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"Full Moon at Sunset"

by Ken Young

Frank Ortiz and Mary Marshall receive awards from TxDOT for 15 years service



TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, (TxDOT) recently presented service awards to Childress District employees. Terry Keener, Childress District Engineer presented these awards to the following Motley County Maintenance employees: Frank Ortiz, 15 years of service and Mary Marshall, 15 years of service

2008 Cap Rock Telephone Scholarship Recipients Announced



EMMA KNOWLES, Valedictorian, speaks at Commencement on May 31, 2008. She made a special point to thank her parents and teachers for their support.

Cap Rock Telephone Cooperative, Inc. established a Scholastic Achievement award in order to play a role in the continuing educational efforts of area youths.

This year Cap Rock awarded eight - \$1,000 scholarships to young men and women across the area. Receiving a scholarship from Motley County High School is Emma Knowles.

Since the inception of the scholarship award program, Cap Rock has provided \$88,000 for area students to continue their education.

Cap Rock Telephone is honored to contribute to the beginning of each recipient's educational success. The entire staff wishes all area graduates continued success in the pursuit of a higher education.

MC Parents sponsor successful "All Night Party" for graduates

By D'Anna Russell

Motley County Parents Club once again sponsored "Project Celebration" also known as The All Night Party. Twenty eight MCHS students and four guests were checked in by Cathey Turner and Tina Brooks. While at the check-in table the kids registered for door prizes that were given away during the dance and for the class drawings that occurred during the closing of the casino. Students also received bags and highlighters from TxDOT.

Once everyone had checked in they were ushered to the cafeteria for the dance featuring Music to the Maxx. The dance also featured a huge buffet of subway sandwiches with all the trimmings; chips and dip, fruit, cookies and drinks.

A big thanks goes to Cap Rock Telephone for furnishing all the water and soda pop for the night. Chaperones for the dance were Pat Smith, Annette Hollinsworth,

Kevin and Lesa Keltz, Olivia and Robert Osborn, Terry and Tammy Simpson, Lyndee Ward, Brittany Moore, Jana Marshall, Pam Newman, Bobbie Brown, Tina Brooks, J.D. and D'anna Russell and Rhonda Wiltshire. The kids are great dancers but Bobbie is still the Electric Slide Queen and Pam Newman was the only adult there who knew how to show the kids how to line dance.

When the dance was over and everyone had taken a short break, a few of the chaperones left and Kay and Alan Bingham and Tim Ward joined us for the real games. The GLADIATOR NIGHT games were on the playground. Teams of two were chosen by the kids and they competed, eight at a time, in laser tag, and four at a time on the rock climbing wall. Jacob Blanco and Chaundra Wolf were Top Gladiators of the wall, followed closely by Shane'a Russell and Sam Fletcher. Jana Marshall was defiantly the Adult Rock Climbing Champion and

we are not sure who did the best at laser tag, but the Simpson's, Osborn's, Ward's, Jana Marshall and Brittany Moore can sure give the kids a challenge with the lasers.

Finally it was time for the highlight of the night in the Casino Room which featured washer pitching with Tammy and Olivia, golf with Robert, darts with J.D. and Terry, cards with Alan and Tim, and dice with Mickey Hurt, who came straight from the Texas Casino in Las Vegas to be at his nephew, Stacy's party, like he has for all the other nieces and nephew's.

Cashiers for the evening were Kim Fletcher, Annette, D'anna and Ann Neeves. Prize Patrol was Kay Bingham. When all the prizes had been purchased and the four guests were awarded for their patience, the real fun began. The big senior gifts. Each senior was given the chance to win their big prize from the Parent's Club by

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MOTLEY COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL graduates celebrate with all hats in the air after commencement on May 31, 2008

THIS WEEK'S NEWS

Matador

Dr. Lou Dunn Diekemper will be honored at a reception at Hotel Matador on Saturday, from 3-4:00 p.m.

Highway News

(TxDOT) recently installed "Share the Road" motorcycle decals on some of the fold down signs along the highways.

County News

Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) officials remind people that they can reduce the chances of dog bites.

School News

Members of the Motley County FFA Chapter participated in the Area I FFA Association annual convention held in Amarillo.

Coming Back Home

Wanda and Dorothy Ann McMahon always intended to come back home.

Foothill Country Connections

Community, Diversity, Art

By Larry Vogt

As the song says, "June is bustin' out all over. . ." And we have a jam-packed weekend ahead of us here in the county.

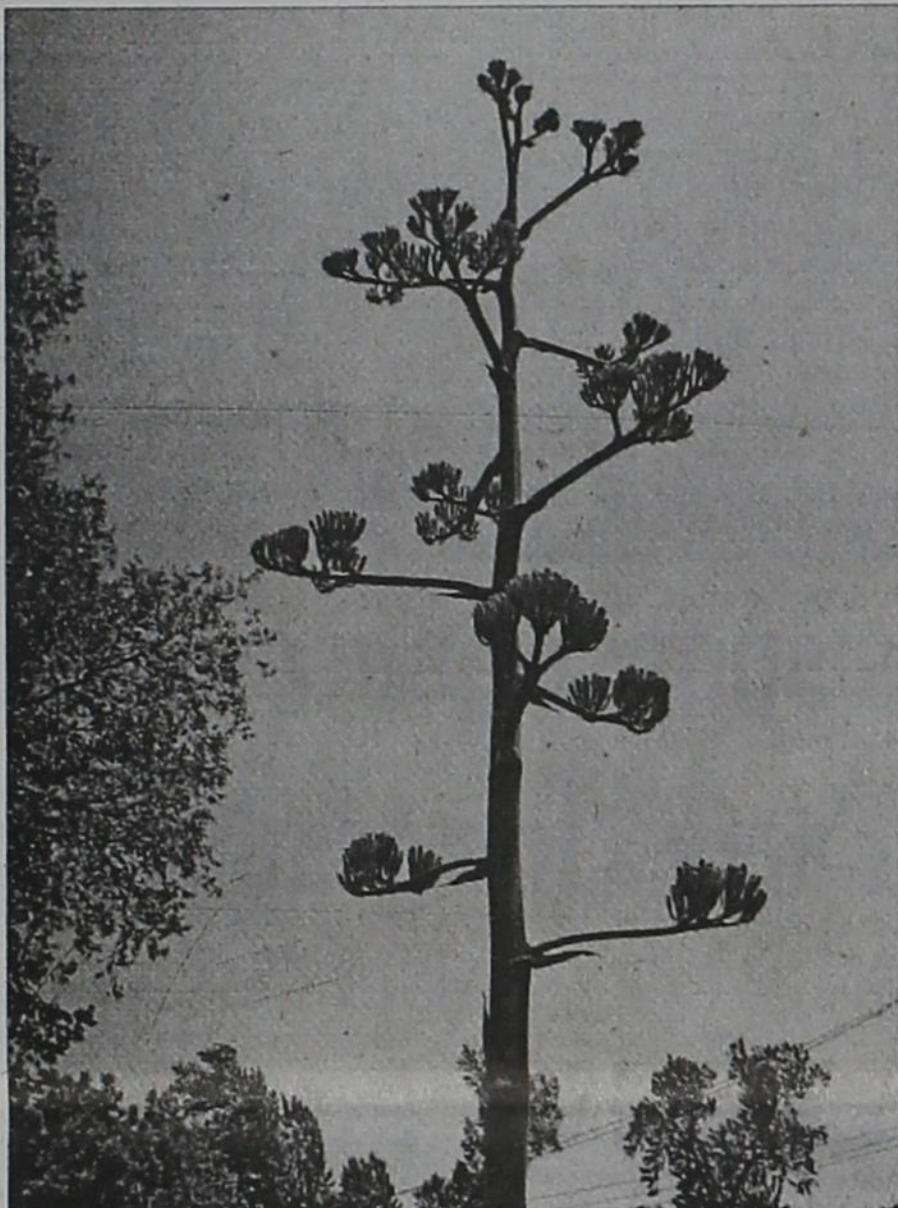
Summer seems a little early with our warm nights and hot day time temperatures with breezes that only cool you off if you are wet. The garden crops are coming right along, I expect some folks will have tomatoes pretty soon.

June is Dairy Month, it is also Great Outdoors Month, National Safety Month, Turkey Lovers Month, National Accordion Awareness Month, National Papaya Month, Fight the Filthy Fly Month, and a host of other

bizarre celebrations. Now you know what your elected national representatives are doing at all those schmooze parties they give over there in Washington, D. C.

And, bye the bye, June 5 is "Festival of Popular Delusions Day." I have no end of delusions: grandeur, it might rain sometime again soon, the crops will do fine just like last year, gas prices have to go down sometime, and on and on. Don't forget, June 7 is National Chocolate Ice Cream Day, followed by June 8, Name your Poison Day, and, of course June 9, Donald Duck Day.

