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County to collaborate with city on remodel project

By Carol Campbell

The Motley County Commissioner's Court met on May 10, 2010, with a full court consisting of Judge Ed D. Smith, Commissioners Roy Gene Stephens, Donnie Turner, Franklin Jameson, and Russell Alexander. Also in attendance were Sheriff Chris Spence, County Attorney Tom Edwards, County Judge-Elect Jim Meador, and Kate Hurt, County and District Clerk. Also in attendance were Kay and Ron Bailey, and Mayor Pat Smith.

In the first order of business, Carol Campbell, Chair of the Friends of the Historic Motley County Jail, provided the court with an informa-

tional briefing on the application process for Phase II of the repair and renovation of the historic jail. Campbell said she was in the process of submitting an application to the Texas Historical Commission in behalf of Motley County for funds for the Phase II work. In order to be eligible for grant assistance, applicants must be able to provide a minimum of one dollar in cash to match each state dollar of approved project costs. Since the grant amount will be reimbursed only after approved costs have been expended, this creates a funding gap. Campbell requested a loan of \$15,000 to be repaid with interest to cover the funding gap. Once the invoices are paid, reimburse-

ment will be requested from THC to repay the loan. Past experience of this process in Phase I in 2008 resulted in early repayment of the loan with interest. The court voted unanimously to provide the loan from capital acquisitions, providing the loan is repaid with interest.

According to Judge Smith, Mayor Pat Smith recently approached him regarding collaboration with the county to remodel and re-open the restrooms on the north lawn of the courthouse. "We have limited public restroom facilities and we have several functions a year that require access to facilities," Judge Smith said, naming the Boondockers Mo

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Hackberry Creek Care Center celebrates National Nursing Home Week

By Carla Meador

Life expectancy in the United States is at a record high and currently there are nearly 2 million people in the United States living in nursing homes and assisted care facilities. This number will continue to grow, increasing the need to provide quality care and recognize the individuals who make a difference in others' lives.

Hackberry Creek Care Center joins other facilities around the country in celebrating National Nursing Home Week in an effort to educate the public

about long-term facilities, the services they provide and how they meet the needs of each of their residents. This year's National Nursing Home Week is celebrated May 9-15.

The 2010 theme is "Enriching Every Day", which was selected to honor those who overcome the obstacles of age and disability to enrich the lives of others. National Nursing Home Week not only spotlights nursing home residents but staff and volunteers as well, all of which make a positive difference and 'enrich every day' for others.

In honor of National Nursing Home Week, Motley County Judge Ed D. Smith recognized Hackberry Creek Care Center in Matador, its staff, volunteers, residents and their families with an official proclamation of the event.

Hackberry Creek Care Center offers the following services:

- *Professionally-trained staff providing 24-hour nursing care

- *50 - bed facility, each dually certified

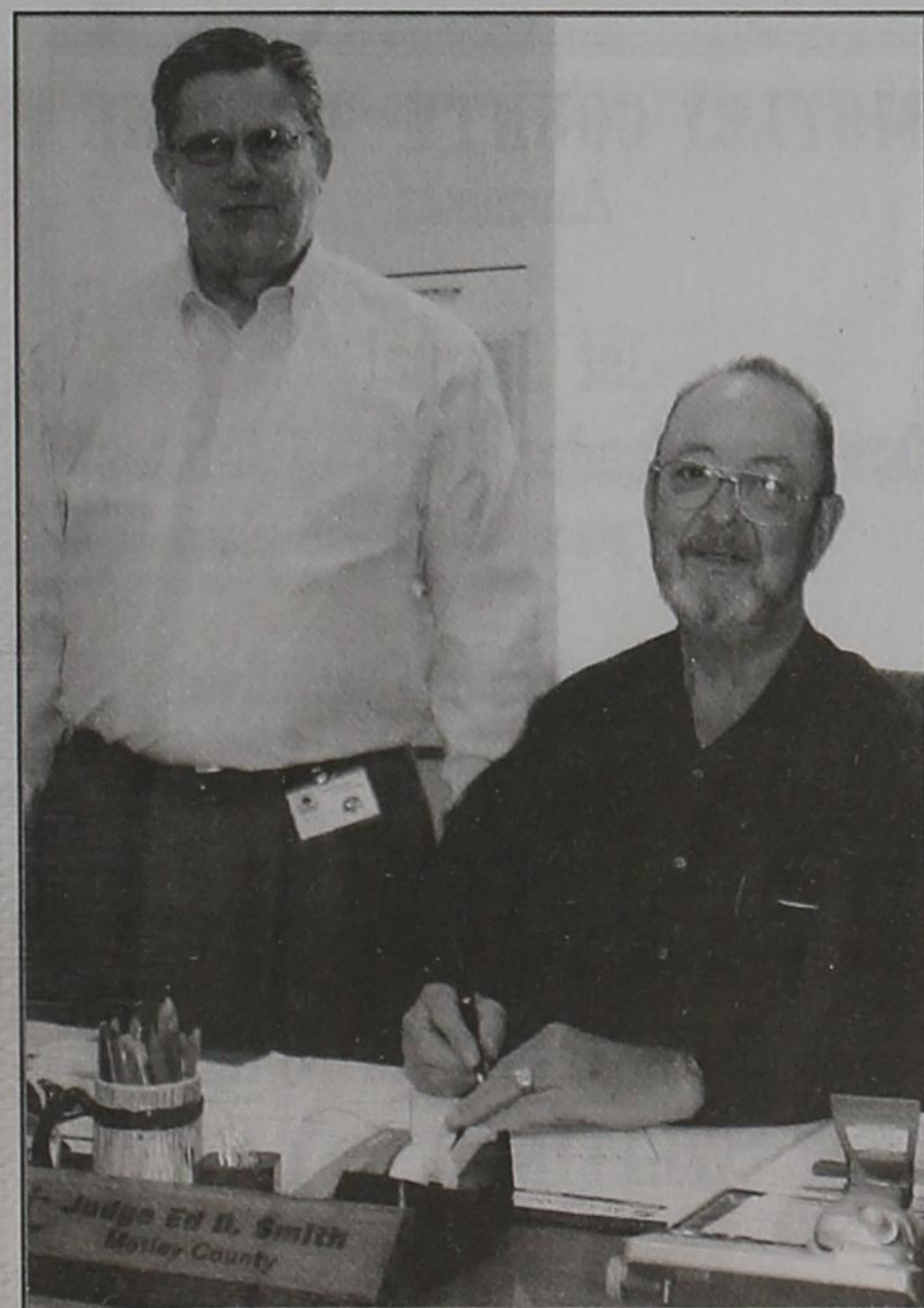
- *Transportation available for residents

