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Commissioners Court meets in regular session Court names Libby Watson as new JP

The Commissioner's Court met in regular session on Monday, March 9, covering a 12-item agenda including reports by TxDOT on the proposed county bridge improvements and the radio tower lease; a wind energy update, and approval of a proclamation on colon cancer prevention and awareness. Following the regular agenda, the court convened for lunch and reconvened for an Executive Session to interview applicants and appoint a new Justice of the Peace for Motley County.

Attending the meeting were Commissioners Russell Alexander, Franklin Jameson, Roy Gene Stephens; Donnie Turner, Ed D. Smith, County Judge, and Kate Hurt, County Clerk. Also in attendance were Deputy Sheriff Chris Spence, Tom Edwards, County Attorney, and Carol Campbell, Assistant to the County Judge.

TxDOT presented the court with Bridge Summary Sheets and Bridge Inspection Reports outlining the current condition of bridges on Tongue or S. Pease River, Tee Pee Creek, Tom Ball Creek, and three draw bridges. Bridges were rated 0-9, and ranged from Satisfactory Condition, minor deterioration; to Good Condition, some minor problems; and Very Good Condition, no problems noted.

The county attorney approved the Radio Tower Site Lease Agreement between TxDOT and the county. TxDOT will be responsible for repairing the existing tower, located just east of the historic jail, in exchange for lease space on the tower for radio communication, use of the existing equipment building, and access to the property. In addition, TxDOT will repair the tower's guy wires and corresponding foundations. TxDOT agreed to pay for necessary repairs to the tower up to \$12,000, covering \$150.00 per month rental over the life of the lease up to seven years. "I would like to thank Tom Edwards for the time and study he did on the contract," Kautz said.

In other business, Tom Edwards reported that the Public Utility Commission had designated the entities to build and to own the new power lines located west, south, and north of the county.

"Representatives of those entities will be in the area within the next six weeks to three months to establish line locations and site new substations," Edwards said. According to Edwards, entities are to report back to the PUC in October, 2009, but this date may be rolled back or delayed.

Mental Health and Mental Retardation, Central Plains

Center, submitted a report to the county on total clients, cost per client, and a mental health population profile. Motley County has 25 clients in the MHMR system at a cost of \$45.96 per client for FY2008.

The South Plains Colon Cancer Control Demonstration Project has requested that the Commissioners Court issue a proclamation dedicating the year 2009

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RS Lions meet at new Windmill Cafe

On Thursday March 5th, the Lions Club monthly meeting was held at the new Windmill Café in downtown Roaring Springs. A fried chicken lunch with all the trimmings was served by the owner, Deanne Gullege and her staff.

Lion Boss, Wes Campbell opened the meeting at 11:30. Lion Mike Crowley, minister of the Church Christ led the opening prayer. There were

twelve members and four guests present.

The Lions voted to sponsor a team for the Relay for Life event that will be held at the Motley County Football Field on June nineteenth.

Officers for the next year were discussed and a motion to re-elect the officers by acclamation was made and seconded. Lion Wes Campbell

was re-elected as president; Lion Corky Marshall was re-elected as secretary/treasurer, Lion Alex Crowder was appointed tail twister.

Lion Tom Edwards from the Matador Lions Club gave a very informative program bringing us up to date about the proposed transmission lines and wind turbines for Motley County.

Happy 105th Birthday, Dr. Seuss

Motley County ISD pre-kindergarten, kindergarten through Third Grade students celebrated the 105th birthday of Theodore Seuss Geisel, known as Dr. Seuss, with three book readings on March 5, 2009, followed by cupcake treats.

Carol Campbell and Linda Roy, both dressed in Cat in the Hat costumes, complete with hat, bowtie and tails, read Cat in the Hat (1957) and Thidwick

the Big-Hearted Moose (1948), respectively. Campbell and Roy acted out the rhythms, prancing across the stage in a "shuffle, duffle, muzzle, muff." D'Anna Russell read Oh, the Places You'll Go! (1990), dressed in a pokadot graduate cap and red gown, with poka-dot spectacles.

Theodor Seuss Geisel was born March 2, 1904, and was an American Writer and cartoonist, most widely known for his

children's books written under his pen name, Dr. Seuss.

He published more than 60 children's books, which were often characterized by imaginative characters, rhyme, and frequent use of trisyllabic meter, such as Green Eggs and Ham and One Fish Two Fish Red Fish Blue Fish.

Numerous adaptations of his work have been created, including 11 television spe-

cial, three feature films, and a Broadway musical. Geisel died September 24, 1991, at the age of 87 years. (Wikipedia).

MCISD students celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday every March, with the help of reading coach Marilyn Hicks who inspires the children to capture the joy of reading during National Read Across America Week, March 1-6.

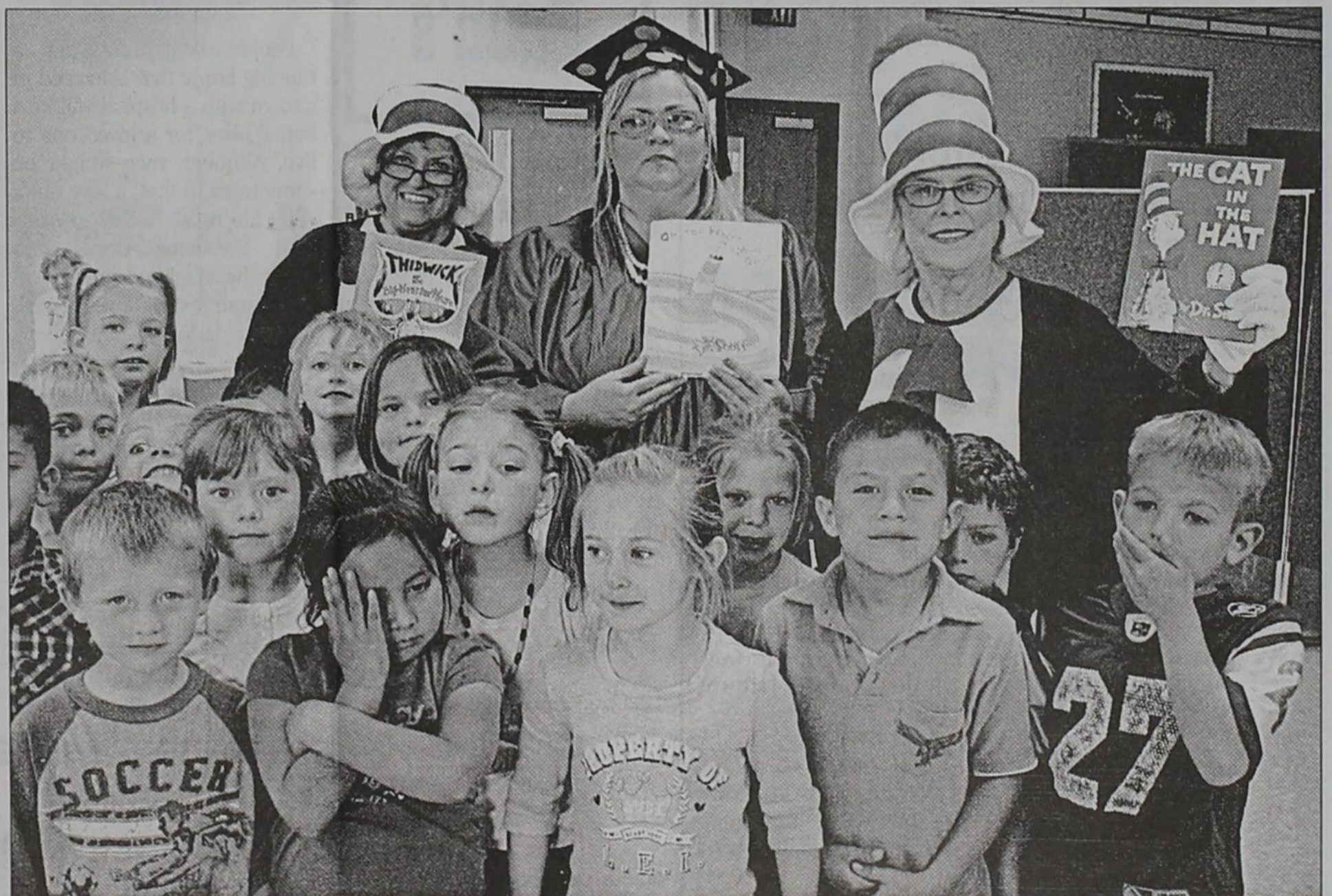
Boondocker Grand Prix set for Sunday, March 29

The Matador Grand Prix, hosted by the West Texas Boondockers, will hold the fourth annual High Plains Grand Prix Circuit race in downtown Matador on Sunday, March 29. The organizers of the event said this year will have motorcycle classes for kids, as well as men and women.

The Boondockers donate part of the profits from the race back to the non-profit organizations that help with the race. Chamber President Dianne Washington said that volunteers are needed to help set up the course, clean up after the race, serve as "road blocks" or to just help in general. "All help would be greatly ap-

preciated," Washington said.

