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## City Council approves lease-purchase

By Carol Campbell

The Matador City Council met at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, May 9, 2013, at City Hall to consider the purchase of a new loader, to discuss the feasibility of providing sewer services to residents in southwest Matador; to discuss a message from County Judge Jim Meador on the county bathrooms, and to discuss employee applications.

In the first order of business, City Superintendent Steve Barton announced that the city motorgrader was repaired. Further, while manholes were paved over in the recent highway construction project, he said, the city will have to "dig out and patch." Also, there were no additional problems with plugging the lines under the bridge by the old jail. "All work on the water drains was successful," he announced.

Mayor Pat Smith announced that KSA Engineers had looked at 12 to 13 homes in southwest Matador (south of Bob's Oil Well and west of State Highway 70) for the feasibility of providing sewer services. "No doubt," Smith said, "this has to be engineered." The city will have to apply for grants, Smith added. "It will take about one year to apply; and two years to get a \$250,000 grant. Everyone I talked to was 100 percent for it," Smith said.

The first step is obtaining a cost estimate. Additionally, engineers will be required to measure elevations and slopes; and decide where lift stations should be installed.

According to Mayor Pat Smith, County Judge Jim Meador said the county was not going to service the county bathrooms recently renovated by the City of Matador. Apparently after every downtown event, the toilets are stopped up causing overflow problems at the courthouse and back-ups in the facility. "It was our idea to have bathrooms for city functions," Councilman Bobby Klodginski said, "so we need to either clean out the pipes or lay a new line." Councilman Bobby Klodginski made a motion to obtain estimates from Kerr Plumbing and Drum Plumbing for repairs, seconded by Betty Roberts. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mayor Pat Smith asked for a discussion to share fines for citations issued within the city limits by the deputy and county sheriff. A motion was made by Councilman Alvin Alexander, seconded by Rodney Williams to contact the county regarding this proposition. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Phil Brewer, representing Yellowhouse Machinery Company, presented an American National Leas-

ing Company quote for the City of Matador for a five year lease-purchase for a 655K John Deere Crawler Loader. The total price of the loader is \$232,372.00 less a trade-in value of a 2005 CAT Crawler Loader at \$41,000 for an adjusted total of \$190,937.00. The annual payment will be \$29,868.66. At the end of the five years, there will be a repurchase guaranteed buy back of \$65,000, Brewer said.

Mayor Smith asked "If we have a problem and you need to work on the loader, will you charge us for mileage to come to Matador to fix it?" Brewer said there would be no charge for mileage. "We will get you something to use while we fix the loader, and it will be under warranty - that's part of the deal," he said.

Mayor Smith called for a vote and a discussion. Councilman Bobby Klodginski said he would like to have other quotes from other companies before approving this expense to the taxpayer. Brewer said that Yellowhouse Machinery is a member of a "buy-board" through the Texas Association of School Boards. "The buy-board program does all the necessary research to come up with a state contract price," he said, adding, "this eliminates the necessity of going out on bid, continued on page 2

## Commissioner's Court to examine cost of health insurance for elected officials and employees

By Carol Campbell

Commissioners' Court met in regular session at the county courthouse on Monday, May 13, 2013, with a 13-item agenda including a presentation by the county Extension Agent; and a discussion on hauling gravel and dirt for county residents.

In attendance were Commissioners Donnie Turner, David Stafford, Franklin Jameson, and Guy Campbell; and Judge Jim Meador. Also in attendance were County-District Clerk Kate Hurt, County Attorney Tom Edwards, and Sheriff Chris Spence.

Carol Campbell spoke in open forum, announcing her retirement from the newspaper and thanking the commissioner's court for their past support for the jail project. Minutes from the April meeting were read by Kate Hurt and

approved by unanimous vote.

In the first order of business, Extension Agent Ryan Martin reported to the court that he had been named to serve on the Motley-Dickens Old Settlers board and had been asked to speak to the court to request volunteer and monetary assistance for a "clean-up" initiative at the Old Settlers arena area on June 15, 2013.

"Roaring Springs Community Volunteers along with the Motley County 4-H Club members will paint the arena, tabernacle, and announcers stand," Martin said. No action was taken.

Martin also announced that this has been a "very busy year" taking youth from Motley County all across the state of Texas "at least two or three times," he said. Martin said that the National Extension

Agent meeting will be held this year in Pittsburg, PA, from September 14-21 and would cost about \$700.00 to attend. He said he was seeking outside help to help defray expenses, but wanted to give the court a "heads up" that his budget was going to be very tight in September. Ryan received the District 3 Achievement Award and will be eligible for a national award at this conference. Commissioner David Stafford thanked Martin for his work with the youth in this county. "Ryan is going way over and beyond," he said.

Judge Meador called for a discussion to consider imposing fees for hauling gravel and dirt for residents. Commissioner Franklin Jameson said there were some legal issues to consider when driving on private property. Also, hauling a "load or continued on page 2

## Summer Reading Program To kick off June 3 at the Library

The 2013 Summer Reading Program will kick off with a party and live music at the Motley County Library on Monday, June 3, beginning at 10 a.m. "DIG INTO READING" is the featured theme for this year's reading challenge. All kids of the area, ages 3 - 17, are invited and encouraged to attend. Registration forms will be distributed at the Motley County and Patton Springs' schools, but if your child does not receive a form or it has been misplaced, extra forms are available at the Library. Summer visitors are also invited to attend!

Programs will be held every Monday in June, the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. The morning session will be for kids, 3-12, and the afternoon session will be for kids 13 - 17. The morning session will feature entertainment, stories, crafts and refreshments. The afternoon session will feature a movie and refreshments for the older kids. Kids in the 13-17 division are also welcome to attend the morning session if they desire. For the first week kick-off party, all age divisions are encouraged to attend the morning session and join in the fun!

The first week will feature Parker Meredith, Conner Mason and Jonah

Meredith of local "Red Dirt Rebel" Band fame. The guys will pick and grin and sing a few songs to start the program off with a bang.

Week two will feature Matt Poole from Matador Wildlife. Matt will bring snakes and creepy crawlies and also plans to bring a few surprises! Children will even be able to touch and pet some of the creatures!

Week three will be "CRAFT & CRAZY DAY"! Children are encouraged to put their imagination to work and wear something CRAZY, such as mismatched clothes, socks and shoes or crazy hair and/or a hat. They will work on a special craft item to be taken home. This year's craft is going to be fun and this CRAZY day should be a blast!

A CARNIVAL will be the main attraction for week four! Carnival games, prizes, food and fun will be enjoyed all morning! There may even be a surprise guest at this event!

Every week, the children will also enjoy exploring the shelves to check out books, in order to complete their reading challenge. Each child will have the chance to win prizes with every five books they read, for a total of 20. The older age division will have a challenge to complete four popular chapter books

which will tie in with each week's movie selection. The reading challenge will continue through July 26. When participants complete the challenge their cards will be placed in a drawing for a grand prize! A Bicycle will be given away in the 3-5 and 6-12 divisions and an iPod will be the grand prize for the older division. In addition to receiving their reading challenge cards on the first day of the program, each attendee will also receive a special gift. Refreshments will be served every week!

"We welcome and encourage kids to be a part of our program," Librarian Carla Meador said. "This event will be entertaining, educational, challenging and lots of fun."