- *Physician on-call and routine visits

- *Respite Care, Hospice Services, and Spiritual Needs

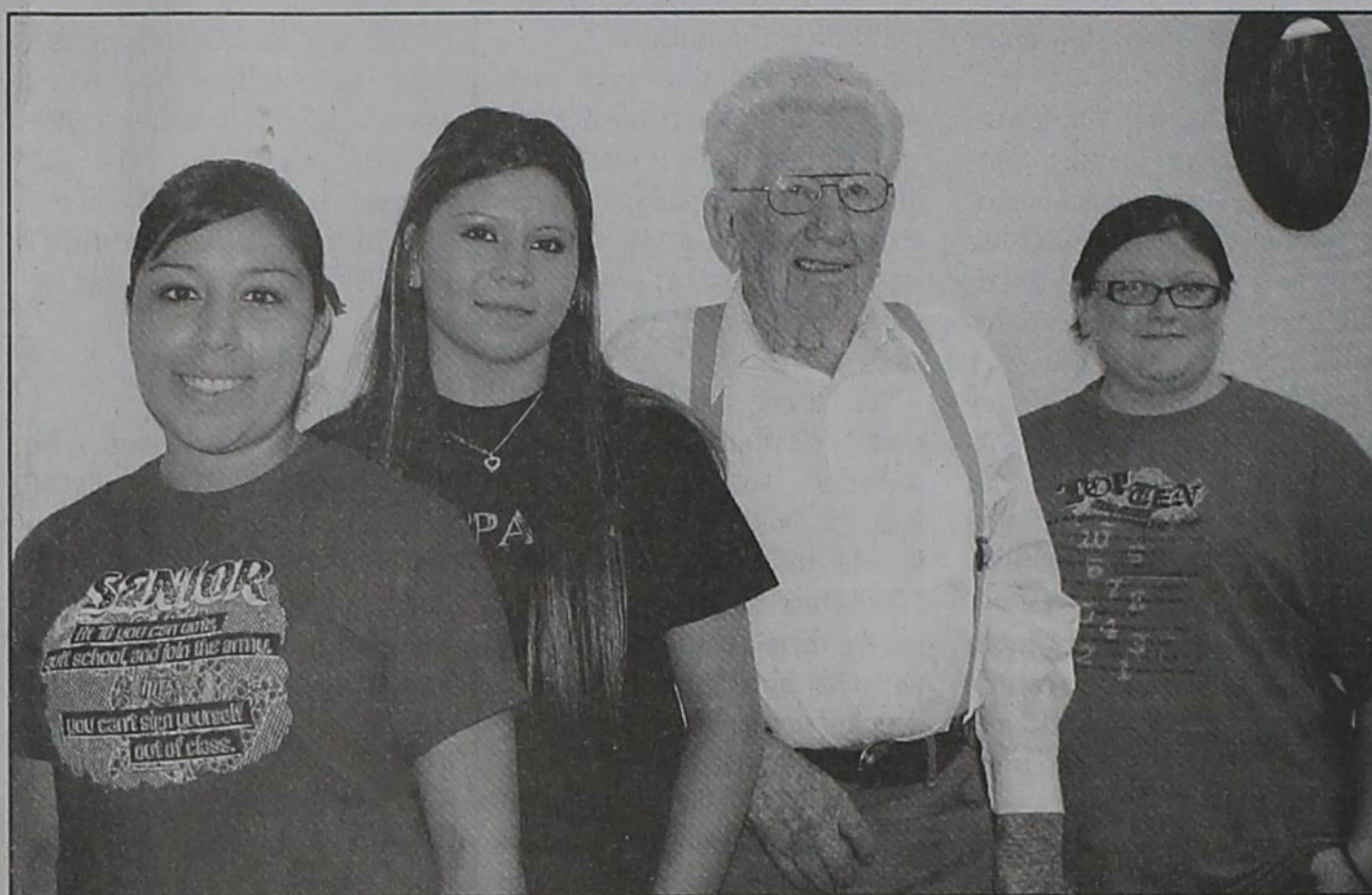
- *Group and individualized activities

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Hackberry Creek Care Center Administrator, John Vunk, was present to witness Motley County Judge Ed D. Smith signing a proclamation for National Nursing Home Week, which is being celebrated this week, May 9-15.

Titus Foundation names scholarship winners New board president elected



Chairman James Titus, Titus Educational Foundation, and a former graduate of Matador High School, Class of 1940, posed for a photo with the new scholarship recipients, (L to R) Jessica Reyes, Melissa Flores, and Karyn White. These three recipients applied for 2-year college scholarships, receiving \$2,000 per year each. Each student's application included a hand-written essay, history of their extracurricular activities at Motley County ISD, cumulative GPA and ACT scores, leadership roles, and community activity and work history.

By Carol Campbell

The James and Oneita Titus Educational Foundation board met May 7, 2010, in the Rolling Plains Services Building, to announce scholarship awards and teacher grants for 2010-2011; to reappoint term board members and elect a new president to the board.

Ten members of the board attended, consisting of Marisue Potts-Powell, Ed D. Smith, Russell Alexander, David Stafford, Corky Marshall, Dr. Andrew Seigrist, Edward Fritz, Earl Morse, and foundation chairman and benefactor, Mr. James Titus. Absent was Pat Smith.

Following the treasurer's report by Trust Administrator Edward Fritz, Dr. Cathy Morton, Program Director for the Rolling Plains consortium and adjunct faculty

member of Lubbock Christian University, was elected by unanimous vote to serve on the board. Dr. Morton has worked closely with the board in the past, serving in an advisory capacity. She was later elected to serve as president of the board, replacing retiring president Earl Morse, who will serve as the Advisory Director and Designee for Mr. Titus.

Mr. Titus, a former graduate of Matador High School, Class of 1940, posed for a photo with the new scholarship recipients, Jessica Reyes, Melissa Flores, and Karyn White. These three recipients applied for 2-year, community college scholarships, receiving \$2,000 per year each upon proof of enrollment and the required 2.5 Grade Point Average (GPA).

Each student's application

included a hand-written essay, history of their extracurricular activities at Motley County ISD, cumulative GPA and ACT scores, leadership roles, and community activity and work history.

While the board admits "this is a relatively young program," according to Motley County ISD Superintendent Dr. Andrew Seigrist, "we have hit the bell curve" and the number of applicants are bound to increase next year. "The buzz in the hallway has led to more students in duel credit enrollment classes," he said, leading to more students seeking college enrollment.

"Last year we had three students making application," Dr. Seigrist said. "I am proud to report that this year we have five students currently receiving duel credit enroll

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Annual Bluegrass Festival set for May 13-15 in Flomot Bands from all over Texas, New Mexico, and Oklahoma to perform

By Dianne Washington

Once again Flomot, Texas, will be alive with the sound of bluegrass music on May 13-15, 2010. The 11th Annual Washington Cattle Co. Bluegrass Festival will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 13 with gospel music and barbecue. Friday night the stage music starts at 6:00 p.m. and will continue until 10:30 p.m. Saturday, the music begins at 1:00 p.m. and goes until 11:00 p.m. Please bring lawn chairs for the most comfortable seating.

Hardin and Turner Western Trade Day will be on Saturday, May 15. This is the third year for this event and it just gets bigger and bet-

ter. This event specializes in tack and other things found around the ranch. Everyone is welcome to come to buy, sale or trade.

Bands from Texas, New Mexico, and Oklahoma are scheduled to play during the festival, including Pecos Valley Bluegrass from Mayhill, New Mexico, Grassfire and Now and Again from Amarillo, Texas, Texas Country from Wicket, Texas, Kays Bluegrass Band from Texas, Hanks and Company from Seymour, Texas, Wichita Mountain Bluegrass and From the Heartland Bluegrass from Oklahoma, and Triple L from Portales, New Mexico.

But, the official bands are

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PROCLAMATION

National Nursing Home Week May 9-15, 2010

WHEREAS the citizens of Motley County and the surrounding area now residing in nursing homes, have contributed immeasurably to the heritage, success and growth of our communities; and

WHEREAS nursing home residents of any age or ability are themselves living history and a precious resource; and

WHEREAS our local facility, Hackberry Creek Care Center, and other nursing homes provide a supportive and caring environment that nurtures and enables residents and families to continue growing, learning, and teaching and, thereby, enjoying life to their fullest potential; and

WHEREAS nursing homes across the nation are holding events in observance of Nursing Home Week guided by this year's national theme of "Enriching Every Day";

NOW THEREFORE, I, Ed D. Smith, Judge of the County of Motley, do hereby proclaim the week of May 9-15, 2010, as NATIONAL NURSING HOME WEEK and urge citizens to visit or volunteer at the local nursing home to honor and bring good cheer to the residents and to show appreciation to the staff who care for the most vulnerable citizens in our community.

Ed D. Smith
Ed D. Smith, Motley County Judge

Foothill Country

Connections

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

By Laverne Zabielski

After publishing the Motley County Tribune for almost three years Larry and I have truly become fans of its earlier publisher and editor, Douglas Meador. We appreciate his creative writing and the contributions he made to small town newspapers. We believe he was a forerunner in bringing a literary component to the newspaper, especially small rural weeklies. While he was well known in his day and received many awards, as we attend newspaper conferences across the state today, few know about his work.

The intent of the 1st Annual Douglas Meador Writing Contest is to honor Douglas Meador as a writer and former publisher and editor of the Matador Tribune and to bring memory to his name. As a great-granddaughter of one of the founders of Motley County, I have always valued its history and have fond memories reading The Matador Tribune when I came to visit my grandparents, Tom and Stella Tilson. We see this contest as a way to heighten awareness of his contributions to journalism and writing and we want to encourage others to write.

We are interested in stories of those who came to the American West after 1850 and those who were here when the pio-

neers arrived. We want stories with authenticity, lively details, and a sense of place that capture the spirit of the land as Douglas Meador was so wonderfully able to do. And we want stories that highlight and celebrate rich traditions, struggles and accomplishments. Each "Old Settlers Trail Dust Anthology" will include the winning stories and reprints from his Trail Dust column.

We are charging a \$10 reading fee in order to pay outside readers to read the writing submitted, pay the awards and the cost of publishing the anthology. During these past few years since we have been the publishers we have learned that our readers are interested in historical stories about Motley County and the west. Our intention is to attract more writers of these kinds of stories.

