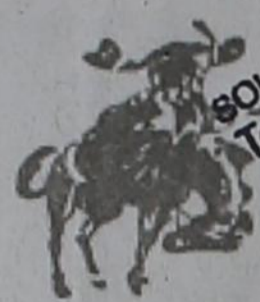


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## Motley 4-H Club members assist Dr. David Fuston with Rabies Vaccination and Flea and Tick Dip



Back row - Natalie Jameson, Kaylee Woolsey, Sage Guerrero, Mattie Brooks, Dr. David Fuston, Cassidy Turner, Shelby Elliott, Christian Brooks, Wyatt Hackler, and Jacob Woolsey. Front Row - Emma Hackler, Emma Cruse, Tatum Guerrero, Emily Jameson, Carley Turner and Brody Rankin

## Record Patronage Announced at Annual Meeting

According to presentations from Board Chairman Steve Rader and CEO Gregg Lloyd; Panhandle-Plains Land Bank is in strong financial condition, able to pay a record cash patronage; thanks to Stockholders, Board Members, and employees having the right attitude. Rader and Lloyd spoke at the Regional Stockholder's Meetings April 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. Both men quoted Winston Churchill saying, "Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference."

Chairman Rader expanded on the theme saying, "the association made outstanding accomplishments improving credit quality during a time of difficult economic and weather conditions." He explained that year-end financial strength allowed for the record cash patronage payment of \$3.8 million. "In the past eight years, Panhandle-Plains Land Bank has returned over \$20 million in cash to its stockhold-

ers." Rader expressed confidence in the association's ability to provide superior service in spite of challenges. His remarks closed with another Churchill quote, "I am an optimist. It does not seem too much use being anything else."

CEO Gregg Lloyd echoed the strong financial reports and emphasized that the association's success was due to a good attitude on the part of the board, employees, and most importantly, its stockholders. "Leadership from the board, hard work from the employees, and loan performance, all with the right attitude is what sets Panhandle-Plains Land Bank apart from its competition," Lloyd explained. "As a customer and owner, you are the reason we are in business," he told stockholders. "Please tell your friends and neighbors about the association with an attitude, the can do attitude!"

Stockholders elected one new director for Place IV

which represents Oldham and Potter Counties. Larry Fairchild from Adrian is retiring after 24 years on the board. Joining the board of the Federal Land Bank of Amarillo in 1988; Fairchild has served the association as it prospered through many changes. In addition to farming, Larry and his wife Paula travel, fish, and enjoy a growing family. The Panhandle-Plains team expresses its deep appreciation for their hard work and dedication.

Perry Kirkland, a farmer-stockman from Vega, was elected to Place IV. Ronnie Hopper from Petersburg and Rusty Henson from Quitaque were re-elected to Places VIII and IX respectively.

Panhandle-Plains Land Bank provides long-term credit to farmers, ranchers, and agribusiness in 17 counties of the Panhandle and South Plains. Offices are located in Amarillo, Pampa, Perryton, and Plainview.

## Bigger and Better: 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Highway 70 Garage Sale

By Monta Marshall  
Motley County Tribune

The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Highway 70 Garage Sale is set for Saturday, May 5, 2012, and Roaring Springs Community Volunteers would like to encourage the traveling public to "get off of the beaten path and head to downtown Roaring Springs," President Deannette Gullidge said.

"There are going to be two very large garage sales in Roaring Springs," she said, adding, "Also, we will be serving breakfast burritos at 7:30 a.m. on the sidewalk at the Windmill Café."

In addition, the volunteers will hold a large bake sale and will sponsor a booth in the building adjacent to the Windmill Café. All donations of

baked goods and items to sell would be appreciated, Gullidge said.

"If you have things you want to be rid of but don't want to have your own sale you would be donating to an organization whose goal is to make Roaring Springs a better town," Monta Marshall said. "The proceeds of the sale will be used to purchase fireworks for the annual Fourth of July Celebration."

According to planners, it isn't too late to register for the sale. The cost is \$10.00. This fee pays for areawide advertising in newspapers and on the radio. The sale will be along 70 miles of Texas Highway 70 beginning at Spur and going north including Dickens, Roaring Springs, Matador, Flomot and Turkey.

## Texas Public Utility Commission Approves Transmission Line Settlement Route

On April 27, 2012 the Texas Public Utility Commission (PUC) approved the application of Southwestern Public Service (SPS) to amend a Certificate of Convenience and necessity for the proposed TUCO to Texas/Oklahoma interconnect 345 KV transmission line. The approval will result in the transmission line being located across Hale, Floyd, Motley, Cottle, Briscoe, Hall, Childress, Donley, Collingsworth and Wheeler Counties.

The transmission line will be located along a settlement route agreed to by SPS and affected landowners. The Settlement Route will cross approximately 33 miles in Motley County. "The effort to establish a Settlement Route for location of the Transmission Line Easement began about a year ago when it became apparent that objections to routes designated by SPS would eliminate the route across Motley County.

The Settlement Route was created by using a portion of the proposed route previously submitted by SPS, and by including property of local landowners who volunteered

to accept the transmission line across their land" said Susan Jameson, one of the affected landowners. Jameson added that "the settlement route would never have been established if it had not been for the agreement of the many landowners who authorized location of the transmission line easement across their property and the hard work of many individuals who supported the project."

Tom Hamilton, attorney for several of the affected landowners indicated that, "While the transmission line will likely have a detrimental impact on the uses and value of the land affected by the line, the Counties will see a benefit. For example, the current Motley County ad valorem tax base is approximately \$88 million dollars. Construction of the Transmission Easement across Motley County will increase the ad valorem tax base approximately \$33 million dollars."

Both Jameson and Hamilton agreed that, "this process has been long, stressful and sometimes frustrating to the parties involved. Approval by the PUC was a great victory for

the counties where the Settlement Route will be located."

A special THANK YOU goes out all involved and to the following:

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# Foothill Country

## Connections

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By Laverne Zabielski

In anticipation on the Matador's Centennial Celebration on June 8-9, City Hall has painted the exterior of its building. In the sixties, when we visited Grandmother Tilson in Whiteflat, she insisted we put our best foot forward. We always had to dress up when we went to Matador. My cousins, Noilene Bethard and Linda Tilson, and I shopped at Matador Variety for fabric,

rick rack, zippers and thread, then spent hot summer afternoons sewing new dresses to wear to town on the week ends.

Likewise, hopefully other businesses will follow city hall's lead and spruce up. Perhaps there is some money available in the 4B tax fund to assist with these projects. This tax was designed to give communities an opportunity to undertake projects for quality of life improvement, including economic development. Take your proposal to Judy Renfro and she will present it to the 4B board for consideration.

Matador will have lots of visitors during the celebration and we want them to see Matador at its very best. And we want them to come back!

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# WRITING COMMUNITY

## From Country Store to Library, The Moore Building

**From the Editor:** This article is a reprint from the *Matador Tribune* in 1988, following the Grand Opening of the new Motley County Library, housed in the old historical Commercial Grocery Store. The Motley County Museum has shared three historical photographs of the Commercial Grocery - one in 1903 before the fire that claimed four buildings on the west side, south main; one in 1928 after the Commercial Grocery was rebuilt; one of the inside of the store in 1942; and lastly, the modern-day Motley County Library housed in the old historical building remodeled through grants and donations - 109 years of history in one location. The masthead of the *Tribune* says it all: History is Pride.

By Marisue Potts

As the Motley County Library celebrates its Grand Opening on January 9, 1988, some old times will recall that the shiny embossed tin ceiling once looked down on a cracker barrel and the old pot-bellied stove of the Commercial Grocery.

Buggy horses, their tails patiently switching, were once tied to the iron rigs in the sidewalk. The overhead wooden sign swayed gently in the breeze, until young hooligans, running the length of the block, set it and others along the way, in violent motion.

A fan in front of the beveled glass door whirred, circulating the air within and, theoretically at least, keeping pesky flies out. Pullout bins of beans and peas were topped by rows of canned corn and tomatoes. Behind the lattice work at the butcher block, Joe Meador, former Matador Ranch cowboy, cuts steaks from a hindquarter. Tale-spinning old men, gather around the warmth of the coal burner, whittling. As tobacco juice hits the stove, it sends up a plume of steam and protesting sizzle.

Ranson Pinkney "Rans" Moore and Ab Johnson had established the business in 1900 but in a couple of years, Moore bought out his partner. Two years later, Moore's nephew "Little" Billie Evans purchased half interest in the wooden, store front general store. Evans remained with the firm until he died of measles in 1907. W. W. Moore then joined his brother as a partner.