It's not too late to sign-up to be a part of this exciting Summer event! For more information call Carla at the Library, 347-2717 or email [motleycountylibrary@hotmail.com](mailto:motleycountylibrary@hotmail.com).

## Market Matador meets

By Carol Campbell

Market Matador, Inc. met on Thursday, May 9, 2013, at 4:00 p.m. to open bids recently advertised in the *Motley County Tribune*, and to consider other agenda items, including consideration of placing all available Market Matador properties up for bid.

Following a motion to approve the previous minutes, board members Ron Bailey, Lee Hurt, Libby Cruse, and Dvonna Grundy, opened bids recently advertised. Ronnie Vandiver was absent. Also attending was ex officio member City Secretary Debra Scott.

Jim Schmidt of Granbury, TX, was awarded Block 4, Lots 17, 18, 21, and 22 for \$220.00. Michael Tibbets also bid on these lots at \$205.00.

Block 109, Lots, 4-7, 17, 18, 20-24, 27-28, located next to the City Park and west of the old Boy Scout

Hut was awarded to Ronnie Vandiver at \$2,601.00. Other bids were Michael Tibbets at \$888.00, and Richard Thomas at \$300.00.

A discussion by the group to consider placing all available property up for bids, rather than wait for buyers to show interest in particular lots were initiated by Libby Cruse. Cruse said since the purpose of MMI is to get the lots back on the tax rolls that "if we take bid, it is a fair approach and everyone has a chance to bid."

In addition, due to the sale of the newspaper, a discussion about how to advertise the bids to meet legal requirements in a timely way was held by the board. Debra Scott said that due to the infrequency of the publication, maps for lots could be made available at City Hall, and lots for sale could be posted at City Hall and the Post Office.

Libby Cruse made the mo-

tion to place all lots for sale with posting of the lots made available to the public at City Hall and the Post Office. This motion was seconded by Lee Hurt, and passed by unanimous vote. A financial report by Libby Cruse announced the MMI balance of \$12,400.57. She also announced that the paperwork for filing of non-profit status was submitted, along with a check for \$400.00.

In other discussions, Ron Bailey said with the Laura Jacobs Wallace donation to Market Matador, six blocks have now been secured for an Industrial Park in east Matador. The next steps will include about 170 title searches on the secured lots. According to Bailey, MMI will ask for a called meeting with the 4A Tax Board to consider advancement of funds to complete the title searches.

The next meeting of Market Matador is set for 4:00 p.m. June 6, 2013, at City Hall.

Voters elect  
Dvonna Grundy  
Jeromy Jameson  
Alvin Alexander  
to  
Matador City  
Council



## Foothill Country

### Connections

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



By Larry Vogt

Since it will be just a few more times that Laverne and I publish this newspaper, I started thinking about the experience of the past few years. I am going to share a few thoughts with the readers as I look back to December 2007.

Within a few weeks of becoming the owners and publishers of this venerable weekly missive, I realized that if some parts of the operation were not streamlined there were going to be problems. The main problem for me was the "mailing room." Understanding the postal reports and applying the mailing labels was very frustrating and time consuming. Back in 2007, the paper was printed in Floydada and we carried a box with the paste up sheets to the printer who then photographed the sheets, made a plate and printed the pages. As luck would have it, I had a little time each week as I waited for the paper to be printed.

During that wait time, I visited with the newspaper office that was situated right next door to the printer and got a lot of ideas. Before long I had cut down

on the frustration and laborious tasks associated with the mail out and found that I could access a spreadsheet format that had the postal report included. A postal worker in Texas created this form. It was a big help for mailroom people at small newspapers to fill out the forms in a timelier manner. I soon discovered that I could tie into the program and include an ad run; now we were really on the way to really cutting down on the time spent preparing the newspaper for delivery to the post office. Every week all one had to do was change a few numbers in the form and everything was calculated all through the seven or so pages of the postal report.

I also figured out that I could have my own codes on the mailing labels to alert the person applying the labels to change to a different sorting container. This also cut the time applying the labels and gave us some more breathing room. We had to do everything in one day: get the paste up sheets to the printer in Floydada by 11:00 am and get back to Matador with the papers by 1:00 pm and then apply the labels and get everything to the post office by 3:30 pm. If you saw us then you would understand if we looked a little ragged.

Next week I want to talk more about streamlining and the great support we received from the community.

# WRITING COMMUNITY

## Reflections on The Bagpiper

By Carley Turner

On Friday, April 5, 2013, at the Motley County ISD gymnasium, high school and junior high students gathered together to hear a man play the bagpipes and tell the history of bagpipers. His name was Patrick Regan and he is from Texas. His dad taught him how to play the bagpipes. Patrick's dad learned from a man when he came to Texas from Scotland.

Scotland didn't have any bagpipes, but Texas did. Patrick and his son both teach at Edinboro College in Pennsylvania. That is the history.

He introduced himself then played, "This Old Man" on the bagpipes. It was awesome! He then told us about the parts of a bagpipe and what he was wearing. Patrick's bagpipe has ivory on it and if he wants to leave the country to play somewhere he has to have a permit. The bag that holds air is made of Gortex. Most people have a cover on their bagpipes.

Now let's talk about clothes! He wore a button down white shirt with a gray jacket over the shirt. He had a kilt on and it was his wife's family pattern, The McClain's. He chose her pattern because he liked it better than his own pattern. He wears black socks and black shoes. His kilt and socks are made from wool. Patrick wears a hat that has a badge on it. The badge is to honor his dad for playing the bagpipes in the military.

Patrick then played a Scottish tune. It sounded beautiful! Then after the tune, he told us how the first person to play the bagpipes in Texas helped the Alamo stay longer. Here is the story!

Texas, which wasn't Texas at the time, wanted more rights. Mexico said "No." Texas and Mexico then went to war. Sam Houston, Davy Crocket, and John McGregor were all at the Alamo and a lot of other patriots. We thought we had a lot until Mexico came with 1,500 men. We stood strong and fought hard all day with 180 men. Then night came and all the soldiers became scared when they heard their enemies singing the death song. Davy then had a good idea! He said, "John, go get your bagpipes and I'll get my fiddle."

John was the very first person to play the bagpipes in Texas. Together they played and their enemies started to dance to the music. This went on all night. Then day came and the soldiers at the Alamo stayed strong for 13 days. Then Mexico aimed all their cannons on one side of the Alamo and blew a hole in the side. The enemies executed all the patriots and released the women and children for messengers. I believe that is the story.

For the closing Patrick played Amazing Grace! It was wonderful! It was great to get to listen to him play. I learned so much information about bagpipes and bagpipers.

By Crystal Collett

On Friday, April 5, 2013, during our tutorial period, a man called "The Bagpiper" came to our school to perform for us. "The Bagpiper's" name is Patrick Regan. He is originally from Dallas, Texas. He introduced himself and told us a little bit about his cultural attire. His plaid, wool skirt is actually called a kilt. His socks are made of wool as well. He wears a leather pouch in which he carries his keys, sunglasses and billfold much like a purse, but for men, because the kilts don't have pockets in them.

Then he told us about his bagpipe. He is required to carry a permit everywhere he travels because he has ivory notches on his bagpipe. Ivory is made out of elephant tusks, which poachers illegally hunt and

kill elephants for. The bag in the bagpipe is made of gortex.