We hope that the Motley County Tribune readers will consider submitting stories. Perhaps Douglas Meador's family will find a way for his book, "Trail Dust" to be reprinted. And maybe there's someone who will write his biography. Our job is keep his voice alive via the newspaper and to encourage others to write.

On another note the fact that Joyce Campbell received 80 birthday cards is a true testament to a caring woman!

WRITING COMMUNITY

Caught with the Fire of Love and The Passion of the Word of our Lord

By Laverne Zabielski

Part two of four parts

... Why did Sallie stay? Why did Sallie stay and wrap my hair when she could go? Sallie was free to go. We take good care of our loved people mother told me when I asked her that question at dinner last Sunday.

Gabriella picked up strands of her hair that fell around her face and laced them through her fingers as she bent her head over and wrote. Rubbing her forehead it was as though there was something there for her to see, remembering her mother telling her how the Yankees had come and shot Sallie's father 'cause he wouldn't leave. "The war is over!" they yelled. "You are free to go." When he didn't leave, the Yankee shot him.

Why did Sallie stay?

Gabriella smoothed the linen napkins next to the china plates. The napkins matched the tablecloth with embroidery on each corner. It was Sallie who was supposed to set the table, but Gabriella wanted to do it herself. She loved the flowered corners. The silk embroidery felt firm when she brushed the tips of her fingers across it. She wanted her embroidery to look like that but it was never quite that sharp and definite.

"Sallie could go anywhere," she said to her mother. "why does she stay?"

"Maybe she likes it her," her mother answered, turning the chicken frying on the stove. Sallie used to fry the chicken, but Gabriella's mother mastered the task and took it on as one of her vey onw so Sallie was in the garden cutting zin-

nias.

"How 'bout these, Miz Gabriella? Ain't they a pretty bunch? A nice mix of reds and yellows and oranges with a little purple. They'll look right pretty on the Sunday dinner table."

Gabriella placed them in the silver vase as Sallie handed them to her one by one. It was on the tip of her tongue to ask Sallie why she didn't leave but she couldn't do it. It was like admitting the truth that she wasn't really part of the family. It was like admitting the truth that there was a time when she couldn't leave. It was like admitting the truth that she might not know how to leave or was afraid to leave.

Sallie had been living there on that farm in the little house across the road since before Gabriella was born. Gabriella heard many times the story about how Sallie laid the cold wash cloth on her mother's lips while waiting for Gabriella to push on out. Sallie was there the entire time while her daddy was away. If it hadn't been for Sallie Gabriella might not have lived through the night. Her mother was so worn out afte pushing so hard for so long. Sallie put Gabriella to her own breast those first few days, gave Gabriella her own baby's milk.

Gabriella placed the glasses at the tip of each knife, placed the fork on the left and gathered tea cups from the china cabinet. "When I get married," she told Sallie, "I'm gonna set my table just like this every day."

"Well then, honey, you best not marry no preacher man. They're always travelin' from town to town, ridin' the circuit and you won't have no home like this to set a table in."

It was hard to know what to

do, to go or to stay, to scream or to cry. Gabriella felt torn. Could I really leave all this behind she asked herself, as she gazed through the gold light that streamed through her yellow bedroom curtains?

"Come with me," Andrew had whispered the night before. "Come with me and listen to the words I have to share with you. There is such a beautiful would out there, Gabby. The land is so flat. The sun sets forever and they're hungry, Gabby, they're hungry out there for our words, the Lord's words."

Gabriella listened to Andrew, still torn and afraid. The far away land, the soldiers, the Indians, the fighting supposedly over. They were all behind sad fences, she'd heard, like wild horses pinned up. It wasn't right what had been done. It wasn't right and her whole life passed before her. First Sallie and all her family passed by, the colored days, slaves, supposedly gone and now the Indians. She felt the breathe of Andrew's whisper still on her ear. She could still hear him tell of the all the things they could do together.

"We will take the train and build a school and bring the children to the school and teach them to love the Lord. We can help them now to survive in the land, this white man's land that has suddenly taken theirs. We can't change what the soldiers have down, Gabby, but we can start from here, start from our hearts and teach them the love of the Lord."

Gabriella laid on the feathered bed near the door where she could see her room and look out the window at the creek. "Come with me, please come with me." His whispered words went over and over in

her mind. "You can't come back so easy," Sallie's words followed Andrew's. "I can do it, I know I can." Her own words echoed.

She went to her dresser, began to gather her treasures; the hairbrush her daddy gave her for Christmas two years ago and her grandmother's mirror. She picked out a few of her favorite books, took the picture off the wall of the farm as it was when Grandmother was born there and she folded her coverlet, the one that had been passed down. It was starting to show more wear. She should probably leave it here where it would be safer, she thought, and come for it later. "It's not so easy to come back," Sallie's words crawled across her mind. She packed the coverlet.

I can't tell Mother. Mother would never let me go.

Dear Mother

I have to go. Dear Daddy, I cannot stay. I am going to be with Andrew, to spread God's word with him. You have given me a good life. I have learned a great deal from you both. Don't worry about me. I will be fine. Andrew is a good man. I will write you long letters. I don't want to leave like this but I know you will understand.

I love you,
Gabriella

She placed the letter on the dresser under her photograph, the one from her graduation. "Come with me," Andrews words hovered. She slipped on her scarf and looked for Joe in the barn.

"Take me to the revival, Joe. I have something to tell Brother Andrew." Joe gathered the horses and buggy.

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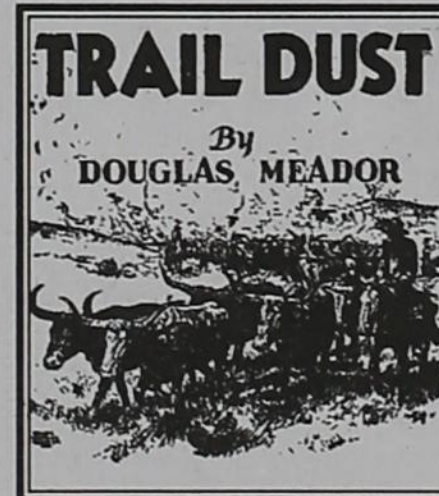
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Matador Tribune
April 1, 1937

Scrubby cedars cling to the bluffs as green beads to a crimson grown and the wind is never still on the crest. Beyond the river is a wild, troubled mass of land, cut by deep canyons and made rugged by the stubborn rock, as clay hardened on the bench of a giant artisan while he waited for an inspiration.

It was in this wreckage of rock and soil that my old friend had once killed a bear when meat was needed for his pioneer family. He could not convey the heavy animal to the dugout miles away and returned home to secure the aid of his wife to bring back the food for themselves and two small children.

Upon the instistance of his wife they carried a lantern back to the location and prepared the meat for transportation across the hills. As darkness approached the pioneer woman lit the lantern and the trek was started which soon developed the realization that they were lost.

They struggled with prob-

lem, walking weary, uncertain miles, then the lantern extinguished the lantern's flame and began studying the skylight of the moonless night. After a time he was able to see the river and trace its course to a point where it hid behind the familiar bluffs. The return was completed without further difficult. He used to say: "A lot of people get lost following lights."

RETRO NEWS

Matador Tribune
April 1, 1937

Operetta Has
Acting Treat
For Audience

Large Crowd Attends Girl's
Study Club Performance

A highly entertained and delighted audience returned to their homes Tuesday evening after attending the operetta, "Big Day," presented in the high school auditorium members of the Junior El Progresso study club, under the direction of Mrs. J. R. Whitworth, with Miss Mable Jameson conducting the musical scores.

Miss Amy Glenn, sponsor of the club, stated that a gratifying amount was realized from the play.

Correction

The Motley County Tribune would like to apologize for inadvertently omitting Platinum Donor, Matador Branch FNB Seymour and Silver Donors: Jones Dozers, Paducah; Raymond Rice, Matador; and Caprock Cellular, Spur from the **The Motley County 70th Junior Livestock Show Donor Thank You**. The show would not be possible without the continued support of each and everyone of you and the efforts of the show team.

MOTLEY COUNTY TRIBUNE Announces

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Zingerman, Martin and Osborn compete at regional track meet in Abilene



Jaci Zingerman, Andrew Martin and Lexi Osborn, competed last Monday and Tuesday, May 3rd and 4th, at the regional track meet in Abilene. Jaci and Andrew competed in the 400 meter run and Lexi competed in the mile and two mile run.