So go out there and take in some of the local events and pick your bizarre "Day" or June National "celebration."



CENTURY PLANT or Maguey (Agave americana) is an agave originally from Mexico but cultivated worldwide. Agave syrup (also called agave nectar) has recently been marketed as a healthful natural sugar substitute. This plant has been growing for over 20 years at the home of Barbara and Ken Marvel in Roaring Springs.

By Laverne Zabielski

Last Wednesday I drove to Ft. Worth for a workshop sponsored by the Texas Press Association. On the way I was full of energy and anticipation.

The title of the workshop was "New Media for the News Media." The new word I learned was "hyperlocal." The new media, of course, is the internet. And the message was that newspapers are not in the "newspaper" business. They are in the "information" business. Instead of resisting the internet, the new challenge will be to integrate it and provide hyperlocal information. I also learned that the internet is a "disruptive technology." It is always evolving, never perfect. So go for it!

More than ever, each citizen's voice is necessary for gathering information in order for the newspaper to truly be able to publish what people are thinking and what is happening hyper locally.

On the way home I was ex-

hausted. How would I implement all that I had learned? I began asking questions?

What if the Motley County Tribune had a web site where you could write what you were thinking, and you didn't have to sign your name if you didn't want to?

What if there was an online community photo gallery where everyone could share all those wonderful pictures taken at events?

What if there was a way you could order the pictures published in the paper and have them sent to you directly?

What if you could link to other businesses?

What if you could watch high-light videos of local games?

See what I mean. The possibilities for communication are unlimited. Anyone interested in having more of these idea generating conversations are welcome to participate. Call, write, ston by or send us an email.

Remember, June 15 is Father's Day. Send us your stories.

Writing Community

Jim Sedgwick, father of Ethel Smith of Matador, wrote this letter to his parents in 1918 on his way to Ft. Travis, San Antonio, Texas during WWI.

Well, I will try to write you a line to let you know we are getting along fine. We were examined Thursday and both of us passed. We have our uniforms on, now, and were vaccinated Thursday three times. It made me pretty sore, but I am well now. There were 23 boys that came down with us from Dickens county. We met the Motley county bunch at Fort Worth and came on down here with them. We sure had a time coming down here.

I like this country. I saw cotton with grown bolls, maze ready to head. I saw 500 flying machines in the air at one time at Fort Worth. There are four big balloons over this camp now. The balloons are about 600 feet long. They are about 2000 feet high. They stay up there all the time. They have lots of horses and mules here. There sure are lots of boys here. They are coming by the train load everyday.

I shook hands with 2000 people at Spur the day we left. We stayed at the best hotels in Spur and Stanford. We ate our meals on the train between Fort Worth and San Antonio. It ain't hotter here than in Dickens county.

John Bain from Silverton is down here. He is in the same group with Claude. They are group five. I am group two. But we are in the same barracks. There is just one Dickens county boy in this group with me. I will close for this time.

Jim Sedgwick

When you write write it this way-
James R. Sedgwick
26th Co-7thB.N. 163 J.B.
Camp Travis

Earth Talk

Tests conducted by the Environmental Working Group found that most sunscreens provide inadequate protection against the sun's harmful rays and may also contain unsafe chemicals. Fortunately, there are safer and more effective sunscreens now on the market, mostly available at natural foods markets.

Getting a little sunshine is important for helping our bodies generate Vitamin D, an important supplement for strong bones, and for regulating our levels of serotonin and tryptamine, neurotransmitters that keep our moods and sleep/wake cycles in order. Like anything, though, too much sun can cause health issues, from sunburns to skin cancer. For those of us spend more time in the sun than doctors recommend—they say to stay indoors between 11 AM and 3 PM on sunny days to be safe—sunscreens can be lifesavers.

Getting too much sun is bad because of ultraviolet radiation, 90 percent of which comes in the form of Ultraviolet A (UVA) rays that are not absorbed by the ozone layer and penetrate deep into our skin. Ultraviolet B (UVB) rays make up the rest. These rays are partially absorbed

by the ozone layer (which makes preserving the ozone layer crucial for our health), and because they don't penetrate our skin as deeply, can cause those lobster-red sunburns. Both types of UV rays are thought to cause skin cancer.

The good news is that many companies are now introducing safer sunscreens crafted from plant- and mineral-based ingredients and without chemical additives. Some of the best, according to Skin Deep, are Alba Botanica Sun's Fragrance-Free Mineral Sunscreen, Avalon Baby's Sunscreen SPF 18, Badger's SPF 30 Sunscreen, Burt's Bees' Chemical-Free Sunscreen SPF 15, California Baby's SPF 30, Juice Beauty's Green Apple SPF 15 Moisturizer, and Kabana's Green Screen SPF 15. Natural foods markets stock many of these, or they can be found online at websites like Sun Protection Center and Drugstore.com.

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Diálogo Ecológico

Pruebas realizadas por el Grupo de Operaciones Ambientales [Environmental Working Group] encontraron que la mayoría de los bronceadores a filtro proveen protección inadecuada contra los rayos dañinos del sol, y puede que contengan sustancias peligrosas. Felizmente, existen ahora bronceadores con filtros mucho más sanos y efectivos en el mercado, en su mayoría disponibles en las tiendas de productos orgánicos.

Conseguir un poco de sol es importante para ayudar a nuestros cuerpos a generar vitamina D, un suplemento importante para conseguir huesos fuertes, y para la regulación de nuestros niveles de serotonina y de triptamina, neurotransmisores que mantienen en orden nuestros humores y los ciclos de sueño y despertar. Como cualquier cosa, sin embargo, demasiado sol puede causar problemas de salud, de quemaduras al cáncer de la piel. Para aquellos que quieren pasar más tiempo en el sol que lo que los doctores recomiendan sugiere evitar el sol entre las 11 y 3 P.M. en los días asoleados para no correr riesgos los filtros solares pueden ser una salvación.

Asolearse demasiado es malo debido a la radiación ultravioleta, el 90 por ciento de la cual viene a la tierra en la forma de rayos ultravioleta A (UVA) que no son absorbidos por la capa de ozono y penetran profundamente en nuestra piel. Los rayos

ultravioletas B (UVB) componen el resto. Estos rayos son absorbidos parcialmente por la capa de ozono (que hace preservar la capa de ozono crucial para nuestra salud), y porque no penetran nuestra piel tan profundamente, pueden causar esas quemaduras del cutis que dejan a la gente con "piel de langosta". Se supone que ambos tipos de rayos ultravioleta pueden causar cáncer de piel.

La buena nueva es que muchas compañías están ahora introduciendo protecciones solares más seguras fabricadas a base de ingredientes vegetales y minerales y sin aditivos químicos. Entre las mejores, según Skin Deep, están Alba Botanica Sun's Fragrance-Free Mineral Sunscreen [filtro sin fragancia mineral], Avalon Baby's Sunscreen SPF 18, Badger's SPF 30 Sunscreen, Burt's Bees' Chemical-Free Sunscreen SPF 15 [sin sustancias químicas], California Baby's SPF 30, Juice Beauty's Green Apple SPF 15 Moisturizer, y Kabana's Green Screen SPF 15. Las tiendas de alimentos naturales venden muchos de éstos, o se pueden encontrar en línea en sitios web como Sun Protection Center y Drugstore.com.

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

We are appreciative of the donation of James "Red" and Oneita Titus to the Educational Foundation of Motley County schools. I am also appreciative of their generous contribution when I was chairman of the Whiteflat Historical marker. They were a benefit in our reaching our goal.

Oneita's parents and grandparents, the Joe Kimbell families, were pioneer residents of Whiteflat area owning land southwest of Whiteflat. They had a nice, family and family members are still farming the land.

Earlyne Jameson

Word on the Trail

What advice do you have for high school graduates?

"Go to college. Years ago you were at a disadvantage if you did not have a high school diploma. Now you need a college degree to get even a entry level job."

Roy Hobbs, Matador Branch banker

"Pick a career or trade and get the training to be able to support yourself."

Ed D. Smith, Motley County Judge.

"Play for four years, work for the rest of your life or work for four years, play for the rest of your life."

Ronald Bailey, retired.

"Be thankful you went to a

small school, because you have more worthwhile advantages than in a large school. In a small school you are somebody, in a large school you are just a number."

Grace Campbell, former Motley County resident

"By all means, tell them to get a college degree," adding, "please encourage parents to give teachers support."

Marguerite Edwards, Matador teacher for more than 30 years.

"Live as clean a life as you can in this day and time. Follow your parents advice." Willena Wilkinson, daughter of Kimbro and Belle Wilkinson formerly of Whiteflat.