"Everyone is invited to join in the activities with concession stands and other activities to make the day even more fun," Washington said. "Tentative plans are for Hackberry Creek Care Center to have a hamburger concession stand and a bake sale," she said, adding, "the Catholic Church will have turkey legs; and Motley County Senior Citizens are making plans for a food concession. Other groups are encouraged to start planning for this great fund raiser opportunity." For more information please contact Shane Jones or Dianne Washington.



(L to R) Linda Roy, reader for Thidwick the Big-Hearted Moose; D'Anna Russell, reader for Oh, The Places You'll Go; and Carol Campbell, reader for The Cat in the Hat, pose with students at the Dr. Seuss birthday bash Thursday, March 5.

THIS WEEK'S NEWS

Cowgirl News

The Legendary Ranch Series is part of Cowgirl University, hosted by the National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame in Fort Worth.

School News

The deadline for the 2009 Cap Rock Telephone Scholastic Achievement Award is Wednesday, April 15.

County News

The USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is taking applications for the 2009 Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP).

Library News

Buffy Crutchley and PK Green attend semi-annual West Texas Library System meeting.

County Agent News

Earth Hour, Saturday, March 28, 2009, at 8:30 pm local time. Tens of millions of people will turn off all of their lights for one hour.

Foothill Country Connections

Community, Diversity, Art

By Larry Vogt

Parching winds and warm temperatures in March? Lots of folks around here must be wondering if we will ever have a spring with some rainfall that might possibly go along with the time of year.

A body gets used to regular time again and then before you know it, daylight savings time is here (earlier than last year?) and you go to work in the dark instead of a nice dawn to accompany your travels. It is seem-

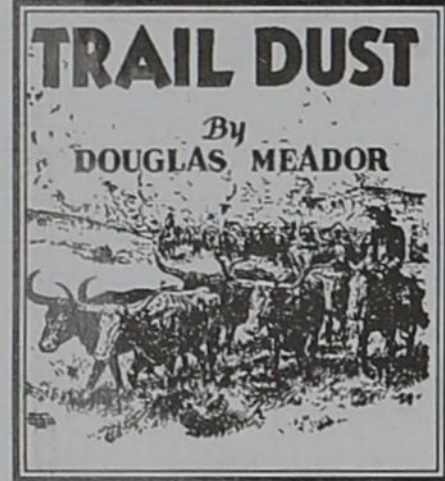
ingly too warm for March and also too dry and then daylight savings comes along and really spoils the show.

I often wonder if my perception is messed up because I seem to work better when we are on "slow" time rather than "fast" time. At least it takes a good several weeks before my time perception seems to function with constantly checking my watch to see if it's time for dinner yet. Maybe it will rain and give some sense of spring never mind the daylight savings.



Will it get cold again? Or is summer here to stay?

photo by Larry Vogt



Matador Tribune

1956

HISTORY IS WILLING TO TWIST the blades of truth to fit scoreboards of its own purpose. Cowboys who wrote their names on the melancholy prairies of the west merely rekindled fires that were later to blaze in glory for their successors. Life in the saddle was weariness, loneliness and privation and they were captives chained to the horizons of a precarious economy. They sold the days of their lives for less than a dollar a piece, but managed to keep their hearts light because the way was easier with laughter. It is as logical that romanticism be associated with a farmer who

worked from dawn to dusk with a mule and a Georgia Stock plow as the cowboy. Certain Myths are essential in any chronicling of the past, however and the phantom riders of forgotten trails happened to be free and willing to accept the assignment. An old cowboy saying which should not be lost is I knew him. I would have known his old hide in a tan yard.

RETRO NEWS

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FLOMOT SENIORS
To present Play

Flomot High School senior class will present its play, "The Poor Rich" tonight at 8 o'clock in the school Gymnasium.

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WRITING COMMUNITY

The Lone Cowboy's Grave: The old Brey Mule Cemetery

Taken from "Memories from age 7 to 17"

By Dora Merrell Stroup, 1965 (Shared by Larry Irby of Odessa)

The only house near us was the Lazy F Ranch. It was four miles down the river. Only menfolk lived there. The F Ranch first made headquarters two miles down the creek from us in three big dugouts. That was their headquarters until Goodnight and Moore decided to build the headquarters farther down the creek. This was at the same time Lee Dire (Dyer) decided to build the house we bought. It was a summer home for his family that lived in Kansas City. The lumber for both houses was hauled by four mule teams from Fort Worth. The Ranch house was a pretty house all that time. There were no other houses closer than Plainview and Della Plain. I think there were a few people near where Silverton is now. Anyway, it was a lonesome life.

We children used to walk down to where the three old dugouts were built in the bank of the creek. We would go on down to the graveyard on the hill on the north side of the creek. There on the top of the hill stood four cedar posts with three strands of barbed wire stretched around it. That marked the first grave made there. Further down on the side of the hill were some small children's graves. Some of these graves have been lost. Some of the parents that we knew could have marked these graves with all the nice rocks we have here. We children used to visit the lone cowboy's grave as it was called then.

No one ever knew where he came from or who he was. One day the cowboys were rounding cattle to brand east of our house. There used to be a wagon road coming down from the Plains Country going north to Clarendon. A cowboy rode up on a body lying in the road. He called to some of the other cowboys. They had

no telling who he was. They put the body across one of the horses and led the horse down to the branding place just about one-half mile from where we lived. We were not living there then. They had to decide what to do with the body. The branding was forgotten for a while. We had no law then. If they had, there was nothing they could do.

There was no place closer than Childress or Clarendon to get a coffin. They always carried a hammer, nails, and saw with the chuckwagon. They took the sideboards off one of the wagons and made

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a crude coffin. They placed the lid down and carried it up the hill and buried him in the lonely grave. It was beside the Quitaque Creek and the clear water from the creek twinkles by day and night. It has kept the secret of the stranger that was shown kindness by the ones that did the best for him with the best they had. All of those men have gone on to their reward. The Good Book says to be kind to the stranger within your gate.

There have been many instances that stand out in my life of things that include the little cemetery on the hill. It has become a dear place to me as so many of my loved ones rest there. Still the archangel comes from the other shore and says time will be no more.

I shall never forget when they buried little Molly, a baby we loved so well. One day a man rode up and told Mother (that) little Molly was very ill. Her mother wanted Mother to come down to the

F Ranch where she lived. (Ed. Note: Molly was the daughter of Alfred Hightower Barton and Molly Sams Barton who followed her daughter to the grave in 1900. Their monuments stand behind an ornate iron fence. Barton ran the F Ranch for Charles Goodnight.)

Mother told the man to go out in the pasture and catch her a horse while she got ready. He put the sidesaddle on the horse and handed up Alfred to her. She put him in her lap and away they went. There was nothing she nor any of the others could do

Mother told him she would find out.

They said they would be glad for him to do it. We children went with Father the next day when he went to help dig the grave. It was hot and we had been there til we were most worn out. At last they came. Mother said, "Molly would want you and Jane to sing a song." We had not thought of such a thing. We asked what she wanted us to sing. She said just anything we wanted to sing. We were just children and we did not know what to sing. We decided to sing "Hark, the Voice of Jesus is Calling." Jane and I stood by the casket with our calico dresses on and our sunbonnets and sang:

"Hark the voice of Jesus calling, who will go and work today. The fields are white; the harvest waiting. Who will bear the sheaves away? Loud and long the Master calleth. Rich reward He offers free: Who will answer, gladly saying, "Here am I, send me, send me?"

The stranger read his scripture. I do not remember what it was. He said a sweet prayer. Then the casket was lowered in the grave. Jane and I felt like we had done so badly, but Father said when we got home that we had never sung so pretty in our lives. This made us feel good.

The first death in our family was a little brother. He died when he was two days old. He was so little and cute. We had planned what good times we would have with him, but our plans were all blotted out. After his death, then Father. Now (in 1965) there are seventeen of our loved ones resting in the little cemetery on the hill along with a number of friends.

Hackberry Creek Care Center versus a nursing home in a larger town

People often think that a nursing home that is located in a town with a hospital will be a better place for a loved one to live. Although there might be some truth to that, a love one's daily life must also be considered. Hackberry Creek Care Center has qualified and experienced staff just as other homes. The staff is loving and experienced.

The nursing staff is in contact with the doctor when there is a change in the resident. Hackberry Creek has access to the doctor as any home would. If there is an emergency we contact 911 the same as the other homes. The ambulance is able to reach our home as quickly as it would in another town. Also, the ambulance will reach the hospital sometimes more quickly than it

would in a large city.

When a hospital moves a resident from critical care to therapy (Swing-Bed), it is providing the same services that Hackberry Creek Care Center offers. Hackberry Creek Care Center has Physical, Occupational and Speech Therapies. Medicare will be billed for these services if the person has been in the hospital for three midnights.

As you know, Medicare pays 100 percent for the first 20 days if the person continues to qualify. Qualification relates to participation in therapy or needing a licensed nurse to do something for them, such as wound care.

Day 21 up to Day 100 is available if the resident continues to qualify. This is paid 80 percent by Medicare and the 20 percent is paid by a supplemental insur-

ance, Medicaid or privately.