Ranch hands from the Matador line caps, coming either very early in the morning or very late at night, often roused Moore out to open the store so they could get their monthly supplies.

When a fire broke out in the downtown area in 1914, volunteers carried water from the public well at the courthouse for hours, trying to douse the vicious flames. But when the ashes cooled, four buildings, including the Commercial Grocery, were destroyed.

Community spirit prevailed and in a spirit of progress, the buildings were replaced. However, this time fire retardant brick and stucco were used by builders James Williams and Fletch Walter. In 1915 Moore once again bought the business.

Sam Bates entered the partnership in 1917 but later sold his interest to Roy Burleson in 1920. Nine years later Charlie E. Parks purchased Burleson's interest, buying into a partnership that would last for twenty-three years, until Parks moved away in 1952. Longtime manager George Birchfield continued keeping the store until Moore died in 1954.

According to Moore's daughter Marge Harper, who furnished much of the details for this story, along with old *Tribune* articles by Doug Meador, since that time, for over thirty years, the building has served the Moore family descendants as a storage depot for heirlooms and unused furniture. Young marrieds sought pieces to set up house-keeping. When their situation improved and they could buy new, they then returned the old, to be used by another generation.

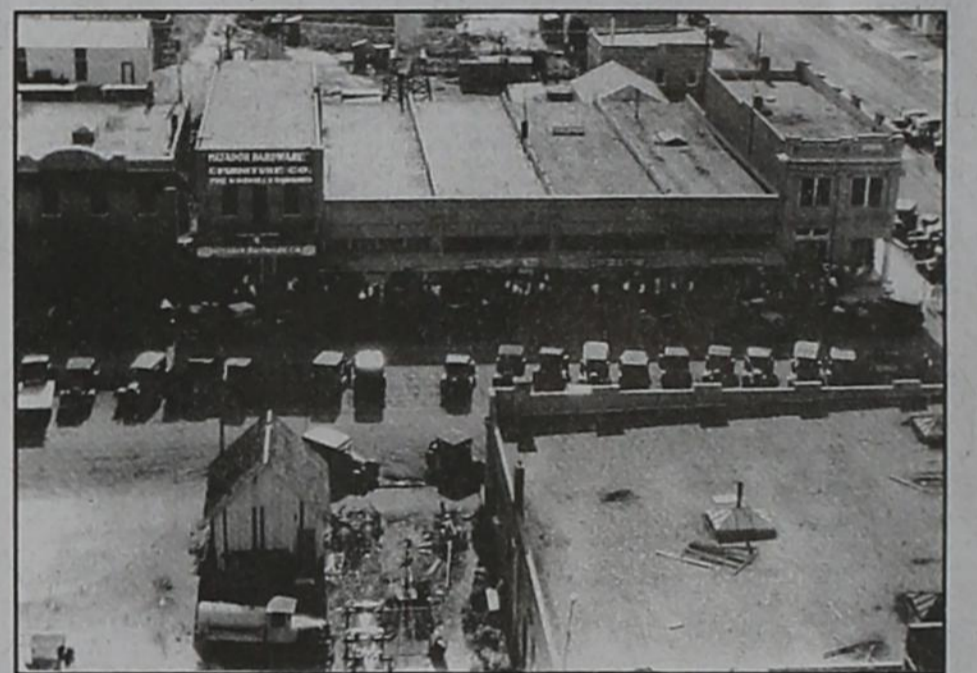
Negotiations were completed in 1987 for the Commercial Grocery building to become the permanent home for the Motley County Library. Using grant funds from the Meadows Foundation, benefits from the Sesquicentennial celebration and service clubs, and memorials and donations from many interested people, extensive remodeling was completed. For the first time ever, the building had running water and indoor plumbing.

Now, in much the same way the Moore family borrowed "early marriage" furniture form the building, county residents borrow books from the library, returning them to be used again and again.



Southwest Main Street, 1903

The Commercial Grocery Store was established in 1900 by Ranson "Rance" Moore and Ab Johnson. Moore bought out his partner, then his nephew Billie Evans purchased half interest in the store front general store. WW Moore joined his brother Rance as a partner about 1907. This is a rare photo of the block that burned in 1914. Likely, the Commercial Grocery is the store front with the white horse and buggy in front, next to the Dry Goods Store. (Photo courtesy of Motley County Museum).



Southwest Main Street, 1928

Pictured is the Southwest Main Street after it was rebuilt following a fire in 1914 that burned down four buildings, including the Commercial Grocery Store. (The Commercial Grocery is the fourth building from the right, next to the old City Drug Store. Lowe's Grocery Store is located in the old Matador Hardware). Photo courtesy of Motley County Museum).



Commercial Grocery Store, 1942

Pictured is a historical photograph from the Jess Couch Collection. Written on the back of the photograph was the date January 3, 1942. Matador Commercial Grocery owned by Rance Moore. Pictured (L to R) are: Charlie Parks, Walter Montgomery, Mack Marshall, and Rance Moore. (Photo courtesy of Motley County Museum).



Motley County Library, 2012

The Old Commercial Grocery Store became the permanent home of the Motley County Library in 1987. Grants, donations, and memorials paid for extensive remodeling of the historical building. Marisue Potts: "For the first time ever, the building had running water and indoor plumbing."

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**MOTLEY**  
**COUNTY GYM**

**DIVISIONS:**

- 4<sup>TH</sup>/5<sup>TH</sup> Grade Boys & Girls Teams
- Jr High Boys & Girls Teams
- High School Boys & Girls Teams
- Alumni Teams (anyone over age 18)

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8:00am - Late Registration/Coffee & Donuts  
8:30am - Opening Ceremony  
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# City Hall Spruces up for Centennial Celebration



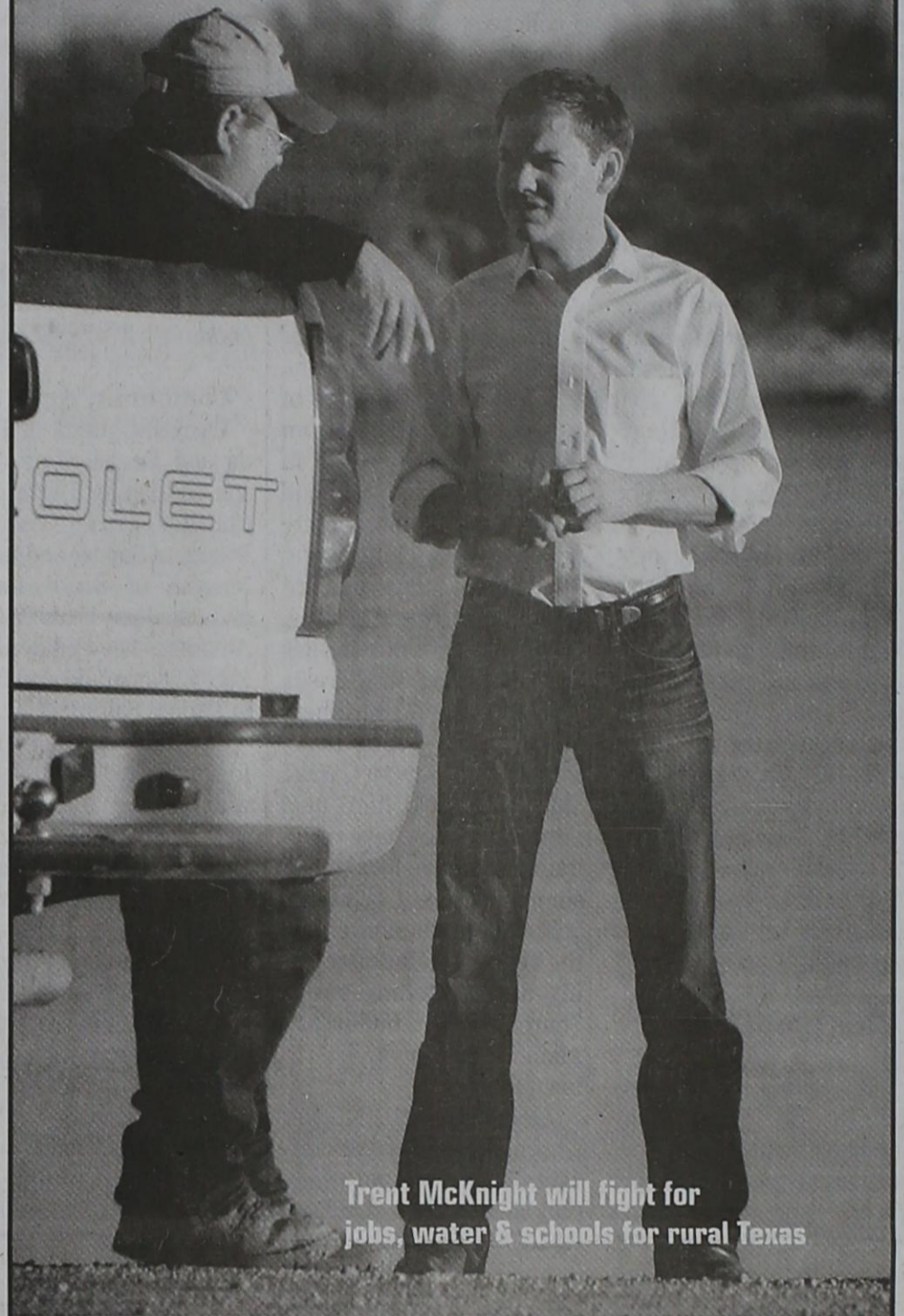
In preparation for Matador's 100 years birthday celebration Rose Construction gave city hall a new paint job.

