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Citizen committee recommends closure of four county roads

By Carol Campbell

On the morning of March 5, 2010, a Jury of View was scheduled by the county Commissioner's Court to hear testimony on three protests submitted to the court on February 8, 2010, for the closure of four roads in Motley County.

Prior to 1981, a county could obtain a county road by prescriptive easement or by adverse possession. A county road by adverse possession is a road whereby the county could declare ownership by the use of the road. Most county roads, however, were obtained by prescriptive easement. After 1981, the only way a county could obtain a road was by purchase, condemnation, dedication, or court order. In 2003, the Legislature created Chapter 258 of the Transportation Code to deal with roads in existence before 1981, later extending the deadline to September 1, 2011.

Ward, Glen Calvert, Seab Wash- agreements on a handshake." ington, Randy Hicks, Craig Turner, and James McCleskey. Five members, randomly selected to serve were: Ron Bailey, Larry Hoyle, Tim Ward, Seab Washington, and Randy Hicks. Hicks was named by unanimous vote to serve as chairman.

Providing testimony were James Gillespie, Si Causey, Stanley Burleson, Louis Bostick, Bob Kilmer, Harry and Tom Hamilton, Don Cox, and Jim McMahon.

They all submitted testimony to the Jury of View, some wanting the roads in question to be declared as private roads and some wanting them to be County Roads. The Jury heard the evidence before noon; and then after lunch they drove County Roads 411 and 415; and CR 110 to FM2999. Although the Commissioner's Court had already declared the Tee Pee City road a private road, the county was advised by experts in the procedure to ask the Jury of View to declare the road as a private for public record. The Jury returned to the courthouse after they drove the properties, and began deliberations. By unanimous vote, they determined that in fact CR411, CR415, and the Tee Pee City Road were private roads. Further, they determined that on County Road 110 that the road would be declared private from 50 yards east of the collapsed Tom Handle bridge, all the way to "the oil and gas well." Then from that point, the road would be maintained as County Road to FM2999. Following the regular Commissioner's Court meeting on April 12, 2010, at 1:15 p.m., the county will adopt the modified County Road Map. "The purpose of this process is to protect the county in years to come," Judge Smith said. "It may not seem like a big deal now, but property changes hands, heirs may not want to honor old

"The decisions of the Jury of View are binding on the Commissioners Court," Judge Smith said. There is a process in place to contest the inclusion of a road on the County Road Map. "A property owner can go to District Court within the next two years, to challenge the decision to include the road," Smith said.

Initially, Smith contacted experts in the procedure, Allison-Bass and Associates, a law firm in Austin that serves as General Counsel for all county judges and commissioners in the state. While he had budgeted \$1,000.00 in the 2009-2010 budget for the process, he learned that "these lawyers wanted to help us with the process, but wanted \$13,600.00," he said. Further, the South Plains Council of Governments also declined to help - out of their area of expertise. Necessity is the mother of invention, they say. Judge Smith completed the whole process for about \$600.00. "We invested in a \$500.00 County Road Map that is required by law; and the Jury of View was paid \$6.00 for the first day of deliberations, and promised \$40.00 a day thereafter. However, the Jury was through in one day, and most that asked for the money donated their earnings to the Senior Citizens. In addition, I don't think it cost me any extra postage to include the list of county roads in the tax statements this year," he said. Ron Bailey, who served on the Jury of View, said the committee benefited from the Judge's expertise and experience. "No one really knows the hard work that went on behind the scenes to prepare the documents necessary to formalize the Motley County Road Map. Judge Smith's work ethic is to be commended, and the fact that he saved the county more than \$13,000 is something we should all be proud of."

FLOYDADA, Texas, March 9, 2010- It was tough to find a parking space at the Unity Center in Floyd County on Thursday March 4th. The parking lot was at full capacity, packed with wind industry professionals who had booths at the event and others hoping to learn more about the industry and its future in the Texas panhandle.

The wind energy expo hosted by Caprock Plains Wind Energy Association brought in a crowd of nearly 300 people from across the South Plains. Attendees came to meet with developers, transmission companies, consultants and manufacturers as well as educational and adergy Specialties were hoping to use CPWEA's wind energy expo to promote their products and services.

Wind Expo

Draws a Crowd

Randy Craig is an associate professor of biology at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview, but three years ago he began building a residential wind turbine with other local residents. Craig and the Turbines Over Texas crew had the turbine that they are currently manufacturing on display at the expo.

"Through much trial and error we feel that we have achieved a small-wind residential, rural turbine that will allow more people to assist with rising electrical costs and reduce their carbon foot-print on the Earth," Craig said. "The expo was an opportunity for our small manufacturing company to increase the awareness of our wind turbine company and its presence in Hale County, Texas."

local team here in the Lubbock area in 2009," said Glenn Van Slyke, a member of the Alternative Energy Specialties team. "It was beneficial to be in the same venue with the companies that use our products since what we provide is in place, and many times gone, long before power is generated by a turbine."

Hill Country Wind Power is one of the developers that local representatives like Van Slyke were happy to see at the event. HCWP develops small to mid-sized wind farms. They are a non-traditional wind farm developer as they focus on selling retail electricity from their projects to large end-users like co-ops, school districts and hospitals. John McNair, director of land acquisitions at HCWP, said their focus was to take care of the landowner first. He noted that selling electricity at retail benefits landowners, investors and local communities. "At the expo I met primarily with landowners in areas we are targeting, some who represented target areas as far as two and a half hours from the expo location," McNair said. "That speaks volumes about what CPWEA is doing, facilitating the introduction of developers to landowners in the windiest areas of Texas."

"To prove up a county road, the County would have to prove it had been maintained on a regular basis prior to 1981 by records or testimony," Judge Ed D. Smith said.

There were three protests submitted to the court on February 8, 2010: Harry Hamilton submitted a protest to County Roads 411 and 415, located in southeast Motley County; Si Causey and three others submitted a protest to County Road 110, running across private property and connecting to FM2999, north of CR 110; and Bob Kilmer submitted a protest in behalf of Matador Ranch to close County Road 247, from the cattle guard 3.5-miles across Matador Ranch pasture to the former Tee Pee City.

The Court submitted nine names for potential jurors, consisting of Ron Bailey, Larry Hoyle, James Beardon, Tim

MCISD Board meets

The Motley County Board of Trustees met in a regular scheduled board meeting on Monday, March 1, 2009, with a full quorum. Also present were Dr. Andrew Seigrist, William Cochran, Kathy Gillespie, Denise Ford, and Coach Mike Bigham.

Following an invocation by Gilbert Guerrero, the meeting the attendance rate at 97.1 perment. No one spoke in Open Forum.

cation Form; and a motion by Tina Brooks, seconded by Lee Jones, to award Hogland Office Supply the copier bid. A motion was then made to table action on reroofing bids, approved by unanimous vote.

Principal William Cochran reported enrollment at 174 and was opened for public com- cent for the month of Febru- two coaches for Junior High and ary. Mr. Cochran also discussed C-Scope, a curriculum that is a vertical alignment of scope and sequence.

port that Judy Woolsey is doing much better and has returned to work; bids have been sent out for school buses; and the budget workshop is scheduled for March 30, 2010.

In other business, Coach Bigham spoke to the board about the possibility of hiring a girls' head basketball coach. Having High School girls will enhance the girls program considerably, he said. The board entered executive session at 8:48 p.m. and exited at 9:13 p.m. to discuss the principal's contract, extension and compensation. Following executive session, a motion was made by Lewis Drum, seconded by Don Baxter, to extend the Principal William Cochran's contract from July 1, 2010, to June 30, 2012, including a four percent cost of living raise. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

vocacy groups working in wind energy.

"The event was well attended and a testament to the optimism of wind energy development in West Texas," said the Floydada Economic Development Corporation Executive Director Justin Jaworski. "Floydada EDC is currently working to help develop a proper incentive program for wind farms and looks forward to assisting this process in the near future."

Local companies in the Texas Panhandle such as Turbines Over Texas and Alternative En-

Alternative Energy Specialties located in Abernathy, Texas also had an exhibit at the event. Their exhibit featured a patent pending meteorological tower (often times referred to as a met tower) that they manufacture locally.

"Our Tall-Tilt™ 60 through 80 meter met towers are patent pending technology and were designed and engineered by a

Matador City Council approves budget for 2010-11 Salary increases for city employees

By Carol Campbell

Attending the meeting were Councilmen Pat Seigler, Alvin Alexander, Shane Jones, Kay Bailey; and Mayor Pat Smith and City Secretary Debra Scott. Water Superintendent Steve Barton and Councilman Chuck Ream were absent. A public hearing was set for 6:15 p.m. to hear public comment on the proposed budget for 2010-2011. No one spoke in open forum.

The Secretary's Report for February, 2010, showed a funds balance of \$133,917.96 in the Waterworks Fund; \$83,398.56 in the General Fund; with the 4A Tax Funds. sitting at \$106,743.73 and 4B Tax Funds at \$55,588.49. The Water District has \$8,111.57; Municipal Fines at increase from the previous raise of \$2,000.00 was given \$2,934.96; and the Hotel Oc- year of one-half of a percent cupancy Tax Fund has a balance of \$7,000.00. The total funds are \$397,695.27, earning \$31.62 in interest income for February. Additionally, Secretary Debra Scott reported that she had talked to Morton Irrigation about the sidewalk deterioration in front of City Hall. Pictures of the damage were emailed to OJD Engineering firm on February 5, 2010, however, according to the OJD, they had not received the

documentation. Scott said she would continue to "follow up" on the sidewalk repairs. The minutes and expenditures for the month of February were approved by unanimous vote.