Keep in mind that there is a big difference in Hackberry Creek Care Center and a home in another city. The main difference is Hackberry Creek Care Center is in the community where the friends and family can visit the residents conveniently. The residents need visitors to fight depression and loneliness. Being active with friends and family will help the resident maintain their health longer. Living in the community where they are at home will also help them find ownership and comfort in their living situation.

If you have questions about Hackberry Creek Care Center, come by and visit or call 347-2942. We are always available to give a tour of this beautiful community owned HOME.



By Dorothy Pope

With another cold spell coming this week. I suppose a pot of soup will be in order. Maybe for the last time this winter.

Chicken and Pasta Soup

- 1 (2 1/2 lb) Chicken cut up
- 1 (46 fluid oz.) can chicken broth
- 1 (16oz) can cut green beans
- 1 (6oz) can tomato paste
- 1 cup uncooked small shell macaroni
- 1 tsp. dried basil leaves

In a large sauce pan, over medium high heat, heat chicken and broth to a boil; reduce heat, cover; simmer 25 minutes or until chicken is tender. Remove chicken and cool slightly. Add remaining ingredients to broth, heat to boil, reduce heat. Simmer 20 minutes or until macaroni is cooked. Remove bones and add chicken to soup. Cook five more minutes.

Makes 6 servings.

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Tyrrell, Moyer Lead Week of Worship at Full Gospel Church

Michael Tyrrell, renowned Christian musician and man of faith of Margate, Florida (<http://michaelytyrrell.com>), along with Christian leader and counselor Rick Moyer of Sarasota, Florida, met last week with members of Full Gospel Church. They lead praise and worship services and met individually with many church members.

Both are friends with Rick and Winnie Collett of Matador, who invited them to visit the Roaring Springs church.

Tyrrell uses his gifts "to network Christians for a greater impact on the world." This vision is shared by Collett, who along with Winnie, hopes to transform the old Spot Cash Grocery property they recently attained into a venue where faith-based

artists of all media can demonstrate their gifts to the edification of establishment guests.

Collett stated that the large door at the back of the structure symbolically represents the welcoming spirit with which he will operate his venture—an entrance that is large enough to admit the many and varied who will gather. Realistically, the large door also will well facilitate the set-up of musical and dramatic performers.

Tyrrell has witnessed the success of such a venture in Ottertail, Minnesota, a town about the size of Matador.

Moyer and Tyrrell plan to meet again with members of the Full Gospel Church in the future.

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to "Colon Cancer Prevention and Awareness Year" in Motley County. The Lubbock Center for Cancer Control has a goal to reduce colorectal cancer death by 2011, and has expanded their "call to arms" to include the entire South Plains region. This motion was passed unanimously by the court.

Applicants for the Justice of the Peace vacancy were LeJeanna Faulks, Carol Campbell, Shelly Griffin, Marilynn Hicks, Roger Vinson, Leigh

Ann Darsey, Charli Ream, and Libby Watson. Following individual interviews in Executive Session, the court returned to open session and Libby Watson was appointed the new JP by unanimous vote. She was sworn in at 2:58 p.m., March 9, 2009.

"I would like to thank all the applicants," Judge Smith said. "All were capable and qualified, he said, adding, "We appreciate the interest shown in the position."

Birth Announcement Dempster Ken Campbell



BORN: March 2, 2009, 4:24 p.m.
WHERE: Covenant Lakeside in Lubbock
WEIGHT: 7 lbs. 9 ozs LENGTH: 21 inches

PARENTS: Jason Ken and Robin Kate Campbell of Floydada. GRANDPARENTS: Pollianna Campbell and the late Ken Vance Campbell of Floydada and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Raleigh Conner, Jr. of Ozona. GREAT-GRANDPARENTS: Betty Jean Campbell and the late Hal Vance Campbell of Floydada, Mrs. William Dempster Jones and the late William Dempster Jones of Ozona, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Raleigh Conner of Ozona and the late Mr. and Mrs. Angus Leon Wilson of Modesto, California

Cowgirl U Students Begin Legendary Ranch Event

Several of those attending the Legendary Ranch Series, Part I, at the 6666 and Tongue River Ranches this weekend are beginning their adventure by staying at Hotel Matador and Mott Creek Ranch this evening.

Friday they will travel to the 6666 Ranch of Guthrie and the Tongue River Ranch of Paducah.

The newly-developed Legendary Ranch Series is part of Cowgirl University, (<http://www.cowgirlu.net/>) hosted by the National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame in Fort Worth.

According to the Cowgirl University web site, each course in the series focuses on famous ranches "that were instrumental in the shaping and definition of the identity of the West."

Participants will experience a real working cattle and horse ranch while getting an inside look at some of the top breeding programs in the world for American Quarter Horses and beef cattle breeds.

During the series, students will also have the opportunity

to learn about Hall of Fame honorees whose lives and families are often intertwined with these historic ranches. Hall of Fame honoree Anne Marion and her family's impact on the ranch and breeding industry will be profiled at this event, according to the web site.

Part II of the series, October 2-4, will feature the Kokerot 06 and CF Ranches in Alpine. Hall of Fame honoree Hallie Stillwell, "Queen of the Big Bend," will be profiled.

Other courses offered by Cowgirl University include saddle making, trail trials, barrel racing and performance horsemanship, and a women's retreat, which will celebrate the artistry of Hall of Fame honorees. The retreat will be at the Paws Up Resort in the Blackfoot Valley of Greenough, Montana.

For more information about Cowgirl University, contact Program Director Chad Isham at 817-509-8969, Director of Education Diana Vela at 817-509-8961, or Event Coordinator Patty Pierce at 817-509-8967.

Cap Rock Telephone Scholastic Achievement Award Deadline April 15

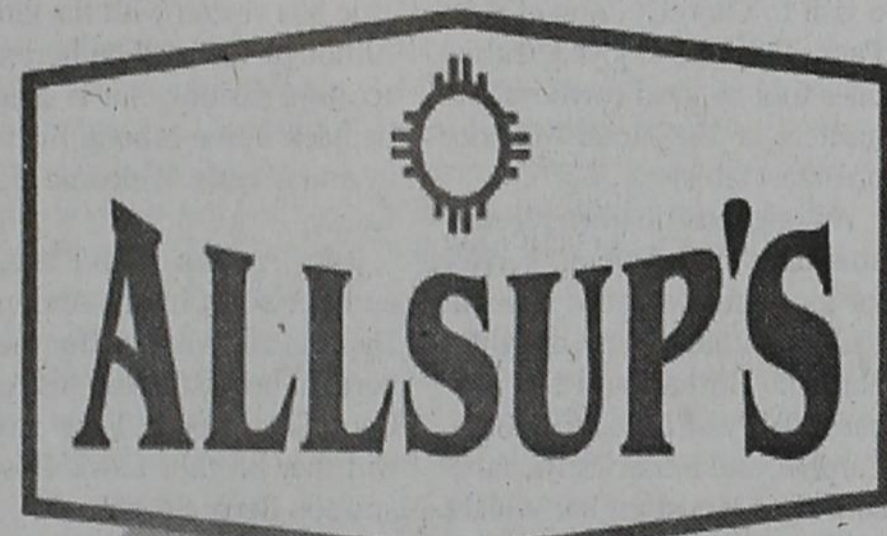
The deadline for the 2009 Cap Rock Telephone Scholastic Achievement Award is Wednesday, April 15. In order to qualify, the Parents or Guardian of a 2009 high school graduate must be a member of Cap Rock Telephone and live within Cap Rock's service area. The winners of these scholarships will be notified at their respective school graduation.

Since the inception of the scholastic award program, Cap Rock has provided \$88,000 for area youth to continue

their education. Last year's recipients represented the following area schools: Paducah High School, Motley County High School, Spur High School, Valley High School, Patton Springs High School, Aspermont High School and Guthrie High School.

If you know an interested, qualifying student and would like a scholarship application, contact your school counselor or call Cap Rock Telephone at 800-692-4242. Applications may also be found at www.caprock-spur.com.

Boondocker Grand Prix set for Sunday March 29



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COMBO NO. 3 BBQ SANDWICH & 32 OZ. TALLSUP	\$2.09	COMBO NO. 8 2 CORN DOGS & 32 OZ. TALLSUP	\$2.69
COMBO NO. 4 HOMESTYLE POPCORN CHICKEN & 32 OZ. TALLSUP	\$2.79	COMBO NO. 9 CHIMICHANGA & 32 OZ. TALLSUP	\$2.49
COMBO NO. 5 SPICY POPCORN CHICKEN & 32 OZ. TALLSUP	\$2.79	COMBO NO. 10 2 BEEF & BEAN BURRITOS & 32 OZ. TALLSUP	\$2.69

NEWS AROUND MOTLEY COUNTY

Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

It looks a lot like spring now. Fruit trees are blooming, weeping willows are about leafed out and I see a little green on the elms. The red buds are also beginning to bloom. Lots of little weeds are coming up too and a few green grass blades are showing. Corky put out some pre-emergent to discourage the weeds but not all have been discouraged! I noticed two bluebonnets blooming in the FBC flower bed. Rain seems to be on everyone's mind. How we need rain; the windy dry days are scary as there is always the threat of fire.