2010 Junior Senior Prom and Banquet

By Charli Bigham

This year's Junior-Senior Prom was held at the Singing R Ranch, south of Roaring Springs. It was a chilly day but the students still had a great time celebrating together.

They began with group pictures of the Junior and Senior classes. After the pictures there was a welcome, toast, poem and the ten year reunion - "where are they now" story.

The seniors gave their will to the underclassmen then everyone began eating. They started off by serving a wonderful garden salad followed by a steak with a baked potato and a dinner roll. The desert was a piece of cheesecake with strawberries on top. They cleaned off the dance floor and danced until midnight. The King and Queen that were voted on by their peers were Karen White and Utah Falcon. Everyone had a great night at a beautiful place!



The King and Queen that were voted on by their peers were Karen White and Utah Falcon.

photo by Walter Taylor



Seniors Melissa Flores and Justin Newman enjoy a dance at the Senior Prom.

photo by Charli Bigham

Matador election results

By Charli Bigham

The city election for Matador was held on Saturday, May 8, 2010, at City Hall. There were a total of 75 voters with 27 early voters and 48 voters on Election Day.

Incumbent Pat Smith, who did not have an opponent, had 51 votes and will continue to serve as Mayor for his third two-year term. The three running for the two city council positions were Dorothy Pope with 15 votes, Nathan Shannon with 61 votes and Alvin Alexander with 58 votes. Alvin will keep his seat on council and Nathan will take the other position that was previously held by Pat Seigler who did not run for another term. The councilmen that were elected will serve a two-year term.

Roaring Springs election results

The election of officials of Roaring Springs was held on May 8, 2010. Sheila Lefevre and Nancy Long were election judges. In unofficial results prior to the canvass, incumbent

Corky Marshall ran unopposed for mayor. Incumbent James McCleskey and Perry Gullede, who replaces Kelly Keltz, were elected to the city council.

"OUR LORD, THE ALMIGHTY"



Our Lord Jesus is a mighty warrior. Sometimes we neglect as teachers or preachers to remind ourselves and others of the might, power, and strength of our Lord. When we do, our audience, and or our students become

the losers. There is so much of the Bible that we need to learn and learn how to teach.

Generally speaking our view of Jesus is sometimes slanted because we try to make Him fit into the little box of our minds. But we have a Lord who is all-powerful. The Bible describes Him as the "Lord Sabaoth" and the "Lord of Hosts." In Revelation 19, Jesus is seen as the Lord of the Army of God.

Our Lord is found in the Bible to be the creator of this world and everything in it. He sustains life on this planet according to the first chapter of John. Jesus is indeed the Savior of us all. Comforting to us is the certain knowledge that our Lord has great power and will continue to exercise such until He comes in glory. Let us never forget the Almighty Lord, who after all, is in control of it all.

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

Tennis anyone?

A new interest group is forming! Several adults want to hit the courts and are calling all interested men and women of ALL LEVELS to join them.

"Bring your court shoes, racket and two cans of balls to the school courts any time between 5:00 and 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 13," organizer Jennifer Hess said. Or call Jennifer at 347-2432 to sign up before Monday, May 10.

After a roster is created, each participant will be matched to play an opponent each week, on their own time. The length of the season will depend on the number of players. Voluntary practices, pick-up games and socials are also some ideas that organizers are considering.

"The lines on the courts will be boasting a new coat of paint, and other improvements are planned for the near future," Hess said. "Let's make some racket and have some fun!"

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NEWS AROUND MOTLEY COUNTY

Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

On a personal note . . .

I hope everyone had a nice Mother's Day. Mine were so special; I miss them very much. My children met us at Leal's in Plainview yesterday afternoon to celebrate the day with a late lunch together. All my family was there plus my daughter-in-law's parents.

Knowing my love for plants, I received a red oleander bush from my son and his family and an unusual indoor plant from my daughter and her family.

In the community . . .

The Kelly Keltz family had a get-together at Kandi and Jarrod Johnson's home in Lubbock.

Buddy Allen from Pampa visited his mother Pearl Patten and attended church with her on Sunday. Buddy lives in Pampa, Texas.

Visiting D.A. and Ruby McGuire was her sister Reba Westfall from Alamogordo, New Mexico.

James Titus, founder of the Titus Foundation, Earl Morse and Ed Fritz also of the Titus Foundation stayed at the Travelers Inn. They were here for a meeting with the Motley County School superintendent Dr. Andrew Seigrist, and the foundation board.

The Windmill Café will re-open this week after being closed a week. Deannette Gulledge visited her parents in Alabama during the week. Perry steamed-cleaned the restaurant and finished the auxiliary dining space in the restaurant for her Mother's Day surprise.

The election of officials of Roaring Springs was held on May 8, 2010. Sheila Lefevre and Nancy Long were election judges. Incumbent Corky Marshall ran unopposed for

mayor. James McCleskey and Perry Gulledge were elected to the council.

Joe Hand and Joyce Meredith's daughter, Sherry, her husband Tony and granddaughter LaShea Rose, attended church with the Merediths on Mother's Day. Randy, Yancy and Carla joined them in the afternoon for cake.

Johnny and Tammy Palmer took Johnny's mother Zella to Paducah and joined Tammy's parents, T. and Bobbye Gilbert for lunch. In the afternoon they drove up near Goodlet, Texas, to visit the Johnston Cemetery. The cemetery is about eight miles out in the county from Quanah. Zella's great-grand parents are buried there and several of her other relatives. Her great grandfather Johnston gave the land for the small country cemetery in Hardeman County. Zella said that her mother was 10 years old when Zella's mother and sisters rode the QA&P to Roaring Springs while the "men folk" drove the cattle and brought the farm tools. They began a farm on the edge of Dickens in the Chandler community. Zella said that Paducah and Goodlet had heavy rain yesterday.

Visiting Bill and Mozelle Hand recently were Donnie Jackson and Carter Luckett both of Matador; the Rev. Mike Crowley of Roaring Springs; Trudy Hand of Amarillo, Kim and Abbi Watson of Lubbock, Loetta Sosaman and Prentice Osburn of Paducah; and Ann Guess and grandson Braden of Jayton, Texas. Cico Sissions of Dickens took Billo to check on his place east of Matador last Wednesday and brought him home to a nice lunch prepared by Mozelle. Bill and Mozelle visited on Thursday with B. Rogers, Donnie and Donna Sue at Flomot.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

Overheard

Much certainty of happiness and purity of our lives depends on our making wise choices of our companions and friends.

Guests of Brenda and Darrell Cruse Mother's Day were her mother, Mrs. Marihelen Wason of Matador and their daughter, Leah Cruse of Amarillo.

Coy and Connie Franks, and her mother Mrs. Erma Washington attended a pre-Mother's Day celebration Saturday in Idalou with Amy and Cory Franks, Hudson, Madison and Heston and Cary and Mary Franks. Joining them was Mrs. Cara Cowart of Big Spring.

Mrs. B. Rogers returned home Wednesday, May 5, from Mangold Hospital following her rehabilitation of a broken hip. Giving her a welcome and visiting her until Saturday, May 8, was daughter, Mrs. Donna Sue Degan of Kaly. Visiting her Mother's Day were sons, Ronnie Rogers of Lubbock and Donnie Rogers of Flomot.

Visiting Mrs. Erma Washington on Mother's Day was Mrs. Deanna Washington of Roaring Springs, Mrs. Connie Franks and Sandra Barclay of Flomot.

Roger Hughes and son Brody of Floydada, visited Mother's Day with his parents, Janice and Butch Hughes.

Visiting Mother's Day with Ruth and Orville Lee were daughter and family, Teresa and Thomas Heck, Kaycee, Micah and Cody of Turkey.

Dustin and Elise Reed and daughter Hayleigh of Lubbock, visited the weekend

with Mrs. Mary Jo Calvert and Glen Calvert. Joining them on Mother's Day visit were Mr. and Mrs. Alvia Joe Calvert and Mrs. Pat Walton of Dumas, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Foster and Mr. and Mrs. Tim Mandrell and Peyton of Lubbock.

Mrs. Nada Starkey had a medical appointment in Lubbock Tuesday.

Visiting during the week-end and celebrating Mother's Day with Carolyn and Arnold Johnson were daughters Mrs. Lucretia Dockery and her daughter, Brittany of Vernon; and Kayla and Neal Guest of Turkey.

Anna Beth and Joe Ike Clay visited in Panhandle Friday and Saturday and enjoyed a basketball tournament in which grandchildren Tanner and Sarah Clay played. They were guests Mother's Day in Turkey and daughter and family, Tina and Pat Carson, Ryleigh, Parker and Walker.