City Secretary Debra Scott provided the council with color coded copies of current and proposed Profit and Loss Budgets, showing the actual numbers from April 2009 through March 2010; and the proposed budgets for April 2010 through March 2011.

Overall, the total expenses for the 2009-2010 General Fund were over budget by a net of \$7,400, with a projected income of \$8,000.00 yet to be received for the fiscal year. In the 2010-2011, the projected budget for the new fiscal year is \$157,400.00, an (.5%, \$800.00). Overall, the Waterworks Fund was \$17,220 over budget for 2009-2010 with a projected income of \$24,000.00 yet to be received for the fiscal year. Total income and expenses for the Waterworks Fund for 2010-2011 is projected at \$441,900, a 7-percent increase (6.74%, \$29,800) over 2009-2010. A motion was made and seconded to approve both proposed budgets for 2010-2011, passing by

unanimous vote.

"I think Debra has done an excellent job in managing the budgets for the city," Councilman Pat Seigler said. "I commend her for a job well done."

In other business, a copy of a Resolution to Adopt an Investment Policy for the City was reviewed by the coun-Following discussion cil. and omitting the Investment Strategy portion of the document, the resolution was approved by unanimous vote.

An Executive Session was called at 7:25 p.m., reconvening at 7:40 p.m.to discuss salary increases for city employees. A move was made by Kay Bailey, and seconded by Pat Seigler to approve \$600 per year raises for all four city employees. Additionally, a merit to Joel Guerrera for completing his water license requirements.

On the first item of business, TAKS Coordinator Kathy Gillespie gave a brief summary to the board concerning the new changes in testing and accountability. Following her presentation, minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved by unanimous vote.

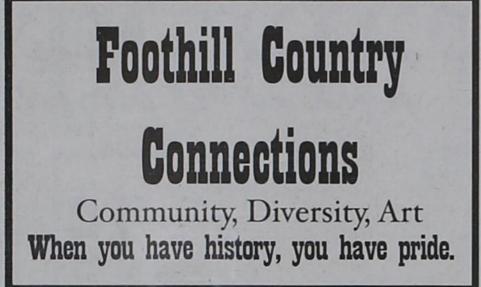
Other action items approved by unanimous vote consisted of a motion by Lewis Drum, seconded by Don Baxter, to approve the Textbook Certifi-

During the Superintendent's report, Dr. Seigrist reported that three Titus Foundation scholarship applications have been received from the current senior class. The deadline to apply for teacher mini grants scholarships is April 1, 2010.

Many teachers and both Administrators attended the TCEA conference in Austin. Other announcements included a re-

Under Items for Future Consideration, the council discussed the old trailer house behind Bob's Oil Well. Mayor Smith said he would send the owner a letter to get written permission to move the trailer. Councilman Bailey said the new globes and oil pumps had added to the historical value of the property, and that tourists and visitors often stopped at Bob's Oil Well.

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By Larry Vogt

There is an old popular song called "I Didn't Know What Time it Was" and that is exactly where the editors were this past Sunday when the daylight savings time began with the clocks to be moved forward one hour. The computer and cell phones knew the time had changed but we were clueless. Plus we did not mention the time change in the last edition when it should have warned the readership. Earlene Jameson mentioned it by way of a joke and there was a typo in the word savings.

I can't really live an hour ahead of sun time anyway. It seems the whole summer I

am feeling like I am missing something and will be late for everything and I usually am late. I reckon it is the changing that causes the rushed mentality. If the time would stay on daylight savings time year around I think I might do better. I understand there are some countries that have daylight savings time the year around. And why don't they change it on Saturday instead of Sunday? It is downright embarrassing to get to church right in the middle of some part of the service that you thought was an hour earlier.

I hope you have your inner and outer clocks adjusted by now and that the television stations or one of your neighbors put you straight on what time it was on Sunday.

WRITING COMMUNITY March is Women's History Month Matador Chapter No. 66 of the Order of the Eastern Star closes ranks after 110 years

By Carol Campbell

Editor's Note: Information for this article was taken from several primary sources, including "Hearts of Friendship," a yearbook compiled by Deborah Martin for program year 2006-2007; and "Of Such As These, a History of Motley County," by Eleanor Mitchell Traweek. Secondary sources included interviews with past members. In honor of Women's History Month, this article will focus primarily on the sister organization of the Masonic Lodge, and is not meant to overlook the significant contributions of the Masons and Worthy Patrons of this organization.

The Matador Chapter No. 66 of the Order of the Eastern Star was organized 110 years ago on September 9, 1900, with 20 members. During its peak year in 1969, the organization had 88 members on the rolls. Today, only seven resident members, and five non-resident members remain. Their membership was moved to the Floydada Chapter No. 33 on January 14, 2010,

programs, historic cookbooks, and 100-plus years of program minutes remain, written first in the meticulous hand of charter member Allie Traweek, wife of the pioneer doctor Albert C. Traweek.

The contributions of many members supported this important icon in Motley County history. Charter members of the Eastern Star read like a roster from the history books: The first Worthy Matron, Elizabeth (Lizzie) Campbell, was a descendant of Alexander Hamilton of Revolutionary fame. She was the wife of Henry H. Campbell, founder of the Matador Ranch, and the first Motley County Judge. Her great grandson, Wes Campbell, is a member of Eastern Star, and serves as an officer in Floydada Chapter No. 33. "The history of every town is tied to Masonry," he said. "The old Masonic Hall is a treasure trove of information."

The first Worthy Patron was Thomas Neal Edmondson, who came to Motley County in 1891 in a covered wagon when "the whole county was a sea of grass as far as the eye could see." He

her. It is reported she made "long wagon trips through any weather to deliver babies when a doctor was not available."

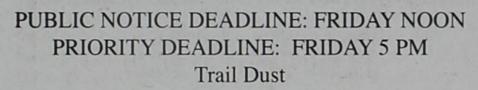
In the early 1900s, dues were \$1.00, refreshments cost \$1.25 a month, and initiation fees were \$3.00. Lizzie Campbell continued to serve as Worthy Matron from 1900 to 1903 followed by Miss Rosa Cammack, (1903-1905, 1918-1919). Rosa and her parents, Thomas Newton and Izora Cammack, were charter members of the Matador Missionary Baptist Church. This pioneer family originally lived in the historic townsite of Tee Pee City.

In 1926, dues were raised to \$2.50 per year. The organization moved into their new location, and



Celebrating the Chapter's 75th anniversary, the Diamond Jubilee was the "event of the year" and incoming officers set for installation wore matching silk, silver lame' formals with "diamond" tiara's in their hair. Pictured is the incoming Worthy Matron, Winifred Darsey.

> Jack Luckett, a colorful earlyday pioneer employed by Henry H. Campbell and later the Matador Ranch. He built the first gin in the county and was part owner of Matador Mercantile Company. In October 1939, nylon stockings went on sale for the first time in Wilmington, Delaware; Kate Smith first sings "God Bless America; and "Gone with the Wind" premiered in Atlanta. In Matador, the Eastern Star bought a new gas stove for \$18.50, and .50 cents was colcontinued on page 6



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thus ending a long and storied past in two locations. The first Masonic Hall (near the present City Hall) was destroyed by fire in December, 1925. The last location occupied space above the Matador Variety Store, Main Street and U.S. Hwy. 70.

Now, in the quiet halls and shuttered windows, where the last Worthy Matron Deborah Martin was sworn in, remnants of the glory days remain -- memorabilia, photos of skits and the affection residents had for

was a cattleman and a county official, serving one term in 1892 as Commissioner of Precinct 4. Also in the Edmondson

wagon train, moving west from Comanche County Texas, with their six children, was Albina and John L. Burleson. They settled in Motley County where Albina became the first Associate Matron of this fledging organization. Albina was referred to as "Mother Burleson," reflecting

bought a piano for \$290.00. The membership held a 42 domino tournament to raise funds.

Other notable names on the Past Matrons list were Mrs. Allie Traweek (1907- 1908,1919-1920), wife of Dr. Albert Carroll Traweek, a practicing physician in Motley County until his death in 1959; and Mrs. Leonora Luckett (1909-1910, 1916-1917), known for her sense of style and fashion. Nora was the wife of



In 1951, the Chapter celebrated the 50-year anniversary of the organization with an installation ceremony where all the incoming officers wore formal gold satin gowns made from the same bolt of material, but sewn with different styles. Pictured (L to R, back row) are: Grace Campbell, Mary Elizabeth Pitts, Jerry Campbell, Maggie Hamilton, Jessie Prtichett, Beverly Vinson, Etoile Stanley, and Vivian Jacobs; (L to R, front row): Dan Barton, Ollie Cox, Winifred Darsey, Lucreteia Campbell, and Opal Pipkin.

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I would like to thank Dis- this is another job that has to trict/County Clerk Kate Hurt and her deputy, Diana Russell, for all their hard work in this past election. They were essential in seeing this election through. The election laws of Texas are complex and there are a myriad of things that have to be done, done correctly and on time. In my opinion the taxpayers are getting more than their money's worth from the clerk's office. I would also like to thank all the poll workers. Again

be done strictly according to law to ensure that the voters get their say. Workers have to be trained and work a twelve hour day for not a whole lot of money. They perform a real public service. If you recognize them it would be nice to show appreciation for their service and a job well done.