Afterwards, he played "This Old Man" on his bagpipe. He then told us about the very first bagpiper. His name was John McGregor. He played his bagpipes at the Battle of the Alamo, right alongside Davey Crockett who played his fiddle. They did this because Santa Anna's army was playing "The Death March," which was making all of the soldiers of the Alamo lose their fighting spirit. John and Davey helped them gain it back.

Then two students got a special surprise when Patrick Regan played "Happy Birthday" to them. He then closed with "Amazing Grace." He's a pretty funny guy and I really enjoyed his performance. I learned quite a lot and I hope to hear him play for us again.

## Commissioner's Court to examine cost of health insurance for elected officials and employees

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two" is acceptable, but more than that would be questionable, he said. Commissioner David Stafford said he saw no reason to impose fees, but that fuel costs could be recovered. The general consensus of the court is that hauling gravel and dirt and the costs associated would be at the discretion of the individual commissioner. No action was taken on this agenda item.

Judge Meador announced a MHMR 2012 update, showing that the county consortium served 24 clients for Motley County. The county donates \$1,400.00 a year as part

of the membership. Carol Campbell serves on the board of the MHMR Center, appointed by the Commissioner's Court.

In other business, Judge Meador reported that he renewed the CIRRO Energy contract for the county electrical at .06610 kilowatt hour. Further, he asked the court if they wanted him to research the costs of providing health insurance for elected officials and employees for the new budget cycle. Donnie Turner made the motion to examine the costs of health insurance, seconded by David Stafford. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

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thereby streamlining the process for municipalities. The price of the new machine is approximately the same as the price as the old loader bought eight years ago," Brewer said.

Following discussion, Councilman Alvin Alexander made the motion to approve the lease-purchase of the loader, seconded by Rodney Williams. The motion passed with four votes "for" and one vote "against" with Councilman Bobby Klodginski casting the dissenting vote.

Mayor Smith announced that the city had received two applications for the new city employee position. Applying were Don Pickle Jr., of Turkey, TX, for a fulltime position, and Scott Aumiller, of Matador, for a parttime position. A motion was made by Rodney Williams, seconded by Bobby Klodginski to authorize City Superintendent Steve Barton to complete the hiring process. This motion passed by unanimous vote.

City Secretary Debra Scott furnished council members with paperwork

showing the Profit and Loss Budget versus the Actual Budgets for the Matador Water District, General Fund, and the Waterworks Fund. This is the first full month of the new budget year and "all fund balances are looking very good," she said.

Fund balances showed Municipal Fines for April at \$957.66; 4-B Tax Account has a balance of \$93,823.93; with the 4-A Tax Account at \$166,330.61. The Hotel-Motel Occupancy Tax Fund has a total balance of \$15,977.29.

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# Bluegrass Festival to be held in Quitaque

By Dianne Washington

Mountain Bluegrass and From the Heartland Bluegrass from Oklahoma.

But, the official bands are just half of the fun. Groups will be playing and jamming at all hours the old Paymaster Gin yard. Everyone who plays an instrument is welcome to come and join in the music. If you don't play you are welcome to listen to the various groups.

A food concession will be open Friday and Saturday. Everyone is invited to come to Quitaque and listen to great music, eat and visit with the great people of the town.

Thursday festival tickets are \$8.00 for music only and \$13.00 for music and barbeque, \$8.00 on Friday, and \$12.00 for all day Saturday. Children under 13 admitted free with an adult at all times. Children's Thursday night barbeque tickets are \$4.00.

For more informational please call 806-469-5278 or 806-269-1578. E-mail [flomot@caprock-spur.com](mailto:flomot@caprock-spur.com).

We have moved! The 14th Annual Washington Cattle Co. Bluegrass Festival will be held indoors at the Hope Center in Quitaque, Texas on May 16, 17 and 18, 2013. The event will begin at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 16, 2013, with gospel music and barbeque. Friday night the stage music starts at 6:00 p.m. and will continue until 10:30 p.m. Saturday, the music begins at 1:00 p.m. and goes until 10:00 p.m. The John Francis Band of Silverton will open the festival on Thursday night. Another local band, Prickly Pear of Quitaque, will be playing in their first bluegrass festival. Bands from Texas, New Mexico, and Oklahoma are scheduled to play during the festival. The bands scheduled to perform during the festival include *Pecos Valley Bluegrass* from Mayhill, New Mexico, *Texas Country* from Wicket, Texas, *Hanks and Company* from Seymour, Texas, *Wichita*

## Sheriff's Post 5.16.2013

The question we have this week is, "Is there a difference between a Restraining Order and a Protective Order?" Yes. There is a difference between these two terms and they should not be used interchangeably. This will be a basic response due to the amount of information regarding this subject. Let's start with the protective order.

A protective order is an order of the court and is in place to help prevent family violence. Texas Family Code 82.002 states an adult member of the family or household may file an application for a protective order to protect the applicant or any other member of the applicant's family or household. The general purpose of a protective order is to protect the well being of victims of family violence, and they are taken very seriously here in Texas. They are valid for a length of two years from the date signed by the Judge, and are entered into TCIC, or Texas Crime Information Center, what is known to some people as "the big computer." To put it simply, they prohibit the person who the Order is issued against, from interacting with the applicant. Usually a protective order states a respondent cannot communicate with, threaten, or be within a certain distance of the applicant or any other specified person the order is in place to protect. It is also a violation on behalf of the respondent of the protective order to possess a firearm during the two year validity period. A protective order is criminally as well as civilly enforceable.

Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, Chapter 14.03(b) states that a peace officer shall arrest a person the peace officer has probable cause to believe has violated the order if the offense is committed in the presence of the peace officer. There are no "freebies" for committing this offense. Now we're on to the Restraining Order.

A Restraining Order is considered civil and less severe and is far more common in divorces. It usually prohibits a divorce litigant from doing certain things specified in the order such as emptying the bank account, incurring new debt, confiscating mail etc. Courts generally grant Restraining Orders during divorces, if the requested Orders are reasonable, and if they are going to apply to both spouses in a divorce proceeding, the chances of getting them from the court are very good.

Restraining orders are not enforceable by the police or Sheriff's Office. Rather, violations of these orders are handled in civil court. Both orders have penalties if violated so it would be wise to not violate either one.

Folks, please understand that family violence is a very serious crime, it affects many families across the U.S. and has devastating effects on our youth and children. No matter where you come from, family violence is unacceptable and against the law. It should not, and will not be tolerated.

Send us your questions at P.O. Box 715, Matador, TX 79244 or e-mail your questions to [mctribune@gmail.com](mailto:mctribune@gmail.com).