Fannin Gwinn of Matador was a luncheon guest Mother's Day of the family, Darla and James Gwinn and Danielle.

Weekend guests of Kathy and Clois Shorter were daughter and family, Christi and Dwain Milam, Emily and Hayley of Lake Kiowa. Other guests Mother's Day were daughter and family, Kera and Kevin Sehon, and son Brian of Wolfforth. Saturday the Milam family and Kathy attended the basketball tournament in New Home in which Brian played.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Vinson and his mother, Mrs. Beverly Vinson were guests Mother's Day in Lubbock of Shannon Vinson. Mrs. Mildred Cantrell of Lubbock was also a guest.

Matador News

Joanne and Steve Stevens of Dallas were in town to visit Joanne's mother, Winifred Darsey, last weekend.

Grant Johnson, son of Opal and Charlie Johnson, was here for Mother's Day. Grant's home is virtually on the edge of Palo Duro Canyon.

The First United Methodist Church had the dedication and consecration of three beautiful works of art given to the church by Lyndie Stafford in honor and memory of the late Gale Stafford. Attending the Sunday morning event with Lyndie were her sons and their families: Tammy and Wesley Stafford of Sweetwater and sons Collin and Connor; David and Cynthia Stafford of Matador and sons Andrew and Cameron; also, Dr. Bob Stafford and his wife Dianna of Amarillo (brother of Gale); Dr. John Jones and his wife Ginger of Lubbock (parents of Cynthia). Pastor Bill Manney said a blessing for the artwork, and board member Ben Grundy accepted the gift on behalf of the congregation.

Arlene Manning is traveling this week to visit her sister in Reno, Nevada, and then on to see her sister-in-law in Bellevue, Washington, which is near Seattle.

Everyone was glad to see Ray Rice was back in town last week. Local Cowboys Complete in Ranch Rodeo

Matador Ranch cowboys were top competitors during the Western Heritage Classic Ranch Rodeo last weekend in Abilene.

Gilbert Guerrero advanced to the semi-finals in the cowboy class. Tim Washington was in the top five in the ranch hand category, and Kris Wilson was in the top five in the junior class.

All competitors and their horses were judged in the areas of dry work, such as reining patterns, and cow work.

Attending the event along with Guerrero, Washington, and Wilson were J.D. and D'anna Russell, Zacka Guerrero, Cara Wilson, Deana Washington, Shane'a and Ryder Russell, and Mickey and Kassie Beshirs.

Regena and Greg Robinson of Waco were in town for a Mother's Day celebration in honor of her mother, Clara Mangram.

Crystal and Tracy Scoggin of Anna, along with their daughter Emily, were in town visiting friends Andrew and Angela Seigrist and family. Emily accompanied Adam Seigrist to the MCHS area Delta Kappa Gamma.

The area Delta Kappa Gamma chapter had their Founder's Day Banquet and installation of officers at Hotel Matador last week.

Joyce Campbell received approximately 80 birthday cards from family and friends during a surprise family gathering Sunday, which celebrated her 75th birthday along with Mother's Day.

Grant Johnson of Canyon visited Mother's Day with his parents, Opal and Charles Johnson.

Carol and Lucretia Campbell were guests of Todd Allison in Plainview for Mother's Day.

Patriotism Flourished At Do Gooders' Meeting

The U.S. Flag outside the Community Center building in Flomot was flying in the breeze Tuesday afternoon, May 4, reminding the Do Gooders' Club members of Flag Day and Memorial Day during the month and National Day of Prayer for our Nation.

Mrs. Susie Shannon served as hostess, substituting for Mrs. B. Rogers who was a patient at Mangold Hospital. On a patriotic designed service she has refreshments of chocolate cake, dips and chips, and iced tea on a buffet side table, laid with a white cloth.

Mrs. Waydette Clay presided at the business meeting. Mrs. Anna Beth Clay read the minutes that were approved.

Waydette read a thank you note from the Winston family expressing their appreciation for the club members serving an evening meal following the graveside rites of Mrs. Velma Winston. They sent a get well card to the members to Mrs. B. Rogers.

The Bazaar quilt blocks are completed. They took strips of navy blue and framed the little farm boy blocks, adding to the colorful picture.

Those attending who enjoyed the afternoon were Mesdames Mary Jo Calvert, Kathy Shorter, Doris Vinson, Waydette Clay, Erma Washington, Anna Beth Clay, Suzie Shannon, Barbara Payne, Connie Franks and Tommie Jo Cruse.

Thank you for your support and vote in the Roaring Springs city council election. Your support is greatly appreciated.

James McCleskey

Thank You

For all the prayers spoken on my behalf, I am so very grateful. I can't imagine not living where everyone is concerned for your well being. Thanks to everyone.

Dorothy Russell

This Week's Local Forecast

Thursday T-storms 60/48	Friday Cloudy 63/53	Saturday Mostly Cloudy 73/55	Sunday Mostly Cloudy 78/54	Monday Mostly Cloudy 79/58	Tuesday Partly Cloudy 76/58	Wednesday Mostly Cloudy 75/54

Weather Trivia

What U.S. city holds the record for the highest temperature?



Weather History

May 13, 1930 - A man was killed when caught in an open field during a hailstorm northwest of Lubbock, Texas. It was the first and perhaps the only authentic death by hail in United States weather records.

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Wedding Announcement Grisham-Jackson



Memori Assiter Grisham, Irving, Texas, and Kenneth Jackson, Andrews, Texas, announce their approaching marriage at the Matador Ranch on June 5, 2010, at 6:00 p.m. All friends of the couple are cordially invited to attend. Kenneth and Memori attended elementary school together in Matador. Memori was a graduate of Motley County High School, and attended West Texas A&M University. She is a self-employed financial planner. Her parents are Tim Assiter, Floydada, and Douglas and Janie Campbell, Matador. Grandparents of the bride-to-be are Tommy and Joy Assiter, Floydada, Dan and Nancy Hagood, Lubbock, and Joyce Campbell, Matador. Kenneth was a graduate of Levelland High School and attended South Plains College and Southwest Texas State. He is employed by Parallel Petroleum as a production superintendent. His parents are Kelly and Wilberta Jackson, Lubbock, formerly of Matador. The couple will reside in Andrews, Texas.

Notes from the Library

By Mary Ann Potts

May is starting out to be an incredibly busy month, a precursor to the summer months to come. The Friends of the Library met on Thu., May 6 to discuss an agenda full of items, but in particular, the Summer Reading Program.

Let me tell you what we planned so far. The official dates of the Summer Reading Program are June 1 through July 30, 2010 and the theme this year is "Catch the Reading Express". All children having completed kindergarten through 2nd grade, June is sure to be a fun month for you. On June 9, 16, 23, and 30 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. the Motley County Library and Friends of the Library scheduled 3 outstanding storytellers for the kids. Also during this time, the kids will enjoy a fun and easy craft, and a delicious snack and drink provided by our wonderful "Friends". On the final day, June 30, The Science Spectrum will be presenting "Restless Natives", a program featuring native wildlife from the surrounding areas. This is a must see program because the kids will actually see and perhaps pet some of these "Restless Natives".

Now for our older kids, grades 3 - 6, an explosive July is in the works for you. On July 28, 10 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., The Science Spectrum will once again make their way to the library with "Combustion" on their mind. If you like fire, you'll love learning

about what components are needed for the fire triangle and the safety principles surrounding it.

All children are welcome to attend the Restless Natives and Combustion Programs scheduled for the summer.

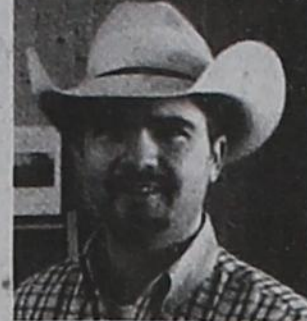
Of course, the summer reading game will be played throughout June and July for Kindergarten through 6th grade. Each participant completing the game card will have his/her name placed in a drawing for their age group. At the end of July, one winner from each group will receive a Grand Prize, a DVD player for K-2nd grade and an IPOD nano for 3rd-6th grade.

Another wonderful event scheduled just around the corner is Safety Belt Awareness presented by Christian Brooks, Lexi Osborn and Jaci Zingerman. On Sunday, May 23 at 2:00 p.m. these innovative students will present a PowerPoint presentation on the importance of choices we make when getting into a vehicle and the consequences resulting from those choices. Since, Christian, Lexi and Jaci won 1st place at the 4-H District Roundup and Share the Fun Competition, it's sure to make a powerful impact on all of us.