C.W. Moore

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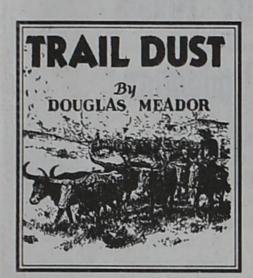
Ask how we can improve wildlife habitat through brush sculpting!

Matador winds reach 40-mph with 60-mph gusts



Forty-mph straight winds with 60-mph gusts created dust storms Monday, March 8, and downed a large tree at the home of Vaden Hays, 830 Hunter Street, Matador. Hays was in his back yard working when the gust of wind toppled the tree on his head, causing injury to his neck and lower back. He reported no fractures, but a very sore neck.

generations.



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nowed grain for half a dozen A thought is like a shadow passing a thousand times, yet failing utterly to leave a single

trace of its journeys. But charity may pass one time and bring eternal hope to a despairing life. Our new national economy has made the blue collar

worker a man of distinction while his white collar contemporary is forced to patch the patches on his apparel to prevent arrest for indecent exposure. Labor has become an



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Local Girl Attending Inauguration

Miss Charise Cullin is in Washington, D.C. this week for the inauguration of President Carter, and other activities. She left by plane Friday from Lubbock, to join her mother and stepfather, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Richardson in Dallas, in making the trip. Mrs. R.E. Campbell Jr. accompanied Charise, her granddaughter, to Lubbock to take the plane.

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Grant funds help library purchase new copy machine



Four Winds Resource Conservation and Development recently awarded the Motley County Library a matching grant to purchase a new copy machine. Ron Bailey, the Motley County RC&D representative, was on hand to present the check to the former librarian Buffy Crutchley.

counties, including Motley. Matching grants are awarded once a year to projects meeting certain criteria that represent the mission of RC&D and NRCS.

The purpose of the Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) program is to accelerate the conservation, the general level of economic rcd/Four Winds.html.

activity, and to enhance the environment and standard of living in designated RC&D areas. RC&D areas are locally sponsored areas designated by the Secretary of Agriculture for RC&D technical and financial assistance program funds. For more information, please contact the NRCS office in development and utilization Matador, or visit http://www. of natural resources, improve tx.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/

Maturity in a man begins when he starts noticing the indiscretions of his contemporaries.

Numerically our weaknesses are generally adequate to insure the clergy with unwinexecutive who presses a button to cause a machine to do his former work. At the same time the white collar worker is fighting the wolf from the door with a handful of degrees.

The Roaring Springs Volunteer Fire Department would like to thank everyone who came and supported the Chili Supper fund raiser Saturday, March 13th.

A special thanks to Kevin Rainwater for providing the entertainment.

Thank you to the City Council for all of their hard work of putting it on and getting it all organized and to Alex Crowder for cooking the delicious chili and the others who provided the desserts and corn bread!

Thanks to everyone for their donations and contributions to the department. This will help us to be able to buy much needed equipment for the department to better serve our community in case of an emergency.

Thanks again for all of your support Roaring Springs Volunteer Fire Dept.

FBCM to host concert by West Texas Watchmen

First Baptist Church, Matador, will host a concert by West Texas Watchmen on Sunday evening, March 21, at 6:00 p.m.

Everyone in the community is invited to hear this outstanding Gospel singing group, which includes Matador native Stan Martin, a founding member of the group. A love offering will be taken. the Legion meeting.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Four Winds RC&D serves 13

American Legion meeting set for March 22

American Legion Post 337 will meet on Monday, March 22, at 7:00 p.m. at the Motley County Senior Center.

Justin Newman will speak about his experiences at Texas Boys State in 2009.

Deliberation concerning participants for the 2010 Boys State program will be conducted.

It is suggested that Legion and Auxiliary members plan to attend the Hackberry Creek Care Center fund raising spaghetti supper at the Motley County School cafeteria at 5:00p.m. before the Legion meeting.

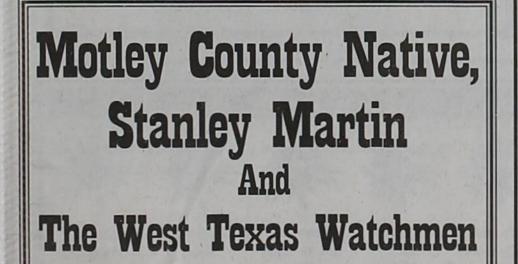
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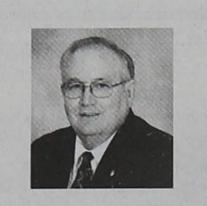
In honor of the fiftieth wedding anniversary of Billy Paul and Betty Simpson, their children and grandchildren request the pleasure of your company on March, 27, 2010 at 2 o'clock in the in the afternoon at the Hotel Matador, in Matador, Texas.

Your love is a treasured gift, we request no other.





APPLICATION TIME



It is true! Spiritual development comes as a result of knowing God's Word and then applying the principles found therein to our lives. Personal Bible study time is often difficult to find. But when found this time can be a period of re-learning and of refreshing ourselves in some

elementary areas of Christian growth.

A good way to prepare our selves for the opportunities and challenges of this life is to get into the Gospels. It is in the four gospel accounts that we find our Lord Jesus. If we are to do as He did, then we of necessity must find out how He did it. In the reading of the gospel accounts we find how our Lord felt, acted, reacted and taught. We need to feel His compassion for others and to see people through His eyes. This will be an eye-opening experience for many of us. Our emphasis is not only a reading of the life of Jesus, but also to acquaint our selves with the Master's own walk. Let me suggest the book of Luke as an excellent starting point. Also we remind ourselves that it is "application time," for the Bible says in James 1:22, "But be ye doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding your own selves." The Bible tells us that faith comes by hearing the words of God. Spiritual development is the product of faith.

In Concert

First Baptist Church Roaring Springs, Texas Sunday, March 21th 10:45 a.m.

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7:00 P.M.

(There will be a love offering.) The West Texas Watchmen are a Southern Gospel Trio. The members of the group are: Stan Martin (raised in Matador), Randy Ervin and Bennett Kimbell. Check out their website www.wtwatchmen.com for more information.

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

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NEWS AROUND MOTLEY COUNTY

Roaring Springs News By Monta Marshall

On a personal note . . . My comments on the weather are just as inaccurate as most of my predictions! Just when I think spring is here, and get enthused about being outside and getting some sunshine, I am surprised by another chilly wet spell. The moisture is always welcome and warmer weather will be here soon enough. How we will wish for cool in July and August, so I think I will just enjoy it now.

In the community . . .

Don Dillard remains in the Crosbyton Hospital, he is improving and some re-habilitation is planned for him.

Bobby Fletcher was taken by ambulance Friday morning to Mangold Memorial Hospital in Lockney where he was treated and released for an injured ankle. Bobby fell outside in the early morning cold. His neighbor, Harold Parks, heard someone who sounded in pain and walked over and found him. On Friday night he fell again inside his house and Timmy Brooks found him. He was taken by ambulance to UMC in Lubbock where he is undergoing tests.

days in Lubbock with their Martin, will be in concert at son, Buddy Crowder, during his hospital stay last week. Jo stayed with him. He was released Saturday evening. Bill Hand was taken by ambulance, Saturday night, to the heart hospital in Lubbock. He is feeling better, however it is not known how long he will be there. Granddaughters Alexis and Jordan Moore, daughter Sonia and grandsons Carson, Bennett and Brady Up-

field all of Carrolton, Texas, visited their grandparents and parents, D. A. and Ruby McGuire. The McGuires returned from their winter vacation in Quartzsite, Arizona, Sunday, March 7.

James and Pat Palmer from Eureka, Kansas, were guests of Zella Palmer. They came on Friday, March 12, and visited on Saturday, March 13.

Pearl Patten's daughter, JoAnn Reagan of Quitaque, and grandchildren Dewayne and Tara and little boys of Boyd, Texas, spent the day with Pearl on Sunday, March 14.

Today (March 18) they are moving Thelma and Kathy's Hughes home to Muleshoe, Texas.

Don Stuckey's sister, Bobby Jo, died in Sherman, Texas, on Friday, March 12. Her funeral is being held today (March 18) in Oklahoma City.

Diane Carter reported that Floyd was doing well and enjoying his stay in Naples, Florida, while taking Bible Courses. He reported the weather to be in the high 70s and 80s. Diane will be flying to visit him soon.

A reminder that the West Texas Watchmen, a trio with Jo Crowder spent several Motley County's own Stanley

Flomot News By Earlyne Jameson

Overheard

Will Rogers: "We could certainly slow the aging process down if it had to work its way through Congress"

Tim Kendall and Boy Scout Troop 274 were at the Boy Scout Camp Haynes, located on the west side of Caprock Canyons State Park Saturday and Sunday. They did the Geocaching project. Members reporting a good time and finding several locations were Will and Ian Farley of Turkey and Jere and Jacob Kendall of Flomot.

Sandra and Jerry Barclay attended the Caprock Enduro in Quitaque Saturday and Sunday. They worked at the EMS concession stand. They are members of the EMS Ambulance crew. They are proud of the new ambulance.