The Church of Christ has finished its handicap ramp. It is important that all may be able to attend worship services. We live in a community with many senior citizens and such conveniences are needful.

The First Baptist Church has built two new handicap rest rooms. They removed a couple of partitions to make this possible and to make one larger class room that will also be used to accommodate larger groups on fifth Sunday fellowships and for funerals.

The Windmill Café is also getting prettied up outside. New awnings have been built and new paint is being applied. The inside is delightful. There is still some work to be done but they will hopefully open later this week. They hosted the Lions Club and their guests last Thursday. The food was delicious. Tom Edwards, guest speaker, was heard to say that the fried chicken was the best he had ever tasted!

Little Kagen Keltz is in the hospital at UMC. He is having a hard time getting over pneu-

monia and the doctors wanted him on antibiotics by IV. He is doing well.

Jo Trammell has been ill. It seems this upper respiratory bug going around hits hard and lasts a long time. Jo and Walter have doctor's appointments again today.

Tommy Palmer of Lubbock and his son and his wife Mr. and Mrs. Adam Palmer of New Mexico visited with their mother and grandmother, Pearl Patten on Saturday. Accompanying them were Mrs. Adam Palmer's parents.

Roger and Linda Ashley of and their grandson, Jubal of Littlefield visited with Roger's sister, Joyce Meredith and brother, Kenneth Ashley on Sunday. They attended church with Joyce and Joe Glenn. Kenneth has also been on the sick list and was unable to be at church. Also visiting with the Merediths were Roger's son Corey Ashley and grandson, Kayton of Matador.

Laura Long's son, Steven Meyer and family visited with the Boyd Longs over the weekend. Her grandsons, Kameron and Coy will stay and visit with their grandparents during spring break.

The Spur Art Guild will have their regular painting session on Monday, March 16 beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the Willie Room at South Plains Electric on FM 836. Watercolor is the medium of the day and artists are to bring their own sack lunch. All area artists and 'wanna be's' are invited to join them. They welcome new members.

Jarod Rieger, serving in the USAF, has been transferred from Afghanistan to Germany.

School Menu

March 11, Breakfast: French Toast, or Cereal, Toast, Slice, Pears, Milk. **Lunch:** Hamburger/Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle Slices, Oven Fries, Chocolate Brownies, Mixed Fruit, Milk

March 12, Breakfast: Egg/Cheese Omelet, Toast, Or Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk. **Lunch:** Beef Tips/Rice, Broccoli/Cheese, Biscuit, Sliced Peaches, Milk

March 13, Breakfast: Biscuit, Sausage, Gravy, Or Cereal, Toast, Applesauce, Milk. **Lunch:** Spaghetti/Meat Sauce, Salad, Cheese Sticks, Orange Slices, Milk

Senior Citizen Menu

Wednesday March 11, Chicken & Dumplings, Waldorf Salad, Cornbread, Peach Cobbler

Thursday, March 12, Smothered Pork Chops, Scalloped Potatoes, Carrots & Peas, 3 Bean Salad, Biscuits, Peach Cobbler

Friday, March 13, Chicken Fried Steak, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Wheat Rolls, Chocolate Angelfood Cake

Monday, March 16, BBQ Chicken, Baked Beans, Broccoli, German Potato Salad, Bread & Pickles, Cinnamon Apple Sauce,

Tuesday, March 17, Beef Enchiladas, Red Beans, Zucchini, Tossed Salad, Corn Bread, Lemon Pudding Cake, Hot sauce and tortilla chips

Wednesday, March 18, Salmon Croquette, Roasted Ranch Potatoes, Broccoli & Cauliflower, Tomato, Lettuce, Onion, Blueberry Cobbler

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Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

I don't feel like a "spring" out of bed when Daylight Savings Time "springs" forward an hour at this time of year! I think I am one of the few that is not pleased with this time!

Jerry and Sandra Barclay visited in Lockney, Sunday with his mother, Mrs. S.D. Barclay. She had surgery Thursday at UMC in Lubbock.

Diane and Ken Young of Roaring Springs, Tommy Merritt of Granbury, Ronald and Waydette Clay and Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton enjoyed a fish supper Friday night at the Turkey hotel in Turkey.

Dustin and Elise Reed of Lubbock visited Saturday with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert and uncle, Glen Calvert.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay attended the basketball tournament held in Miami Thursday night in which their granddaughter, Ryleigh Carson of Turkey competed.

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

Butch and Janice Hughes attended Sunday afternoon a party celebrating the first birthday of their grandson, Brody Hughes of Floydada. A cook-out with a beautiful decorated cake featuring a large ONE in the center and ice cream was held at the home of his family, Roger and Tiffany Hughes, Tara and Reagan. Numerous relatives and friends attended.

Wilburn Martin was hospitalized at Mangold Hospital in Lockney from Monday until Friday. His daughter, Mrs. Marilee Cooper of Borger accompanied him home from hospital and visited the weekend with him.

Donnie Rogers met his daughter, Natalie Rogers of Williamsburg, Virginia at the Lubbock Airport Saturday and she returned home with him to visit this week. They visited in Lubbock with his mother, Mrs. B. Rogers, a patient at Covenant Specialty Hospital before returning to Flomot.

The Green of Ireland at the Do Gooders Club

Members of the Do Gooders' Club were given a cheerful greeting at the Community Center Tuesday afternoon, March 3 by S. Patrick decorations. The table was laid with Irish lace over green, centered with a picture of a rainbow with a pot of gold positioned at the end. The rainbow painting was a work of art by Mrs. Anna Beth Clay's granddaughter, Karlee Kleibrink of Clifton. A shamrock service was complimented with mints and nuts in green leaf appointments.

Hostesses, Mrs. Barbara Payne and Mrs. Anna Beth Clay served a Four Leaf Clover Pistachio cake, dips and chips with lime fruit punch.

Mrs. Connie Franks, President presided at the business meeting. They have a 40 cup

coffee urn and teapot urn for the center. Coy Franks installed a new wall heater in one of the bathrooms at the center.

In other business, they voted to have the Club's annual Bazaar Saturday, November 7. Details will be published in the Tribune at a later date. They will have a Bazaar quilt on which chances will be sold. They sent member Mrs. B. Rogers a get well card and best wishes.

Mrs. Clay won the hostess gift, decorated knob, when her name was drawn.

Those attending were Mesdames Tommie Jo Cruise, Erma Washington, Connie Franks, Anna Beth Clay, Barbara Payne, Doris Vinson and Kathy Shorter.

Once In a while right in the middle of an Ordinary Life Love gives us a Fairy Tale...
Jon Smallwood, Cathy Laucks, Dickie Garrison, David Garrison, and Debra Scott, announce the marriage of their parents.
Herb Smallwood and Evelyn Garrison, on March 2, 2009 At Peace Lutheran Church in Hurst, Texas. Rev. Walter Waiser officiating

BENEFITS FROM SCRIPTURE



The holy Scriptures reveal to us clear moral guidelines to live by. They will not always be of simple do's and don'ts. Our God designed Scripture to give moral orientation to people living in any culture, any age, and in any moral climate. Indeed God himself is the absolute standard and while matters such as motive and local custom are of great importance, there are moral absolutes in the very structure of the universe. How do we find them? How can our consciences be reoriented? It is through the Scriptures that God gives us light on morality. This is because they reveal God Himself and therefore the highest of standards. Study the Scriptures with a willingness to pay the cost of obedience and order will replace confusion in your life. "Through thy precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way" (Psalm 119:104). It is the understanding which comes from the Scriptures which enables us to live a life of faith. Faith will orient and stabilize us. There are two great benefits! Scripture does even more. Truth liberates. The Scriptures not only reveal a standard but also sets us free to keep it. This is what makes God's word so different from any other ethical system. The Scriptures are powerful. Read Acts 20:32 and read of the power. A study of the Scriptures will have a great influence in shaping behavior patterns. When good moral behavior patterns are demonstrated, they are a benefit to any culture or any age and in any climate.

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

Matador News

Sheriff Michael Crutchley is currently attending a two-week training presented by the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) in Reno, TX. The intense training instructs law enforcement officers in topics such as obtaining search warrants, drug criteria, available enforcement resources, and K9 assistance.

Seven Alexander, Lejeanna Faulks, and D'anna Russell recently attended the South Plains Emergency Medical Service (SPEMS) conference in Lubbock. The one-day conference featured Continuing Education Courses, networking luncheon, and an awards ceremony.

Senior Courtney Alexander, daughter of Lejeanna and Jerry Faulks of Matador and Linda and Jerry Alexander of Spur, recently received her acceptance letter from Texas A&M University. Courtney will be studying engineering next fall at A&M. Earlier this week she traveled to Houston with her dad to show her steer in the Houston Livestock Show.

