opening. Bids may not be withdrawn or changed any time after the Bid Opening.

**TAX EXEMPTION:** The owner is exempt from State and City Sales Taxes, and such taxes shall not be included in the Bid.

**AGREEMENT FORM:** Owner/Contractor agreements will be written on AIA Document A107-1997, Abbreviated Standard Form of Agreement between Owner and Contractor for Construction Projects of Limited Scope and where the basis of payment is a Stipulated Sum.

**BID SECURITY:** None required.

**BONDS:** For contract amounts exceeding \$25,000, Performance Bond and Payment Bond in an amount equal to 100% of the contract Sum in accordance with the General and Supplementary Conditions will be required.

**INSURANCE:** Shall be furnished in accordance with the General and Supplementary Conditions.

**QUALIFICATIONS OF BIDDERS:** All Bids shall be accompanied by a fully completed Qualifications Statement as found in the Bid Packages. Owner may conduct such investigations as deemed necessary to establish the responsibility, qualifications, and financial ability of the Bidder, proposed sub-contractors, and other persons and organizations to do the work. Owner reserves the right to reject the Bid and/or Bidder who does not meet any such evaluation to Owners satisfaction.

**REJECTION OF BIDS & AWARD OF CONTRACTS:** The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids. The Owner also reserves the right to award a contract within thirty (30) days following the opening of bids. No bids may be withdrawn during this time. The Owner reserves the option of deferring acceptance of any Alternate Bid item for 30 days from the date contracts are signed.

**STATEMENT ON TIME OF COMPLETION:** Time of Completion is of prime importance to the Contract. The Contractor and his various Sub-Contractors shall be responsible to full staff the work as required to complete the work with the time identified by the Bidder on the Bid Form.

**END OF INVITATION TO BID**

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**TRAIL DUST**



By DOUGLAS MEADOR  
Matador Tribune  
May 22, 1952

Drifting argosies of white clouds were dragging their shadow anchors over the rolling prairie where sleek cattle grazed at the lush grass. At intervals little waves of cool air pushed the heat aside and brushed the cowboy's moist face. His horse, lathering at the shoulders, progressed steadily and with sure footed caution, sought his way down the steep hillside. A stream of clear water flowed between sandricks in the canyon. The rider stepped from his saddle, fell on his stomach and drank beside his horse, then he washed his hands, and face. The canyon bed was broad with many shoals where wild plums glistened red in the sunlight. The cowboy ate the sweet fruit while his horse grazed at clumps of abundant grass. Presently the man stopped and gazed at an imprint in the soft sand. It was a child's barefoot track. He looked farther and saw the tracks of adults, and where the rims of wagon tires had blazed a trail. Nester. Here was the symbol; the pattern of the future. He gathered more plums and collected them in his hat, then rode away. Some of the emptiness had gone out of the land; children had left their footprints in the soil.

**THANK YOU**

The family of M.C. "Salty" Jones expresses sincere appreciation to all the ladies of Flomot and surrounding communities for graciously providing a wonderful meal for our family and friends following the memorial service of our father on February 24 at the Flomot Community Center. Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness and generosity. Please accept this expression of our gratitude in the absence of the food list.

**RETRO NEWS**

**BUSINESS MEN OF ROARING SPRINGS ORGANIZE CLUB**  
Matador Tribune  
March 14, 1946

Business men of Roaring Springs met in the Hotel dining room on March 6 for the purpose of perfecting organization of the "Business Men's Luncheon Club." After a delicious meal was served, Henry Teague served as chairman. Committees were named to develop the following projects and give a full report at the next meeting: Locate the Roaring Springs clay deposit and preserve samples; figure the cost of construction of a new building for the fire truck; mapping and chartering farm to market roads; and preparing a charter for the new organization.