One last thing, I want everyone who visits the library to pay close attention to mural in the children's section. Many, many thanks to Ronnie and D.A. for giving us a "wild view" for the summer.

County Agent's News

by Ryan Martin, AgriLIFE EXTENSION Agent



AgriLife Extension teams with Sul Ross State University on ranch business program

ALPINE - The Texas AgriLife Extension Service and Sul Ross State University are teaming up to conduct the program, "Managing the Farm and Ranch as a Business" on May 21 in Alpine.

The free one-day program will start at 7:45 a.m. with registration and conclude at 5 p.m. and will be held in Room 130 of The School of Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences located on the Sul Ross State University campus. To find the meeting site, go east on Highway 90 to the Sul Ross Ag and Natural Resource Center.

"Too often the ranching enterprise is run more like a hobby than as a profit-producing business," said Jesse Lea Schneider, AgriLife Extension agent in Presidio County. "The purpose of this program is to share with producers the tools they need to see where they stand financially, and to get them where they want to be from a profit standpoint."

The program's featured speakers will be Dr. Rob Hogan, AgriLife Extension economist at Fort Stockton, and Dr. Jimmy T. LaBaume, agribusiness professor at Sul Ross State University.

Topics during the morning will include: a beef cattle situation report and market outlook, and an introduction to farm and ranch financial management.

The afternoon session will introduce legal organizational forms and fundamental accounting concepts for the farm and ranch. Other topics will include budgets and budgeting, financial statements, financial decision making and managerial accounting.

The AgriLife Extension offices in Presidio and Brewster/Jeff Davis counties are helping present the program.

For more information call Schneider at 432-729-4746 or Logan Boswell, AgriLife Extension agent in Brewster/Jeff Davis counties, at 432-837-6207.

Texas crop, weather Wind and more wind the common theme this week

COLLEGE STATION - - If there was a common theme to Texas weather this week it was wind, and then more wind, according to Texas AgriLife Extension Service personnel.

In some cases, the wind was welcome as it dried out fields and allowed producers to plant or prepare to plant spring crops. In other cases, from Far West to Southeast Texas, high winds dried out topsoils, laid down crops and made spraying pesticides difficult.

In the worst cases, high winds -- possibly even tornadoes -- toppled center-pivot irrigation systems and damaged other structures.

"Can you say wind?" said Rick Auckerman, AgriLife Extension agent for Deaf Smith County, west of Amarillo. "Deaf Smith County has been pummeled this week with 40-60 mph winds making the main concern of the week to try and control the fields from blowing."

"Scattered showers have brought us little drops of rain here and there," said Anthony Munoz, AgriLife Extension agent for Knox County, west of Wichita Falls. "Although it hasn't been enough to slow some of the sand and dirt that has been flying around with some of the high winds we have seen this past week."

"We're still dealing with windy conditions," said Byron Gray, AgriLife Extension agent for Throckmorton County, north of Abilene. "Wind has made it tough for those who were aerially spraying."

"It was windy all week long, with several gusts over 40-45 mph," said Arlan Gentry, AgriLife Extension agent for Ward County, west of Midland. "Most pastures and rangeland were fair to good with more greening, but high winds and higher temperatures are taking their toll on some places. Most residents are getting tired of this wind; it's almost May. Wildfires are still a danger because of windy conditions and lots of old, dry fuel: grass."

"The past week had extremely high winds across the area," said Pasquale Swamer, AgriLife Extension agent for Falls County, east of Temple. "Pasture conditions are improving with temperatures rising. Wind is laying down the small corn plants due to underdeveloped roots."

"There was some damage depending on where you lived in McLennan county from high winds - - possibly tornado activity this past week," said Shane McLellan, AgriLife Extension agent for McLennan County, Waco. "Some areas lost many large live oak trees. Some houses along the Brazos River were destroyed."

"High winds and hot days have taken much of the topsoil moisture," said Armon Hewitt, AgriLife Extension agent for Trinity County, southwest of Lufkin. "Many producers fertilized their hay fields this week hoping for the rains predicted in the forecast."

PANHANDLE: Strong winds began to dry out topsoils. On the good side, this allowed producers to get in the fields to catch up on planting corn and prepare to plant sorghum, cotton and peanuts. Wheat continued to develop and was in fair to good condition. About 2 percent of corn already planted was emerged. Rangeland grass growth started to take off and was expected to provide good spring grazing for livestock.

ROLLING PLAINS: Though high winds dried out wheat somewhat, the crop still looked very promising and made excellent progress. Rust was present but not at serious levels. Some wheat and oat fields have been harvested for hay with good yields and quality. Alfalfa growers were starting to take their first cutting. Producers prepared fields to plant cotton, milo and sesame as soon as possible in order to take advantage of the excellent subsoil moisture. Cotton producers will have to wait for warmer soil temperatures.

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By Ace Reid



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Sheriff's Desk

by Chris Spence



To all the citizens of Motley County: I would like to show you the new emblems that were put on the sheriff's patrol vehicles. The sign on the Chevrolet truck was paid for by the City of Matador.

Mayor Pat Smith said, "It was a pleasure to assist the Motley County Sheriff Office in paying for the sign on the

patrol vehicle. It's just a small part for all of their help to the city and county."

Also I would like to show you the new patrol vehicle that was purchased through grant money from South Plains Association of Government (SPAG). We are still waiting on some equipment to be installed before it's ready for patrol.

American Legion Post 337 to provide crosses marking graves

of Motley County veterans

American Legion Post 337 provides white metal crosses marking the graves of all veterans in Motley County cemeteries. These crosses have a tubular attachment on one side so that small American flags can be inserted for display each Memorial day. Some members of the Legion Post have been made aware of veteran's graves which do not yet have markers. If you are aware of family members or friends who were veterans but whose graves do not have white crosses, please contact Jim Watson, Post 337 Commander, (347-2259 or email jpwatson@caprock-spur.com) or Nathan Shannon of Shannon Family Funeral Home (347-2626). The Legion will be putting out American Flags on Friday, May 28 for the Memorial Day Holiday weekend.

Going Away Party-Please come stop by the office on Friday May 21st to say farewell to Amy Hackler, CED as she embarks on a new County Executive Director position in Nebraska.

FSA News

By Amy Hackler

May 15th - Last day to certify wheat acres-please stop by the office to do so

June 1st - Last day to obtain all signatures on DCP contracts for 2010 year.

June 15th - Last day to send in IRS forms - If this form is not sent in you may have to pay back all 2009 payments and you will not receive any 2010 payments.

Going Away Party-Please come stop by the office on Friday May 21st to say farewell to Amy Hackler, CED as she embarks on a new County Executive Director position in Nebraska. Producers and Community people are welcome to stop by anytime from 1-4 pm. Refreshments will be

served.

COC Election Time:

Well it is that time again, that we must think of elections, nominations, and outreach. The area up for election this year is currently held by Craig Turner. This includes the Flo-mot area. The area marked by a 1 on the map. FSA encourages producers to nominate themselves or others to serve on the Committee. Committee members are a vital part of FSA's agency and mission. Please contact the office for specific information or eligibility requirements. June 15, 2010 is the start of the nomination period. Nomination forms can be picked up at any FSA office or online.

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Titus Foundation names scholarship winners continued from page one

ment from universities and we expect at least seven or eight applicants next year."

Additionally, Dr. Seigrist announced the recipients of the Teacher Mini Grants which were awarded April 1 to be used in the summer and fall of 2010. The mini-grants provided by the foundation are needed awards to teachers, tied to curriculum and professional development.

Twelve applications were submitted, requesting \$14,808.26, Seigrist said. A \$12,500 award funded applications ranging from \$1,300 for football helmets and pants to improving computer applications and curriculum resources. A social studies grant for \$255 will buy new maps, and math and science materials will support the new C-Scope curriculum, Seigrist said.

"The grant will upgrade our non-fiction materials in the library," Seigrist added. Librarian Angela Seigrist is upgrading every facet of the library, offering web-based curriculum to students, he said. "It is nice to see teachers get opportunities," Dr. Morton said. "Titus has made a lot of things possible."

"The Titus Foundation grants have incredible implications for improvements at Motley County ISD," Seigrist said. "We are very grateful to Mr. Morton for the support of the foundation. Thank you for the \$12,500; we will spend the money to accomplish goals that might otherwise not be met."

The Titus Educational Foundation was formed in November, 2008, with an original pledge of \$500,000. This revenue produces about \$50,000 a year to benefit students at Motley County ISD.