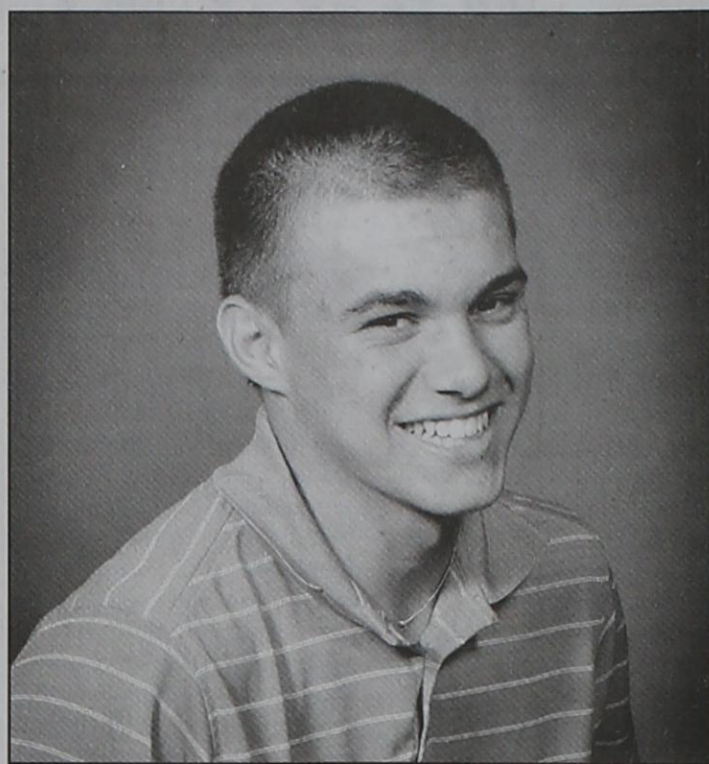


We are very proud of you and Love you Good Luck!

Leighan Talamantez won First place in the Vernon 4H Roundup for her vocal performance, singing *At Last* by Etta James. She will go on to the 4-H State Roundup, June 10<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup> in College Station.

JJ, Louann, Esperanza and Jay Talamantez Esequil and Emma Talamantez Jaydon and Debbie Finch, Margie Taylor, Leslie Taylor (Sis), Lisa Martin, Amy Talamantez, and Leticia Johnson Wes, Liz and Hannah Mason

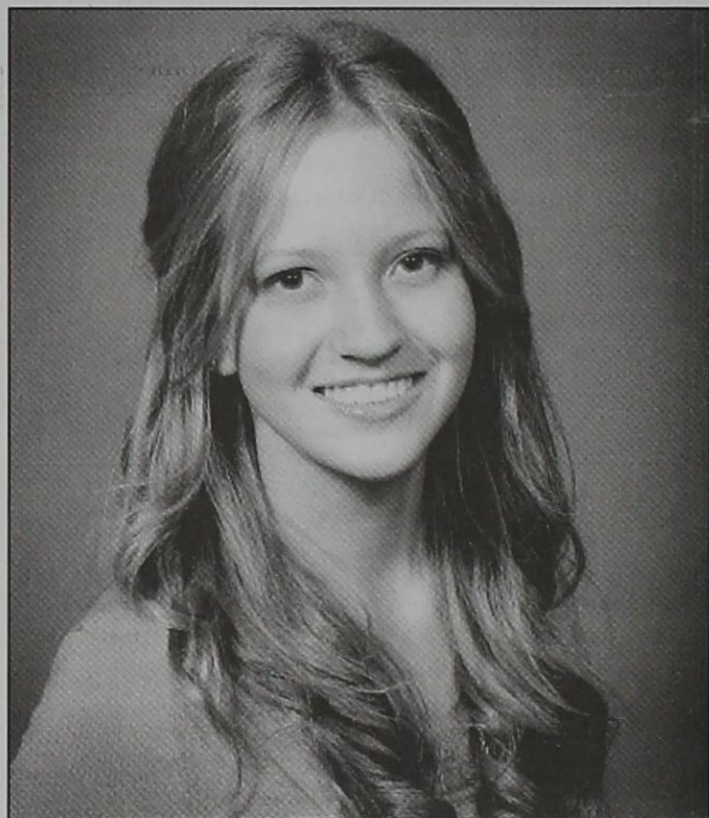
## Congratulations District Basketball Honors



Austin Taylor - All District



Mattie Brooks- All District



Brielle Collett - Honorable Mention

## Trade Day in Flomot

Hardin & Turner Western Trade Day will be on Saturday May 18, 2013, on FM 599 in Flomot Texas. This is the sixth year for this event and it just gets bigger and better. This event specializes in tack and other things found around the ranch. Lots of interesting items will be for sale. A lot of horse trading goes on and the day ends with an auction. Everyone is welcome to come to buy, sale or trade. There is no charge to attend the western trade day.

Call Donnie Turner at 806-983-1350 for more information.

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### ROARING SPRINGS RANCH CLUB, INC

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### ATTENTION: LEGION MEMBERS AND/OR OTHER PATRIOTS

Due to family and other physical restraints I am requesting assistance in placing and picking up flags on veterans' graves at Eastmound Cemetery for Memorial Day week-end. If you are able to help, please meet at the cemetery at 5 pm on Friday, May 24, 2013. The flags will be picked up on Monday (Memorial Day), May 27, 2013 at 5 pm. I appreciate any assistance. Any questions, call Ed D. Smith, Commander, American Legion Post 337, at 806-269-0251 or 806-347-2172.

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## SIMPLY CHRISTIAN



There are certainly some private aspects to the Christian's life. Prayer, Meditation, Reading the Scriptures, Memorizing special passages from the Bible, all of these, without controversy, are important activities in the life of a disciple of Jesus Christ.

But, what does it mean to be called a "Christian?" In Acts 11:26 we read about those early disciples being called Christians first at Antioch. In Acts 26:28 King Agrippa speaks to Paul about almost converting him to Christ. 1 Peter 4:16 Peter exhorts those who are "strangers" in this world to not be ashamed if they suffer persecution because of wearing the name "Christian."

There is much more to the Christian Faith than just silent devotion to the Lord. Those early people who were called "Christians" were alive and vibrant with their faith. They were not ashamed of who they were or what they were. Rather, they were engaged in the activity of declaring the Kingdom of God to those around them. From those around them came the name, "Christian." Why? It is obvious. Those early disciples were identified by the "non-Christian" of their own communities. They were seen as men and women who resembled Jesus in their actions. What is the name that unbelievers in our communities would give Christians of today?

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

Sunday, May 19th  
11:00 A.M. Service

"From The Heartland"  
Blue Grass Gospel Group  
at The First United Methodist Church,  
Matador. Everyone Welcome!  
Lunch after the service.



# NEWS AROUND MOTLEY COUNTY

## Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

**On a personal note**  
Not only did we celebrate Mother's Day, we celebrated my McClaran father-in-law's 100th birthday yesterday.

The big event we had been planning for six weeks took place yesterday at Graham, TX. All of Melvin McClaran's son's families were there. He has one son, Kent McClaran of Bryan, TX still living. Some of Melvin's brother's children and grandchildren came too. There were 45 family members that attended. He was feeling good and regaled us with 'remember when's'. He and Kathleen were gifted with new recliners. Old home movies and picture boards sparked lots of memories.

### In the community

Sherry Rose and Carla Meador hosted a mother's day lunch at Sherry and Tony Rose's home on Sunday. Sunday evening, Randy Meredith cooked outside and brought a grilled dinner to the Mer-

edith's. Yancy and Daphne visited with them in the afternoon.

Jerry and Tina Overman came on Saturday to visit Walter and Jo Trammell.

Roaring Springs students of Motley County ISD who will be graduating on Saturday, June 1, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. are: Jonah Meredith, Britt Simpson, Kirstin Bates and Alexis Dawes. Congratulations!