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Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on MAY 12, 2012, for voting in an election to 1 Mayor, 2 Council Members.

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# NEWS AROUND MOTLEY COUNTY

## Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

### On a personal note

Saturday will be a big day in Roaring Springs. A giant garage sale is on the slate. Kick off your day at 7:30 a.m. with a breakfast burrito at the Windmill Cafe and shop 'til you drop at the RS Volunteer's sale next door.

Folks are buzzing around ferreting out stuff to put in the Highway 70 Garage Sale. It is a good way to get rid of unwanted items that might be useful to someone else and do your spring housecleaning at the same time. If you don't want to bother having your own sale, donations to the Roaring Springs Community Volunteers booth would be appreciated. They will be set up on Broadway next to the Windmill Café. Also they are having a bake sale. (Yummm, good cookies, cakes and pies). Again baked goods would be a welcome donation. Check with Alex Crowder if you would like to have a booth in the Roaring Springs Park. Free advertisement comes with the price of a space. Alex's number is 348-7336.

### Blest Gospel Opry

On Sunday afternoons folks who like to sing or play an instrument are invited to meet at the Full Gospel Church here in Roaring Springs at 3:00 p.m. For the past two weeks a group has met to play and sing. The goal is to get a bass, banjo, fiddle and guitar and a full range of voices. This is for fun and hopefully to have a group that could entertain and perhaps start a regular Blest Gospel Opry program. If you have an interest in this sort of thing, please come. For more information call Susan Gahr at 806-786-4744.

### In the community

Roaring Springs has a

new family in town. Kellie Cantwell and her children, Kortney and Kolby have purchased Bill and Linda Perryman's home. They are in the process of getting settled in. Kortney is a college student. Kolby is 16 and will be a student at Motley County ISD.

Saturday before last, Ken and Dinah Young hosted a dinner party. Attending were Mary Ellen (Dude) Barton, P. K. Green, Mike Mach, and Jerry and Karen Wienke of Lubbock. Dude brought some of her woodworking crafts. She has made several items of 100-year-old lumber from the home she grew up in and the old barn. She had made some stools, picture frames, wind chimes and other items. Everyone enjoyed the party and visiting. Pat Palmer of Eureka, KS, and her daughter, Trisha Spikes of Rotan were here on Saturday getting ready for the Highway 70 Garage Sale to be held here next Saturday. They have many items and have brought in some furniture to sell.

Corky Marshall attended the Titus Foundation meeting at the Rolling Plains Shared Services building in Matador on Monday morning.

Don and Billie Stuckey returned home on Monday from Flower Mound where they visited their daughter and family, Leandra, Randy and Ella Harris and Matt and Kenna Whittenberg. While they were away, Don took his latest sculpture to Azle, TX to have it cast. It is a very interesting sculpture of a cougar and hounds.

Remember the Roaring Springs Lions Club Meeting on Thursday at 11:30 a.m. at the Windmill Café.

Janice Perryman will be going for more tests this week to determine the extent of her recent diagnosis of cancer. Pray for Janice and her family.

## Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

### Overheard

The indispensable first step to getting the things you want out of life is this: Decide what you want. Congratulations to the 2012 graduating seniors!

### Attend Conference

Tim Kendall was in Nashville, Tennessee, from Monday until Thursday. He attended an informative Aclara Conference. He and wife, Melissa, sons, Jere and Jacob enjoyed the Bob Wills celebration in Turkey Saturday.

### Community News

Weekend guests of Brenda and Darrell Cruse were son and family, Derrick and Christina Cruse, Cash and Paisley of Snyder and friend, Meagan of South Dakota and daughter, Leah Cruse of Amarillo. They enjoyed the Bob Wills parade and lunch in Turkey, Saturday.

Cory and Mary Franks of Idalou visited the weekend with his parents, Connie and Cary Franks. They and Mrs. Erma Washington joined Cory and Amy Franks, Madison, Hudson and Heston of Idalou at the Muncy community Saturday where Madison competed in the Archery event. Madison was awarded a second place in her division.

Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton

joined Mrs. Dixie Campbell of Matador in Turkey Saturday and enjoyed the Bob Wills parade and lunch.

L.T. Starkey of Ralls accompanied his brother, Johnie Starkey to Lubbock Wednesday for a medical appointment.

Joey and Brenda Lee of Clarendon visited Saturday with his parents, Ruth and Orville Lee.

Reagan Hughes and friends, Dakota and Kennedy of Floydada, visited overnight Saturday with her grandmother, Mrs. Janice Hughes. They enjoyed the Bob Wills celebrations in Turkey Saturday. Joining them to visit Sunday were Roger Hughes and son, Brody of Floydada.

Donna Sue and Stanley Degan of Calgary visited her mother, Mrs. B. Rogers, Sunday.

Wilburn Martin and son, Dr. David Martin attended to business in Lubbock, Thursday.

Michael of Canyon visited the weekend with his mother, Mrs. Nada Starkey.

Clois and Kathy Shorter met daughter and family, Keri and Kevin Sehon, Brian and Brooke of Wolforth in Ropesville Saturday. They were pleased with the basketball game in which Brian and teammates defeated Meadow.

## Matador News

By Marilyn Hicks

Bob Wills weekend has come and gone again. I know that not very many local people attend, but it really brings in the out-of-towners. There are several couples who have stayed with us for four years and have reserved through 2017. The venue looks like it is alive and well.

I got to attend a dinner on Friday night where our son, Kevin, received a law-enforcement award. We are proud of his professional career as well as the person he has become. Jacob played in his first varsity baseball game on Friday as well and scored once in a winning game. They will be moving on to playoff games next week. My thanks go to Linda, Caron D and Mom for covering

during my absence this weekend. One can never have too many members of a caring family.

Linda Roy and her daughter Emily Teegardin from Silverton took a road trip to Weatherford last week. They visited with Lin's granddaughter, Malosi, and daughter-in-law Kelly Roy from Virginia. In addition to a wonderful visit, they shopped some and brought back some unique plants.

William Cochran, Tim Hill, and Beverly Marrs honored their secretaries with a luncheon on April 26. The secretaries who attended were Devonna Grundy, Brooke Barton, Sara Fowler, and Judy Woolsey. The secretaries in the offices keep the business on track and moving.

# Obituary

## Bobbie Dillow

A Memorial Service for Bobbie Dillow of Lovington, New Mexico, was held 11:00 a.m. Friday, May 25, 2012 at Stevens Funeral Home Chapel. Service was under the direction of Stevens Funeral Home, Lovington, N.M.

Bobbie Dillow went home to rest eternally with Our Heavenly Father on April 19<sup>th</sup>. She was born in Willis, Oklahoma on October 16, 1928 to James and Lovie Rollins. She married Ralph Dillow on June 20, 1948. Ralph preceded her in death on May 3, 1993.

Ralph and Bobbie had three daughters: Jerry (Ron) Evans of Pahrump, NV; Phyllis McCullough of San Antonio, TX; and Wanda (Bob) Kilmer of Matador, TX.

Bobbie and Ralph had six granddaughters and eight great grandchildren. Bobbie is also survived by her two sisters: Jo Hale of Plano, TX and June (Charles) Whitfill

of Pottsboro, TX and one brother James (Charlene) Rollins of Madill, Oklahoma; and sister-in-law Louise Dillow of Colorado.

Bobbie was a school bus driver in Tatum and Lovington for 28 years. She was also active in the Nor-Lea Hospital Auxiliary. She appreciated the caring friendships through the years, especially Bud and Rhonda Copeland looking after her.

Bobbie spent many years at Lake Texoma making memories with family and friends. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Nor-Lea Hospital Auxiliary, 1600 N. Main, Lovington, NM 88260 in Bobbie's name, or charity of your choice would be appreciated in lieu of flowers.