**THANK YOU**

Our family would like to thank everyone for all you have done during this difficult time. We have received beautiful flowers and plants as well as wonderful food. We would like to thank the ladies of the First Baptist Church for the wonderful lunch before the services and Nathan, Mike and Pat of Seigler Funeral Home for making this time a little easier. We would also like to thank Matt Crawford for his support and kind words. There were so many family and friends who traveled to be with us during our time of mourning and for that we will always be grateful. Most of all, we would like to thank you for your help and prayers during Butch's illness and the prayers for our family as we part with a husband, father, and grandfather. Although it is hard to let go, he is now at peace. We are very blessed to have such wonderful family and friends.

God bless you.

Love,  
The Renfro Family

**Obituaries**

**Kenneth Wayne Dunning**

Funeral services for Kenneth Wayne Dunning were February 27, 2008, in the Wood Dunning Funeral Home Colonial Chapel, Plainview. Burial was in Plainview Memorial Park. Mr. Dunning was born May 17, 1934, in Whiteflat to Bill and Nora Belle Dunning. He died Sunday, February 24, 2008, at Covenant Specialty Hospital in Lubbock. He graduated from Matador High School in 1952 and attended West Texas State University on a football scholarship. He was a graduate of the Dallas Institute of Mortuary Science. In 1963, with Blake Wood, he established Wood-Dunning Funeral Home, Inc., and then purchased Wallace Funeral Home in Tulia. He married Virginia Russell on May 14, 1955, in Plainview. He served as President of the Panhandle Funeral Directors Association, Board of the Texas Fu-

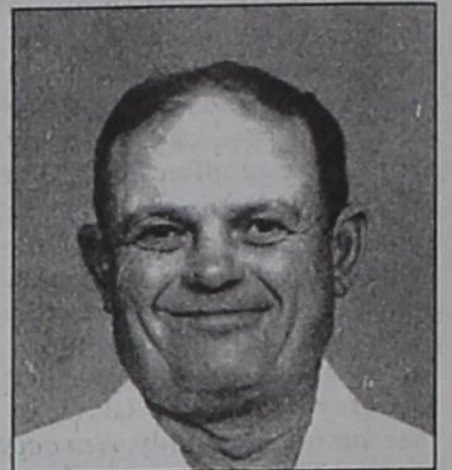
neral Directors, District Lt. Governor, Optimist International, President of the PHS Band Parents Association; and Plainview Bass Club. He enjoyed fishing, golf and his grandsons. He is survived by his wife, Virginia; daughters and sons-in-law, Elizabeth and Paul Fowler of Lubbock, Nancy and Victor Stuyker of Plainview, Kay and Matt Bostelman of Cedar Park; son and daughter-in-law, D. Wayne and Jenette Dunning of Plainview; grandsons, Brendan Wayne Dunning and Tyler Don Dunning; mother, Nora Belle Dunning of Plainview; and sister, Raynita and Dr. C.H. Murphy Jr. of LaRue. He is preceded in death by his father, Bill Dunning, and mother-in-law, Debra "Sis" Abel. Memorials may be made to The Children's Home of Lubbock or your favorite charity.

**Carolyn Kay Brooks Fletcher**

Carolyn Kay Fletcher, 69, of Roaring Springs died Tuesday February 26, 2008, at the University Medical Center in Lubbock. She was born July 28, 1938, in Roaring Springs, Texas, to Milton and Modean Brooks. She lived in Roaring Springs and was married to Bobbie Fletcher, Jr. They were married May 14, 2000, and were members of the First Baptist Church in Roaring Springs. Her two passions in life were God and her family. She is survived by her mother, Modean Brooks, Matador; her husband, Bobbie Fletcher, Roaring Springs; sons, Steven Byrd of Roaring Springs, Ross and wife Robbie Byrd of Perrin, Texas, Kenny and wife Lanice Byrd of Henderson, Texas, Payton Fletcher of Irving,

Texas, and daughter Dawn Fletcher of Lake Elsonora, Ca. She is also survived by her sister Janice "PeeWee" Perryman of Roaring Springs, and brothers Stanley and wife LaCinda Brooks of Spicewood, Texas; Keith and wife Debbie Brooks of Newton, Texas; Mickey and wife Jill Brooks of Cleburne, Texas, and Timmy and wife Tina Brooks of Roaring Springs; 15 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her father Milton Brooks and brother, Bill Brooks. A memorial service was held Friday, February 29, 2008, at the First Baptist Church in Roaring Springs, Texas. In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made in her name to the City Cemetery Association, Roaring Springs.