Karl Graham and Greg Faulkner, both of London, England, stayed in Matador last week. Graham and Faulkner were contracted to repair some of the wind turbines at the McAadoo Wind Farm. They were required to repel inside the huge structure to access the areas needing repair. The pair work for Altaeza Contracting, Inc. of Sweetwater, and their next assignment will most likely be working on turbines in Maui, Hawaii.

Graham and Faulkner were very interested in learning the history of the area, and while in Matador, they enjoyed a tour of the museum, conducted by Barbara Armstrong, a tour of the jail by Carol Campbell, and a visit to Caprock Canyon State Park. They also enjoyed hearing tales told by local cowboys and hunters at the Hotel Matador breakfast table.

Among those in town recently attending the funeral service for long-time Matador resident Pauline Smith were daughter Sharlene Brittan and her husband, Terry of Lewisville; Gary, Carolyn, and Kendrick Richardson, all of Houston; Pat Walker of Flower Mound; Lonnie Tip-

ton of Lewisville; John Perry of Highland Village; Diane DeWitty of Lewisville; Wilburn and Rosie Richardson of Inglewood, CA; Kenneth and Vanita Blake of Flower Mound; Sheldon, Clara, and Kelli Richardson of Houston.

Motley County ISD will begin a literacy program for students in kindergarten through third grades after spring break.

Dorothy Russell and Linda Roy were in Lubbock recently for a doctor appointment. While there they had lunch at the Skyview Restaurant with Lara Escobar, their granddaughter and niece.

Dorothy celebrated her 81st birthday Monday. Her family hosted a birthday lunch Sunday at Hotel Matador.

Judy and Garland Cartwright celebrated their 43rd wedding anniversary March 6. Linda and Tom Roy celebrated their 38th anniversary on that date as well.

Ronnie Cox and Leona Terry traveled to Lubbock this week for a doctor's appointment.

Marc and Jennifer Hess have moved here from Oklahama. Marc is a new employ at the Matador Ranch in the hunting division. They have two children, Freddie, who is in first grade, and Heidi.

Joyce Campbell flew to Cottonwood, CA, with her sister Edna of Amarillo to attend the funeral of their brother, Melvin Allen. Joyce returned home yesterday.

Visiting this spring break with his family is Eric Kautz, son of Yolanda and Bobbie Kautz of Matador. Eric is an Airman in the United States Air Force where he serves as a Fire Fighter in Minot, North Dakota. It has been about two years since Eric has visited with his family. Although Eric will be here only 10 days visiting, he is glad to be back home among his family and friends. Welcome Home Eric!

Ruby Anders of La Place, LA and her son Charles Anders of Daphne, AL. Was here for the funeral of her sister and his Aunt, Cora Smallwood. They visited with her brother Lewis Bostick and son Berry Bostick

Our Lady Of Guadalupe Catholic Church
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Notes from the Library

By Buffy Crutchley

I attended our semi-annual West Texas Library System meeting this week, accompanied by PK Green. We were inundated with information, and I left the gathering anxious to share what I learned. The best information I want to pass along is two different online, free, health information resources. The first one is <http://medlineplus.gov/> This one features an illustrated medical encyclopedia and a very comprehensive prescription drug catalog. The best part is, the site seemed very user friendly. I also learned of www.healthfinder.gov which seemed to have the latest news and information on a

variety of health related topics. In the day and age that printed material can't keep up with all of the medical fields advancements, these two sites seem to be a step ahead, and a wonderful resource to gather the latest information.

Friends of the Library dues are still being collected, so stop in today to be a part of such a wonderful organization!

And for those of you that missed out on the 1st batch of Feist Lubbock phone books, we got a 2nd batch, and still have about 15 left. Stop in today to pick one up. (and thanks again Pina for your hard work lugging them around!)

Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey bring reading program to Motley county

Kids, are you interested in reading some cool library books? Are you interested in earning a FREE circus ticket at the same time? After a highly successful inaugural year in 2006, Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey and area libraries will be hosting some serious fun with Reading with Ringling Bros., including Motley County Library, located at 1105 Main Street in Matador.

The reading program is easy and fun for kids to participate. The best part is that kids can earn a FREE Ringling Bros. circus ticket by simply doing their library reading! Children

from ages 2-12 simply need to enroll with the librarian, who will give kids everything to start their library reading. Kids will even receive cool bookmarks, clown noses and activity sheets, too! This unique library reading program will encourage children not only to read, but also to discover, dream and learn! For more information on the program and the more than 300 libraries in Texas that are participating, visit www.readingwithringling.com. The 'Greatest Show On Earth' will be in Lubbock in April, so get started earning your free ticket today!

FSA REMINDERS

Amy Hackler, CED

IMPORTANT:

Please note that producers who have coverage under the NAP (Non-Insured Assistance Program) for Wheat for Grazing and who have not yet filed a notice of loss, need to do so ASAP. It is crucial that this notice of loss be filed timely. Not timely reporting a loss could result in a loss of payment.

Also be reminded of the requirements under the new Farm Bill of 2008. New Disaster Programs have been implemented and certain requirements need to be met in order for producers to be eligible for disaster assistance. All CROPS must have insurance coverage at least at the CAT level either from Federal Crop or with the NAP program in order to be eligible EVEN ON ONE CROP. If insurance is not provided on one crop then all crops will be ineligible for disaster. This is a BIG change from past years. Please call the office with any questions or talk to your local

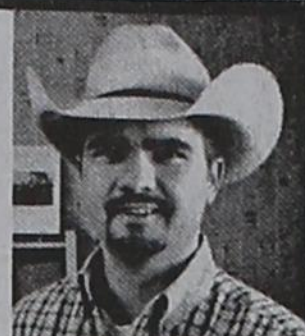
Federal crop insurance agent. If you have a crop that is strictly for grazing or meets the De Minimus Exception, coverage is not required, however those grazing crops need to have NAP coverage in order to be eligible for Livestock Disaster programs.

It is that time again, where coverage needs to be bought for spring seeded crops. NAP is available for those crops such as Sorghum Forage. Please make an appointment today to buy your coverage.

REMINDER: Producers can now sign up for 2009 DCP programs. Please be aware that new payment limitation forms will also need to be filled out when signing up for the new year. This can take some extra time, so please make an appointment. Advance payments are also an option for producers. Also, if you are cash leasing a farm and you have a cash lease please bring that in at the time of sign-up.

County Agent's News

by Ryan Martin, Agri LIFE EXTENSION Agent



Lights Out for the Planet!

On Saturday, March 28, 2009, at 8:30 pm local time, tens of millions of people will turn off all of their lights for an hour in support of the future of our planet. Earth Hour, an event led by the World Wildlife Fund, is now the largest event of its kind in the world.

Last year, more than 50 million people around the world participated in the second annual Earth Hour. Lights went out at the Empire State Building, the Golden Gate Bridge, the Sydney Opera House and the Coliseum in Rome, just to name a few. Even Google's home page went black for the day and President Shimon Peres personally turned off lights in Tel Aviv.

This year, Earth Hour will be even bigger--already 250 cities in 74 countries have agreed to take part including Atlanta, Chicago, Las Vegas,

Los Angeles, Miami and Nashville with more signing up every day. National 4-H Council has partnered with the World Wildlife Fund to address climate change as one of the most serious problems facing our world today. 4-H'ers can participate in Earth Hour too - in their own homes or by organizing and encouraging others to participate.

Participating in Earth Hour is easy, fun and free. It's also a wonderful opportunity for 4-H friends and families to gather together and think about the issues confronting our planet and the ways that we can work together to make a positive difference.

To sign up, visit <http://www.earthhour.org/main.php> to learn more including ways to spread the word about Earth Hour and creative things to do when the lights go out on March 28 at 8:30 pm.

Texas AgriLIFE Extension Service: Motley County

Need a cash crop after failed wheat. Safflower is the answer.

Steve Oswalt with Texas Tech University says, "Safflower is probably the most drought tolerant crop known to man."

Safflower is a spring/summer oilseed crop that will add value to your farming operations.

Safflower has very low input costs, is very drought tolerant, uses conventional planting and harvesting equipment, and has a short growing season (120 - 150 days). The crop is planted March through May for harvest in July through September making it a great rotational crop with wheat.

Safflower oil is used in the biofuels industry along with the food oils industry. The

food grade oil is trans-fat free and is closely compared to olive oil for its cooking qualities. Safflower meal is excellent for the cattle industry.

Texas Tech University and Texas A&M University have conducted extensive research with safflower over the past four years and have proven its viability in the High Plains area.

See article in the Farmers Stockman by following the link: <http://magissues.farmprogress.com/tfs/fso2feb09/tfs012.pdf>

Growers interested in learning about growing Safflower can call Dreamland Industries, Inc. Shane Robertson 325-513-3100, Ray Templeton 325-513-4217 or Brian Bluhm 325-721-5432.