An online registry can be accessed at [www.stevensfuneral.com](http://www.stevensfuneral.com).

## Countdown to Centennial Celebration Ten Reasons To Visit Matador

### Reason #7 to Visit Matador

To also visit the historic towns of Roaring Springs for the Old-fashioned July 4th Celebration, Motley-Dickens Old Settlers Reunion; Northfield and Whiteflat Reunions, and the Flomot Bluegrass Festival.



## "The Rattler" 1917-1918 Matador High School Annual

By Earlyne Jameson

Mrs. Elizabeth Payne Black of Bethel Springs, Tennessee, daughter of early day residents of Matador, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Jefferson Payne, sent to me her Matador High School Annual, "The Rattler". It

was published in 1917-18 and will be on display at the Motley County Library during the Matador Centennial Celebration.

Come by the Motley County Library, relax in one of their comfortable chairs and enjoy these historical Matador High School memoirs!

**You are invited to a Motley County Video Documentary Screening Party**  
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*Library Journal*  
by Carla Meador Librarian

A Friends of the Library meeting will be held today (Thursday, May 3) at 3:00 p.m. in the Library. All Friends are urged to attend. We will discuss our upcoming Summer Reading Program, which will take place every Monday afternoon in June. This will be my first Summer program as Librarian, so I am very excited about it. I already have some fun things planned and some great entertainment. The Friends sponsor this awesome program each year. If you're not a "Friend of the Library" and would like to join this important and supporting group, please come to the meeting and we'll tell you how you can become our "Friend."

New books on the shelves this week include *Creating Innovators: The Making of Young People Who Will Change the World* by Tony Wagner, *The Real Romney* by Michael Kranish and Scott Helman, *Come Home* by Lisa Scottoline, *The Dressmaker* by Kate Alcott, *God's Story, Your Story: When His Becomes Yours* by Max Lucado, *Injustice: Exposing the Racial Agenda of the Obama Justice Department* by J. Christian Adams, *One Perfect Word: One Word Can Make All the Difference* by Debbie Macomber, *Anatomy of Injustice: A Murder Case Gone Wrong* by Raymond Bonner, *At Last* by Edward St. Aubyn, *An American Spy* by Olin Steinhauer, *The Fiddler* by Beverly Lewis and *The Dog That Talked to God* by Jim Kraus.

In our children's section we have *Far Flutterby*, *Every Which to Pray*, *Just In Case*

*You Ever Wonder*, *A Max Lucado Children's Treasury: A Child's First Collection*, *Janet's Thingamajigs*, *The Hulloaloo ABC*, *Big Nate Goes For Broke*, and *Zero the Hero*.

In our Juvenile section we have several new Ramona Quimby books. We also have *Looking for Me* by Betsy R. Rosenthal, and *Chitty, Chitty, Bang, Bang Flies Again* by Frank Cottrell Boyce.

New DVD's include *Wyatt Earp's Revenge*, *The Touch*, *Touching Wild Horses*, and *Your Love Never Fails*.

Thank you to Bobby and Brooke Barton for their donation in memory of Bertha Moore, to Joyce Campbell for her donation in memory of Bobbie Dillow, the mother of Wanda Kilmer, and to Motley County ISD for their donation in memory of Sandra File, a sister to Pam Thacker. We very much appreciate these donations.

We would like to thank Erin Jones, Pam Thacker and O.K. and Jane Neal for their book donations. We also received a great donation for our Teen section - two cool and comfy chairs. The generous person who donated the chairs would like to remain anonymous, but we really appreciate the donation and so do the kids, who have already taken advantage of the chairs and think they're awesome.

If you haven't been to the library lately, you need to stop by and see the great things going on here. This is a "happenin'" place! Our hours are Monday, 2-5 p.m.; Tuesday-Thursday, 1-6 p.m. and Friday, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. See you at the Library!

**Thank You**

Words can not express how thankful we are for all that you have done for us during this difficult time. Thanks for all the food, flowers, memorials and offers of help. It truly is a blessing to live in a small community where neighbors still help each other in their time of need.

The Family of Dale L. Smith  
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**County Agent's News**  
by Ryan Martin, Agri LIFE EXTENSION Agent



**Beetles chomping their way through salt cedar at Lake Meredith AgriLife Research monitoring defoliation of "water-hog" plants**

AMARILLO - Dr. Jerry Michels, a Texas AgriLife Research entomologist in Amarillo, is hopeful this will be the year major defoliation occurs on salt cedar that lines the banks of the waterways leading into Lake Meredith.

Plum Creek recreational area at Lake Meredith is the site of Michels' biological control of salt cedar study. Lake Meredith is north of Amarillo and serves as a water source for 11 member cities of the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority.

Salt cedar is an invasive plant that uses a lot of water and degrades the environment that it is in, Michels said. It is usually found in riparian areas where there is a good source of water.

Kent Satterwhite, Canadian River Municipal Water Authority general manager at Fritch, said they have sprayed more than 20,000 acres of salt cedar along the waterways that lead into Lake Meredith, trying to control the invasive tree.

"We're convinced that what we've sprayed so far has used more water than all of our member cities combined," Satterwhite said. "So it is a huge water-hog, and the goal here is to try to help Lake Meredith and get some more water to the lake."

The goal, with the water authority's support of Michels' salt cedar beetle study, is to maintain what has already been done, Satterwhite said. The beetles' emergence and activity this year is encouraging.

Michels said without the support of the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority, he probably would not have gotten the project started. Not only was the funding important, but so was access to sites, protected sites where "we knew we could release these beetles and they wouldn't be disturbed."

The project began in 2004 when Michels first released some beetles that feed on salt cedar, but he says he's had varying degrees of success over the years.

"Some of our earlier releases may have been with the wrong species of beetle or the wrong ecotype - came from the wrong area of the world," he said. "For some reason, they just didn't sit well with this situation."

"Over the years, we've made various releases of the beetle around Lake Meredith and we think we finally have a good establishment of a beetle that came from Crete, an island off of Greece," Michels said. "The latitude is one of the most important considerations that we have,

because the beetles' reproductive system is based on photoperiod."

He said they have found that if there aren't enough hours of light during the summer, the beetles will think it is going into fall and they will start to hibernate early by burrowing into the ground. They starve to death during the winter.

"But we think we've got the right biotype now and it's taken off here at Plum Creek and has done some extensive defoliation," Michels said. "This is the second summer they have come out of hibernation; they spent the winter here."

He said even in last year's drought, the beetles seemed to flourish. And now, they have emerged early this spring and are showing signs of mating. If there are no hard freezes in the coming weeks, defoliation should begin in earnest.

The beetle can do a lot of damage to the salt cedar trees in just one season, he said. The adults and larvae girdle twigs, causing complete defoliation of even mature trees.

"Of course, if you have a big healthy tree, it's going to take a couple years of defoliation to actually kill it," Michels said. "But smaller trees and seedlings could be killed in the first season."

Michels said while he is excited to see the beetles emerged for the second year in a row, he knows it is an ongoing process that will take time to see significant results.

**State leaders unveil the Texas Wildfire Risk Assessment Portal**

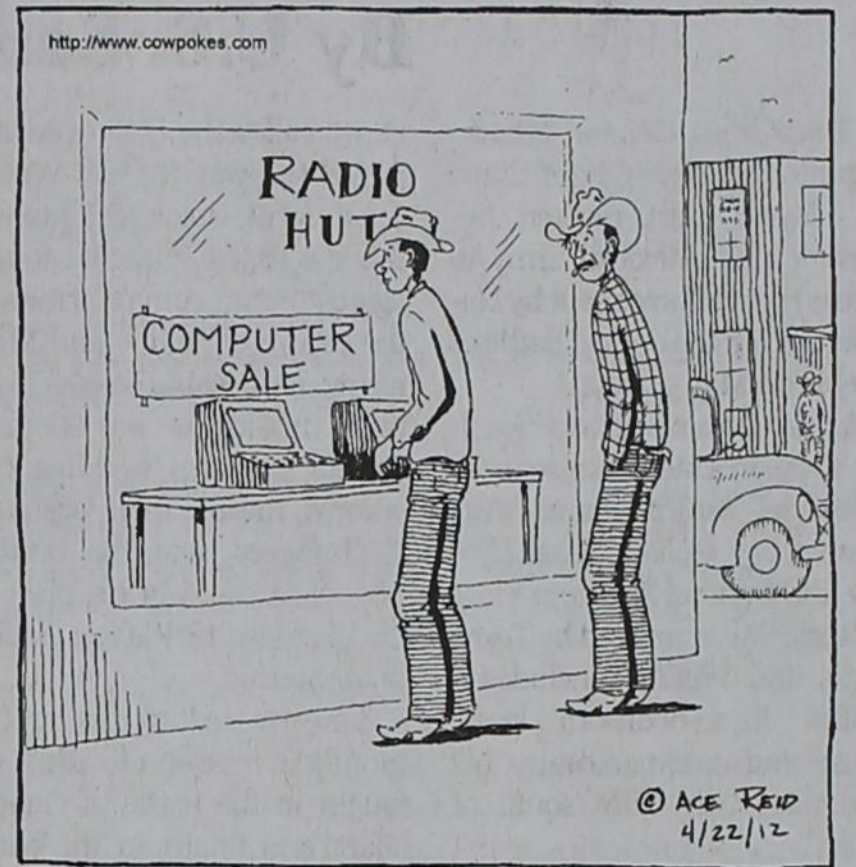
AUSTIN, Texas - Officials with Texas Forest Service and The Texas A&M University System gathered with state lawmakers Friday morning to unveil new web applications that will help homeowners and communities determine wildfire risk - and take measures to mitigate potential hazards.