Memorial Day services to honor our veterans will be held at the Frank Mitchell Memorial in the Roaring Springs again this year. The time is 11:00 a.m. and the speaker will be Judge Bill Smith of Silverton.

The Roaring Springs Community Volunteers met recently to begin preparation for the annual Fourth of July Celebration. This year is the centennial year of Roaring Springs. The centennial celebration will be held in conjunction with the Fourth of July celebration.

## Ladies Golf News

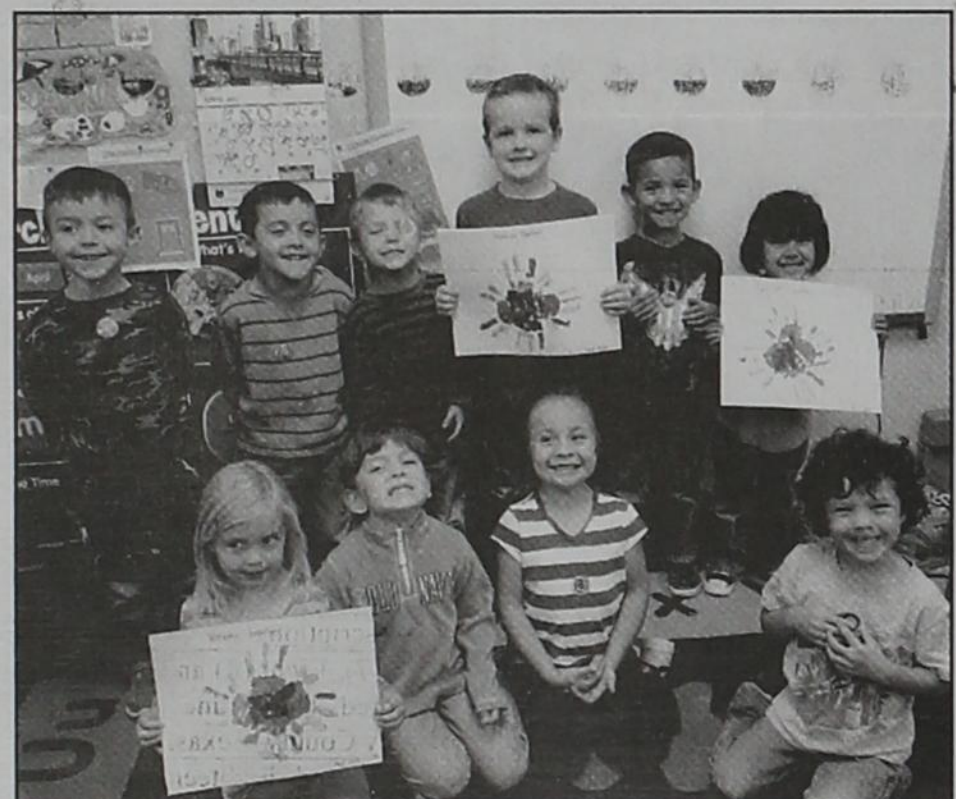
By Nita Murphy

The women's golf association of the Roaring Springs Ranch Club met for regular play day, Thursday, May 9, 2013, at 10:30 a.m.

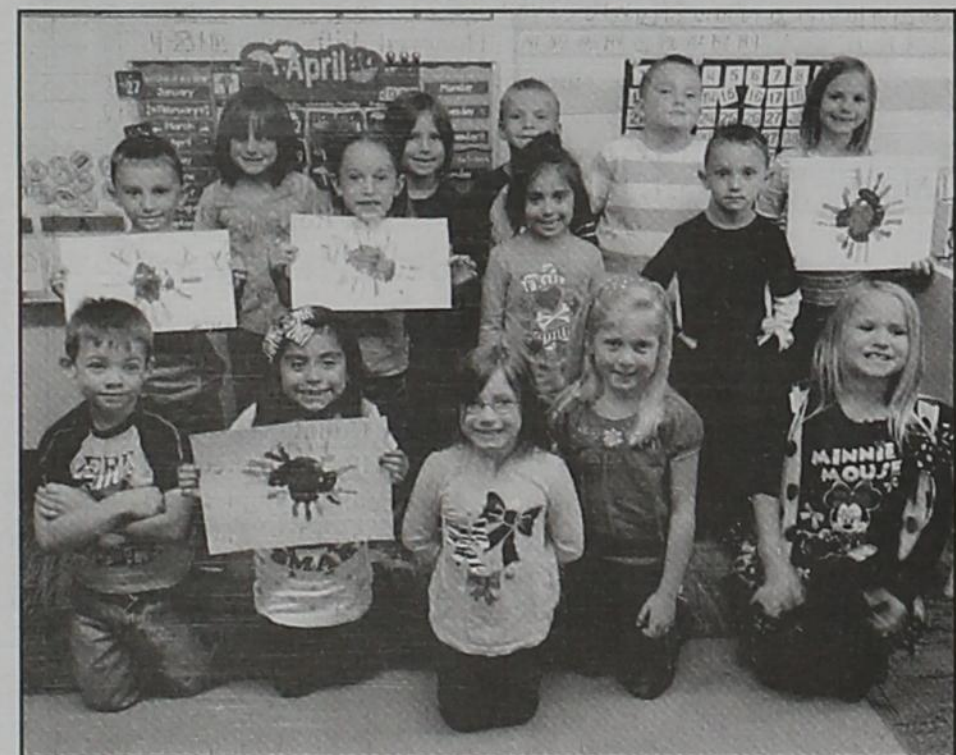
Members enjoying nine holes of play were Pat Binder, Jean Hoover, Nita Murphy,

and Judy Renfro. The group played for low score and Jean Hoover won the ball with a score of 44. The next play day is May 16, 2013, at 10:30 a.m.

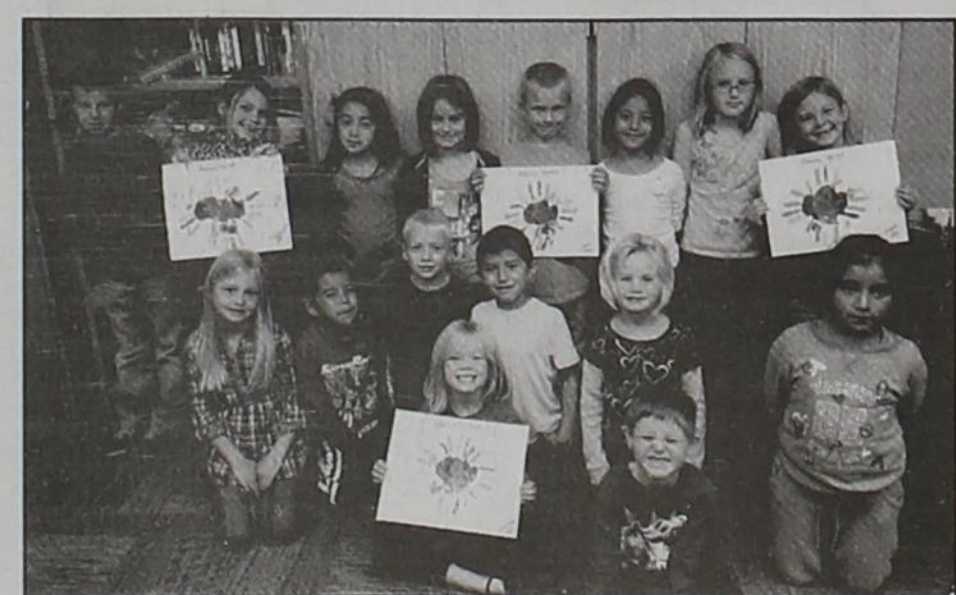
The evening players tee time is at 5:30 p.m. each Thursday. All club members are encouraged to participate at one of these tee times.