**James 'Butch' Renfro**



Funeral Services for James 'Butch' Renfro, 66, of Matador were held at 2:00 pm on Thursday, February 28, 2008 at the First Baptist Church in Matador with Rev. Matt Crawford, pastor, officiating. Interment followed in the East Mound Cemetery at Matador under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home of Matador. Mr. Renfro died on Tuesday February, 26, 2008 in Amarillo. Butch was born Sept. 19, 1941 to James H. "Red" and Zola Mae Renfro in Matador. He was a lifelong resident of Matador graduating with the Class of 1960. He married Judy Hart on December 22, 1962. He is survived by his wife, Judy, of Matador; two daughters, Renee Mzyk and husband Frank of Flower Mound, Texas and Rachelle Davis of Turkey, Texas; four grandchildren, Madison and Morgan Mzyk, and Bryer and Reagan Davis; one brother, Charles Renfro and wife Mary

of Matador, and his brother-in-law, Buddy Hart of Lubbock. Pallbearers were Van Frances, Rob Frances, Bundy, Hal Campbell, Kenny Barton, Don Baxter, Ronnie Davis, Frank Mzyk, and Brody Davis. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the East Mound Cemetery, Hackberry Creek Care Center or the Motley County Senior Citizens. These donations can be sent in care of the Matador Branch Bank P.O. Box 60 Matador, TX 79244.

**Lowell Troy Powell**

Lowell Troy Powell, 85, a lifetime Paducah resident passed away Wednesday Feb 27, 2008 at a Denton, TX hospital. Funeral services were 9:00 am, Friday, February 29 at the First Baptist Church of Paducah with Pastor Roy Keith officiating. Interment with military honos followed at the Paducah Garden of Memories Cemetery under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home. Lowell was born March 15, 1922 to John and Dovie Mae Powell in Paducah, TX. In 1942 he married Pauline Tobias in Paducah. Together they raised their family and owned and operated Powell Grain Elevator in Paducah for 20 years and I owned and operated Powell Trucking for 55 years. Lowell was a member of the First Baptist Church

and a dedicated family man. He loved to eat, visit and take care of his family and friends. He is preceded in death by his parents, seven brothers, one sister and his wife of 64 years, Pauline Powell. Lowell is survived by three sons and their wives, Troy and Rita Powell of Paducah, Doug and Helen Powell of Childress, and Tim and Karla Powell of Kaufman, Texas; two daughters and their husbands, Jeanette Sanford and Randy Hackney of Springtown, and Glenda and Mark Stewart of Carrollton, Texas; two sisters and brothers-in-laws, Beverly and Bill Simmons of Fort Worth, and Madiva and Billy Bagwell of Plains, Texas; 14 grandchildren, eight great grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews.

**Coleen Taylor**

Coleen Taylor, 80, of Quitaque died Monday, Feb 25, 2008. Memorial services were at 1:00 p.m. Thursday at the First United Methodist Church of Quitaque with Rev. Dr. Jim F. Taylor of San Antonio officiating and Mark Barefield of Corsicana assisting. Services were under the direction of Myers-Chancellor Funeral Home. Coleen is survived by an aunt, Grace Martin of Littlefield, her four children: Walter Wayne and wife Kathy of Quitaque, Lynnette and husband Phil Barefield of Quitaque, Glen Tay-

lor of Hamilton, and Anna Jean and husband Fred Oglesby of Del Norte, Colorado. She is also survived by eight grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren. Coleen was preceded in death by her parents, John and Thetis Rogers; her husband, Walter; her brother, J. T. Rogers, Jr.; her sister, Cleota Burns; and a daughter-in-law, Juanita "Cissy" Taylor. The family suggests memorials be to First United Methodist Church, PO Box 428, Quitaque, Texas 79255, or Grey Mule Cemetery Association, PO Box 337, Quitaque, Texas 79255.