THREE FRIENDS, formerly from Motley County, now living at Ventura Place in Lubbock, would like to say "hello" to their friends in Motley County. (Pictured, left to right: Grace Campbell, Willena Wilkinson Hurt, and Marguerite Edwards).

Out of two graduations, only one person removed their hat and left it in the lobby. People used to do that all the time.



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You can come home again!

“Home” is any four walls that enclose the right person. -- Helen Rowland (1875-1950)

By Carol Campbell

The family of George and Violet McMahan consisted of two sibling groups, 10 years apart. Two sisters, Wanda and Dorothy Ann, two years apart in age, were the eldest; then 10 years later Roy and Sherry completed this tight family grouping. The two eldest sisters were always close; and they always intended to come home.

“I always had it in the back of my mind,” Wanda said. “I always knew we would come back,” Dorothy added. One sister had “wander lust” and the other “wanted to put down deep roots.” It just took 50 years for the sisters to come full circle.

Wanda married Kuehn (pronounced Keen) Faulkner when she was 17 years old, at the end of her junior year in high school. Kuehn was a Turkey football player and Wanda was a Matador cheerleader. She dropped out of school to follow her destiny with her handsome young husband, who joined the Navy and earned a commission for submarine training on the east coast. It was 1953, the Korean “Conflict” had just ended, but the world was anything but stable.

Wanda’s first adventure into adulthood was a three-day trip by Greyhound bus through 11 states to New London, Connecticut, she said, with a layover in New York City. This was when she “learned to trust in the Lord,” she said.

She and her new husband lived on the third floor of a boarding house, sharing a bath with two other couples, she recalls. “They were having a hurricane on the east coast, and Kuehn had to go to sea. I told him he couldn’t leave me, but he had his orders.” In fact, Wanda said, the Navy had a saying: “If the Navy intended for you to have a wife, they would have issued you one in your sea bag,” she laughed.

This terrible night, in a strange new city, far away from home, Wanda prayed fervently, she said. “I covered up my head, and prayed for protection, and

when I woke up in the morning, I was still there,” she laughed. This was the beginning of a deep faith, that has sustained her for many years, she said. Then what happened? “Nothing,” she said. “Thank the Lord.”

Wanda was there for three months before Kuehn was sent to the west coast. Her next bus trip was from New York City to Perryton, Texas, to Los Angeles, where Kuehn’s Uncle Homer was supposed to pick her up at the bus station. Kuehn was at sea.

“I had never used a dial phone,” Wanda said. “In Matador, you just picked up the phone and someone said, ‘Number please?’ That was the later part of 1953, and Wanda and Kuehn finally made land in San Diego, where they spent 22 years in the Navy, retiring in 1973.

The Faulkners have two daughters and a son; Rhonda and husband Randy Wager have three children, they live in Leavenworth, Kansas; Lisa married Gary Stone, a Major in the Army, currently serving in Iraq, they have three children; and son Brian lives in Washington State, he has one son. They have seven grandchildren, and seven great grandchildren.

Following retirement, Wanda and Kuehn moved first to Plainview, then to Telephone, Texas (close to Bonham). They lived 14 miles in the country in their dream home on 30 acres. One day Kuehn asked Wanda if she would like to move home? Since she had lived and moved around where he wanted for 50 years, Kuehn decided he would take her home, if she wanted to go.

In fact, he just showed up one day, out of the blue, with a couple that was country shopping for land, Wanda said. They had stopped Kuehn on a country road, and asked him if he knew of anyone who wanted to sell, and he replied: “how about a three-bedroom country home, 14 miles out, with a pond and a wraparound porch on 30 acres?”

“We gave them an outrageous price, negotiated down, and sold the place in a week,” Wanda said. “It was a God thing,” she said, adding, “We just knew it was right.” That was March, 2003, and they had just celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

By April, 2003, they were sitting on the porch in Matador waiting for their furniture to arrive, and meeting their neighbors.

While Wanda was following her destiny from the east to west, Dot was steadfast. “I grieved when Wanda left, we all grieved,” she said. But Dot loved the farm, and she loved “staying put,” she said. She graduated with the Class of 1955. There were 10 boys in her graduating class, and only two girls, and she never missed a Homecoming. She moved to Plainview following graduation, and that is where she met Ken Jones. They married in 1955, and moved to her husband’s family farm. She was 19 years old.

“When Ken asked me to marry him, I only had two requests,” she said. “One, no fussing; and 2) no moving around, I want deep roots.” Ken and Dot raised three children on the farm: Rick, married Sheila, they have five children and live in Lubbock; Tim married Patty, they live in Edmond, Oklahoma, and they have two children; and Christi married Duward Blackwell and they live in Burkburnett, close to Wichita Falls, they have one son. The Joneses have eight grandchildren (four in college).

I had a wonderful life,” she said. “We farmed for 32 years, raising wheat, corn, seed mello, and soy beans.” The Joneses opened an automotive shop in 1982; ran it for 16 years, selling in 1998. They purchased a cabin in New Mexico, and spent one-half of the year at their cabin home. They sold the farm in 1989.

In 1970, Dot came back to Matador for her 15-year Homecoming Reunion at the old high school. “I remember thinking, all I ever wanted was for dad to have one job, one house,” she said. “I just never had the ‘Wanda-lust’ for travel, she said.

In 2003, Kuehn called, and said: “Dot, if I move Wanda to Matador, are you and Ken going to move?” The seed was planted, Dot said. By July, 2003, the move to Matador began to feel like a reality. “I could never have made this move without Ken’s blessing,” Dot said. Ken had lived his whole life on a farm in

Plainview, Texas. “This was a gigantic move for him,” Dot said. When they came back for Dot’s 30th Class Reunion in 1985; that was when she knew that someday she would live in Matador again.

“When we would go to the cabin, we wanted to be here,” she said. So, finally, in July, 2003, they put their Plainview home on the market. “I left my home of 47 years, a home that meant so much to our children, and moved to Matador on November 14, 2003.”

Their beautiful, spacious home in Matador just fits the Joneses, sitting on the crossroads of highways 70. They can see Bob’s Oil Well up close and personal from their back yard. “Every night I look out at the lights, and I say, thank you, Lord,” Dot said. The sisters enjoy their life and each other, the familiar has

become routine; they see each other or talk on the telephone every day. And when they think of Matador, they get nostalgic.

When you drop into the foothills from the Caprock, there is a place in the road when you can see Matador clearly, just for an instant, Wanda said. About 10 miles west on U.S. 70, Matador lights twinkling in the distance means you are “close to home.” They still get a thrill when they leave and then come home again. “It is an inkling of what it must be like at the Pearly Gates,” Dot said. “You can grow old in Matador,” Dot said. “You can be an old person and be independent; neighbors help neighbors: ‘Yes, you can come home, again,’ she said. “People are just where we left them in 1955.”



WANDA FAULKNER AND DOROTHY JONES come full circle home again after a 50-year absence.



SISTERS WANDA, 5, AND DOROTHY MCMAHAN, 3, pose in front of the old Rogue Theatre with a backdrop and traveling portrait artist. The year was 1940.

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WHAT IS A GOSPEL PREACHER?

A Gospel Preacher: “He is a man redeemed by grace through faith, standing in the stead of Christ, by His authority and under His command, proclaiming His gospel, making it plain and strong and urgent, in such a way that responsible men can accept it unto life or reject it unto death.” (Walter Scott)

Much has been written and even more said of the preacher and his work. But basically Walter Scott summed up the preacher’s work and responsibilities. One of the greatest preachers to ever live had this to say of his work. “And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or wisdom, declaring unto the testimony of God. For I determined not to know anything among you save Jesus Christ, and Him crucified. And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man’s wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.” (1 Corinthians 2: 1,2,4-5)

Too often the common understanding of the preacher and his work misses the mark by a wide margin. Tradition and man made wisdom has taken its toll on the Biblical concept of the gospel preacher. Fortunately for us, the Biblical concept is not hard to find in the Scriptures nor is it difficult to convey. The gospel preacher’s work in the pulpit as throughout this world is not that of quiet platitudes, but rather to proclaim and herald the message of heaven. That message to fleshbound souls is, That without the blood of Jesus Christ, we hopelessly lost in sin. Gospel preachers are those that preach the Cross!

Roaring Springs Church of Christ
Michael G. Crowley, Sr.
BIBLE STUDY - 10:00 A.M. WORSHIP - 9:00 A.M.