The Trust Manager for the foundation, Mr. Edward Fritz, provided the financial activities report from July 1, 2008 to March 31, 2010. In spite of the economic downturn in the markets, colored charts and performance graphs showed a downturn of only .1 percent overall during this reporting period. While the foundation underperformed overall, in the last three months the foundation had a gain of \$16,529; with a net of \$446,692. The future is very bright for the foundation, Fritz said. "We are here for the long haul." The board voted unanimously to accept the treasurer's report.

In other business, Judge Ed D. Smith reminded the board that his position would be occupied by Judge-elect Jim Meador in 2011. "I would like to thank Ed D. for his hours of involvement and participation on the board," Ed Fritz said, adding, "We appreciate what you have done to help our progress."

Board members reappointed to serve additional terms were David Stafford and Edward Fritz; Marisue Potts-Powell was elected to serve as Secretary and Ed Fritz as Treasurer.

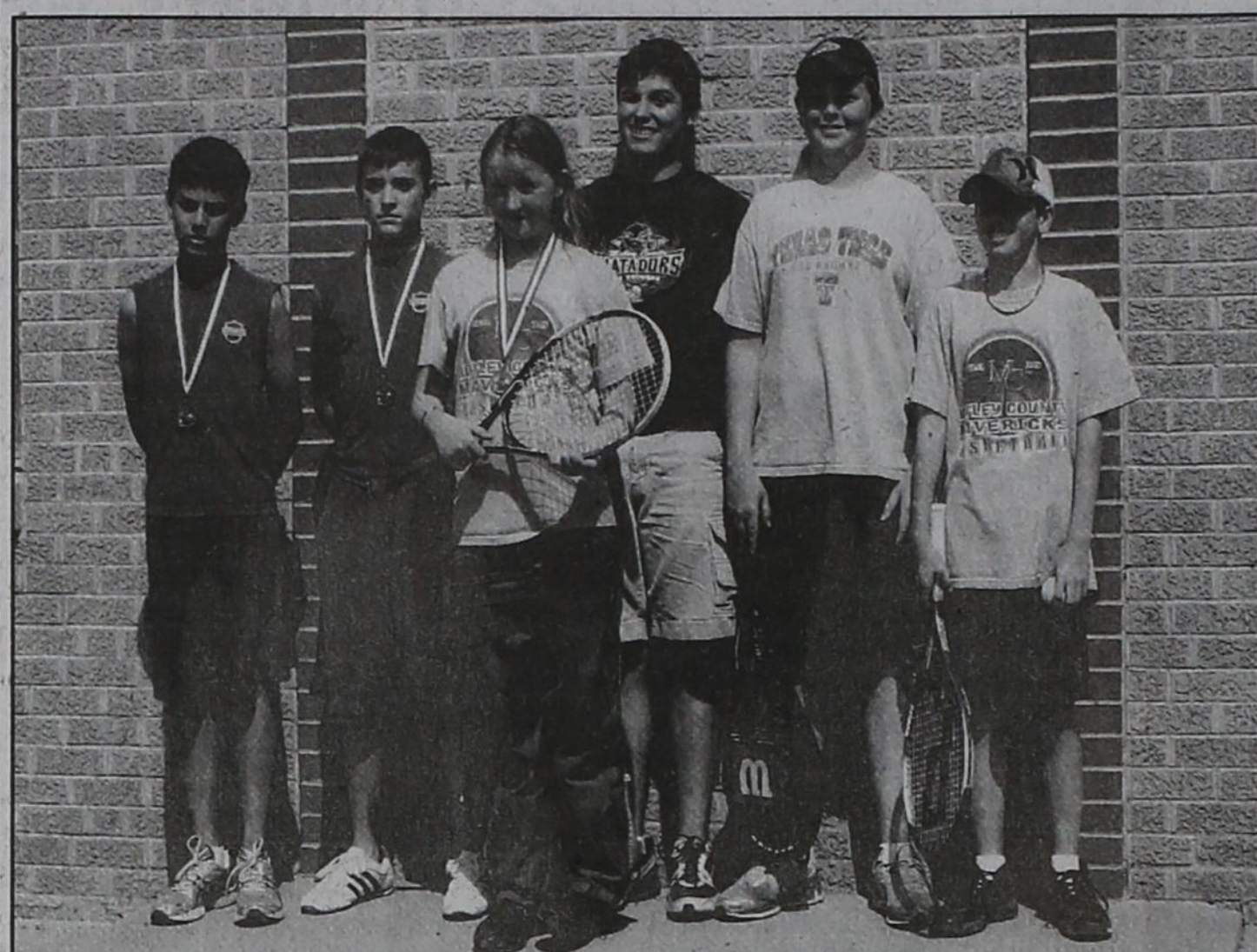
The board also discussed student eligibility after the first

year providing the eligible student did not apply for funding during the first year. The board voted to change the bylaws to effect that if a student attends but does not draw funding in the first year, as long as they meet the requirements, they retain their property right in the scholarship.

In addition, if a student does not meet the GPA requirement in the first year, the board voted to allow the student one semester of academic probation to increase the GPA. If met, and following proof of enrollment, then the full award would reinstate.

Also, Dr. Morton reported that Motley County is participating in two major technology grants funded by the Texas Education Agency. The Vision 2020 grant has allowed the purchase of computers for students to use in distance learning programs and is providing teachers the necessary training to facilitate and develop on-line courses. Funds from the T3 grant have provided new interactive SMARTboards for all classrooms, approximately 60 new computers for teachers and students, professional development and administrators. Another item purchased with T3 funds is a DLP projector for the multipurpose room that projects 3-D images, she said. This technology will increase student participation in learning, Dr. Seigrist added. "It will literally leave students hanging."

Motley County Junior High Tennis competes at Levelland



Left to Right: Noah Guerrero, Conner Mason, Shelby Elliott, Coby Cochran, Seth Baxter and Michael Martin competed in Levelland for the MC Junior High tennis meet. Shelby Elliott won 1st in the girls B singles division. Conner Mason and Noah Guerrero won consolation in the B boys doubles. Seth Baxter and Michael Martin won 5th place in the B boys doubles.

County to collaborate with city on remodel project continued from page one

torcycle race, Highway 70 Garage Sale, and the Chamber of Commerce Foothills Saturday Night function in August.

"We have looked at the old building, and it looks like it is structurally sound, however, it is my understanding that a water line was severed that goes to the restroom," Smith said. "This would need additional investigation."

"This is something - that if the county is interested - would be good for the city, county, and for future tourism," Mayor Pat Smith said. "About a year ago, the city began to collect a 7-percent hotel-motel occupancy tax on establishments inside the city limits. We had no idea how to budget for this, and now have \$10,000, a substantial amount to be used to benefit the town. We have the funds to help," he said.

A motion to move forward with interest was made by Commissioner Jameson and seconded by Commissioner Stephens to allow the Judge to secure estimates on the work. "We really appreciate the city offering to help with a project like this," Commissioner Franklin Jameson said, adding, "Usually we have people that want money, not someone that offers us money."

In other business, Judge Smith reported that the courthouse had severe leaks during the recent rainfall. "When we have major blowing rain, we have a lot of leakage in the windows," Smith said. The court instructed the judge to seek estimates on the repair, citing a new poly-foam, poly-urethane coating process for roofs that provide thicker coverage and no-leak guarantees. "We have 5,597 square feet of roof," Smith said. "We also need someone to look at the mortar on the brick next to the parapet."

Judge Smith reported he received a letter from Roger Vinson offering to serve as the Veterans Assistance Officer for Motley County. A Veterans Assistance Officer helps veterans with paperwork on health benefits, paperwork for disabled veterans, securing cemetery veterans for veterans. The Veterans Administration offers training to new officers. "I do not expect a salary and am willing to offer my services to the Veterans of Motley County," Vinson said. A motion was made by Commissioner Stephens, seconded by Commissioner Turner, to accept this offer, passing by unanimous vote.

Sheriff Chris Spence gave

the court an update on the recent vehicle purchase for the Sheriff's Department. According to Spence, the bid for the Chevrolet pickup was not accepted because after contacting the dealership, they said the fleet price had expired, and went up on the bid offer. The sheriff decided to purchase a Dodge 1500 with the grant money. "A grant from the South Plains Council of Governments (SPAG) was recently approved for \$23,753.38," Spence said. "The pickup was \$23,997.00."