Wildfires scorched almost 4 million acres across the state last year, destroying nearly 3,000 homes. Texas Forest Service officials say the new web applications will arm Texans with the tools they need to reduce threats from future blazes.

"Making a fundamental difference in the lives of students in the Texas A&M University System is something we try to do every day," said John Sharp, chancellor of the Texas A&M System. "But today we hope to make a difference in the lives of all Texans with this TxWRAP program from the Texas Forest Service."

Texas Wildfire Risk Assessment Portal, or TxWRAP, allows users to identify wildfire threats for a particular area

**COWPOKES** By Ace Reid



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| Depth  | Percent Moisture in Soil |
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| 8 inches   | <1%                      |
| 16 inches  | <1%                      |
| 24 inches  | <1%                      |
| When soil is saturated, moisture content equals 100% |                          |

based on landscape characteristics, historical fire occurrence, weather conditions, terrain and potential fire behavior. It also routes users to resources that can help them implement wildfire prevention practices.

Accessible at [texaswildfirerisk.com](http://texaswildfirerisk.com), the applications are free to use. Professional users such as civic planners, wildland fire managers and elected officials can use TxWRAP to generate a report packaging all the wildfire risk data for their community. Such a tool can be useful in defining mitigation options, allocating resources and prioritizing programs that will better protect communities.

Developed by Texas Forest Service GIS specialists, TxWRAP is the first web portal of its kind in the nation granting public access to risk assessment data that previously hasn't been readily available, particularly in a user-friendly format.

Texas Forest Service Director Tom Boggus called the website a "holistic approach to Texans helping Texans mitigate their wildfire risk."

"This can and should be a 'game changer' for Texans as they learn what their risks are and how to mitigate them," Boggus said. "It is a tool that

neighbor can pass on to neighbor, making Texas a safer place to live."

Texas Senators Kirk Watson and Royce West have committed their support to the project.

"During a January interim hearing of the Senate Committee on Intergovernmental Relations, my colleagues and I were excited to hear about the Texas Wildfire Risk Assessment Portal," West said. "This website will enable homeowners, civic leaders, community planners, elected officials and others to identify the risk wildfire poses to their communities. Developed by Texas Forest Service, this tool empowers Texans to be able to better protect their homes and property."

Watson added: "The devastating fires in Central Texas last fall revealed how we need strong collaboration between local, county and state officials. This new Wildfire Risk Assessment Tool furthers the potential for this critical collaboration in disaster management and risk assessment. It's an important resource for Texans to plan, protect and act."

**Resources**  
Texas Wildfire Risk Assessment Portal: [texaswildfirerisk.com](http://texaswildfirerisk.com)

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Wilbur Smith, a respected Bible scholar of the last century, wrote: "The latest Edition of the Encyclopedia Britannica gives twenty thousand words to the person, Jesus, and does not even hint that He did not exist. More words are given of Jesus than Aristotle, Alexander, Cicero, Julius Caesar, or Napoleon Bonaparte." Even Napoleon said of Jesus: "I know men and I tell you that Jesus Christ was no mere man. Between Him and whoever else in the world there is no possible term of comparison." In all the Bible there is nothing so captivating as the study of the Jesus and His effect upon all that came into contact with Him. His impact upon the people of His days upon the earth was such that people would ask, "We want to see Him."

The Bible portrays Jesus as the Son of Man, the Son of God. He was mistreated, finally hated, malignèd, beaten and then nailed to a cross. This is the man that spent His life giving and serving. The Bible says of Him, "That He came unto His own and they that were His own received Him not." Yes, many saw Jesus and yet refused His message nor would they be identified with Him. They could not open their eyes.

Would we see Jesus? Would we be willing to be identified with Him? If so, it will take exposure to God's Word, coupled with prayer and obedience to walk with Jesus. It will mean growing and maturing in the "grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ." It will mean opening our eyes. I want to see Him in glory. I am sure that you do too.

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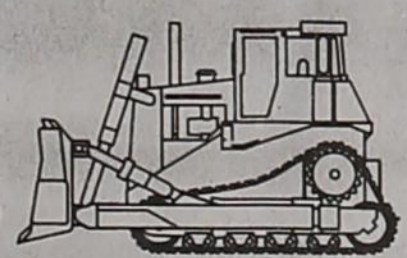
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# The Hero Of Cinco De Mayo

By U.S. Sen. John Cornyn

Texas-born General Ignacio Seguín Zaragoza—one of Cinco de Mayo's most revered heroes—led his Mexican army to defeat French forces sent by Napoleon III in the critical Battle of Puebla on May 5, 1862.

Zaragoza was born on March 24, 1829, in a stone house in La Bahía del Espíritu Santo near present-day Goliad, Texas. Today, the General Zaragoza State Historic Site, managed by Texas Parks and Wildlife, includes a replica three-bedroom stone house and commemorates his birthplace two miles south of Goliad.

In 1844, Zaragoza's father, an infantryman, was transferred to Monterrey, where Zaragoza entered seminary. However, it was not long before he changed course and set out to become a businessman. After delving into the mercantile business for several years, Zaragoza's true calling finally became clear – military service. He joined Nuevo León's militia as a sergeant and was promoted to captain soon after.

Zaragoza eventually joined the liberal faction of the army led by Benito Juárez, who sought to remove Antonio López de Santa Anna from power and establish a democratic government and constitution. This

effort, called the Plan of Ayutla, paved the way for the War of the Reform, which took place in the late 1850s. Zaragoza fought against Santa Anna's armies in the battles of Saltillo and Monterrey. He became so engrossed in his mission, he was not present for his own wedding ceremony. Rather than postpone it, Zaragoza sent his brother Miguel to stand in his place in his marriage to Rafaela Padilla in Monterrey.

Zaragoza led troops in Comonfort's rebellion in 1867. He fought in the battle of Guadaluajara and finally in the battle of Calpulalpan, which marked the end of the War of the Reform. Zaragoza's dedication and military skill were quickly recognized and he was promoted to the rank of general.

After the war, Mexico's newly-elected President Benito Juárez named Zaragoza as Minister of War and Navy, and shortly after, made a decision that would give Zaragoza the military challenge of his lifetime. In July 1861, President Juárez attempted to save the national economy by placing a two-year moratorium on Mexico's debts to Europe. Mexico's lenders were not receptive. By year's end, a fleet of Spanish ships had made its way to Mexico and forced the sur-

render of Veracruz. The Spanish were soon joined by French and English forces.

Zaragoza left his post as Minister of War to make a return to the battlefield and lead the Army of the East. Though the English and Spanish soon retreated, the French army was considered the most powerful in the world, and it set its sights on Mexico City under the charge of Gen. Charles Latrille Laurencez. Before he could reach Mexico City, however, Laurencez had to conquer Puebla, which was about 100 miles east of Mexico City and heavily fortified.