35th Wedding Anniversary Celebration

Pedro G. Gonzalez
Antonia H. Gonzalez

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Catholic Church, 3pm
Reception, 5-7 pm, Senior Citizen Center
Dance, Roaring Springs
Rodeo Grounds, 9-1 am

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NEWS AROUND MOTLEY COUNTY

Roaring Springs News

By Mouta Marshall

Change is the only constant in our lives, I have heard. I am always lagging a bit when it comes to change. Most of the time I like to have time to ponder on the coming change and adjust my attitude, but; there are times when I find spontaneity fun. I may just try that because getting ready seems to take longer and longer; maybe I'll just do things ready or not and save the fuss! I think it might be fun to go on trips where no one knows me and not bother to iron my clothing because on arrival it doesn't look pressed anyhow. Having old friends drop in unexpectedly bothers me not a bit because I know they love me, neat or messy, but others I am driven to get ready for until I am too tired to enjoy the company. Being a collector of stuff and a 'piler' of projects I am usually not too presentable.

Change has come to Roaring Springs, Pat Groves has sold his mother's home to Louis and Beverly (Zabielski) Shorter. So we have new neighbors. They plan to be part time citizens of Roaring Springs for the time being. It will be nice to have someone there. Joe Martinez has done a wonderful job of keeping the house and yard in good condition so it has not fallen into a decline since Rita Groves died.

Pat Groves plans to leave on Tuesday to begin his long drive back to California. Stopping over in Silver City, New Mexico to visit his cousin Becky La Fleur will break up his long trip. Pat says he plans to be back for the 4th of July celebration. He doesn't want to miss out on the homemade ice cream and fireworks!

Other changes: children graduating from high school and the family changes when the graduates leave home to attend college or begin their lives in the workplace and new surroundings. Congratulations to all the seniors of Motley County High School and Patton Springs High School. We have some fine young people in our community and we wish them well in their coming endeavors.

Vickie Swam, daughter of the late Jeannie Adams, has been here part of the week doing the necessary business of sorting through her mother's things.

Charlie and Nancy Long are at home after a long stay in Amarillo for Charlie's medical treatments.

Dan Brandon was taken by ambulance to UMC Hospital in Lubbock. He is not doing too well, Banty reported.

J. T. Swim was taken by ambulance to Mangold Hospital in Lockney Saturday. He stayed overnight and Billy Ray and Mary Lou Martin brought him home on Sunday.

A going away luncheon and reception was held at the First Baptist Church in honor of Ginger (Gilmore) Boucher. She and her husband Jimmy, her parents, daughter, MyLinda and her husband and grandson of Weatherford, Texas attended church with her on Sunday and were present for the reception. The Bouchers will be living in Corpus Christi where Jimmy teaches school. Ginger has been a member of FBC, Roaring Springs for nine years. She will be missed.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

When a couple went on a month's vacation they forgot to cancel two newspapers. On their return, a neighbor said he had taken care of the problem. "Thanks," the man told his neighbor. "Did you cancel them?" Neighbors replay, "I'm no fool. I cancelled MINE!"

Scarlett Sperry of Lubbock and sister-in-law Mrs. Cally Sperry visited in Carleton, Nebraska Saturday and Sunday with nephew, Sam Scharge. He returned home with them Sunday night to visit family members here.

Cindy and Chad Calvert have been in Lubbock for Chad medical tests. He is showing improvement.

Mrs. Geneva Martin and Mrs. Kathy Shorter attended the Kindergarten graduation of great granddaughter and granddaughter, Haley Milam Tuesday night held at the Petersburg

School. They visited her family, Christi and Dwain Milam and Emily.

Visiting the weekend with Wilburn Martin were daughter, Mrs. Marilee Cooper and grandson, Gavin Cooper of Borger. They also visited in the home of Mrs. Geneva Martin and her visitors.

Orville and Ruth Lee, daughter, Mrs. Teresa Lee and Kacee of Turkey attended the Valley High School graduation ceremony Friday night.

Tonya Gladson returned to her home in Austin, Monday after visiting her uncle, Johnnie Starkey the past 10 days.

Emily and Haley Milam of Petersburg visited from Thursday until Saturday with her grandparents, Kathy and Clois Shorter. Their mother, Mrs. Christi Milam visited Saturday and accompanied them home.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay attended the Kindergarten graduation of grandson, Parker Carson held Thursday morning at Valley School. He is the son of Tina and Pat Carson of Turkey.

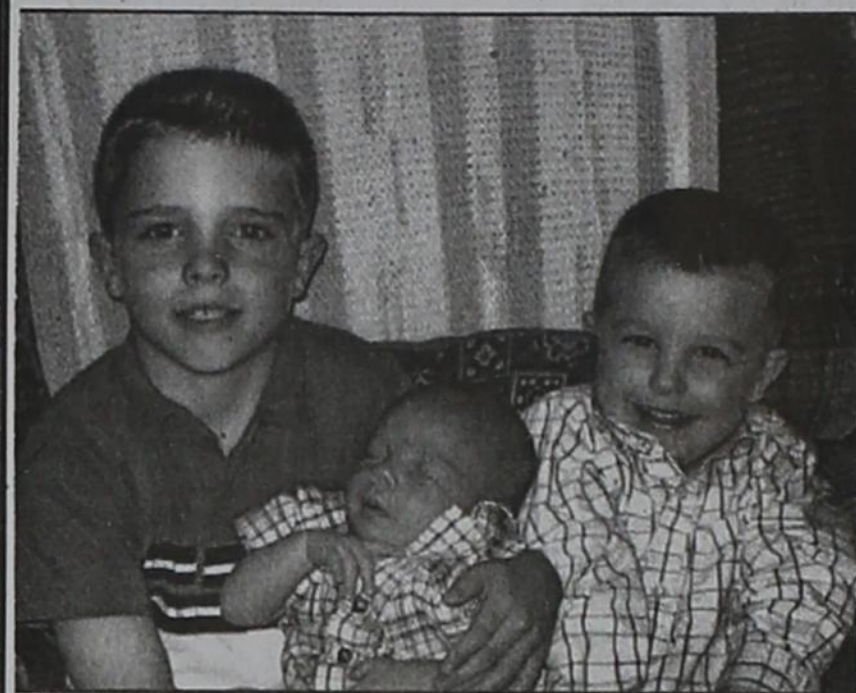
Matador News

Gary and Rene Laughlin of Midland visited during the weekend with his sister and husband, Earlyne and H.R. "Skeet" Jameson. The Laughlin's are helping at the Glenwood Youth Baptist Camp located on the New Mexico and Arizona border from June 7-14.

Visiting Juanita Cooper Thursday through Sunday and

celebrating her 85th birthday was Pat and Lynn Minton, Granbury; Van and Lee Bradford, Gruver; Ken and Kay Dunnam of Amarillo; Lonnie Harmon of Hedley; Harold and Vee Gordon and Jack Samford of Matador. Juanita had just returned from an 8-day stay in the hospital with pneumonia. She is doing better now.

Birth Announcement



Brody and Brogan Rankin would like to announce the arrival of their new cousin, Kyler Brand Bell, born April 23, 2008 at BSA in Amarillo, Texas at 7:45p.m. Kyler was 7lbs15oz and 20 1/4 inches long.

His very proud parents are Kasey and Jackie Bell of Clarendon, Texas. Grandparents are Harold and Barbara Parks of Roaring Springs, TX and Byron and Jayne Bell of Wellington, TX, and Great-grandparents Maxine Pickens of Spur, TX, Mary Morgan of Wellington, TX.

RS Full Gospel Revival

Roaring Springs Full Gospel Church will be having healing revival services on Sunday, June 8th through June 10th. Sunday services will be at 10:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Monday and Tuesday night services will be held at 7:00 p.m. Guest evangelist, Rodney Orsborn, and special worship guest, Craig Stone, will be joining us. Everyone is welcome.

Motley County High School seniors' dinner hosted by the Hotel Matador

Motley County High School seniors were honored at a dinner hosted by the Hotel Matador Bed and Breakfast Sunday evening, May 25, following Baccalaureate services.

Marilynn Hicks, an owner of the establishment, welcomed the seniors. Mrs. Hicks explained that the dinner was a continuation of a tradition started by Fay Clements, former longtime owner of Hotel Matador along with her husband Warren. For many years Mrs. Clements hosted an annual tea honoring graduating senior girls. The current owners of Hotel Matador decided to reinstate the tradition, but with a dinner and expand it to include all graduates.

Attendees were served a fajita dinner followed by ice cream sandwich sundaes. Napkins

were rolled and tied with red ribbons to resemble diplomas. Red flowers centered the tables, which were spread with black cloths and appointed with white china and sterling silver.

Following dinner, the graduates were given a tour of the historic hotel.