Mrs. B. Rogers and son, Donnie Rogers visited in Roaring Springs Friday with Billy Hand and wife, Moselle.

Mrs. Marilee Cooper and grandson, Gavin Cooper of Borger visited from Saturday until Monday with her father, Wilburn Martin. They visited in Anson Sunday with J.C. Moss and Keith Gilbert.

Mrs. Jackie Lynn Davis of Fritch met her parents, Jack and Nada Starkey in Amarillo Wednesday and accompanied Nada to a medical appointment. They also visited Mrs. Bessie Reid in Amarillo and Mr. and Mrs. Michael Starkey in Canyon.

Visiting the weekend with Connie and Coy Franks were son and family, Cory and Amy Franks Hudson, Madison and Heston of Idalou. Hudson and Madison remained to visit during their spring break holiday.

Mrs. Lori Kleibrink and daughter, Karlee of Clifton visited from Thursday until Sunday with her parents, Anna Beth and Joe Ike Clay.

Visiting from Friday until Monday with their parents, Kathy and Clois Shorter were daughters and families, Mrs. Keri Sehon and son, Brian of Wolfforth and Mrs. Christi Milam, Haley and Emily of Kiowa Lake.

Matador News

Grady Phillips, former Matador resident, spent four days in the Lubbock Heart Hospital. His daughter Kim Phillips, daughter and son-in-law Kay and Walter Skinner, were at his bedside. He had no symptoms of heart blockage on EKG or stress test but complained of chest pain upon shoveling snow. The cardiologist did an angiogram and said he didn't know how Grady was up and walking. The left side of his heart was 99% blocked and the right side of his heart was 95% blocked. He had two

stents put in and several areas underwent angioplasty. He is listed in the Quitaque phone book. Thank God for snow!

Chuck and Gail Ream along with their daughters, Charli and Mandi drove to Iowa this past weekend to attend the wedding of their son Gabe. The wedding was on Saturday the 13th. They had a nice ceremony at the Methodist Church then had the reception, meal and dance at another location. Ray Rice also attended the wedding with his daughter, Jill of Vernon.

Motley County Texas **2009** Oil Production

Since 1919, 263 wells have been drilled for oil and gas in Motley County, Texas.

Since 1957, 13,161,959 barrels of oil and 569,411 mcf of casinghead gas has been produced in Motley County, Texas.

During the year of 2009, 17 oil wells produced a total of of oil. 1957 through 2009 total 29,126 barrels of oil and zero mcf of casinghead gas in Motley County. Birnie (Congl.) Field: Producing since 2006; In 2009, one well produced 2,045 barrels of oil. 2006 through 2009 total production of 8,219 barrels of oil. Gupton (Canyon) Field: Producing since 1984; In 2009, two wells produced a total of 991 barrels of oil; 1984 through 2009 total production of 238,042 barrels of oil and 3,986 mcf of casinghead gas.

total of 9,381 barrels of oil; 1994 through 2009 total produciton of 339,020 barrels of oil and 16 mcf of casinghead gas.

Roaring Springs (Permo-Penn) Field: Producing since 1957. In 2009, five wells produced a total of 9,518 barrels production of 6,790,297 barrells of oil and 452,415 mcf of casinghead gas. Roaring Springs, West (Permo-Penn) Field: Producing since 1957. In 2009, two wells produced a total of 1,782 barrels of oil; 1957 through 2009 total production of 2,385,764 barrels of oil and 4,834 mcf of casinghead gas. Wolf Flat (Cisco) Field: Producing since 1987. In 2009, two wells produced a total of 5,409 barrels of oil; 1987 through 2009 total production of 1,274,534 barrels of oil and 44,840 mcf of casinghead gas.

the First Baptist Church in Roaring Springs on Sunday morning, March 21, at 10:45 a.m. Come and enjoy hearing good gospel music. Stanley's wife, Melisa, will also be with him.

On Monday, March 15, Buzz and Tince Thacker attended the funeral of their good friend Clark Self's mother in Slaton. Mrs. Self was 97 years old.

Community Supports Fire Department

Roaring Springs Community Center was the place to eat chili on Saturday night, March 13, 2010. The supper was a joint effort of the City Council and the Roaring Springs Fire Department. More than \$1,100 will be used to help purchase safety gear for the five new members of the Roaring Springs Fire Department.

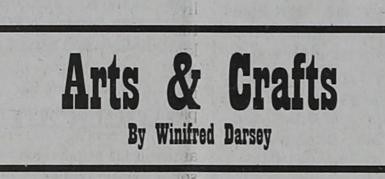
Chili, beans, tamales, crack-



ers, corn bread, tea, soft ness. drinks and desserts were served to 67 people who came out in support of the Fire De-

partment. Kevin Rainwater provided entertainment after the meal.

The City of Roaring Springs and the Fire Department are very appreciative of the folks of Roaring Springs, Matador and the surrounding communities who donated so generously.



2010, for its regular meeting at the Senior Citizens Center.

President, Nova Dale Turner called for a business meeting at 10:00 a.m. and presided. Club secretary Vee Gordon, read the minutes of the previous meeting; then discussed plans for future programs and general busi-

The members were excited about a new art form for us taught by Jane King Neal: The art of working with jewelry. The subject presented was how to string and tie beads. The members chose pearls, the most exquisite of beads. It was good to know how to string and tie pearls.

Mrs. Neal is a professional in the art of jewelry fashion

Motley County Arts and having taught this for many Crafts Club met March 10,9 years and is currently employed in Lubbock. The club closed at noon

with the Senior Citizen lunch. The food was delicious and plentiful.

The results were lovely and the knowledge can be used after. Pearls are the epitome of beads and the most treasured.

The attendance was low due to illness and weather prevented driving.

Members present were Nova Dale Turner, Vee Gordon, Bonnie Vandiver, Dorothy Knight, Loretta Thompson, Jane Neal and Winifred Darsey.

The workshop for April will be taught by Joyce Meredith and assisted by Dorothy Knight.

Matador (Wolfcamp) Field: Producing since 1994. In 2009, five wells produced a

Memorial service will be held for Robert E. (Babe) Jones of Floydada on March 20, 2010 at 2 p.m. at the family ranch north of Paducah.

Friends, family and business associates are invited. The ranch is located six miles north of Paducah on Hwy 83. Turn right, east, on FM 2998 and follow the signs.

Following the Memorial service visitation will be held at the First Christían Church, 1901 Zula St., Paducah, (1 block south of the high school track.

Casual dress, appropriate fo walking on the ranch land.

This Week's Local Forecast



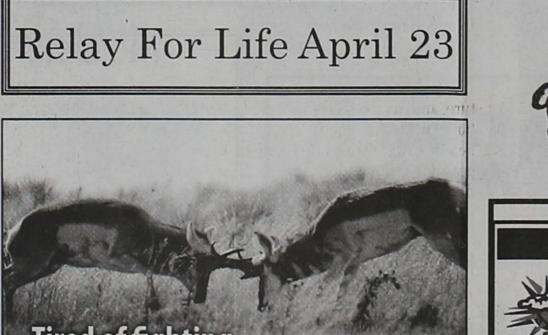
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Notes from the Library By Mary Ann Potts

Hello All! We'll I've made it through my first week alone at the library and am getting more familiar with everything and everyone. Thanks again for being patient with me.

Last week Buffy initiated me into Librarian status by allowing me to place the next book order. Don't worry she printed out a list of your favorite authors to help guide me in my selection. "Blood Vine" by Erica Spindler, "Hell Gate" by Linda Fairstein and Clive Cussler's "Silent Sea" are on their way as I write this column. But that's not all, I took a chance and ordered "Deep Shadow" by Randy White, an action mystery story about underwater cave explorers and a pair of ex-cons searching for sunken treasure. And if your familiar with Don Delillo, a National Book Award-winning author

who wrote "White Noise" and "Underworld," you'll sure enjoy this new novel, "Point <u>Omega,</u>" about a secret war advisor and the young filmmaker who visits him in his desert home. And last but not least, I'm testing the waters of Motley County Readers with "Islands of the Damned: A Marine at War in the Pacific." Now this new non-fiction book is an eyewitness account of the true nature of war from the point of view of a young marine. But not any marine, a young Texas marine, who left his home state to escape the life of a travelling salesman.

Well that's all the news I have for this week, but I have more new books scheduled for arrival in the weeks to come. Make sure and stop by to check them out, no pun intended.



James C. "Jack" Green

Graveside services for James C. "Jack" Green, Jr., were held Saturday, March 13, 2010, at 3:00 p.m. at East Mound Cemetery in Matador. Jack passed away from this earth Wednesday, March 10, 2010, 16 days before his 93rd birthday. Born on D.P. Keith Ranch south of Matador in a half dug-out March 26, 1917, to James C. Green and Leona Green, he was the first of 12 children. Jack left public schools to help support his family by farming with his dad. Later he became a carpenter and built or worked on most all of the houses in Matador and some in Northfield. His carpentry career was interrupted by World War II. He served in France, England, Germany, The Philippines, and Japan. He served with the 3rd engineers under General Patton including the Battle of the Bulge. He was married to Decima E. Faulkner on December 22, 1935. They

were married 70 years before she preceded him in death in 2006.