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**Death Notice**  
Dr. Delbert E Stone Jr., the son of the late Delbert E. Stone and grandson of the late C. B. and Allie Glenn of Roaring Springs, and the late Elzie and Liza Stone of Matador, died on February 17 in Nashville. He is survived by his mother, Martha Glenn Stone of Lubbock, and son Nicholas Stone of Cookeville, Tn.

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**Andrew Estel "Buster" Mize**  
Funeral services for Estel "Buster" Mize, 83, of Abilene, former Matador resident, was held January 8, 2008, at the Elliott-Hamel Chapel of Faith in Abilene. He was born September 3, 1925, and died January 3, 2008. He graduated from Matador High School in 1943; and served in the U.S. Marines in World War II. His wife, Betty Ruth Mize, died February 12. He is survived by his two daughters, Sharon Mize of Abilene and Patricia Falke of Austin; one brother, Amos Mize, 4421 Ridgecrest Circle, Amarillo, TX 79109; and two grandchildren.

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# ACTRESS RECEIVES AWARD

Blair Thacker Wilson of Lubbock and formerly of Roaring Springs, recently received an award from the Garza Theatre in Post for Best Supporting Actress of the 2007 season. The award was presented for Wilson's role as Fay McFay in the comedy *Faith County*, directed by Jay Young. The actress will reprise this role in a sequel, *An Evening of Culture*, at the Garza Theatre in September, 2008.

Wilson was also nominated for Best Actress for her portrayal of Mary Clark in the historic comedy *Harvey Girls*. That production drew the highest attendance for the season during its seven performances in September, 2007.

The actress has appeared at the Garza in several roles and was nominated for Best Actress in 2001 for her part in *Night of January 16th*. She



has also performed with the Lubbock Community Theater. A 1999 graduate of Motley County High School, Wilson attended Texas Tech and opened a hair salon, Terra Bella, in Lubbock in 2006. She is married to Brad Wilson and is the daughter of Jeff and Pam Thacker of Roaring Springs.

# Summer basketball camp set; all skill levels eligible

Applications are now being evaluated for the Ten Star All Star Summer Basketball Camp. The Ten Star All Star Summer Basketball Camp is by invitation only. Boys and girls ages 10-19 are eligible to apply.

Past participants include: Michael Jordan, Tim Duncan, Vince Carter, Jerry Stackhouse, Grant Hill and Antawn Jamison. Players from 50 states and 10 foreign countries attended the 2007 Camp. College basketball scholarships are possible for players selected to the All-American Team.

Camp locations include: Commerce, Texas, Prescott, AZ, Thousand Oaks, CA, Babson Park, FL, Gainesville, GA, Champaign, IL, Glassboro, NJ, Lebanon, TN, and Blacksburg, VA.

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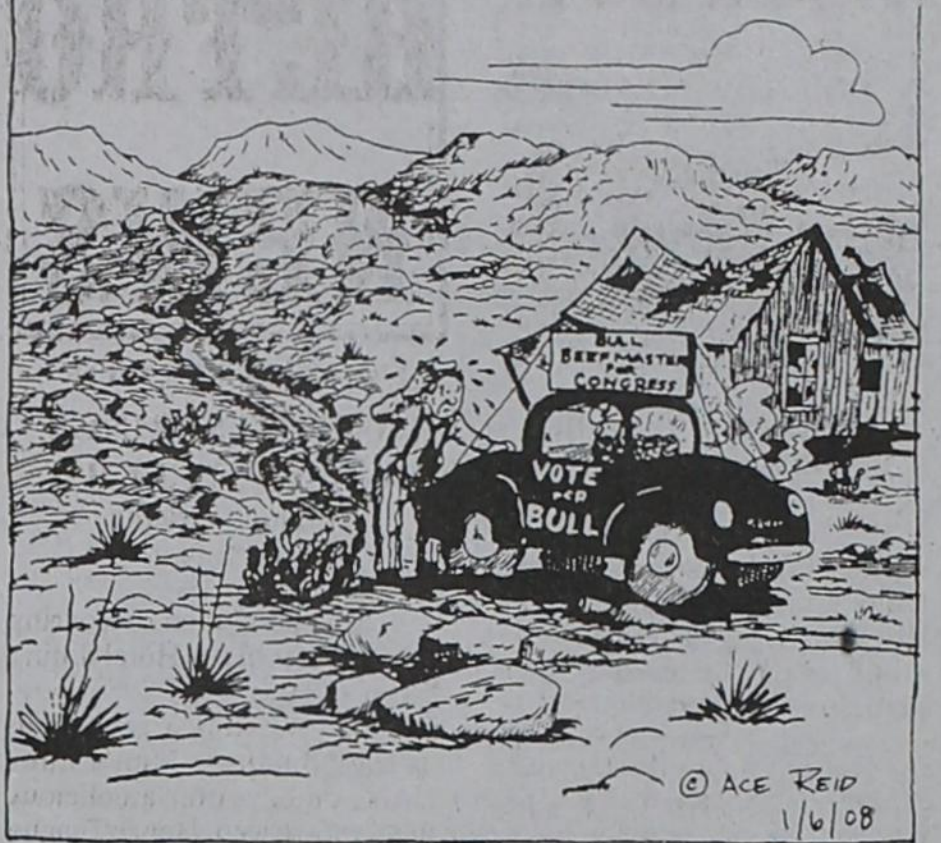
# County Agent's News