Also attending were Randy Brown, MCHS Superintendent; William Cochran, MCHS Principal; senior sponsor Ronnie Cox and his wife Shelley; senior sponsor Tommy Gleghorn, his wife Kim, and their two daughters, Chloe and Dode.

Assisting with the preparation and serving of the dinner along with Mrs. Hicks were Dorothy Russell, Caron Perkins and her husband Jesse, and Linda Roy and her husband Tom.



LORENZO SALAZAR prepares to begin his day tearing up old sidewalks on Dundee St. in Matador.



SHANE'A RUSSELL was awarded the Don Ewing Fighting Heart, basketball; Fighting Heart, track; and MVP cross country. Christy Smith received MVP, basketball.

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Chamber News & Views

By Marie-Louise Liebe-Harkort



Consider:
Half the money I spend on advertising is wasted; the trouble is I don't know which half.
John Wanamaker (1838-1922)

The aforesaid might offer some insight into the reason why life seems to overwhelm us with advertising. Of course not all of it works, because everybody doesn't need everything there is. Still, advertising is necessary to reach the people who do need what you can offer with the information they need.

If people don't know what you have to offer, they can't make a decision to purchase it from you. Advertising is simply the way to let people know about what you have or can do that can help them. How else would people know what is available and where to get it?

Advertising was the topic of the evening on May 20th when two representatives of GO TEXAN came to the Chamber event to tell interested parties about what they could do to help their businesses prosper. GO TEXAN is an organization that advertises Texas businesses that are members.

The Hotel Matador was the scene of the event, and those who had not yet had an opportunity to see the magic the proprietors have created were treated to a tour of the guest rooms. They are, of course, anxious to build their business quickly, and that requires that people know that the Hotel Matador exists and is open for business, so they were already members of GO TEXAN before the meeting.

Anecdotal evidence suggests that GO TEXAN can really give your business a boost. When one group of entrepreneurs con-

tacted GO TEXAN about joining, they were encouraged to think about whether they were really serious about their business, because once GO TEXAN had promoted their product, they would be very, very busy.

If you missed the event, but would like to know more about this advertising opportunity, visit the GO TEXAN website at www.gotexan.org. They have a number of different sections for different kinds of businesses, all of which were reviewed in the article about the meeting in last week's Motley County Tribune.

There are a couple of other advertising opportunities for Motley County businesses that were not discussed at the meeting. One is advertising in the Motley County Tribune—an easy way to reach lots of local residents with up-to-date information.

Another is your own web page on the Chamber of Commerce website. It is free for all Chamber members. All you have to do is join the Chamber and

let us know what you want to have highlighted on your webpage.

The 2008 Chamber membership drive will begin soon, but if you are anxious to get started, you can join now by sending your \$35 to the Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 788, Matador, Texas. If you include a mock-up of what you would like your webpage to look like, or you already have a website that you want the Chamber to link to, include that information with your membership dues.

Of course, no one can guarantee that any one advertising method will turn your business into a Fortune 500 company, but not advertising at all is a sure way to make sure that your business won't prosper.



MOTLEY COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL seniors enjoy slow dancing, pizza, rock climbing and more at the "Project Graduation" All Night Party immediately following commencement.

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Farm Service Agency

Reminders:
Amy Hackler, CED

June 15 - Nominations begin for County Committee Elections
June 18 - Public meeting for County Committee Elections at USDA Service Center 9 a.m.
July 4 - Office closed in observance of 4th of July

July 15 - Acreage certification deadline for spring-seeded crops
July 18 - Signup deadline for Livestock Compensation and Livestock Indemnity program

August 1 - The last day to accept nomination forms for County Committee.

COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTIONS: NOMINATE AND VOTE!

June 15, 2008:
Nomination period begins. Nomination forms are available at your local FSA office or on the FSA homepage. www.fsa.usda.gov

August 1, 2008:
Last day to file nomination forms at the local FSA Office.

November 3, 2008:
Ballots mailed to eligible voters.

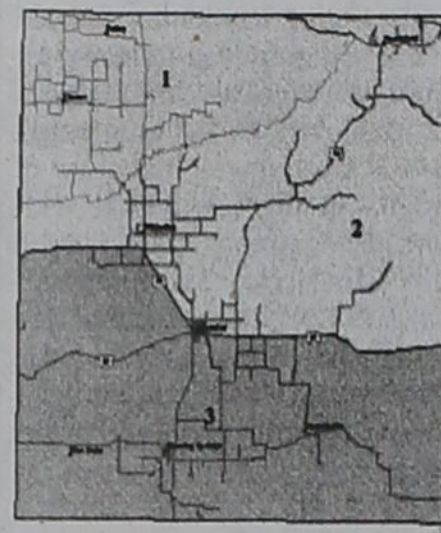
December 1, 2008:
Last day to return voted ballots

to the local FSA Office.
January 1, 2009:
Elected committee members and alternates take office

Please watch for next week's news which will include who is eligible to vote and who is eligible to hold a position on the County Committee. Please call your local FSA office for any questions you may have.

The attached map shows the Local Administrative Areas (LAA) in which elections are held. This year's election is for LAA #3, currently held by Truitt Read.

Motley Co. LAA Map



Motley County thankful for May rainfall

By Earlyne Jameson

The month of May did not play favorites as rain gauges throughout Motley County registered welcomed moisture. Cotton and feed crops are being planted and some earlier planted crops are emerging to a good stand. Winter wheat is in poor condition, but was expected to respond well to the rain, as are the pastures. Cattle are in good condition.

The National Weather Service Volunteers of Motley County reported May 2008 rain totals:

- Buzz Thacker, Roaring Springs: 4.81 inches
- Ron Bailey, Matador: 4.40 inches
- Lawrence Allen, Whiteflat: 4.60 inches
- Clois Shorter, Flomot: 3.16 inches

Pop Tabs Collection a Success!

Ronald McDonald House is ecstatic about the 21,758 pop tabs that they are receiving from the Motley County HS National Honor Society.

The success of this project is due to the efforts of the community in supporting this service project by the NHS. It is a worthy cause in which everyone can participate.

The project will continue into the next school year with the

next donation to Ronald McDonald House to be in December.

The NHS encourages everyone to continue to save their pop tabs. If you save more than you wish to keep up with, contact Kathy Gillespie and she will put them in the box at school for you during the summer.

Once again, thank you for supporting the NHS project!

County Agent's News



by Ryan Martin, Agri LIFE EXTENSION Agent

DSHS offers precautions to avoid dog bites

As warm weather and vacations take people outdoors more often, Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) officials remind people that they can reduce the chances that they, their children or others will be bitten by a dog.

"An estimated 400,000 dog bites occur in Texas each year," said veterinarian Tom Sidwa, head of the DSHS zoonosis control. "About 40 percent of severe bite victims are children under age 11, and 20 percent of the people who die from dog bites are over 70."

DSHS offers these suggestions:

- * Spay or neuter a dog to reduce aggression but not protectiveness.
 - * Spend time with a dog before buying or adopting it. Use caution when bringing a dog into the home of an infant or toddler.
 - * A dog with a history of aggression is not appropriate in a household with children.
 - * Train and socialize a puppy early in its life. Do not tolerate or encourage aggressive behavior.
 - * Never leave infants and young children unsupervised around any dog, even the family pet.
 - * If you see a pack of dogs running loose or any animal behaving strangely, go inside and call local animal control.
- DSHS also advises teaching children these basic safety precautions:
- * Don't go near strange dogs.
 - * Don't surprise or tease a dog that is sleeping, eating, playing with a toy or caring for puppies.
 - * When you first come near a dog, let the animal see and sniff

you. Walk up to the dog from the side, not from the back or directly from the front.

* If a dog acts as if it might bite, stand still. Don't scream or run.