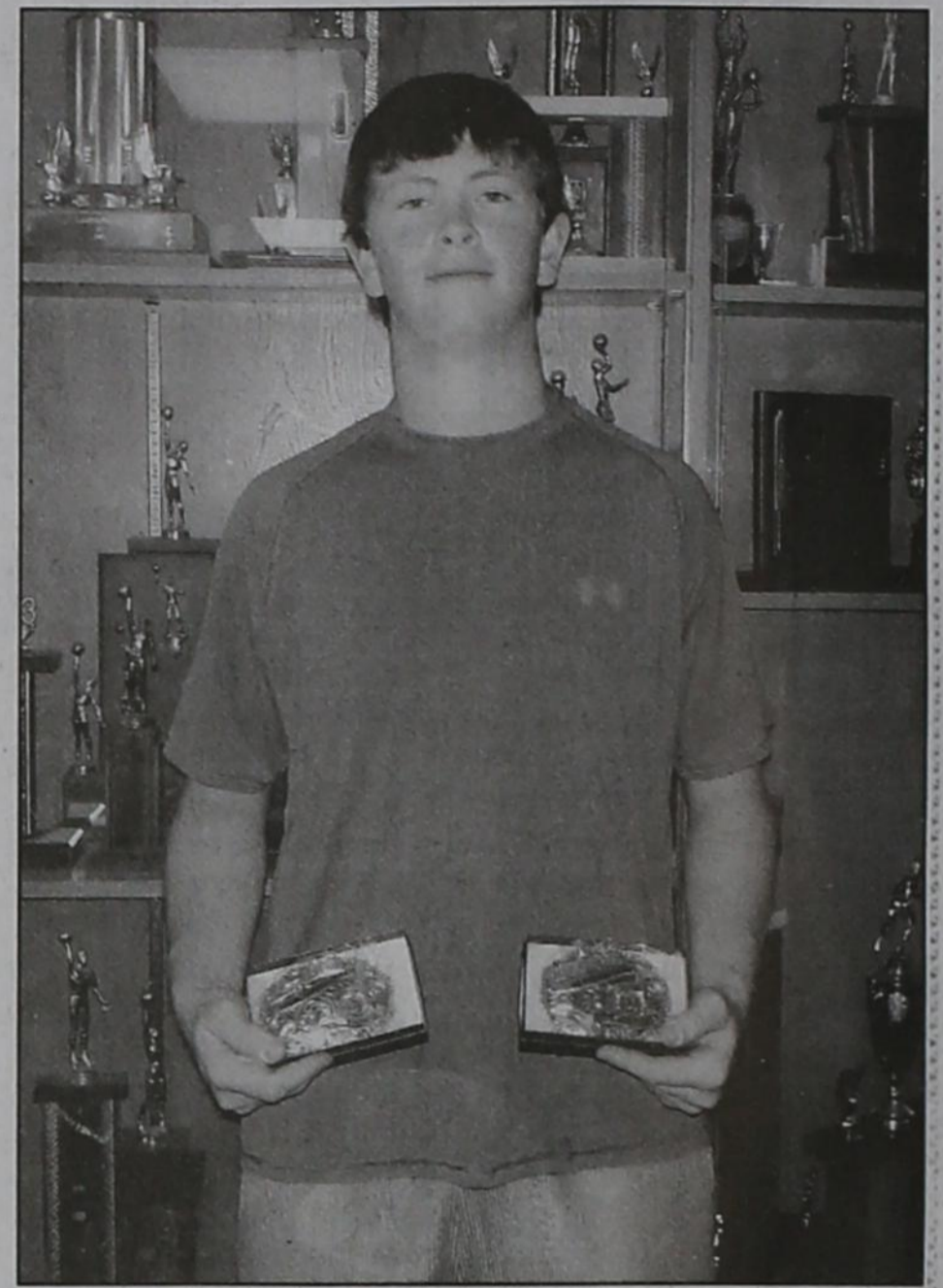
Unbeknownst to Laurencez, Zaragoza and his men were entrenched in Puebla and anticipating the attack. On May 5, 1862, Gen. Laurencez threw caution to the wind and stormed the Mexican lines at Puebla, believing the population was friendly to the French and would assist them in defeating Zaragoza. Despite being outnumbered and poorly equipped, Zaragoza and his men pushed back against the French in a day-long battle and succeeded in forcing them to flee to the coast. Zaragoza's victory not only delayed the French invasion of Mexico City, but it served to unify the Mexican people and renew their fight for independence.

Sadly, only months after his historic victory, Zaragoza died at age 33 from typhoid fever. He was honored in a state funeral and only days later President Juárez issued a decree making Cinco de Mayo a national holiday.

While celebrations are held across Texas, Zaragoza's hometown of Goliad is recognized by the Texas Legislature as the only official venue for Cinco de Mayo. Each year, Goliad hosts one of the nation's most elaborate Cinco de Mayo celebrations, complete with the coronation of Little Miss Cinco de Mayo, a street dance, food booths serving nopales and taquitos, Mexican arts and crafts, and commemorative speeches from dignitaries and historians.

This year, I've joined my colleague Sen. Mark Udall (D-CO), in introducing a bipartisan Senate resolution that recognizes the historical importance of Cinco de Mayo and the reminder it provides that our great nation was founded by individuals from diverse cultures who were willing to fight and die for freedom. On Cinco de Mayo, we join our neighbors in Mexico and Mexican-Americans across Texas in saluting the legacy of General Zaragoza and his quest for freedom and independence.

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| <b>Thursday</b><br>Mostly Sunny<br>97/61 | <b>Friday</b><br>Sunny<br>97/62 | <b>Saturday</b><br>Mostly Sunny<br>94/61 | <b>Sunday</b><br>Mostly Sunny<br>92/63 | <b>Monday</b><br>Mostly Sunny<br>87/59 | <b>Tuesday</b><br>Partly Cloudy<br>88/61 | <b>Wednesday</b><br>Partly Cloudy<br>85/58 |

**Weather Trivia**  
What were Benjamin Franklin's contributions to meteorology?  
**Answer:** He showed that lightning is electricity.

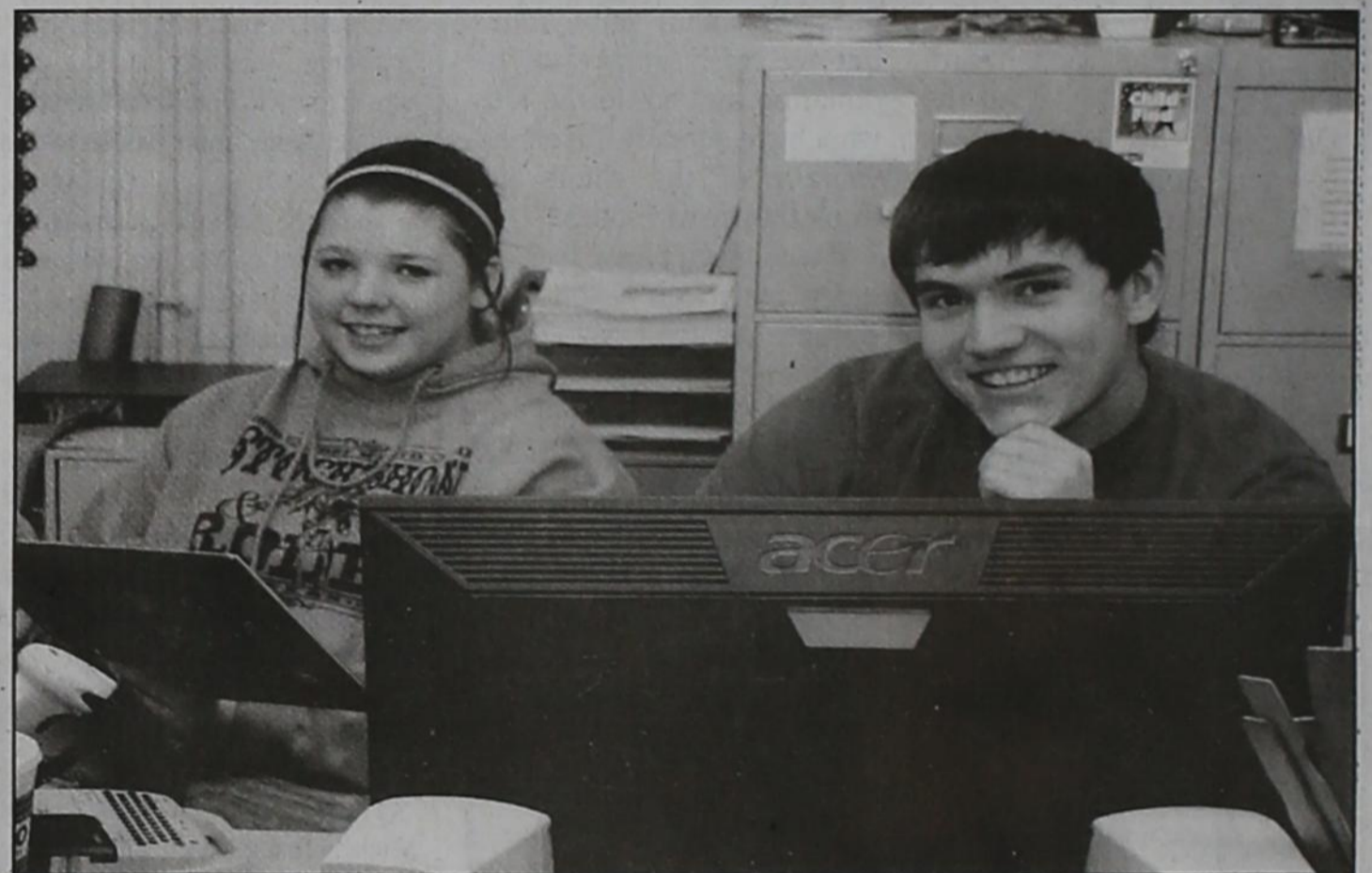
**Weather History**  
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## Property Tax Protest and Appeal Procedures

The law gives property owners the right to protest actions concerning their property tax appraisals. You may follow these appeal procedures if you have a concern about:

- the market or appraised value of your property
- the unequal appraisal of your property
- the inclusion of your property on the appraisal roll
- any exemptions that may apply to you
- the qualification for an agricultural or timber appraisal
- the taxable status of your property
- the local governments which should be taxing your property
- the ownership of property
- the change of use of land receiving special appraisal
- any action taken by the chief appraiser, appraisal district or appraisal review board that applies to and adversely affects you.