National Sorghum Producers Producers Should Plan Ahead Under New Rules

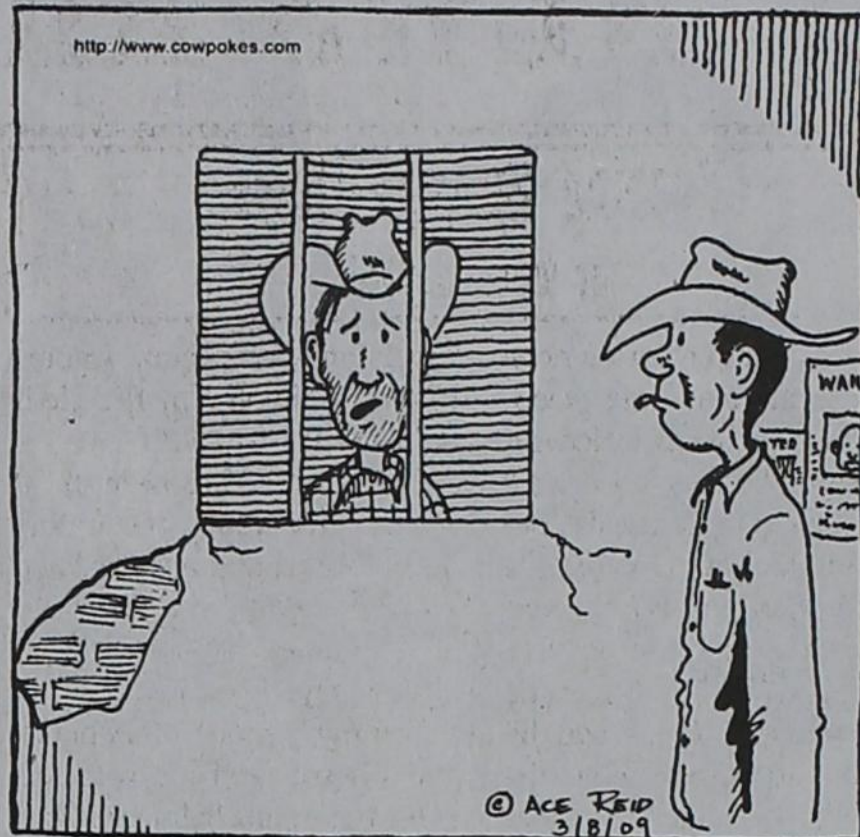
Producers who anticipate the possibility of planting grain sorghum or other crops behind failed first crops this season should be aware of new rules pertaining to crop insurance under the 2008 farm bill.

According to the farm bill passed last spring, Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payment program (SURE) eligibility could be affected by planting a second crop if it is not properly disclosed on insurance forms early in the season. Crop insurance enrollment forms are due on Monday, March 16.

"If a producer's first crop fails then he chooses to plant a

second crop, he will not lose eligibility for SURE provided potential for that second crop was declared on his crop insurance enrollment form," said Chris Cogburn, National Sorghum Producers Strategic Business Director.

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HCCC residents enjoy extra pampering

On February 26 Hackberry Creek Care Center residents enjoyed a little pampering by Mary Kay Consultant, Ashley Washington! She performed *Satin Hands* and *Satin Lips* treatments on 17 men and women. *Satin Hands* is only a three step process, beginning with a squirt of Extra Emollient Night Cream to rub together with a squirt of peach scented buffing cream. After we rubbed this in good, we washed our hands with a little help from our wonderful assistant, Brazos Washington.

Next we put on the hand lotion provided and then moved

on to the *Satin Lips* treatment, which was equally as simple. This was a two step process beginning with the *Satin Lips* lip mask which acts as an exfoliant and then we finished up by applying lip balm.

You would not believe the difference everyone felt when we were finished!! We all had a great time and want to send out a very special THANK YOU to Ashley and Brazos Washington for donating the supplies and their time to come out here and make the residents feel so special!



Ashley Washington gives Hackberry Creek Care Center resident, Mrs. Bannister, a *Satin Lips* treatment while Mrs. Farley observes.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TxDOT) CONTRACTS

Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)

Dist/Div: Childress

Contract 6191-77-001 for THERMOPLASTIC STRIPING in CHILDRESS County, etc will be opened on April 07, 2009 at 1:00 pm at the State Office for an estimate of \$695,258.08.

Contract 6192-04-001 for BRIDGE PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE in CHILDRESS County, etc will be opened on April 08, 2009 at 1:00 pm at the State Office for an estimate of \$529,260.00.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.txdot.gov and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

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Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin

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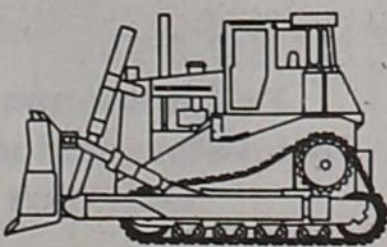
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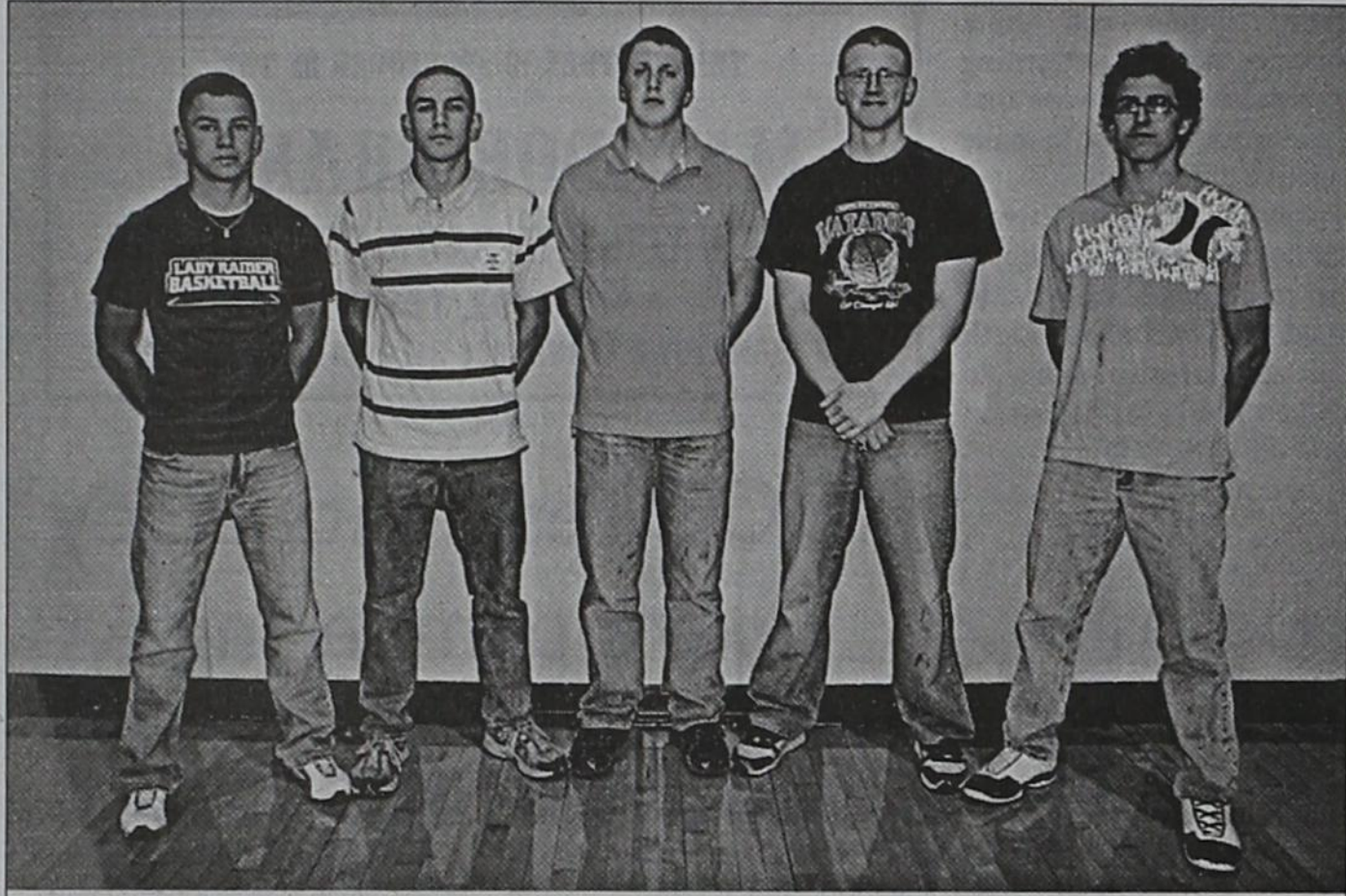
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All District honors: (L to R) Shane'a Russell, All District; Alyx Smith, Honorable Mention; Melissa Flores, All District. Not pictured: Courtney Alexander, Honorable Mention, and Kyla Simpson, Honorable Mention.



All District honors: (L to R) Jonathon Osborn, Honorable Mention; Andrew Martin, Honorable Mention; Will Butler, Honorable Mention; Justin Newman, Honorable Mention; and Ky Christopher, Honorable Mention.

Local youth receive all-district honors in basketball

Coaches in the Motley County basketball district of Guthrie, Patton Springs, Spur, Valley, and Paducah, selected the outstanding athletes in District 11, Division 2, 1A.