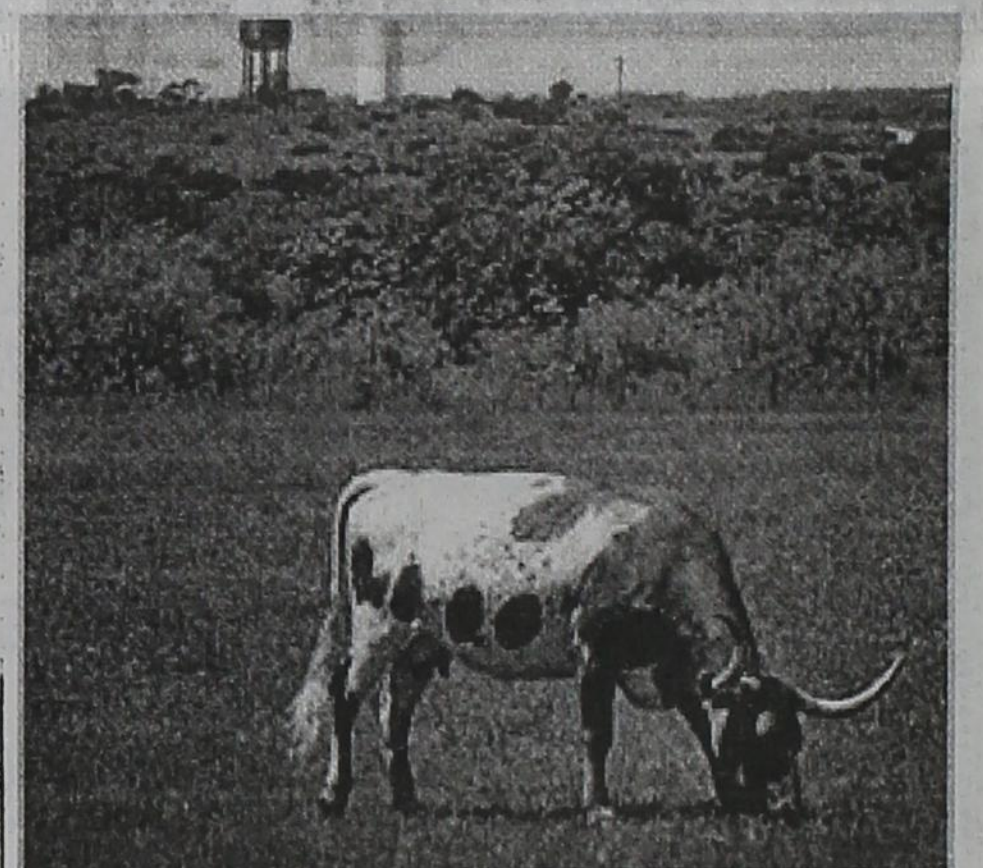
* If a dog attacks, protect yourself with anything you have - backpack, purse, jacket or bicycle. If you are knocked down, try to lie face down or curl up in a ball with your hands over your ears. Be still and quiet until the dog goes away.

"If a bite occurs, identify the animal," Sidwa said. Immediately wash the wound thoroughly with soap and water and apply an antiseptic. Contact a physician for care and advice and report the bite to the local animal control agency.

"Responsible pet ownership also is an important part of dog bite prevention," Sidwa said.

Lillian's Law, House Bill 1355 that took effect Sept. 1, 2007, increased penalties for dog owners who fail to reasonably secure their dogs, resulting in an unprovoked attack on a person and causing serious injury or death. The owner of a dog who injures someone can be charged with a third-degree felony punishable by two to 10 years in prison. The charge becomes a second-degree felony punishable by two to 20 years in prison when the injury results in death. The law was named for Lillian Stiles, an East Texas woman killed in her front yard by a pack of dogs.

"People also need to be sure that their animals are up to date on required shots," Sidwa said. "State law requires pet owners to vaccinate their dogs and cats against rabies by the time they are 4 months old."



LONGHORN STEER grazing near the Roaring Springs cemetery on Tuesday, June 3, 2008. It appears to be heading back to the rest of the herd on the other side of the fence.

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Retro News Jail Medallion Dedicated In Veterans Day Ceremony

From the *Matador Tribune*, Motley County, Texas, November 18, 1976

A historical medallion on the oldest building in Motley County and possibly the oldest existing jail still in use in the Panhandle and South Plains was dedicated Thursday in Veterans Day ceremonies here.

Descendants of the first Motley County officials and descendants of one of the contractors who built the jail looked on as Motley County Judge Forrest Campbell dedicated the marker.

He said the Motley County Jail represented a permanent memorial to the county inasmuch as the facility has been in use since 1891 — the year the county was formed.

"This 85-year old structure is not beautiful, but it is sturdy and permanent," he said and noted that it was built of native stone obtained from the Echols land north of Antelope Hill. The monetary portion for the medallion was given by children and grandchildren of the late Harry H. Campbell (son of Henry H. Campbell), Erin Shearer, Harold, L.B. and Vance Campbell, all of whom except Mrs. Shearer live in the county.

"The building will cease to be a jail in time to come, but it will remain a shrine to be used possibly as a museum," Judge Camp-

bell stated, and concluded. "As Judge of Motley County I hereby dedicate this jail as a shrine to the memory of these pioneer officials who erected it."

The county's first officials were: H.H. (Henry) Campbell, County Judge; W.A. Walton, County Clerk; J.P. Beckham, Sheriff; Dan Browning, W.E. Power, A. B. Cooper and J. J. Johns, Commissioners.

A color guard and firing squad from both American Legion Fleming Post 337, and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6286 opened the Veterans Day dedication program. These include Melvin Mason, John Briscoe, Alton Marshall, Roy Smith, Billy Watson, Joe Campbell, Joe P. Smith, Bill Smallwood, M.E. Simpson, Harold Hughes, Curtis King, L.B. Green and Ward Rattan, who traditionally sounded taps.

A.O. Parker, Principal of Motley County School was speaker for the occasion and paid special tribute to veterans of all wars for their part in preserving the freedom which is enjoyed by this nation, and which makes possible an observance such as Veterans Day. "Ours is a great country and we need to do our part to keep it great...we need to show our appreciation to all veterans, and especially those who didn't return home."

Following his brief address, Mr. Parker also made a few re-

marks to dedicate a pecan sapling to the memory of all veterans of the county. The Freedom Tree had been planted by members of the Matador Garden Club, at the Pioneer Memorial Park, and its dedication was planned to mark the club's final observance of the nation's bicentennial.

Motley County School was dismissed for the 11 o'clock ceremonies, and students joined others who braved a low chill factor from icy winds to attend the event.

Presidents and Past Presidents of El Progreso Study Club and Matador Garden Club participated in unveiling the plaque on the jail. They were Mesdames Harold Campbell, Edgar Lee, R.E. Campbell Jr., and W.N. Pipkin.

Descendants of the pioneer county officials present for the dedication included Harold Campbell, grandson of Henry H. Campbell, founder of the Matador Ranch and the first county judge; Mrs. R.E. Donovan, daughter of the first county clerk, W.A. Walton; J.B. Cooper, grandson of one of the first county commissioners, A.B. Cooper; and Eddie Russell, Mrs. J.W. Drace, Mrs. Jessie Perkins and baby son, Jeremy, and Mrs. Randy Hicks and niece, Emily Roy, from the family of Pat Cornett, one of the contractors who built the jail.



DESCENDANTS OF PIONEERS - Attending dedication ceremonies November 11 for the historical medallion placed on the Motley County Jail were these descendants of the first county officials and builder of the jail. They are from left: Mrs. Jesse Perkins and small son, Jeremy, Eddie Russell and his sister, Mrs. J.W. Drace, and at center right, Mrs. Randy Hicks and niece Emily Roy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Roy, descendants of Pat Cornett, who, with J.F. Aiken, built the jail in 1891. Mrs. R.E. Donovan, daughter of Walter A. Walton, first county clerk, stands beside the medallion, and two men at right are Harold Campbell, grandson of Henry H. Campbell, first county judge, and J.B. Cooper, grandson of A.B. Cooper, one of the first county commissioners. (Tribune Photo by Glenda Williams)

Diekemper Family Foundation donated more than \$18,000 toward the repair and renovation MC Jail



DR. DIEKEMPER will be honored at a reception on Saturday, from 3-4:00 p.m.

Dr. Lou Dunn Diekemper will be honored at a reception at Hotel Matador on Saturday, from 3-4:00 p.m. The Diekemper Family Foundation has donated more than \$18,000 toward the repair and renovation of the historic Motley County Jail.

Dr. Diekemper is the daughter of the late Dr. Sam Dunn, who grew up in Matador, and Kara Moore Dunn, the daughter of pioneer Motley County residents. She is the granddaughter of the

Rev. and Mrs. R.P. Dunn.

Rev. Dunn, was an early day Methodist minister who is credited with the founding of the Methodist Church in Motley County. Her maternal grandfather, James Rufus "Ruf" Moore, came to Motley County in 1888 and worked on the Matador Ranch until 1913.

Due to her deep family roots in Motley County, Dr. Diekemper will leave her own legacy in Matador — the restoration of the historic 1891 Motley

County Jail.

Dr. Diekemper holds a doctorate degree in Transpersonal Studies and owns *The Odyssey*, a book and gift shop specializing in offerings for body, mind, and spirit.

In addition to being a business owner, mother, grandmother, widow, community leader, and world traveler, she has written three scholarly books on aging and presents educational workshops on topics such as the power of in-

tuition, spirituality, and self-realization. She has also been recognized numerous times for her deep commitment to community service in the arts, education, and empowerment of women.

Among the awards won include, YWCA Woman of Excellence Award for Business and the Lubbock winner of Jefferson Awards for Public Service, Health and Wellbeing.