### Informal Review

(Insert description of appraisal district's informal review process, if any, then give name and telephone number of person taxpayer should contact.)

Contact Jim Finley for an informal review or any question regarding the taxable value of your property at 104 E California, Floydada, TX or call 806-983-5256 or 888-983-3881 toll free.

### Review by the Appraisal Review Board

If you can't resolve your problem informally with the county appraisal district (CAD) staff, you may have your case heard by the appraisal review board (ARB).

The ARB is an independent board of citizens that reviews problems with appraisals or other concerns listed above. It has the power to order the CAD to make the necessary changes to solve problems. If you file a written request for an ARB hearing (called a notice of protest) before the deadline, the ARB will set your case for a hearing. You'll receive written notice of the time, date and place of the hearing. If necessary, you may request a hearing in the evening or on a Saturday or Sunday. Prior to your hearing, you may ask to review the evidence the CAD plans to introduce at the hearing to establish any matter at issue. The law provides that before a hearing on a protest or immediately after the hearing begins, you or your agent and the CAD shall each provide the other with a copy of any written material intended to be offered or submitted to the ARB at the hearing. To the greatest extent practicable, the hearing will be informal. You or a designated agent may appear in person to present evidence or you may send notarized evidence for the ARB to review at your hearing. The CAD representative will present evidence about your case. You may cross-examine the CAD representative. The ARB will make its decision based on the evidence presented. In most cases, the CAD has the burden of establishing the property's value by a preponderance of the evidence presented.

## Deadline for Filing Protests with the ARB\*

**Usual Deadline**  
On or before May 31 (or 30 days after a notice of appraised value was mailed to you, whichever is later).

Late protests are allowed if you miss the usual deadline for good cause. Good cause is some reason beyond your control, like a medical emergency. The ARB decides whether you have good cause.

Late protests are due the day before the ARB approves records for the year. Contact your appraisal district for more information.

### Special Deadlines

For change of use (the appraisal district informed you that you are losing agricultural appraisal because you changed the use of your land), the deadline is not later than the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

In certain protests where the owner has submitted an independent appraisal before the hearing, the chief appraiser has the burden of proving the property's value by clear and convincing evidence. You can get a copy of a protest form from the appraisal district office at

(insert address).

Motley County Appraisal District  
PO Box 249  
104 E California  
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Note: You shouldn't try to contact ARB members outside of the hearing. The law requires ARB members to sign an affidavit saying that they haven't talked about your case before the ARB hears it.

### Review by the District Court or an Arbitrator or SOAH

After it decides your case, the ARB must send you a copy of its order by certified mail. If you're not satisfied with the decision, you have the right to appeal. If you choose to go to court, you must start the process by filing a petition within 60 days of the date you receive the ARB's order. In certain cases, as an alternative to filing an appeal in district court, you may file, not later than the 45th day after you receive notice of the ARB order, a request for binding arbitration with the county appraisal district. In certain cases originating in certain counties, as an alternative to filing an appeal in district court, you may appeal to the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH). An appeal to SOAH is initiated by, not later than the 30th day after you receive notice of the ARB's order, filing with the chief appraiser of the county appraisal district a notice of appeal. Appeals to District Court, Binding Arbitration, or SOAH all require payment of certain fees or deposits.

### Tax Payment

You must pay either the amount of taxes due on the portion of the taxable value not in dispute or the amount of taxes due on the property under the order from which the appeal is taken.

### More Information

You can get more information by contacting your appraisal district at

(insert appraisal district name, address, telephone number).

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104 E California  
Floydada, TX 79235

You can also get a pamphlet describing how to prepare a protest from the appraisal district or from the State Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division at P.O. Box 13528, Austin, Texas 78711-3528.

For ARB changes (the ARB has informed you of a change that increases your tax liability and the change didn't result from a protest you filed), the deadline is not later than the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

(You may insert deadline for protests concerning omitted property if doing so would avoid taxpayer confusion.)

If you believe the appraisal district or ARB should have sent you a notice and did not, you may file a protest until the day before taxes become delinquent (usually February 1) or no later than the 125th day after the date you claim you received a tax bill from one or more of the taxing units that tax your property. The ARB decides whether it will hear your case based on evidence about whether a required notice was mailed to you.

\* The deadline is postponed to the next business day if it falls on a weekend or holiday.

## Connect to Customer Choice

AS THE ELECTRIC DELIVERY COMPANY that has been serving south and west Texas for nearly 100 years, AEP Texas knows a thing or two about energy conservation. While we don't sell electricity or send out monthly bills, we recognize what hot weather does to electricity usage and the resulting bills.

Since AEP Texas and the 1,700 AEP employees in Texas are directly connected to the many communities where we live and serve, we'd like to share some information on how you can help manage your electric bills through active retail choice and where you can go for additional help if need be.

One of the best ways to lower higher electric bills is to shop around for a less expensive retail electric provider (REP). Finding different offers can be done quickly and efficiently.

- 1) Visit the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) electric choice website at [www.powertochoose.org](http://www.powertochoose.org). If you don't have access to a computer, you can call the PUCT's Electric Choice hotline at 1-866-PWR-4-TEX (797-4839).
- 2) Use the information you receive to contact different REPs to collect more information on various services and offers. Also contact your current REP at the number listed on your electric bill for other offers that may be available. Ask about contract terms and prices and be sure to look at the REPs' Electricity Facts Labels to make a good comparison.

## Need some help?

Customers having trouble paying their electric bills and wishing to avoid disconnection should discuss their concerns with their current retail electric provider. All REPs are required to offer deferred payment plans to eligible customers who express an inability to pay. REPs also offer balanced billing plans, which allow eligible customers to pay an average amount each month year-round.

Additionally, many community action agencies may be able to help with electric bills or energy efficiency programs. For more information, contact the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) at 1-800-525-0657, e-mail at [info@tdhca.state.tx.us](mailto:info@tdhca.state.tx.us) or visiting one of the following websites.

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# Motley County Jr. Livestock Show winners receive custom belt buckles



**Motley County Jr. Livestock Show winners receive custom belt buckles**

Back Row – Mattie Brooks (Grand Champion Rabbit, Reserve Champion Rabbit, Rabbit Showmanship), Christian Brooks (Grand Champion Swine, Sr. Swine Showmanship, Memorial Herdsman Award), Brendan Fisk (Jr. Swine Showmanship). Middle Row – Chloe Gleghorn (Grand Champion Steer and Steer Showmanship), Danielle Gwinn (Grand Champion Lamb and Sr. Lamb Showmanship), Dode Gleghorn (Burlison Memorial Champion Hereford). Front Row – Carley Turner (Jr. Goat Showmanship), Cassidy Turner (Reserve Champion Lamb, Reserve Champion Goat, Reserve Champion Swine), Colton Martin (Reserve Champion Steer). Not pictured – Sam Ware – Jr. Lamb Showmanship

## Turfgrass care booklet available for Texas Panhandle

AMARILLO – About 2 million acres in the state of Texas are planted to turfgrass. With the increasing water shortages, it is important that homeowners learn to manage this valuable resource and avoid severe restrictions in the future, according to Texas AgriLife Extension Service specialists.

A handbook titled “Turfgrass Management for the Texas Panhandle” is now available to help homeowners grow beautiful, but water-smart, landscapes. The publication was put together by the AgriLife Extension specialists in Amarillo.

Homeowners can find information in it covering grass types, establishment, lawn care, weed control, insects and diseases.