He is survived by four children: Elwanda and husband Gordon of Matador, Chris of Lubbock, Jim and wife Donna of Shallowater, Tom and wife Julie of Midland; and nine grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by two brothers: Don and wife Carolyn of Floydada and Pat and wife Suette of New Home; two sisters, Bessie Williams of Matador and Juanita Pritchett of Tyler; and two sisters-in-law: Nelta Green of Plainview and Edna Ruth Green of Matador; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and seven brothers. In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials to the East Mound Cemetery Association. Family viewing and visitation was held at Shannon Family Funeral Home in Matador on Friday, March 12, 2010.



by Ryan Martin, Agri LIFE EXTENSION Agent

Beef production workshop set for

March 24 in Miami **AgriLife Extension agent:** Breeding soundness of bulls should be a priority

MIAMI -- At the core of a successful beef reproduction program is the bull, said Brandon Dukes, Texas AgriLife Extension Service agent in Roberts County.

"It is absolutely critical that much thought go into selecting and developing herd bulls, as well as keeping them in good breeding condition," Dukes said. "Equally important is the understanding of diseases and other factors that can affect the fertility of your herd bulls."

An "Improving Beef Reproductive Efficiency: Bull Management" workshop will be held March 24 at the Miami Community Center to provide a comprehensive look at managing bulls for improved reproductive efficiency, he said.

The program will start with registration at 11:30 a.m. followed by lunch. The program will begin at 12:30 p.m. and end at 4 p.m.

Program topics will be:

tem running. There must be a separate, dedicated, statutory f unding stream for a modern IT platform -- authorized by Congress -- if we are to deliver all of the programs authorized by Congress to all of the farmers and ranchers mandated by Congress."

Turner also explained the importance of broadband deployment to farmers and FSA program delivery. "We commend President Obama and Secretary Vilsack for their bold initiatives on broadband deployment in rural America. We also suggest that county FSA offices and USDA Service Centers be prioritized as a high priority target for broadband deployment. If we can get broadband to our FSA county offices it would not only help negate the agency's antiquated and decaying IT structure, but we may also have a better chance of getting broadband deployment to the rest of the county and into the homes and offices of farm and ranch families.

County committee members are an important component of the operations of FSA and provide a link betwe en the agricultural community and the USDA. Farmers and ranchers who serve on county committees help deliver FSA farm programs at the local level, applying their knowledge and judgment to make decisions on: commodity price support loans and payments; conservation programs; incentive indemnity and disaster payments for some commodities; emergency programs and payment eligibility. FSA committees operate within official regulations designed to carry out federal laws. Mr. Turner's testimony may be found at http://kscw.com/ kscwdocs/NAFEC_IT_Testimony_10_MAR_10.pdf, and the accompanying exhibit at http://kscw.com/kscwdocs/ FSAFactSheet.pdf

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"Maw, after looking things over, I don't blame you for gittin' a little nervous about that wind last night."

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as ranchers.

Rollins, who also serves as the ranch director, refers to the event as a "Fire Appreciation Day."

"I use the term 'appreciation' to market several of my programs, especially those which can be controversial," Rollins said. "Appreciation has several contexts, including 'to value or admire highly,' 'to judge with heightened awareness,' and 'to be cautiously or sensitively aware of.' All of these apply to the use of fire as a tool for range and wildlife management." Rollins said prescribed burning has received increased scrutiny lately, especially given the damage caused by large wildfires in the Texas Panhandle and elsewhere in recent years. He is quick to point out that those wildfires were not caused by prescribed burning. "Prescribed burning is a lot more than just throwing a match," he said. "With proper planning and training, burning can be safe and effective. We'll highlight the plans and procedures we use here." The quail research ranch was established in 2007 with the mission to "preserve Texas' wild quail hunting heritage for this and future generations." Rollins uses fire as his "adjustable wrench" to reach that goal; something he said more land managers should consider.

He said a properly executed prescribed burn can accomplish multiple objectives simultaneously for less than \$7 per acre.

"One of our objectives is to determine the plant responses to seasonal fires so we can eventually tweak our burn timing to achieve the most desirable impact for quail," he said. "Most of the prescribed burning in Texas has been done in late winter, but we've seen some pretty incredible forb responses to fires conducted last August." Rollins said the program's formal talks will be kept to a minimum to promote comments and insights from attendees. Fire weather forecasters will be on hand to discuss their forecasting tools, since an accurate, realtime weather forecast is critical when conducting a burn. Cost of the tour is \$10 for those who preregister by April 23, or \$20 at the door. Registration includes lunch and refreshments. Participants are encouraged to preregister to assist with meal planning. In the event of inclement weather, the program will be moved to the Roby Community Center. The tour is sponsored by the research ranch, Texas AgriLife Research, and AgriLife Extension's Quail Decline Initiative. For more information or to pre-register, contact Rollins at 325-653-4576 or email: d-rollins@tamu.edu .

ranch over the past year and should be of interest to range and wildlife managers as well

Selecting and Developing Herd Bulls, Nutritional Requirements of Bulls, Trichomoniasis and Other Health Concerns, Factors Affecting Bull Fertility, and Conducting Breeding Soundness Exams.

Two general Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education credits will be offered, and lunch will be included. Those planning to attend should RSVP to 806-868-3191 on or before March 19, Dukes said.

NAFEC President Testifies Before House Agriculture Subcommittee on FSA Information Technology System

WASHINGTON (Rural-Wire), March 12, 2009 -Craig Turner, President of the National Association of Farmer Elected Committees (NAFEC) testified this week before the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Agriculture Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition and Forestry to review the status of information technology (IT) at the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

"The challenge of delivering this multitude of highly comp lex programs to a much larger customer base has been, and continues to be, exacerbated with an everdeclining FSA workforce and an ever-shrinking number of county offices," declared Turner, a farmer and rancher from Matador, Taxes. "FSA has, therefore, been forced to rely much more heavily on IT in an attempt to fill the service gap. Unfortunately, much of FSA's current IT structure is archaic and fragile. We fear that we are uncomfortably close to a total IT meltdown and that service to farmers by the FSA is in a perilous situation." "For too many years, FSA has been forced to take funding away from salaries for staff and expense money for county and state offices to fund stop-gap measures to keep the old IT system up and running," added Turner. "FSA has bled all of the people and brick and mortar it can afford to keep the old IT sys-

April 6 Horse Management Workshop in Lubbock offers sound advice

LUBBOCK - The Texas AgrLife Extension Service office in Lubbock County will offer a free Horse Management Workshop from 1 until 4:45 p.m. on April 6 at the Texas AgrLife Research and Extension Center at Lubbock.

The center is located at 1102 E. Farm-to-Market 1294.

Dr. Brett Scott, AgriLife Extension horse specialist at College Station, will be the featured speaker.

Topics will include pasture and hay selection, basic horse nutrition, general horse health care and using equine genetics testing to determine diseases in horses.

To preregister by April 1 or for more information, call the AgriLife Extension office in Lubbock County at 806-775-1680.

Prescribed burn tour set for April 30

ROBY - A prescribed burn-

Litter-Themed Essays **Equal College Cash**

AUSTIN, Texas-Texas high school seniors can earn cash for college by composing a 350-word essay suggesting additional measures to be used in the state*s fight against litter.

Dow Chemical Company is partnering with Keep Texas Beautiful to sponsor the 2010 Don*t Mess with Texas Scholarship Program. High school seniors are encouraged to submit essays explaining how they tackled a litter-related problem in their own school or community. The grand-prize winner educations.* The Texas Department of Transportation spends millions of dollars each year to pick up litter along Texas highways, and research shows those most likely to litter are young Texans.

*If you don*t tolerate litter, and if you*ve ever done something about it, you have a great shot at winning,* said Doris Howdeshell, Travel Information Division director for the Texas Department of Transportation, which manages the Don*t Mess with Texas Scholarship Program. Eligible high school seniors must plan to pursue a two- or four-year degree at a Texas university or college. Essays must be 350 words or less and will be accepted starting March 8. Apply online, download an application, and view complete rules at DontMessWithTexas.org. Completed applications and essays must be submitted online or postmarked by April 16, 2010. Mailed entries should be sent to the Don*t Mess with Texas Scholarship Program c/o EnviroMedia Social Marketing

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February Star Achiever Norma Zamora



Norma is the proud mother of 4 children Krystal, Luis, Amanda, Gabriel. She has a beautiful granddaughter, Neveah as well. She attends Sacred Heart Church and enjoys spending time with family and reading.

"Since working with Hospice Hands I have found it to be very rewarding."

Way to go Norma and thanks for all your hard work!!!! Norma and the rest of us here to help you at 1-888-795-1212 or 806-652-3000

Relay For Life April 23

ing field day will be held from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. April 30 at the Rolling Plains Quail Research Ranch located 11 miles west of Roby on U.S. Hwy. 180.

Two Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units will be available for those with a private applicators license.

Dr. Dale Rollins, Texas AgriLife Extension Service wildlife specialist at San Angelo, said the field day will showcase a number of burns conducted at the research

will receive \$3,000 for college tuition, while two second-place winners will receive \$1,000 each.