Pre K



Kindergarten



First Grade

**CORRECTION.** Some of the photos in last week's paper were incorrect. The Upper Pease SWCD presented an Earth Day Program for Pre-K through 5th grade. The younger students were read "The Curious Garden" and participated in a hand painting project. The older students were presented a short program by Cassandra Morgan of the Natural Resource Conservation Service. She discussed how the NRCS has worked with producers in the community to better farming and ranches practices over the years.

## Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

### Overheard

In the spring at the end of the day, you should smell like dirt!

Mrs. Brenda Cruse, her sister, Mrs. Charla Marricle of Snyder and their mother, Mrs. Marihelen Wason of Matador celebrated Mother's Day in Plainview, Saturday.

Wilburn Martin, son, Dr. David Martin attended a Retirement Party honoring daughter and sister, Mrs. Marilee Cooper held Saturday in Borger. Mrs. Cooper retired after 34 years of being Teacher-Counselor at Frank Phillips Junior College in Borger.

Linda and Travis Kendall, Melissa and Tim Kendall, Jere and Jacob visited in Midland from Friday until Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Cody Kendall, Connor and Chancey. They celebrated Mother's Day and the birthday with all the trimmings of Connor Saturday who was 13 years old.

Anna Beth and Joe Ike Clay were in Panhandle Wednesday for the PHS Academic Awards. Their granddaughter, Sara Clay, was inducted into the National Honor Society. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Clay.

Mrs. Janice Hughes was a special guest Mother's Day for a family cook-out at the home of son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Hughes of Floydada. Visiting in her home during the weekend were sons, Billy Don Hughes of Lubbock, Roger Hughes and Brody and Rickey Hughes and Kason of Floydada.

Tina and Pat Carson, Ryleigh, Walker and Parker of Turkey honored their parents Sunday with a family luncheon, Anna Beth and Joe Ike Clay, of Flomot and

Roberta and Billy Carson of Turkey. Others attending were, Julie and Neal Edwards, Laney and Jaxon of Turkey.

Ronnie and Lou Rogers of Lubbock visited Mother's Day with his mother, Mrs. B. Rogers and brother, Donnie Rogers. They also celebrated Ronnie's birthday.

### Mother's Day observe at Do Gooders' club meeting

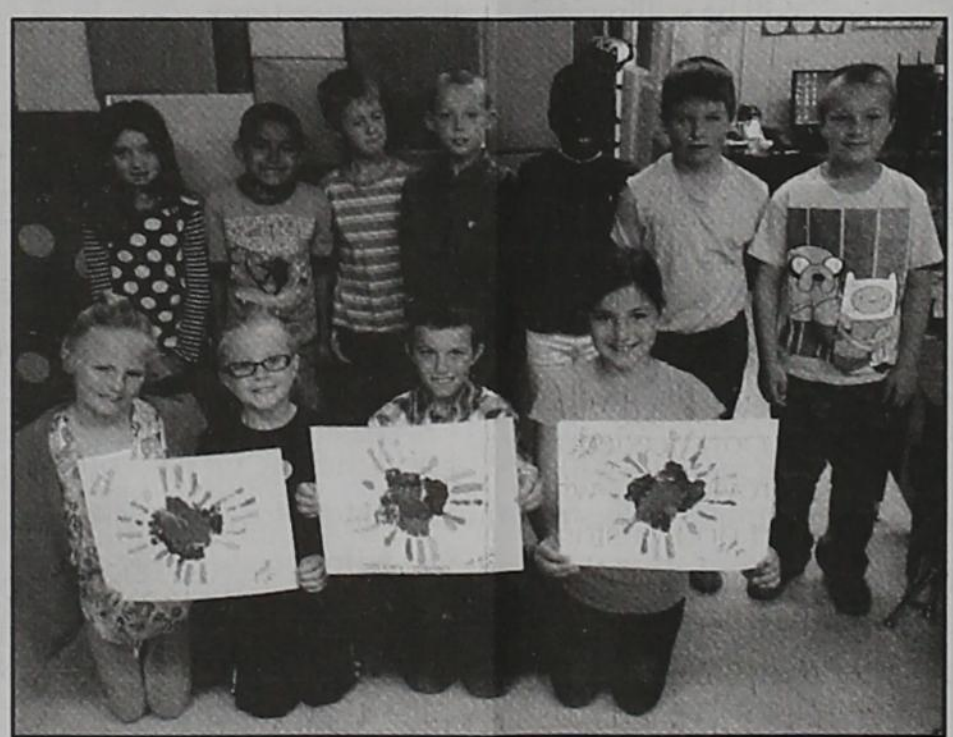
The Do Gooders' met Tuesday afternoon May 7 at the Flomot Community Center. In the absence of president, Mrs. Waydetta Clay and secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Anna Beth Clay, they did not have a business meeting. However, they voted to meet at the Community Center Tuesday, May 14 to have a "clean up day" inside and outside.

Mrs. Connie Franks, hostess observed Mother's Day with treasured pictures of mothers and grandmothers of her family in beautiful artistic frames. Arranged on a table laid with a white cloth were Mrs. Erma Washington. The centerpiece was a bright green potted houseplant in a colorful wrapping.

Refreshments of cheese and spinach quiche with salsa, cheetos, chocolate covered popcorn was served with coffee and iced tea.

Mrs. Barbara Payne was pleased when her name was drawn for the hostess gift, the centerpiece.

Those attending were Mesdames Doris Vinson, Erma Washington, Connie Franks, Mary Jo Calvert, Barbara Payne and Kathy Shorter. Special guest was Brooke Sehon of Wolfforth, granddaughter of Kathy Shorter, who was delightful entertainment.



Second Grade



Third Grade

## Matador News

By Marilyn Hicks

It was certainly not necessary to go out of town to shop for Mother's Day. Not only did D'anna have all kinds of bags and accessories at the Hotel, but Shane has a variety of exciting items in a new, open arrangement at Matador Variety; Francis has plants and other outdoor items at Lowe's; Annette always has new and interesting items rotating through New to You; Sassafra Hair Salon and Dinah Young have gift certificates; and D'vonna at Calico Treasures had treasures of all sorts. If you couldn't find something that a Mom would like in one of these places, then Mom is too hard to please.

Our son-in-law, Adrian Escobar, earned and received his master's degree from WTAMU this weekend. He is employed as a wildlife biologist with the BLM at the Cross Bar Ranch outside of Amarillo. We drove up yesterday so Randy could help him douse for water, and we could visit. Adrian's mom, Magda Escobar from El Paso, Texas, and one of his siblings, Rosa Bohm from Denver, Colorado, were in town to celebrate the graduation. It had been a long time since I had visited with the Escobars, so we had lots of talking to do. We are so proud of Adrian's accomplish-

ments.

Jeff and Kathy Higgs from Sanger were in town showing property north of town. Jeff is a real estate agent and Kathy works for the education foundation, homebound, and homeless program for their local school district.