Shane'a Russell and Melissa Flores received All-District honors; and Honorable Mention in the girls category went to Courtney Alexander and Kyla Simpson.

In the boys basketball category, Honorable Mention went to Jonathon Osborn, Andrew Martin, Will Butler, Justin Newman, and Ky Christopher.

The number selected for all-district can vary from year to year, but is usually around 12-15 for each of the boys and girls all-district teams.

MC HS and JH Track meet at Spur

JH Track Results 3-5-09

Boys

Shot Put: Britt Simpson, 6th place

Discus: Britt Simpson, 4th place

Long Jump: Austin Taylor, 3rd place

800m Dash: Connor Mason, 5th place

1000m Dash: Britt Simpson, 5th place

800m Relay: Coby Cochran, Connor Mason, Juan Flores, Austin Taylor, 1st place

400m Dash: Coby Cochran, 3rd place, Jamie Jameson, 6th place

300m Hurdles: Austin Taylor, 3rd place

200m Dash: Juan Flores, 4th place

1200m Run: Nathan Seigrist, 2nd place

1600m Relay: Coby Cochran, Britt Simpson, Juan Flores, Austin Taylor, 1st place

Also competing, but not finishing in the top six were: Noah Guerrero, Jacob Woolsey, and Parker Meredith. The boy's team finished 4th overall with 80 points.



Lexi Osborn, freshman, wins the 3200m in track meet at Spur. photo by Walter Taylor

Girls

Shot Put: Shayla Clay, 4th place

Long Jump: Jaci Zingerman, 1st place; Sabra Pope, 5th place

800m Dash: Virginia Gutierrez, 5th place

100m Dash: Sabra Pope, 4th place

800m Relay: Sabra Pope, Shayla Clay, Virginia Gutierrez, and Jaci Zingerman, 5th place

400m Dash: Jaci Zingerman, 1st

200m Dash: Jaci Zingerman, 1st, Sabra Pope, 5th place

The girl's team finished 6th place overall with 48 points.



Nathan Seigrist claims 2nd place in the 1200m Run photo by Walter Taylor

High School Track Results 3-6-09

Girls

3200m Run: Alexis Osborn, 1st place

800m Dash: Leanne Jameson, 3rd place

100m Hurdles: Kyla Simpson, 2nd place

100m Dash: Shane'a Russell, 3rd place, Alyx Smith, 5th place

800m Relay: Kyla Simpson, Sarah Ferguson, Melissa Flores, Alyx, Smith, 2nd place

300m Hurdles: Kyla Simpson, 2nd place

200m Dash: Shane'a Russell, 3rd place

1600m Run: Alexis Osborn, 1st place

Courtney Alexander also competed in the Triple Jump

Boys

3200m Run: Reagan Elliott, 2nd place, Mark Quintero, 3rd place

800m Dash: Ky Christopher, 3rd place

100m Dash: Eric Simpson, 5th place

800m Relay: Jonathon Osborn, Augustine Chavez, Will Butler, Andrew Martin, 1st place

400m Dash: Colby McCleskey, 5th place

300m Hurdles: Ky Christopher, 5th place

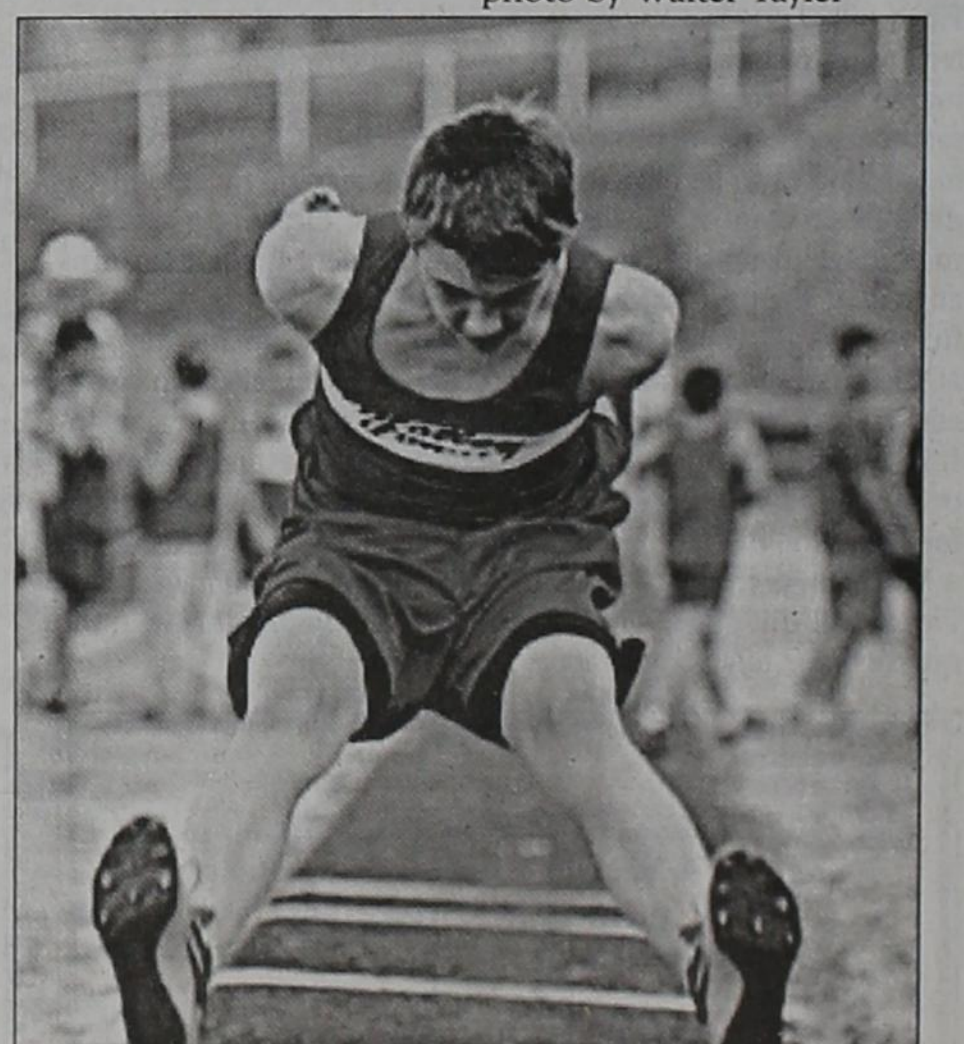
200m Dash: Andrew Martin, 3rd place

1600m Run: Mark Quintero, 6th place

1600m Relay: Jonathon Osborn, Colby McCleskey, Augustine Chavez, Andrew Martin, 3rd place

High Jump: Justin Newman, 5th place

Also competing, but not placing in the top six were: Christian Brooks, Dayne Butler, and Braden Mason



Austin Taylor wins 3rd place in the Long Jump during track meet at Spur. photo by Walter Taylor

YOU ARE INVITED!

WHAT: **SPRING GOSPEL MEETING**

WHERE: **Matador Church of Christ
Matador, Texas**

WITH: **Carroll Sites**, Evangelist of Higdon, Arkansas, in a Series of Biblical Lessons

THEME: "The Glory Of The Cross" (Gal. 6:14) "But God forbid that I should glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified unto me, and I to the world whom the world had been crucified unto me, and I to the world."

WHEN: **Sunday, March 22nd through Thursday, March 26th**

Sunday Bible Class 10:00a.m. "Glorying In The Cross"

Sunday Morning Worship 11:00a.m. "The Cross-Focus of The Cross"

Please stay and enjoy a potluck meal with us following the morning worship service.

Sunday Evening Worship 6:00p.m. "Revealed by The Cross"

Monday Evening 7:00p.m. "What the Cross Meant To Christ"

Tuesday Evening 7:30p.m. "Purpose and Power Of The Cross"

Wednesday Evening 7:00p.m. "Three Crosses"

Thursday Evening 7:00p.m. "Connected To The Cross"

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NRCS signup for 2009 Environmental Quality Incentives Program

The USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Motley County is currently taking applications for the 2009 Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP).

"The funds allocated for EQIP will help farmers and ranchers improve natural resources on private working lands" said James Gillespie, NRCS District Conservationist. "The program provides incentive payments to producers applying approved conservation measures that help solve natural resource problems."

Natural resource concerns are established in each county during the annual local work group meeting, held last October. The local work group helps to identify the most important natural resource issues in the county. For 2009, special concern is in place for such issues as soil erosion and plant health. Common practices to address these issues are grass seeding, terraces, brush control, cross fences, livestock water

wells, livestock water troughs, livestock water pipelines and others. Any conservation practice that addresses natural resource concerns is eligible.

Immediately following the sign-up period, all of the applications will be ranked based on local, state and national criteria. Producers with an approved application will work with an NRCS conservation planner to develop a contract and a plan and will begin implementing conservation practices as quickly as possible.

The NRCS Matador Field Office has complete details for Motley County. Additional information, including ranking criteria, eligible practices, and cost share rates for all programs can also be found by visiting the Texas NRCS website at www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov/practices, or by calling the Matador Field Office at 806-347-2263 and select extension 3.