Here at Dow, we know that ensuring the health and sustainability of our environment takes a commitment from evervone, but particularly our youth, said Community Relations Manager Trish Ritthaler. *We*re proud to sponsor a program that encourages high school seniors to come up with great ideas for litter prevention while enabling the winners to get support in furthering their

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Matador Chapter No. 66 of the **Order of the Eastern Star closes** ranks after 110 years continued from page 2

lected from each member as an entertainment fee. The Chapter entertained Paducah with a covered dish luncheon, after which the Paducah Chapter instructed the Matador Chapter in the secret work and parts of the Ritual.

By the '1940s, the organization was growing by leaps and bounds. At the "friendship meeting" hosted by the Chapter with visitors from Paducah, Childress, Spur, Turkey, Vernon, and Kansas, 53 members were present with a total attendance of 130. Maggie Hamilton (Past Matron, 1943-1946), wife of pioneer judge G.E. Hamilton, was noted for her musical talent in church and "civic willingness to share her musical talent." As Worthy Matron, Maggie purchased the first \$18.50 bond from First State Bank -- the first of many bond purchases by the Chapter during the 1940s. In October 1949, she helped host the Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Warder, Grand Martha, and the Deputy Grand Matron of District 2 with approximately 200 persons attending a "friendship" meeting.

By the 1950s, the Chapter was publishing a cookbook, and the organization continued to grow, with 35 members on the roster by 1957. The Chapter voted to help build an Eastern Star Home in Arlington, Texas, and in 1951, they celebrated the 50-year anniversary of the organization with an installation ceremony where all the incoming officers wore formal gold satin gowns made from the same bolt of material, (courtesy of Matador Variety Store) but sewn with different styles. In 1959, Maggie Hamilton presented a pantomime story about "Little Willie," the educated flea; and in the same year, Winifred Darsey directed a skit entitled "The Educated Charley Horse," with Pat Sheridan and Bill Pipkin dressed up as the horse. Notable Worthy Matrons during the 1950s were: Grace Campbell (1949-1950) also serving, 1988-1990, 1994-1996 (Grace served as a Deputy Grand Matron in 1984); Winifred Darsey (1950-1951), also serving 1975-1976, 1984-1985, 1992-1994, and 2004-2005; and Lucretia Campbell (1952-1953, also serving 1976-1977, 1986-1987, and 1991-1992. In 1960, when Alfred Hitchcock's "Psycho" was the rage, Nikita Khrushchev was pounding his shoe at the UN General Assembly, and the Cuban Missile Crisis was looming, the Eastern Star carpet committee bought new carpet for the hall, shutters for the windows, and

planned a "house warming" to show off the new furnishings. The Chapter helped the Masons buy a new vacuum sweeper (\$50.00); and a new kneeling pillow for the Altar. In 1962, the Chapter fed the Lion's Club to raise money which purchased a new Crown and Scepter; and in 1964, dues were raised from \$3.00 to \$4.00.

Wilma Hobbs served as Worthy Matron 1956-1957, serving again in 1964-1965; and Beverly Vinson began her service streak, serving four terms as Worthy Matron (1969-1971, 1980-1981, 1987-1988). Meanwhile, Beverly's husband, Furman Vinson, who served as Worthy Patron for the local sister organization during his wife's tenure, rose to the highest Masonic rank in the State of Texas with a title befitting royalty: Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand (Masonic) Lodge of Texas.

By 1969, the Chapter membership had peaked at 88 members. Dues were raised to \$6.00 a year, and hundreds of Eastern Star Cookbooks were sold to help the Mason's raise money for an electric lift chair for the massive stairs, rising two stories from street level at the Hall. The Roaring Springs Chapter No. 950 consolidated with the Matador Chapter in June 1, 1970.

The first Roaring Springs Chapter No. 709 organized on

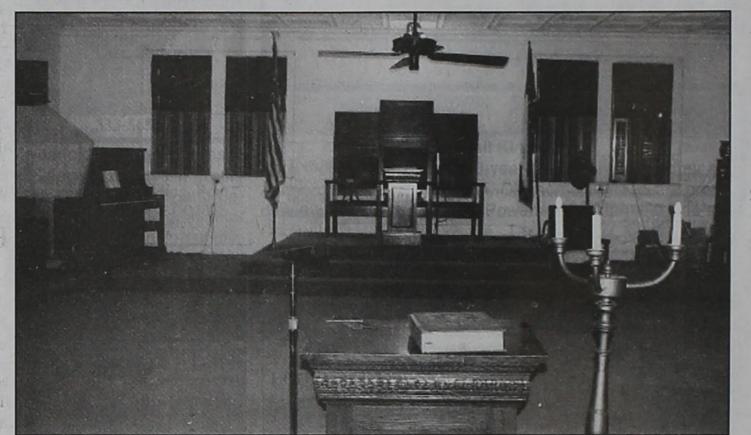
While the membership was "aging out," there were no young people to pick up the reins. By 2005 there were only 1,299 people living in the county, and the membership had dwindled to 33 members.

One highlight in 1976 was the celebration of the Chapter's 75th anniversary. The Diamond Jubilee was the "event of the year" and incoming officers set for installation wore matching silk, silver lame' formals with "diamond" tiara's in their hair. Mrs. Winifred Darsey, daughter of pioneer railroad man Bertrum Estes, led the Chapter during this watershed year. Another notable Worthy Matron during the 1970s was Etoile Stanley (1954-1955, 1971-1973, 1979-1980). Etoile was active in the First Baptist Church, serving as the church clerk for 23 years. The Stanley's moved to Matador with their two sons, James and Fred, in 1945, where Bob Stanley bought the City Drug Store. Bob Stanley Pharmacy complete with a soda fountain, was a familiar business in Matador, operating in downtown Matador for more than four decades.

In 1982, a carpet selection committee was appointed to replace the carpet purchased in 1960. In 1983, Grace Campbell earned her title as Deputy Grand Matron. In 1985, first class postage was raised from 20 cents to 22 cents; and Willie Nelson staged his first Farm Aid Concert. By 1988, the Chapter was still active, albeit the minutes reflected the problem that some members were having trouble climbing the 2-story stairs and riding the electric lift chair. "The Masons requested we operate 1 for the dining room. In March the electric lift chair correctly, of 1999, a special Friendship Night as it is, like us, showing age," thes, was held at the Matador Senior minutes reported. ivie A core group of women continued to lead the Eastern Star Matron Francis Reedy (1998during the 1980s, most notably, Opal Bradford (1982-1984); and the Estes Sisters, Winifred visitors from other Chapters Darsey (1984-1985), Opal Pipkin (1985-1986), and Lucretia Estes Campbell, (1986-1987). During the 1990s decade, the Chapter continued to meet with 44 active and non-active members on the rolls. Past Worthy Matron Pina Sturdivant led the group from 1996-1998; her mother Tommie Sturdivant served as Worthy Matron in 1967-1968. In 1998, Francis Reedy breathed new life into the organization, donating a complete public address system with speaker stands and a portable hand mike. She also donated new covers for the Altar and the Star Point stations. In December, she presented the Lodge Hall with new folding tables



In 1947, Opal Pipkin was installed as Worthy Matron; the organization was growing by leaps and bounds. Pictured (L to R, back row): Grace Campbell and Winifred Darsey; (L to R, front row): Ralph Stapleton, Allie Cox, Maggie Hamilton, Opal Pipkin, and Bill Pipkin.



October 25, 1925, consolidated with Dickens Chapter No. 411 on April 6, 1936. The Roaring Springs Chapter No. 950 was subsequently organized on October 28, 1948. Charter members of the Roaring Springs Chapter were: Bertha Jones, W.C. King, Mrs. Deva King, Elizabeth Fletcher, J.N. Fletcher, Lolla Belle Harmon, R.J. Harmon, Susie Posey, Charley Posey, Parthania Smiley, Lillian Thacker, Tillie Smith, Bessie Mae Marshall, Edith Legg, Gladys Peck and Eula Rigsby. Notable two-term Worthy Matrons of this Chapter were: Mrs. Mamie Yeates (1954-1955, 1964-1965); Mrs. Vera Belle Forbis (1959-1960, 1967-1968); and Mrs. Lea Peacock, (1963-1964, 1969-1970).

The next three decades of the organization (1970-1990) began to see a gradual decline of membership. The county continued to lose population since the peak decade of 1930-40 when the post-Depression, pre-WWII county census showed 6,812 individuals. By 1990, there were 1,532 individuals, down from 2,178 in 1970. By year 2000, 25 percent of the population was 65 years old and over, and the membership had dropped by one-half, to 44 members.

The Grand Hall of the Masonic Lodge sits eerily silent; the altar faces East as instructed by the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star. Two raps of the gavel, and the meeting closed on January 14, 2010, closing this historical chapter of our shared existence 110 years of love, fellowship, friendship, study, skits, programs, ritual, and song.

Citizens Center, and a program organized by the Worthy 2000) was presented. Lucretia Campbell was a "chicken" and were "bunnies" in a "hilarious Easter skit," the minutes of the meeting said. Open installation included visitors from Spur, Hedley, Crosbyton, Floydada, and Friendship (Odessa) Chapters of the Order of the Eastern Star.

A Centennial Banquet celebrating the 100th year of the organization took place at the Motley County school cafeteria on April 27, 2000, followed by the opening of the Chapter in regular form at the Lodge Hall. Grand Officers from various committees, and members from surrounding towns attended. In 2000, Betty Luckett was the Worthy Matron, wife of Carter Luckett, a decendant of Jack and charter member Leonora Luckett, who settled in this county in 1901.