Stop in the courtyard and see the progress that the girls are making. Kaylee, Mattie, Cassidy and Meagan are becoming quite the gardeners. I will have some pictures online on facebook so you can watch the beauty unfold.

### Matador News

Mr. and Mrs. Shannon Jameson and daughter, Shanna of Santa Fe, N.M. visited the weekend and celebrated Mother's Day with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H.R. "Skeet" Jameson. Joining the Saturday to visit was son, Lance Jameson of Vernon.

Mrs. Marihelen Wason was conveyed by ambulance to Mangold Clinic in Lockney Sunday morning following UMC Church services. She fell off curb and escaped broken bones, but injured her face and knee requiring stitches to be taken. Her daughter and husband, Brenda and Darrell Cruse of Flomot accompanied her home Sunday afternoon. Visiting Marihelen Thursday was son, Mark Wason of Argie.

## Obituary

### Troy Smallwood

Troy Dean Smallwood of Lubbock passed away Wednesday, May 8, 2013, at the age of 59. He was born March 12, 1954 in Matador to Billy and Cora (Bostick) Smallwood. Troy worked as a farmer and was a member of Vandelia Church of Christ.

Those left to cherish his memory are one son, Trey Smallwood; and one daughter, Meriel Smallwood, both of Arlington; and sister, Thanie Smallwood of Matador. Troy was preceded in death by his parents and wife, Kathryn.

Memorial services were held Saturday, May 11, 2013, at 5:30 p.m. at Vandelia



Church of Christ, 2002 60<sup>th</sup> Street, Lubbock.

Please celebrate the life of Troy by visiting [www.combestfamilyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.combestfamilyfuneralhomes.com).



Fourth Grade



Fifth Grade





**Library Journal**  
by Carla Meador Librarian

The SUMMER READING PROGRAM plans have been made and lots of fun things are on the agenda! This year we will have three age divisions: (3-5), (6-12), and (13-17). The kids, ages 3-12, will meet each morning in June, from 10 - 11:30 a.m. The 13-17 division will meet each afternoon from 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. Sessions will be held every Monday in June - the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, and 24<sup>th</sup>. Registrations forms will be distributed at Motley County and Patton Springs schools and are also available at the Library. For more details see article elsewhere in paper. For more information call me at 347-2717.

As I sit here this Friday afternoon, the weather outside is absolutely awesome. The skies are cloudy and a fine misty rain is falling as I type. Thank God! Many prayers for much more of the lovely wet stuff from His glorious skies.

This week's featured book is *No Way Back* by Andrew Gross. Wendy Gould is an at-

tractive, happy, suburban mom, and an experienced ex-cop. A chance meeting with a stranger in a hotel ends with the man is murdered and she's the only witness, forcing her to run from rogue federal agents determined to keep her silent, even if it means killing her. Things only get worse when the authorities - the wrong ones - find their way to her door, giving her no recourse but to flee from her only safe haven. Lauritzia Velez, meanwhile, is a devoted nanny. She's also a woman with a deadly secret that has driven her into hiding until she can prove her innocence. Scared and alone, these two women with nothing in common will eventually join forces and embark on a dangerous odyssey to find the truth and save their lives.

*No Way Back* is a breathtaking tale featuring two strong, sympathetic women who must rely on each other to take down powerful, lethal forces. It is a riveting tale full of twists and thrilling surprises.

## NHS Collections to be sent at end of May

The National Honor Society collection of pop tabs and cancelled stamps will be counted on May 28, 2013. The donation will be made during the first week of June.

"If you have any pop tabs or cancelled stamps that you wish to donate for this year, please bring them to school," said sponsor Kathy Gillespie. The donation in June will

not end the collection activities. Donations boxes will be in the hall by the principal's office during the summer. The collection will continue through the next school year as well, Gillespie said.

"Your generosity is greatly appreciated by the members of the NHS and by the Ronald McDonald House. Thank you!"

## County Agent's News



by Ryan Martin, AgriLIFE EXTENSION Agent

### Alcohol and Your High School Graduate: A Dangerous Mix

Graduation is just around the corner, and there will be many well-deserved celebrations. But before your graduate celebrates, parents need to take the time to talk with their teens about alcohol. Doing so may save a life and prevent injuries.

To save lives, the minimum legal drinking age is set at 21. The teen brain is still developing and is very sensitive to alcohol. Alcohol can be tricky because it affects judgment and decision making, which are two things critical to making the right choices.

Alcohol not only affects a teen's decision making; it also affects their inhibitions and physical control. Teens think they are invincible, and they often take risks that mature adults would not. Dangers associated with teen drinking include car crashes, falls, drowning, fights, and sexual risks. While they may temporarily feel elated and happy, alcohol is a depressant.

"Motley County high school graduates should celebrate their accomplishments," said County Extension agent Ryan Martin. "But, they should also know that choosing to use alcohol as a part of that celebration is illegal, and dangerous outcomes are likely if abused. Texas has a zero tolerance law. Teens can be arrested for driving under the influence with any amount of detectable alcohol in their system."

If alcohol is a part of a cel-

ebration, the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Watch UR BAC program advises that it is kept out of the hands of teens and that adults set a good example by consuming responsibly. Don't let your celebration turn into a tragedy!

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Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service's Watch UR BAC program is a free, statewide program to promote alcohol awareness, the dangers of impaired driving, and friends watching out for friends.

### Motley County Stock Horse Clinic at the Old Settlers Rodeo Grounds, Roaring Springs, TX

May 16, 2013  
Cost \$30

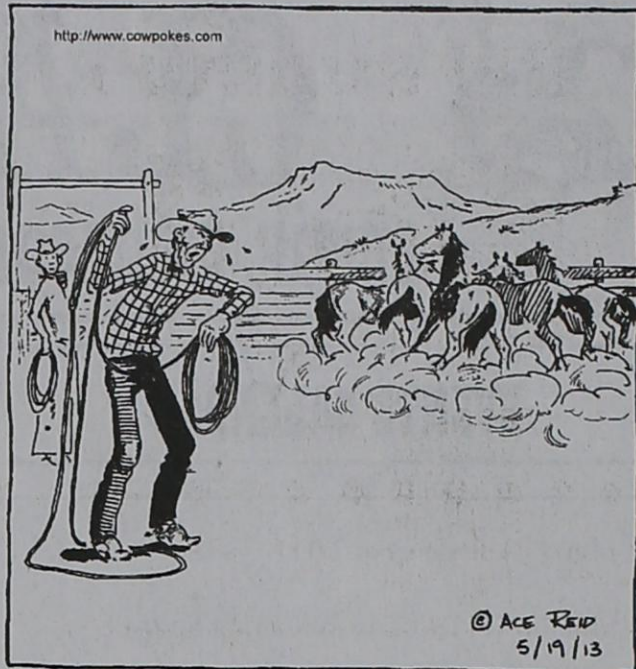
Clinician: Dr. Dennis Slinger, Professor and Extension Horse Specialist.

Adult Portion Clinic begins at 1 p.m. Topics include Vaccinations, General Health Care, Best Management Practices, including nutrition and feeding, Working Cow Horse, (bring your horse).

Youth Portion begins at 6 p.m. Topics include Stock Horse Classes offered at District and State Horse Shows, with emphasis on Stock Horse Pleasure class (bring your horse if you have one).