Honored Guest

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Jail Renovation Project is funded in part by the Texas Historical Commission

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"All Night Party" for graduates

playing Are You Smarter Than A 5th grader with D'anna. Everyone who comes knows that this is my favorite part and, while we have excellent students a MCHS, we did have to make up some extra rules for the game and let them phone a friend. Tim Ward was defiantly a big help to several of the students when they phoned him for help. Lyndee said it was because he listens to her everyday helping their household of kids with their homework.

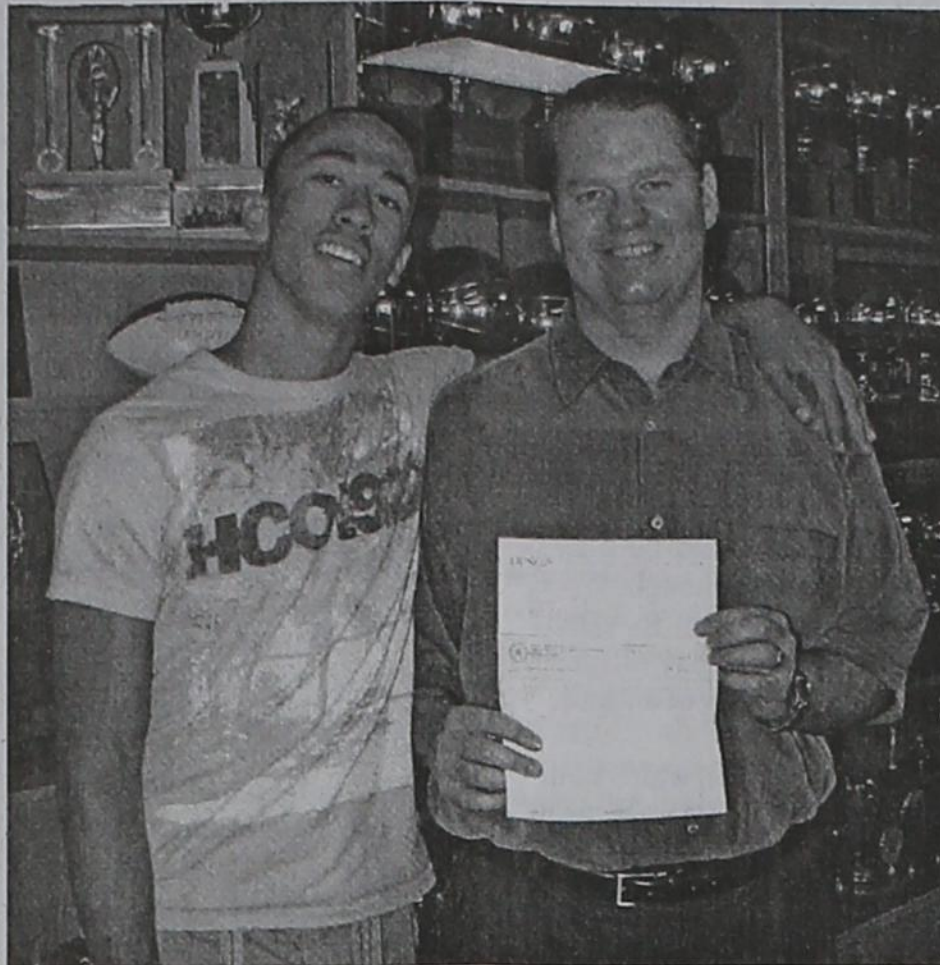
Once all the seniors had won their prizes they drew the names from the freshman, sophomore and junior class envelope for the class prize. Freshman, Kyla Simpson, won a digital picture frame, sophomore, Utah Flacon, won a MP3 home player system and junior, Chaundra Wolf, won

a portable DVD player which will come in handy for her long trip home to North Dakota and then back to Texas next fall.

At 4:40 the group headed down to the cafeteria for breakfast which consisted of delicious cinnamon rolls made by Bobbie Brown and milk and juice. The kids were dismissed at 5:00 to go home.

The Bingham's, Osborn's, Simpson's, Russell's and Annette Hollinsworth stayed and cleaned up and left the school just as the sun was coming up.

We appreciate everyone's help and the support of the community in what we feel is a very important project. Many thanks to you all and a special thank you to



MCISD Superintendent Randy Brown and senior, Stephen Webb, accept a donation for project graduation.

MC graduates 14 eighth graders



MCISD EIGHTH GRADERS; Back Row: Partick Harvey, Augustine Chavez, Jonathon Osborn, Cody Martin, Christian Brook, Nayo Santos, Keyan Kautz; Front Row: Reagan Elliott, Braden Mason, Ashley Brackeen, Brett Fletcher, Claricia Hernandez, Lexi Osborn, Mark Quintero.

Hackberry Creek Happenings

by Marisue Potts Powell

The community's participation at Hackberry Creek Care Center is totally awesome, as in "awe inspiring." Many of you donate your time to assist residents in a variety of ways, such as the hair stylings, visitations, office skills, music, scrapbooking, church services, new big print bibles, a Mother's Day rose, birthday celebrations, and, of course, donations and memorials.

Dorothy Johnson of Canyon has been honored by Judy Renfro with a donation. A nice donation has been received from the Marshall Family Reunion. Keith and Joan Patton have made a donation to the Barber Shop. Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton renewed her membership. Bob Stafford and Lindy Stafford have donated toward the construction of a gazebo.

Memorials for Pete Williams have been received from J. Don Finch, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ed Helms of Quitaque, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Turner of Lubbock, June Moss, D. D. McBride of Allen, and JG and Karol DeVries of Austin.

Memorials for Dona Brown have been received from Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Turner, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay of Quitaque, Mary E. Pitts of Lovington, N.M., and June Moss.

Clyde and Mary Brownlow of Amherst sent a memorial for Bill and JoAnn Durham.

Many have sent memorials for Rhonda Norrell, a young mother who tragically left us far too soon. These include Carol Bartlett of Lubbock, John and

Christie Spring of Canyon, Todd and Theresa Washington, Seab and Diane Washington, Douglas and Janie Campbell, June Moss, Norma Marrs, C. W. and Pat Moore, Clyde and Mary Brownlow of Amherst, Anita Mandrell of Olton, Bill and Kendra Luckett, Joel and Deb Spray, Larry and Donna Hoyle, Ron and Marie Cummings of Paducah, Timmy and Tina Brooks, Ernest and Sandra Ramirez of Afton, Polly and Robert Herrington of Canyon, Darleen Fletcher of Lubbock, Russ and Donna Edinburgh of McAdoo, Steve and Reneigh Burns of Springtown, and the Winsome Sunday School Class of First Baptist Church, Matador.

D. D. McBride also remembered another friend from the 30's, Dick Groves, with a memorial. Carter and Betty Luckett remembered several friends: Stanley Welling, Ida Fair Wiseman, Eddie Timmons, Gale Stafford, and Francis Cooper Davis. Dinah and Ken Young honored the memory of Vance Campbell and James "Butch" Renfro. The James A. "Buddy" Davidson Charitable Foundation made a donation in memory of Dean Gunstream, a relative of DeVonne and Bennie Dillard.

These donations and memorials are used in many different ways to benefit our residents and improve our care center. The members of the board of directors of the care center thanks all who have helped in these thoughtful ways to honor loved ones.

Training for Nursing Home Volunteers

South Plains Association of Governments' Area Agency on Aging will hold an orientation on Saturday, June 21st for nursing home volunteer advocates. The special session will be from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. at 1323-58th St. in Lubbock.

Extensive training will be offered in Lubbock, and upon request, some trainings can be scheduled in your communities. Training emphasis is on defending nursing facility residents'

rights; advocates will learn the importance for quality of care and life through a program called the Ombudsman.

All volunteers will receive liability insurance coverage; also, mileage reimbursement is available for anyone traveling from out of town for trainings. Call Paul Moore at the Area Agency on Aging at 687-0940 or 1-888-418-6564 to pre-register or to receive more information.



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Obituaries

Donnie Ray Cruse

Donnie Cruse of Flomot, Texas, passed from this life on Sunday, June 1, 2008 after a five year battle with melanoma. He was born October 3, 1947, in Matador, Texas to Ray and Tommie Jo Cruse. He graduated from Flomot High School in 1964, received an Associate Degree from Clarendon College, then a Bachelor of Science from Texas A&M University in 1970. He married his sweetheart and lifelong companion, Judy Lynn Pitts at Matador on October 4, 1968. They lived in College Station, Slaton, Lubbock, and Plainview before moving back to Flomot in 1978 where he lived his life as a farmer, rancher, and family man. Although he had many hobbies and interests, his passion was serving God and his family. He enjoyed hunting and fishing, especially with his kids and grandchildren.