Census Bureau opens jobs line for the 2010 Census

The Census Bureau has launched a critical national effort for every person in our nation to "Be Counted" in the 2010 Census that will affect the apportionment of congressional seats, and how the federal government annually allocates \$300 billion in federal assistance to communities. Operations have already begun and the Census Bureau needs to re-

cruit hundreds of workers in the area to ensure a complete and accurate count in 2010. Call the 2010 Census job line 866-861-2010 to schedule a basic employment test. Testing dates for Motley County are:

March 17, 1 p.m. at Roaring Springs City Hall

March 24, 9:30 a.m. at Matador City Hall

Pat "Dr. Pat" Williams M.D.

A Memorial Service for Pat "Dr. Pat" Williams M.D. was held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, March 6, 2009 at First Christian/Presbyterian Church in Pryor, Oklahoma. Pastor Mark Newman officiated. A Memorial Service will also be held in Spur, Texas on March 21, 10:00 AM at the First United Methodist Church Spur, Texas.

Pat Williams, "Dr. Pat" to his many patients and friends died peacefully on March 01, 2009 in Pryor, Oklahoma at the age of 85. He was born in Spur, Texas on February 24, 1924 to Helen Grace and B.G. Williams. He was raised by his mother, grandmother and loving family of aunts, uncles and cousins during the Great Depression. At age ten, he served as a page in the Texas Senate in Austin. He graduated from Spur High School in 1942 and spent one year at Texas A&M where he played in the Aggie Dance Band. During this time, the band did a soundtrack for a movie. Pat found music to play wherever he lived. He was especially proud of the tenor saxophone his mother bought for him in 1940. He then joined the Army Air Corps where he became a B-17 pilot flying missions out of Mendlesham, England. He married Beth Arthur in 1945 and had six children from that union. After leaving the service, he entered the University of Texas and, after completing his premed requirements, entered Southwestern Medical School in Dallas where he graduated in 1954. He practiced family medicine 47 years providing care to people in West Texas and Pryor, Oklahoma. He

married Mary Lou Gwartney in 1977 in San Antonio, Texas. He loved traveling and playing golf with Mary Lou, playing his saxophone for friends and family, and good horses. His wit and sparkle will be greatly missed.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Lou, and children, Greg and Connie Williams of Tulsa, OK; Gayle and Currey Freeman of Denton, TX; Ray and Patrice Williams of Pryor, OK; Joe and Patsy Williams of Amarillo, TX; Kurt and Charla Gwartney of Choctaw, OK, Kristi and Mark Ozbun of Claremore, OK; Thirteen grandchildren, Ryan Williams of Tulsa, OK, Megan and Eric Linn of Collinsville, OK, Sarah and Paul West of Tulsa, OK, Kent and Kate Freeman of Highland Village, TX, Reid and Emily Freeman of Keller TX, Brianna and Matthew Smith of Albuquerque, NM, Allie and Matthew Eischer of Westminster, CO, Thomas Williams of Pryor, OK, Kelley and Jeromy Henderson of Amarillo, TX, Kacie Williams of Siloam Springs, AR, Elizabeth Gwartney of Choctaw, OK, Pate Motter of Fayetteville, AR, Blane Ozbun of Claremore, OK. Seven great grandchildren; Paige and Maggie Linn, Walker West, Connor, Colin and Maddox Freeman and Ella Smith. He is also survived by a host of friends. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Ann; a son, Donald and a grandson Braydn Ozbun.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Mayes County Medical Center Hospice or the charity of your choice.

Harold H. Campbell

Graveside services for Harold H. Campbell, 90, of Matador were March 7, 2009 at the East Mound Cemetery in Matador with Mike Crowley officiating. Mr. Campbell passed away March 3, 2009 in Lubbock. *Arrangements were under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home of Matador. Harold was from a pioneer ranching family in Motley County. His grandfather, H.H. Campbell established the Matador Ranch. He was a graduate of Matador High School Class of 1936 and was the last living male of his class. Mr. Campbell was a

farmer/rancher, a member of the Matador Masonic Lodge and Eastern Star, a former bank director for First State Bank in Matador, and was President of Farm Bureau for many years. He was preceded in death by two brothers, L.B. and Vance Campbell and one sister Erin Sherer.

He is survived by his wife, Grace of Lubbock, Texas; two sons, Harry Campbell and wife Fran of Lubbock, and Guy Campbell and wife Diann of Matador; seven grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, and two great-great grandchildren.

Pauline Smith

Pauline Smith was born February 29, 1920 in Linden, Texas to the parents of Lizer and Henry Sims. Pauline departed this life on February 21, 2009. She accepted Christ at an early age. Upon moving to Matador she became a member of the St. John Baptist Church, where she served as church secretary, Choir Director, BTU President and Assistant Director of BTU with the Lovely Sunset District. She wore many hats in the church and worked where ever needed. She often traveled to the association and Congress State Convention. Years later she became a member of Macedonia Baptist Church where she served as Mission Secretary/Treasurer, Choir member and program director. In 2004, she moved to Lewisville, Texas where she became a member of Westside Baptist Church under the direction of Pastor K. W. Blake.

Preceding her in death were her husband Roscoe Smith, her two sisters, V.O. Jones and Bernice Johnson; two brothers, Norris Sims and Willie Sims and two granddaughters Tasha Daniels and Lisa Richardson.

She leaves to cherish her memories two brothers, Henry Sims, Vernon, Texas and Jesse T. Sims, Matador, Texas; three daughters, Linda Faye (Kenneth) Daniels of Dallas, Texas; Theresa Richardson, Amarillo, Texas; Sharlene (Terry) Brittan, Lewisville Texas; three sons Wilburn

(Rosie) Richardson, Los Angeles, California; Marcellus (Linda) Richardson, Amarillo, Texas; Gary (Carolyn) Richardson, Houston, Texas; nine grand-daughters, Sheila (Louis) Wooten Rockwall, Texas; Yolanda (Klimate) Scott, Katy, Texas; Ollie (Curtis) Sims and Sylvia Shead, Amarillo, Texas; Dominique Brittan, Lewisville, Texas; Nada Richardson, Englewood, California; Angelique Richardson Las Vegas, Nevada; Marcell McDade, Lubbock, Texas; and Aisha Richardson, Omaha, Nebraska; eight grandsons, Kendrick Richardson Washington, DC; Sheldon (Clara) Richardson, Houston, Texas; Donovan Brittan, Lewisville, Texas; R Leland Richardson, Denver, Colorado; Demetric Lewis, Amarillo, Texas; Marquise Richardson, Los Angeles, California; Dennis Richardson & Darren Richardson, Denver, Colorado; six great-granddaughters, Taelah Wooten, Kendyl Scott, Savannah Sims, Anisse Richardson, Camryn Richardson & Jersey Richardson; eight great-grandsons, Tylon Wooten, Sebastian Sims, Idalis Richardson, Daniel Davis, Dartel Lewis, Bobby McDade, Tremaine Watson, Kevin Presley and a host of family and friends. Funeral Services were held February 28, 2009 at the First United Methodist Church in Matador. Interment was in the East Mound Cemetery in Matador under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home of Matador.



Kyla Simpson placed 2nd in the hurdles. photo by Walter Tayler



Melissa Flores and Sarah Ferguson were part of the 800m relay team that placed 2nd in the meet at Spur. photo by Walter Tayler

Have a safe Spring Break

The DPS wants Spring Breakers to have fun, but to keep common sense and safety as their constant companions.

DPS troopers in the coastal areas of Texas will have stepped-up enforcement in March looking for speeders, drunk drivers and seat-belt violators.

"Having fun is fine, but getting a DWI or other criminal offense that will be on your record forever is not a good way to go about it," said DPS Director Col. Stanley Clark. "The drinking age in Texas is still 21 and you face criminal charges if you are underage and drive with any detectable amount of alcohol in your system."

DPS is offering several tips for a safe Spring Break.

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- 12 JR High Track at Jayton TBA
- 13 MCISD High School Track at Jayton, TBA
- 13-14 PIPS Abilene Christian University
- 16 MCISD School Board, 7:30 pm
- 16 2009 Farm Bill Impacts on Cotton Producers
- 17 Matador Lions Club, Methodist Church, 12:30 pm
- 17 Census Bureau Testing 1 p.m. at Roaring Springs City Hall
- 22-26 Spring Gospel Meeting, First Baptist Church, Matador
- 23 American Legion Post 337 Meeting, 7:00 PM, at the Motley County Senior Center
- 24 Census Bureau Testing 9:30 a.m. at Matador City Hall
- 26 Jr High Track at Knox City, TBA
- 27 MCISD High School Track at Knox City TBA
- 27 Titus Foundation meeting 10 am.
- 28 Earth Hour, 8:30 pm
- 29 Boonedockers race in Matador

April

- 1 Kids Praise
- 2 RS Lions Club, place TBA 11:30 am
- 4 Men's Breakfast, Methodist Church, 7:00 am
- 7 Matador Lions Club, Methodist Church, 12:30 pm
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