Contact the Texas AgriLife Extension Service in Motley County at (806) 347-2733.


## COWPOKES® By Ace Reid



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## Landlines create a lifeline for rural texans

By Chris Barron

The past few decades have been one of breathtaking change in telephone communications technology. Nowadays, we Texans are able to connect with family, friends and business associates via traditional landline telephones, and through video, voice and data communications delivered over integrated wireline and wireless networks.

Despite this remarkable leap in technology, universally available landline phone service continues to be a top priority for anyone living and working in a rural community across the state.

As a representative of the State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association of Texas, the one thing I have learned is that reliable, accessible communication is the most important resource we can have in an emergency. It can literally mean the difference between saving a life and losing a life.

The Lone Star State has the nation's largest rural population. We have 185 counties with an average population of 13,000. When a hurricane, tornado, wildfire or other natural disaster strikes a remote area, emergency responders have to be able to rely on wireline phone and broadband networks to communicate.

Recently, Texas senators passed Senate Bill 583, which right sizes the Texas Universal Service Fund (USF) by guaranteeing \$96 million in savings. The bill strikes a balance between saving money and ensuring rural Texans have access to

landline phone service. Unless the House of Representatives passes this vital piece of legislation, some rural towns could permanently go without landline phone service and emergency responders might not be able to respond to 9-1-1 calls.

State lawmakers created the state USF program in 1987 to help ensure affordable phone service is available to as many Texans as possible - including schools and libraries, health care providers and emergency first responders, and those living in rural areas where the costs of providing telephone service is substantially higher than in metropolitan and suburban communities.

The Legislature gave the Texas Public Utility Commission (PUC) the authority to implement the USF program, which is financed by a 4.3 percent surcharge on all taxable telecommunications receipts of Texas' telecommunications providers. Providers are allowed to pass these costs to residential and business customers on their monthly telephone bills.

Approximately \$430 million is disbursed annually through the fund to the Relay Texas and Specialized Telecommunications Assistance Programs, the Tel-Assistance, Lifeline and Link Up programs, and the Small Local Exchange Carriers Universal Service Fund, and the Texas High-Cost Universal Service Plan.

Under Senate Bill 583, the total amount of the Texas USF monies available to larger telephone companies that serve in cities and com-

munities throughout the state would be capped.

Medium sized providers - those with more than 31,000 customers - would be required to meet a "needs test" developed and supervised by the PUC. Otherwise, support will be cut by 25 percent annually for 3 years beginning in 2017. This "needs test" would include a review of company financial records, an analysis of the real cost of service to rural Texas, and the presence of competition to determine the level of state USF support needed.

Small providers with fewer than 31,000 customers would continue to receive a predictable level of support until the end of 2017. Regrettably, Texas is being forced to carry the financial burden for universal support on it own because the federal government is working to end or dramatically limit support for landline service in high-cost rural areas, focusing instead on growing America's wireless and broadband networks.

While wireless and broadband service continues to expand throughout the state, there are still large chunks of rural Texas that are not served. Wireless towers are strategically placed in high-density areas of the state and along major highways. Outlying areas do not have consistently reliable coverage from cell phone towers. Without the network of poles, buried cables and other infrastructure, there would be no wireline, broadband, or wireless service available to any metropolitan, suburban or rural area of the state.

### NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF MOTLEY §

By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 110<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court of Motley County, on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2013, by the Clerk thereof, in the case(s) styled as follows:

Cause No.	Styling	Legal Description
676-TS	MOTLEY COUNTY v. RAMSEY, ROSE MARIE	1. Lots Six (6), Seven (7), Eight (8) and Nine (9), Block One Hundred Thirty-nine (139), City of Matador, Motley County, Texas.
687	MOTLEY COUNTY v. BROWN, LONNIE JOE	2. Lots Seventeen (17) and Eighteen (18), Block Fifty-six (56) of the Original Town Addition to the City of Matador, Motley County, Texas.
688	MOTLEY County v. EGERT, JENNY LOU	3. Lots One Hundred Fifty-nine (159) and One Hundred Sixty (160) of the Springs Ranch Estates Addition, Motley County, Texas.
689	MOTLEY County v. GILMORE, WILLIAM C IND/DBA GILMORE OIL GAS	4..015 Overriding Royalty Interest in Stearnes, L A, Lease, S K Rogers Oil Co. Inc. - Operator, RRC# 11349, Motley County, Texas. 5. Working Interest in the Stearnes, W A, Lease, Gilmore Oil & Gas Company - Operator, RRC# 11632, Section 9, Block O-4, WTRR Survey, Motley County, Texas.
692	MOTLEY COUNTY v. SALDANA, EUGENE III IND/HEIR SALDANA, EUGENE	6. Lots Thirteen (13), Fourteen (14), Seventeen (17), Eighteen (18), Nineteen (19), Twenty (20), Twenty-one (21) and Twenty-two (22), Block Eighty-One (81) of the Original Town Addition to the City of Matador, Motley County, Texas.
701	MOTLEY COUNTY v. JACKSON, ROSETTA	7. Lots Nineteen (19), Twenty (20), Twenty-one (21) and Twenty-two (22), Block Eighty (80) of the Original Town Addition to the City of Matador, Motley County, Texas. 8. Lots Four (4), Seven (7), Eight (8), Nine (9), Ten (10), Twelve (12), Thirteen (13), Fourteen (14), Sixteen (16) and Eighteen (18), Block Ninety-seven (97) of the Original Town Addition to the City of Matador, Motley County, Texas.
706-TS	MOTLEY COUNTY v. MULLINS, LINDA, ET AL	9. Lots Fourteen (14) and Fifteen (15), Block Thirty-four (34), Original Town Addition to the City of Roaring Springs, Motley County, Texas.

and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, at 3:30 p.m. on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2013, which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the South door of the Courthouse of Motley County, in the City of Matador, Texas.

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## EVENTS CALENDAR

May 14th FFA Banquet at 7:00  
 May 14th Pre-K Field Trip to Roaring Springs  
 May 15th 5<sup>th</sup> grade Field Trip to Caprock Canyon  
 May 16th Sr. Banana Split Party FBC at 5:00  
 May 17th Honors Banquet 6:30  
 May 18th Prom 6:30 at Singing R Ranch  
 May 26th 7p.m. Baccalaureate Service  
 First Methodist Church in Matador  
 May 27th - Annual Memorial Day Service and lunch -  
 11:00am at the Veterans Memorial in City Park with the  
 meal to follow at the Community Center (sponsored by  
 the Roaring Springs Volunteer Committee) - free for all  
 veterans or \$7 hamburger plate/\$6 hotdog plate (in-  
 cludes beverage, chips & dessert). Contact City Hall at  
 806-348-7231 8am-12pm for more information.  
 May 29th - Sr. Breakfast@ Methodist Church 8 am  
 May 31st - Jr High Graduation  
 June 1st - High School Graduation  
 June 22nd - 100th Anniversary Celebration for the City  
 of Roaring Springs and School Reunion. More details  
 to come. Contact City Hall at 806-348-7231 M-F 8am-  
 12pm for more information.

July 4th - Annual July 4th Parade and Fireworks,  
 games, meal sponsored by the Volunteer Fire Depart-  
 ment, homemade ice cream, Little Miss Small Town  
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