The final decade of the organization has had several Worthy Matrons of note: Betty Luckett (2000-2001); Judy Cartwright (2001-2002); June Hale (2002-2003; Frances Reedy (2003-2004; Winifred Darsey (2004-2005; and four-termer Deborah Martin (2005-2007, 2009). In 2008, the Paducah Chapter consolidated with the Matador Chapter.

Finally, with the numbers dwindling, seven members and five non-resident members consolidated with the Floydada Chapter No. 33 on January 14, 2010, thus ending this historical chapter in Motley County.

In summary, Opal Pipkin served as Worthy Matron four times as did Beverly Vinson, Lucretia Campbell, and Deborah Martin. Winifred Darsey served five times; and Grace Campbell served six times. Frances Reedy served three times in the Odessa

Chapter No. 447 and two times in the Matador Chapter, for a total of five times. Furman Vinson served four times as Worthy Patron, and Harold Campbell served 15 times as Worthy Patron.

Two raps of the gavel and the meeting closed. The last Worthy Matron Deborah Martin dedicated her tenure to "Hearts in Friendship:" "I pray we continue to brighten our beautiful star, so that it may shine brightly for all to see," she wrote in the last published yearbook of the Matador Chapter No. 66, of the Order of the Eastern Star.

"As the stars which bedeck the canopy of heaven are the beauty and glory of the night and light the pathway of man on his journey through life, so may the beautiful Star in the East, with all its significance, ever remain the glory of the Order of the Eastern Star . . ." (Mamie Lander, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron and Right Worthy Grand Secretary - 1955).

2010 Census Questionnaires Being Delivered

Asking just 10 questions and taking about 10 minutes to complete, 2010 Census forms began arriving in 120 million mailboxes across the nationjust the 23rd time the country has undertaken the constitutionally mandated population count that dates back to 1790.

The only civic event that includes every person in the country, the Census is the basis for America's representative democracy, ensuring that Congress is fairly reapportioned every 10 years between the states. Census counts are also used to redraw state and local legislative boundaries so that political representation is fairly distributed across their changing populations. "When you receive your 2010 Census, please fill it out and mail it back," Census Bureau Director Robert M. Groves said. "It's one of the shortest forms in our lifetime with just 10 questions very much like the questions James Madison and Thomas Jefferson helped craft

on the very first Census."

As America has grown and become more complex and more diverse, it has become more challenging over the decades to get a complete count of the population. The 2010 Census faces special challenges during the current economic downturn, including the housing crisis which has resulted in higher rates of vacant housing that must be visited to ensure a complete count.

The Census Bureau today estimated that if every household

lars," Groves added. "It's a lot less expensive to get responses back by mail than it is to send census takers to knock on doors of households that failed to respond."

"It costs the government just 42 cents for a postage paid envelope when a household mails back the form," said Groves. "It costs \$57 to send a census taker door-to-door to follow up with each household that fails to respond."

households to the arrival of the ceiving hand-delivered forms-2010 Census form last week, as well as reminder postcards sent later this month, are all part of a mailing strategy that has been proven to increase participation in the census by mail -acost savings that could exceed more than \$500 million. Even with these changes to make the census the shortest and easiest in a lifetime, the Census Bureau still projects that it will have to send census takers to an estimated 48 million households that do not respond by mail. Following up door-to-door to count house-

holds from May to July will require hiring about 650,000 census workers.

Participating in the census is required by law for everyone living in the United States, and the public is encouraged to promptly mail back their 2010 Census forms once they are delivered this week between March 15-17.

About 12 million addresses, mostly in rural areas as well as Gulf Coast areas affected by Advance letters alerting Hurricane Katrina, began re-

The Motley Co. track teams competed at the Rolling Plains Relays in Jayton this past week.

The Jr. High meet was Thursday, March 11, 2010.

Those participating were: Girls: Shayla Clay, Virginia Gutierrez, Shelby Elliott, Meagan Ford, Gabby Silva and Catherine Ward.

Boys: Seth Baxter, Tanner Bearden, Braden Bigham, Caleb Clary, Coby Cochran, Logan Ferguson, Noah Guerrero, Jamie Jameson, Michael Martin, Conner Mason, Tallon Pollard, Korbyn Simpson, & Jacob Woolsey.

The High School meet was

Discus: Jaci Zingerman-3rd

3200m Run: Lexi Osborn-

800m Relay: Sabra Pope,

400m dash: Jaci Zinger-

Girls:

200m dash: Jaci Zingerman--3rd place

1600m run: Lexi Osborn--1st place

Also competing was Sarah Ferguson.

JV Boys:

Jayton Track Meet Results

3200m run: Weston Griswold-1st place

1600m run: Weston Griswold-1st place

Boys:

Discus: Chase Buckner--4th

completed and mailed back their census form, taxpayers could reduce the cost of taking the census by \$1.5 billion. The Census Bureau saves about \$85 million in operational costs for every percentage point increase in the nation's participation rate by mail.

"Here is something every family can do to help their government save money, and get an accurate Census at the same time. Mailing back your census form when it arrives will contribute to saving hundreds of millions of taxpayer dolMarch 1.

Census data also help determine how more than \$400 billion in federal funds are distributed to tribal, state and local governments every year -Friday, March 12, 2010. The reincluding funding for schools, sults are: roads, health care and other critical programs.

As a way of encouraging replace sponse, the Census Bureau will be publishing mail participa-1st place tion rates showing the percent Kyla Simpson, Lexi Osborn, Jaci of the population that have mailed back their 2010 Cen-Zingerman-3rd place sus forms on a daily basis on man-2nd place <2010census.gov>.

place 800m run: Reagan Elliott---6th place

110 hurdles: Ky Christopher--4th place

100m dash: Jonathon Osborn---4th place

800m relay: Britt Simpson, Austin Taylor, Jonathon Osborn, Andrew Martin-3rd place 1600m relay: Jonathon Osborn, Ky Christopher, Austin Taylor, Andrew Martin-4th place

Also competing were: Dayne Butler, Braden Mason, Christian Brooks, and Juan Flores.

MCPC to raise money for All Night Party

The Motley County Parents Club is doing a fund raiser to raise money for the All Night Party that is held after the graduation ceremony. All players need to bring a black shirt and a white shirt. There is a \$5.00 entry fee. Gate admission is \$1.00. The concession stand will be serving breakfast burritos and brisket sandwiches and wraps. During half time of the games there will be free throw contests, three point contest and 1/2 court shot contests; everyone is encouraged to get involved in these fun contests.

Womens Teams

Golden Oldies

Wee Wee Brown Shonda Elliott Whitney Jones Nancy Marshall Tammy Simpson Donna Kay Solt Lisa Taylor **Carrie Tomlinson** Shane'a Russell Coaches Kyla Simpson and Alyx Smith

Smooth Criminals

Amanda Ashby Jessica Ballard **Kassi Bachirs Emily Hurt** Sylvia Martinez Sabrina Osborn Mandi Ream D'Anna Russell Danika Jameson Kim Woolsey Coaches Lexi Osborn and Jaci Zingerman

Misty Jones Marvina Mason **Crystal Salazar** Louann Silva **Teresa Woolsey** Coaches Sabra Pope and Danielle Gwinn

Matador Rejects

Amy Bearden Charli Bigham Kathy Blanco Jennifer Brady Griselda Flores Darla Gwinn Jeanie Moore **Brittany Stewart** Karrie Valdez **Christy Smith** Debora Mata Coaches Melissa Flores and Justin Newman

Mens Teams

Comebacks **Timmy Brooks** William Cochran Jim Cooper Shawn Elliott **Bradley Jameson** Kyle Neal Josh Piercy **Terry Simpson** Matt Washington Coaches Dayne Butler and **Christian Brooks**

Chumps Ty Barclay Roy Estrada Anthony Hernandez Jeromy Jameson Lee Jones Jason McMillan Andrew Rodriquez Seagram Sims Joe Don Warren Coaches Ky Christopher and Mark Quintero

Allstars

Cowboys Cole Grundy **Casey Lawrence** Matthew Martin **Rvan Martin Brandon Moore Ronnie** Pope **Tony Salazar** Jermaine Hendrix **Frankie Martinez**

Coaches Britt Simpson and **Reagan Elliott**

Allstars Isiah Archer **Brandt Bearden Bert Darsey** Jeromy Jones John Martin Chance Maynard Stacy Perryman Tim Ward Randy Martin Coaches Jon Osborn and Andrew Martin

Replacements

Conway Clary Jay Flowers Aaron Green Crawford Mason Ryan Moore Adam McKinney Frankie Ortiz Shane Taylor Coaches Austin Taylor and Braden Mason

Champs Ysef Alvarado

Motley County Tribune, Thursday, March 18, 2010, Page 7 Getting to know your **Relay For Life committee**

By Monta Marshall

Note: This story is third in a series of articles about the Motley County Relay For Life Committee.

Kathy Blanco, wife, working mother of two, finds time to be a vital part of the Relay For Life Committee.

When she first met Pam Newman and Pam mentioned beginning to do something to be a part of the cure, Kathy immediately got on board. She got an information packet from Kathy Oakes, the Community Manager of Development of the Lubbock Field of the American Cancer Society. At the second meeting, the group organized and began their work for a cure for cancer.