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industry, but very few. There are still a few companies leasing land in the county, but only on a small scale. It seems like every week a new company calls or comes by stating they are "interested" in Motley County, but nothing transpires. The reason companies have slowed down on leasing and new companies don't invest in Motley County is everyone is waiting on the Public Utility Commission's ruling on the CREZ's and transmission lines. Another reason is the lack of a Production Tax Credit beyond 2008. If the government fails to pass a tax credit for renewable energy sources, development of wind farms will dissipate as they did in the 80's. Lack of a production tax credit in the 80's is the reasoning the U.S. is behind on development of alternative

# COW POKES

By Ace Reid



"Don't complain, Bull. That's the road you promised last election."

# The Healing Cotton

Cotton is ideal for dressings because it's soft, pliable, and a ready substrate for locking in health-promoting compounds. It also, as Edwards sees it, opens the door to the possibility of high-tech military clothing that could halt blood loss in a hemorrhaging event-providing protection that could prove as vital as anybody armor.

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And by using digital imaging analysis, he and colleagues are gauging their progress, observing how well the materials perform when splattered with actual blood droplets. High-speed images are snapped, allowing the scientists to watch in slow motion as the modified cotton gauze helps red blood cells aggregate on the spot. Like hospital bedsheets, though, any chemically amended clothing item would need to stand up to the rigors of wear and tear and multiple launderings. And, as for his hopes to develop bedsheets that can actually prevent chronic wounds, the hurdles are great too-especially given the

many complex factors involved in the wounds' formation. But Edwards isn't discouraged. He recently met with researchers at the U.S. Army Soldier Systems Center in Natick, Massachusetts, to discuss his hemostatic technologies. He stays motivated by the possibility that one day, bacteria-fighting, blood-stopping textiles made from cotton might save a life.

J. Vincent Edwards is in the USDA-ARS Cotton Chemistry and Utilization Research Unit, Southern Regional Research Center, 1100 Robert E. Lee Blvd., New Orleans, LA 70124; phone (504) 286-4360, fax (504) 286-4390.

energy sources. Statements have been made over the past several weeks to contact your Senators and Representatives regarding the production tax credit. If you want to see wind development continue in Motley County, I would urge you to contact these people in regards to extending a tax credit. The old saying "the squeaky wheel gets the grease" holds true here.

As for the PUC's rulings on the CREZ's and transmission lines, we can only wait to see what will happen. It is believed by several that our area is still in good shape as far as receiving new transmission lines, but the capacity of these lines will dictate how much wind development we see in our area.