“Homeowners need to learn to apply only the necessary water, as well as nutrients and pesticides, to their lawn,” said Dr. Brent Bean, AgriLife Extension agronomist and co-author of the book. “Continued water issues could lead to severe restrictions in available water for lawns in the future.”

Turfgrass should be watered just prior to visible signs of water stress. The information includes the best times to water, how to determine how much water to

apply and when to turn the sprinklers off, Bean said.

“Experience and observations have shown that most homeowners over-water their landscapes,” he said. “It is estimated that as much as 20 percent to 25 percent of municipal water in the spring and fall and up to 60 percent in the summer is being used for irrigation of home landscapes.”

Factors to consider when establishing a watering or irrigation plan are: turfgrass species, soil type, management practices and weather conditions, Bean said. The publication outlines the most commonly grown grasses in the Panhandle and the differences in their needs when it comes to water and fertilizer.

Also offered are the following tips on water savings when it comes to lawn care: - Run the irrigation system on a set schedule and adjust the run-time incrementally to water just enough to avoid visual signs of stress to the grass.

- Irrigate for longer but less frequent periods of time. This will promote a deep root system. However, do not apply any more water than the soil will absorb at any one time, or water will run off the lawn and be wasted.

- Check the irrigation

system for problems such as broken heads, leaking valves, heads not popping up properly, etc. All these problems will result in more water being applied than is required.

- Water during the early morning hours.
- Use best management practices for fertilization, mowing and aeration to avoid plant stress conditions.

Bean said when possible, homeowners and other turfgrass managers should use rainfall and freeze sensors to override programmed watering during rainfall or freeze events to prevent over-watering.

In case of large rainfall events, manual overrides should also be used to skip the next watering event, he said.

“Rainfall and freeze sensors are required on all new landscape irrigation systems in Amarillo and are a good practice to add to existing systems throughout the Panhandle,” Bean said.

For a version online, homeowners can go to <http://amarillo.tamu.edu/agronomy> and click on the Turfgrass link. Published copies of the booklet will be available at AgriLife Extension county offices throughout the High Plains beginning in May, Bean said.

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



**NOTICE OF AN APPLICATION FOR A WATER USE PERMIT.**

APPLICATION NO. 12729

**SUMMARY.** Two Bobcats, LLC has applied for a water use permit to maintain an existing oversized dam and reservoir on Hornica Creek, Red River Basin for domestic, livestock, and wildlife purposes in Motley County. More information on the application and how to participate in the permitting process is given below.

**APPLICATION.** Two Bobcats, LLC, 701 South Taylor, LB103, Amarillo, Texas 79101, Applicant, seeks a water use permit pursuant to Texas Water Code (TWC) § 11.121 and Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Rules Title 30 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 295.1, *et seq.* Notice is being mailed to the water right holders of record in the Red River Basin pursuant to Title 30 TAC §295.151.

Two Bobcats, LLC seeks authorization to maintain an existing oversized dam and reservoir on Hornica Creek at the confluence of Walker Canyon, tributary of the North Pease River, tributary of the Pease River, tributary of the Red River, Red River Basin, for domestic, livestock, and wildlife purposes with no right to divert in Motley County. The reservoir has a maximum capacity of 1,600 acre-feet, with a surface area of 98.5 acres, and is located 13 miles north-northeast of the City of Matador and 9.5 miles northeast of the City of Whiteflat within ZIP code 79244. A point on the centerline of the dam is located at N 247.82°, 2,556.1 feet from the northeast corner of the Matador Cattle Company Original Survey No. 8, Abstract 422, in Motley County, Texas, also being 34.183969° N Latitude, 100.768780° W Longitude.

Ownership of the lands to be inundated are evidenced in *Special Warranty Deed of Assumption* Vol. 99, Pages 798-808, as recorded in the Official Records of Motley County, Texas.

The application and partial fees were received on July 26, 2011. Additional information and fees were received on September 19 and October 18. The application was declared administratively complete and filed with the Office of the Chief Clerk on October 21, 2011.

The TCEQ Executive Director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit. The draft permit, if granted, would contain a special condition

that the Permittee shall pass inflows of State water should they be required to satisfy senior water rights. The application, technical memoranda, and Executive Director's draft permit are available for viewing and copying at the Office of the Chief Clerk, 12100 Park 35 Circle, Building F., Austin, TX 78753.

**PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC MEETING.** Written public comments and requests for a public meeting should be submitted to the Office of Chief Clerk, at the address provided in the information section below, within 30 days of the date of newspaper publication of the notice. A public meeting is intended for the taking of public comment, and is not a contested case hearing. A public meeting will be held if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application.

**CONTESTED CASE HEARING.** The TCEQ may grant a contested case hearing on this application if a written hearing request is filed within 30 days from the date of newspaper publication of this notice. The Executive Director may approve the application unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 30 days after newspaper publication of this notice.

To request a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number, and fax number, if any; (2) applicant's name and permit number; (3) the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing;" and (4) a brief and specific description of how you would be affected by the application in a way not common to the general public. You may also submit any proposed conditions to the requested amendment which would satisfy your concerns. Requests for a contested case hearing must be submitted in writing to the TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address provided in the information section below.

If a hearing request is filed, the Executive Director will not issue the requested amendment and may forward the application and hearing request to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

**INFORMATION.** Written hearing requests, public comments or requests for a public meeting should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 or electronically at <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/about/comments.html>. For information concerning the hearing process, please contact the Public Interest Counsel, MC 103, the same address. For additional information, individual members of the general public may contact the Public Education Program at 1-800-687-4040. General information regarding the TCEQ can be found at our web site at [www.tceq.texas.gov](http://www.tceq.texas.gov). Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

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Public Officials: Jim Meador, Motley County Judge, William Cochran, Motley County ISD Superintendent; David Stafford, Motley County ISD President of the Board; Tony Rose, representing Motley County Hospital District; Franklin Jameson, Motley County Commissioner, Intervener and Landowner; and Susan Jameson, Motley County Library Board member, Intervener and Landowner; and  
Attorneys Tom Hamilton, Brent Hamilton, Rob Hamilton, Tom Edwards, Todd Boykin, and Zach Brady.

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### May

- 3 Friends of the Library Meeting, 3:00 p.m.
- 3 Sneak Preview of MC Video Documentary, MCISD Social Studies Students, 10:00 a.m. Library Annex
- 4 Roaring Springs Lions
- 4 NO SCHOOL
- 5 MCISD Prom @ 6:00 p.m.
- 5 Hwy 70 Sale
- 5 Motley County Video Documentary Premiere, 6:00 p.m., Hotel Matador
- 7 Motley County Arts and Crafts Club, Motley County Senior Citizen Center in Matador from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm.
- 8 Roaring Springs Community Volunteers 5:30 p.m. at the Windmill Café.
- 9 Hospital Bd meets in the back of the ambulance barn, 7am
- 10 Matador City Council
- 10 Matador Chapter of the Eastern Star, Floydada, Meal at 6:30pm, meeting at 7:30 pm
- 12 National D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything and Read) Day! 2:00 p.m.
- 14 Teen Leader Lab Registration closes on 4-H Connect
- 14 Commissioners' Court
- 14 Roaring Springs City Council
- 14 Supper for Seniors, Church of Christ
- 14 MCISD Board Meeting
- 15 Matador Lions
- 17 Matador Masonic Lodge
- 19 District 3 4-H Trap Shoot Contest in Iowa Park
- 23 Breakfast for Seniors, Methodist Church
- 25 Last Day of School
- 25 8th Grade Graduation
- 26 High School Graduation

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### Bid Notice

Motley County, Precinct 2 is accepting bids for a 1998 GMC extended cab 1/2 ton pickup. Engine runs fair. Pickup can be seen at the County Barn in Flomot. Sealed Bids should be submitted on or before May 11, 2012 to County Judge Jim Meador, PO Box 719, Matador, Texas 79244. Motley County reserves the right to refuse any or all bids. ct18

### Bid Notice

Motley County, Precinct 2, is accepting bids for a 1985 Dodge 3/4 ton 4x4 pickup. Engine not running. Pickup has a JI Flat Bed mounted on it. Can be seen at the County Barn in Flomot. Sealed Bids should be submitted on or before May 11, 2012 to County Judge Jim Meador, P.O. Box 719, Matador, Texas 79244. Motley County reserves the right to refuse any or all bids. ct18

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ALL BIDS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE BY 4:00 P.M. ON MAY 11, 2012. PLEASE PLACE BIDS IN A SEALED ENVELOPE, MARKED "BID". THE SCHOOL BOARD RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS. BIDS WILL BE AWARDED AT THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING ON MAY 14, 2012.

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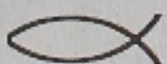
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