Kathy Blanco is the Event Chair for the Relay For Life which means she is 'responsible for scheduling, contacting people, and overseeing the Relay. The Event Chair is

Relay For Life Activities planned at committee meeting

By Monta Marshall

The Relay For Life Committee met last Monday evening, March 8, at the Capital Farm

Work is being done to secure

equivalent to being the Chairperson of a committee.

Kathy's husband David Blanco is very supportive of her efforts and lends a helping hand when he can.

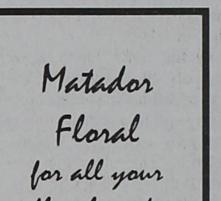
Kathy's motivation for becoming a part of the committee was that she had a grandmother, Callie Giesecke, step-grandfather, R. C. Giesecke, her mom, Sharon Martin and an uncle, Rodney Long who were fighting cancer. All of these relatives resided in Motley County. All of the members of her family who have battled cancer were helped by cancer research, making a difference in their lives. Kathy wanted to be a part of making a difference in the lives of her family and other cancer patients. The best way she knew how was to join up with the Relay For Life Committee and fight back.

Her proudest moment was the night of the Relay when the donations, raffle monies, and Relay Teams efforts were all tallied up and it came

sold for \$5.00. This should be a popular item that many would love to win, committee chair Kathy Blanco said. Tickets may be purchased from any commit-Credit building in Matador. tee member or at New To You in Matador. In addition, tee shirts for the Relay Committee, sponsors, and survivors and care givers were ordered. The Survivor Breakfast is tentatively set for April 10, 2010, at the Windmill Café in Roaring Springs. Willie Herrera of Brownfield provorts su ovit stateswill be the D.J. for the Relay Kyle Shelton of Lubbock, the Walk. He was here last year and puts on a very well planned musical program with lots of skits and fun. Those attending were: Nancy Marshall, Kathy Blanco, Amy Hackler, Brittany Miller, Rosalee Davis, Annette Hollinsworth, Andi Henzler, and Kyle Shelton.

to \$16,000.00. Every donation, every sacrifice made to the cause makes a difference. Kathy's personal motto is "A Penny Closer to the Cure!" She saves her pennies and picks up all she might find anywhere and puts them in her special savings jar.

Each year more volunteers and community folks come out to support and enjoy the activities. They come to make a difference, to happily celebrate another year of life, to honor family members that have fought valiantly with a lumanaria that is lighted during the memorial service or to remind those who are struggling that they care. They learn more of what is being done and what can be done at a Relay. Relays are fun too. People have a great deal of respect for the American Cancer Society; it has proven itself over the years and Kathy is proud to be associated with it in the fourth annual Motley County Relay For Life whose theme is "Imagine a World With More Birthdays."



Motley Mama's Brandi Baker Judy Cooper Krystal Degan LeJeanna Faulks Rebecca Gwinn

Devin Ballard Bradley Brown Clay Cooper **Brandon Martin** Jim Meador Chad Overton Sean Rose **Tim Mangram**

Coaches

Juan Flores and Weston Griswald

teams and plan activities that occur during the rest of March, culminating on April 23, 2010. The Relay Walk will be held at the Motley County Football Stadium. Activities end at end of the fiscal year for the Motley County Relay For Life, August

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SW1,2010.

Community Manager of the Lubbock Field of the American Cancer Society, was present to help the committee organize events. The Relay For Life Committee will be raffling a Wii by Nintendo, an interactive game system valued at more than \$200.00. The tickets will be

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WHAT: SPRING GOSPEL MEETING

WHERE: Matador Church of Christ

WHEN: March 21st - 24th, 2010

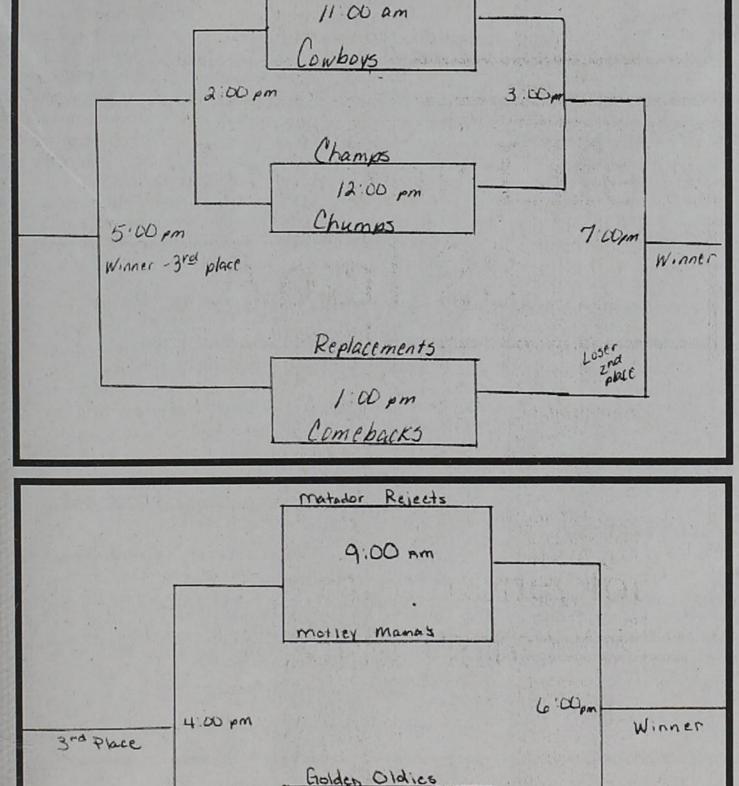
WITH: Carroll Sites from Higdon, Arkansas

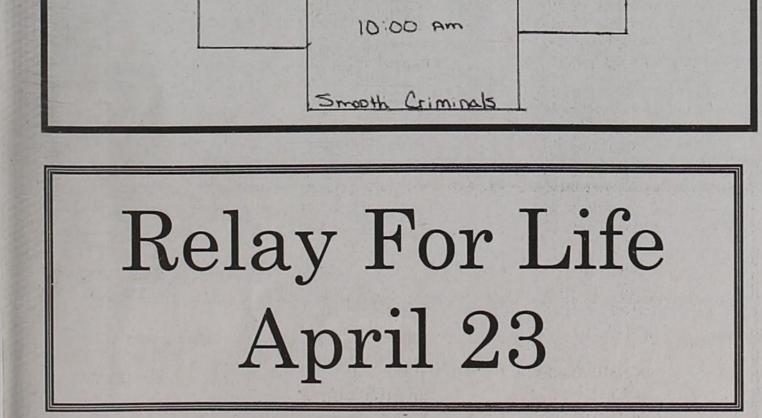
Sunday Morning Class 10:00a.m. "The Lord's Return"

Sunday Morning Worship 11:00a.m. "Signs Of The Times"

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

Sunday Night Worship 6:00p.m. "The Thousand Year Reign-Truth orFalse"





Monday Night 7:00p.m. "The Rapture and Tribulation"

Tuesday Night 7:30p.m. "A Coming Forth"

Wednesday Night 7:00p.m. "Judgement: Heaven or Hell?"

A WARM WELCOME AWAITS YOU!

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March

- 16 Matador Lions 20 West Texas Watchman, First United Methodist Church, Quitaque, 7 pm
- 20 Republican Convention at the Library 2:00 pm
- 21 West Texas Watchmen concert FBC Matador, 6 pm 22 Golf, Olton, Girls
- 22 Hackberry Creek Care Center fund raising spaghetti supper, MCISD cafeteria, 5 pm
- 22 American Legion Post 337, 7 pm, Motley County Senior Center.
- 23 Golf, Olton, Boys
- 31 Golf, Roaring Springs, Boys

April

- 1 Golf, Roaring Springs, Girls
- 1 RS Lions sponsors bingo
- 2 Good Friday Evening Service 7 p.m. FUMC Matador.
- 4--Easter cantata, "I know My Redeemer Lives," FBC, Matador, 11 am
- 6 Matador Lions
- 6 Horse Management Workshop in Lubbock
- 7 Kids Praise
- 9 Matador Chapter of the Eastern Star, in Floydada. Meal at 6:30pm meeting at 7:30 pm
- 10 Whiteflat Homecoming, 10 a.m. Senior Citizens
- 12 District Golf Childress, Boys & Girls
- 12 Commissioner's Court
- 12 RS City Council
- 13 RSCV
- 15 M City Council
- 15 Matador Masonic Lodge, 6:30 pm 19 MCISD School Board, 7:30pm
- 19 Regional Golf Baird
- Boys & Girls
- April 19th & 20th
- 20 Matador Lions
- 23 Relay For LIfe
- 25 "Boondockers Race" in April this year!! May

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Notice of Rate Increases

City Council met March 11, 2010 in regular session to approve the 2010/2011 Budget. Council voted to increase Landfill Charges and Meter Services effective April 1, 2010. Landfill Charges will increase to \$34 per ton and Meter increases are \$2 per service. The average household bill will increase \$6.17 per month. ct12

Whiteflat Homecoming

The Whiteflat Homecoming will be held at 10 am on April 10, 2010 at the Senior Citizens Building in Matador. Please note: This is a change from the usual first Saturday in April. For info, contact Frances Dixon, 469-5347). If you know anyone who plans to come, please pass the word of the date change. As usual, there will be a covered dish lunch and great visiting. Everyone come, and let's have another good get together!

Relay For Life

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FRIEF

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March

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