Donnie and Judy have 5 children: Regina and her husband, Chad Seward of Goldthwaite, Brand and Jodi Cruse of Turkey, Chancy and Christie Cruse of Clarendon, Roegan Cruse of Flomot, and Talon & Chris

Cruse of Flomot. They have 7 grandchildren: Allison, Quaid, and Macy Seward; Branson, Baylor and Brayson Cruse; Colton Cruse, and another Baby Cruse expected in October.

He is also survived by his mother, Tommie Jo Cruse, brother Darrell Cruse and his wife Brenda, sisters Darla and husband James Gwinn, Deidra and husband Larry Clifton, Derinda and husband Mark Patton, many nieces, nephews, cousins, and numerous good friends. He is preceded in death by his father, Ray Cruse, and his grandparents.

Services were held at Flomot Church of Christ on June 3, 2008 with Gerald Bedwell and J. Henderson officiating. Graveside services immediately followed at Flomot Cemetery under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home.

The family requests that memorials be made to Flomot Cemetery Association or Hospice Hands of West Texas, which has been immensely helpful and supportive in our time of need.

William Mack "Micky" Hurt

William Mack "Mickey" Hurt, 49, a long time Motley County resident, passed away Monday, June 2, 2008 in Crosby County. Funeral services were held on Thursday, June 5, 2008 at the First United Methodist Church of Paducah with Pastor Jeff Uter officiating. Interment followed at the Paducah Garden of Memories Cemetery under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home. Family visitation was held from 6 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, June 4th.

Micky was born November 24, 1958 in Tulia, Texas to Thomas and Dora (Underwood) Hurt. He graduated from Motley County High School in 1977. Micky spent his early working

years as a mechanic. He worked at the John Deere House and he also worked independently. If it had a motor he could fix it.

In 1987 he married Suzanne Canon in Paducah. Several years later they moved to Las Vegas, Nevada. His later working years were as a floor supervisor with a Las Vegas Casino. Micky loved to golf and watch the Nascar races. He enjoyed all types of sports.

Micky is survived by his wife of 20 years, Suzanne Canon Hurt of Las Vegas, his parents, Thomas and Dora Hurt of Matador, three brothers, Jimmy Don, Lee and Tommy Hurt all of Matador, and one sister, Brenda Hurt of Dumont.

TRAIL DUST

By DOUGLAS MEADOR



Matador Tribune June 5, 1958

Summer would be nice if it could provide enough shade, comfort and leisure to extend from the last cool day of spring to the first cool day of autumn.

Habit is the soil which nourishes character. It may grow with equal abundance flowers and thistles; fruit and poison.

Stupidity may strike down a normal person like disease, but ignorance is a chronic condition that refuses to accept change.

Song of a mockingbird swaying with the thin branches of a tall elm tree brings tranquility to the restless night. The singing is as a catalyst that recovers joy from old dreams. Surely no other creature on this old star asks so little and gives so much as a mockingbird.

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Anna's American Dream

From Motley County Roundup c. 1991 by Marisue Potts

Part 3 of 3

... Since the dugout was ruined, the Coopers moved back near the site of their first dugout at TeePee City, this time building a two room half-dugout lined with rock. Here Mary Elizabeth, "Nellie," was born in 1886, but she failed to thrive and died before her first birthday.

In her eightieth year, 1887, Auntie died. On the sandy knolls overlooking TeePee Creek to the west, Anna tended three graves.

TeePee City had mail service, though a bit sporadic, as early as 1879 when Armstrong was appointed postmaster. Before that time, mail had to be picked up in far distant Mobeetie or Clarendon. Cooper was appointed to the job in 1880 and Mrs. Cooper in 1898 according to postal records.

Cooper often served as clerk in early day court proceedings of the surrounding judicial districts. Since taking care of legal business required traveling to Clarendon, Jacksboro, Seymour, or Estacado, as the territory became more settled, a move was begun to organize the county in 1891. Cooper was elected Commissioner for Precinct Three by the scattered settler and cowboys who visited his store, the polling place. When a school was begun at TeePee City, Cooper served as trustee, helped build the school building, and donated rock from the Cooper claim.

Joe Beckham was elected sheriff, and Cooper along with several others posted bond on his behalf. Twenty-one year old Beckham allegedly gambled away a portion

of the taxes he collected. Friends made up the shortage the first time. However, he continued to gamble away the county's funds.

Cooper, S.D. Cartwright, H.L. White, J.L. Bursleson, Lee S. Smith, and W.E. Gaines were among those who had posted bond as sureties for Beckham's obligations. When these men were unable to come up with the shortage of money, the individuals were sued for the "goods, chattels, land."

As a result, the Coopers lost their three sections of railroad land. Some eight years later Mrs. Cooper was successful in a suit against the Matador Land & Cattle Company, contending that it was her money that was used in the purchase of the property. With the help of lawyer Judge A.J. Fires, she regained title to two sections and the children later purchased the third, his fee, from Fires.

One dark night Beckham and his brother George banged on the door to the Coopers' store-home, demanding, "Money!" Wide-eyed Jim watched as two forty-fives were pointed at his dad. As Cooper went to a trunk to get the store's cache, which only amounted to seven or eight dollars, Anna eased to the fireplace, and aimed it at the robbers.

"Lookie here!" she demanded, but held her fire. A .45 then turned on her. In the back-ground, jumping up and down on the feather bed was little Nora, mimicking her mother with, "Lookie here, lookie here, lookie here."

The robbers took Mrs. Cooper's purse, but refused to leave

without her gun. Finally Cooper told them to take it, but to leave it by the gate, and they did.

Later Beckham gunned down Sheriff G.W. Cook as he stepped from the train at Seymour. Cook was transporting records for Beckham's trial. Beckham fled into Indian Territory and joined up with an outlaw gang. He was gunned down in a raid on their hideout.

In 1898, whether disgusted by the never-ending political squabbles, disheartened by his bad judgement of character, or eager to recoup his losses, Cooper left the country. The frontier of Alaska beckoned. Though he never stuck gold, he became postmaster once again and acquired some lots in Cordova. When he died in 1916 at the hot springs of Sitka, among his things were a watch, a gun, and a violin.

The ever tough Anna was now the sole supporter of her little family. She became postmistress and continued to run the little store, going to Childress for supplies. From her small vineyard she sold grapes to townspeople. Jim grew into a fine cowboy and an outstanding roper, though some said he gained his experience at the expense of the Matadors' cattle.

In 1915 after living in dugouts and a half-dugout for thirty-five years, Anna built a house on her land. For the next seventeen years until her death, although Jim tried to convince her to move to town, she resisted.

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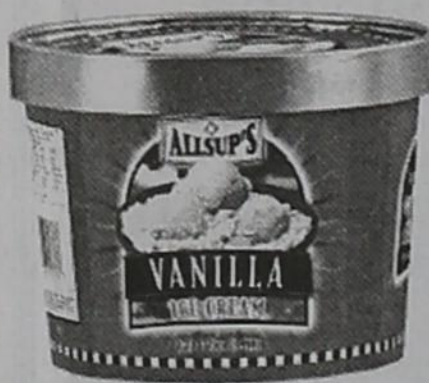
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June

- 5 Roaring Springs Lions, Hitchin Post, 11:30 am
- 6-7-8 PaWa Trade Days, Quitaque, TX
- 7 Men's Breakfast, Methodist Church, 7 a.m.
- 7 Diekemper Reception, Hotel Matador, 3-4 pm
- 7 Gonzalez anniversary mass, OLG Catholic Church, 3 pm
- 7 Gonzalez anniversary reception, Senior Citizens, 5-7 pm
- 7 Jail Star Party and Drum Circle, Matador, 7-10 pm
- 7 Gonzalez anniversary dance, Roaring Springs Rodeo Grounds, 9 pm - 1 am
- 9 Commissioners Court, 9:30 a.m.
- 9 Roaring Springs City Council, City Hall, 6 p.m.
- 10 RS Volunteers, Community Center, 7 p.m.
- 11 Do-Gooders Club quilting at Flomot Community Center, 1 p.m.
- 12 Matador City Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 17 Matador Lions Club, Methodist Church, 12:30pm
- 18 Do-Gooders Club quilting at Flomot Community Center, 1 p.m.
- 19 Matador Masonic Lodge, 6:30 pm
- 21-22 Relay For Life, 7pm to 7 am
- 26 Matador Eastern Star, 6:30 p.m.

July

- 1 Matador Lions, Methodist Church, 12:30pm
- 3 Roaring Springs Lions, Hitchin Post, 11:30am
- 4 4th of July celebration, Roaring Springs

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