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Wednesday Evening 7:00
- Assembly Of God**  
910 Bundy, Matador  
Sunday  
School 10:00, Worship 10:50, Evening 6:00  
Wednesday Evening 6:00
- Macedonia Baptist Church**  
230 Hunter, Matador  
Sunday  
School 9:45, Worship 11:00
- Flomot Baptist Church**  
Flomot, Tx  
Sunday  
School 10:00, Worship 11:00, Evening 6:30
- Flomot Church of Christ**  
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Sunday  
Worship 10:30  
Wednesday Evening 7:00
- Roaring Springs Full Gospel Church**  
603 2nd St., Roaring Springs  
Sunday  
School 9:30, Worship 10:30, Evening 6:00  
Wednesday Evening 7:00
- First United Methodist Church**  
Downtown on Broadway, Roaring Springs  
Sunday, 9:30
- Roaring Springs First Baptist Church**  
310 Broadway  
Sunday  
School 9:30, Worship 10:45, Evening 6:00  
Wednesday Evening 6:00
- Church of Christ**  
3rd & Walnut, Roaring Springs  
Sunday  
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- Matador First Baptist Church**  
1401 Main  
Sunday  
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Wednesday Evening 7:00
- Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church**  
701 Bundy, Matador  
Sunday  
Mass 9:45

**PROBLEMS WORRY - AND LIFE**

Life has its ups and downs. Things do not always come up "rosy." At times there are burdens to be borne. Job 14:1 says a lot -- "Man who is born of woman is of few days and full of trouble." So what are we to do? Throw up our hands and quit?

**NO!!** Read the following "shalt not" list. It contains a lot of wisdom. Read with discernment:

- <Thou shalt not worry, for worry is the most unproductive human activity.
- <Thou shalt not be fearful, for most things we fear never come to pass.
- <Thou shalt not cross bridges before you come to them -- for no one has yet succeeded in doing this.
- <Thou shalt face each problem as it comes -- you can only handle one at a time anyway.
- <Thou shalt not take problems to bed with you -- they make you very poor bedfellows.
- <Thou shalt not borrow other people's problems, they can better care for them than you.
- <Thou shalt not try to relive yesterday for good or ill: it is forever gone.
- <Thou shalt not become bogged down by frustration for 90% of it is rooted in self-pity and will interfere with positive actions.
- <Thou shalt count thy blessings, never overlooking the small ones -- a lot of small blessings add up to a very big one, indeed.

Did you -- read with discernment? You didn't!! Then go back and read them again. Jesus gave the sage advice, "Therefore do not worry about tomorrow for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble." Matthew 6:34. And always remember Paul's solution to life, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Phillipians 4:13. We can do the same -- and God will bless us in the doing. (Carol Sites, Higden, AR)

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**March**

- 6 RS Lions, Hitchin' Post, 11:30
- 6 MC JH Track @ Silverton,
- 7 Writing Workshop, Library, noon
- 7 MC Track, Silverton, 3:30
- 8 Writing Workshop, Roaring Springs, 10am
- 10 Commissioners' Court, 9:30am Courthouse
- 10 RS City Council, City Hall, 6:30pm
- 10 MCHS Girls Golf, Tahoka
- 11 RS Volunteers, Community Center, 7pm
- 11 FCA, Matador First Baptist Church, 6:30
- 12 Ladies Golf Meeting, Library, 5pm
- 12 4-H Meeting 5-5:30, Courtroom
- 12 MCHS Boys Golf, Tahoka
- 13 Matador City Council Public Hearing, 6:15
- 13 MC JH Track, Jayton
- 14 MC HS Track, jayton
- 15-22 MCISD Spring Break
- 17-21 Houston Stock Show
- 18 Matador Lions, Methodist Church, 12:30
- 19 Historical Comm Meeting, Library, 10am
- 20 MC Appraisal Board, Courthouse, 6:30
- 24 MCISD School Board Meeting, 6pm
- 24 MCHS Track, Lorenzo, TBA
- 25 MCHS Girls Golf, Roaring Springs
- 26 MCHS Boys Golf, Roaring Springs
- 27 Matador Eastern Star, 6:30pm
- 27 MC JH Track, Aspermont
- 28 Cheerleading Tryouts
- 31 District Tennis, Lubbock Tennis Center

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