In addition, the Sheriff reported that he accessed a law enforcement web site, asking if anyone had parts for the Mobile Vision camera in the sheriff's vehicle that is broken. "Comanche County sent us three (working) Mobile Vision cameras, free of charge, and two other cameras to use for parts. These cameras are about \$3,000 to \$4,000 each," Spence said.

On further clarification from the Texas Association of Counties Legal Office, the court voted to transfer \$230.00 to the General Fund, thereby increasing the librarian's salary to meet minimum wage requirements until the end of the fiscal year in September.

Roaring Springs Lions Club meets at Travelers Inn

By Monta Marshall

Because the Windmill Caf was closed for the week, 16 Lions enjoyed meeting at the Travelers Inn on May 6, for their monthly meeting. The Lions were served lunch prepared by Edith Daniell, Donna Kennedy and Rhonda McCleskey.

The meeting was opened by Boss Lion Wes Campbell; the invocation given by Lion Mike Crowley; and the pledge to the American flag was led by Boss Lion Wes Campbell.

The special guest and speaker was John H. LeVacy, a cowboy poet who is connected with the Ranching Heritage Center and his wife, Vera. John also participates in the Cowboy Symposium held at the Civic Center

in Lubbock each September. He told the group that his main interests were in cowboy poetry written in the late-1800s or those written in the early-1900s. He recited a poem called *Tying Knots in the Devil's Tail* by Gale Gardner, written circa 1899. *Fighting Game Rooster- King of the Walk and Cowboy's Music Interest* by Jim Davis were others with which the Lions were regaled.

Barbara Bogart from Cap Rock Telephone was another guest and offered to stay a while after the meeting to help anyone with their computer problems. She spoke about improvements Caprock-Spur had made with high speed internet to stay in competition. Tommy Jo Cruse had a guest with her also, Rod-

ney Black of Ingnite and Stream Energy. Dr. Andrew Seigrist, Superintendent of Motley County School, and Suzanne Abbott were other guests.

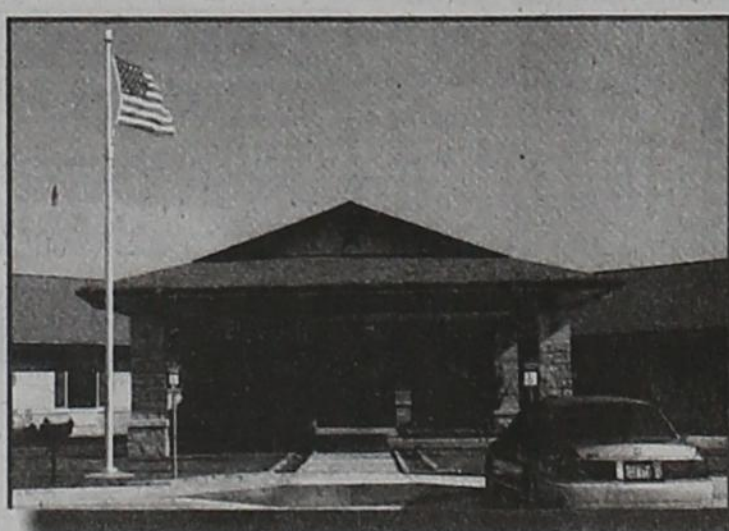
Six Lions took their Bingo game to the Hackberry Creek Care Center following the lunch meeting. Twelve residents played this month all winning quarters for bingo!

The Roaring Springs Lions participated in the Relay For Life event. Their fundraiser is chances on a \$2,595.00 diamond ring made by Thacker Jewelry. The Lions presented Kathy Blanco with a check for \$640.00 for the Club's contribution to the Relay For Life fight against cancer. The Lions plan to continue to sell tickets on the ring until December.

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Motley County Honors Banquet set for May 20

The Motley County Parents Club is hosting the Motley County High School Honors Banquet on Thursday, May 20, 2010 at the MC ISD Auditorium.

Students will be recognized for their Academic efforts as well as for all their efforts on the playing field, court and track.

Tickets go on sale today! Students being recognized and their parents get in free. Grandparents and friends must purchase a ticket by Wednesday, May 19 from Tammy Simpson. Don't miss this opportunity to support the kids.

Hackberry Creek Care Center celebrates National Nursing Home Week continued from page one

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In observance of the National event, Hackberry is taking part with a special week filled with fun activities everyday. On Monday, the event was kicked-off with a celebration cake. It was also Crazy Hat Day. Staff and residents wore their 'crazy' hats all day. Tuesday was Bling Day, which included

some fancy 'bling.' Wednesday is Silly-Shoe Day where those participating will use their creative imaginations to come up with some real 'silly' shoes. Thursday is Inside-Out day and Friday is Show-off Shirt day.

Hackberry residents are the people who planted the seeds that have made our community and other areas flourish. They have been the teachers, business people, public officials, parents and other leaders who have contributed so much to the area. This week presents the opportunity to honor these special residents, the staff, families and friends of our community.

Hackberry Creek Care Center invites everyone to be a part of their celebration by visiting the Center and witnessing first hand the dedication and joy that are the motivating forces behind Hackberry's quality care.

Annual Bluegrass Festival set for May 13-15 in Flomot continued from page one

just half of the fun. Groups will be playing and jamming at all hours on the festival grounds. Everyone who plays an instrument is welcome to come and join in the music. If you don't play you are welcome to listen to the various groups.

A food concession will be open Friday and Saturday. Everyone is invited to come to Flomot and listen to great music and eat.

RV parking is \$10.00 per night and hookups are still

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

For more informational please call 806-469-5278 or 806-269-1578 or email flomot@caprock-spur.com.

HACKBERRYHAPPENINGS

BY CARLA MEADOR, MARKETING DIRECTOR

If you've ever had an opinion of a Nursing Home; thinking maybe they are sad and depressing, gloomy and doomy, evidently you haven't visited Hackberry Creek Care Center. There is certainly no gloom and doom around here! This is a happenin' place! HC staff works to keep a positive attitude among themselves and the residents that live here. There is always some fun goin' on!

"Cinco de Mayo was celebrated on Wednesday, May 5! It was "tiempo de partido" at Hackberry. Delicious Mexican food was served at lunch. That afternoon residents enjoyed taking turns swinging at a pinata. When it burst open, they cheered and gathered cheering up the scattered candy. It was a real "celebración."

*Nurses were honored on National Nurses Day, Thursday, with a finger-food buffet. The kitchen staff prepared a big THANK YOU cake and Nurses and CNA's enjoyed a table full of treats prepared by staff members. Each one was presented with a gift of appreciation. We just can't say enough about how great our Nurses and CNA's are at Hackberry and we do appreciate them!

This week we are celebrating National Nursing Home Week. Fun activities are taking place everyday. Stop by for a visit and see for your self. Hackberry is a happy place for our residents and staff.

*Plans have been made and the date has been set for our

Open House. The event will be held Saturday, June 5, 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. We have planned a day full of fun and food, with a few surprises. Everyone is welcome to attend; please RSVP so we will be sure to prepare enough food. Please call 347-2942 and speak with Mellane if you plan to attend.

Sr. Health Tips

Growing Closer by Creating Special Moments

As the end of life starts to draw near, most elders like to think about the past. Memories can not only serve as a source of entertainment, but they can also help restore a sense of personal pride as they think about their youth, as well as adventures and accomplishments they've had in their lifetime. These memories can become even more special when you discuss them during meals or at bedtime. Your elder may really begin to look forward to those times with the anticipation that he or she will be able to talk about them.

In order to help facilitate these memories, try using some of these techniques:

Ask your elder about the "old" days: For example, ask about what foods her and her family liked to eat during various holidays.

Ask about things related to the nighttime: Things like dreams, for example. Questions like "did you have a fa-

vorite dream as a child"?, or something like did your parents ever sing a song or tell you a story at bedtime?

Ask questions about the work your elder did: Ask about what a typical day was like. Or ask them what they liked most about their profession

Taking an interest in your elder's past can go a long way with you connecting with them. Creating these special events that you both do together that don't include other family members can really help you develop a strong bond. These events can become your main activities.

Looking for a way to get these special moments going? Try these:

Sit down together at a designated time each day and drink your favorite beverage: Discuss what happened that day, or what's in the news. Do it a single time and it was nice to chat. Do it twice, it was nice. But do it three or more times and it's a tradition in the making!

Rub lotion on your elder's legs or brush their hair each night: Personal acts like this carry very powerful messages.

Sit on the edge of the bed before turning out the lights: Let your elder know how happy you are to be a part of their care. Let them know how good it is to be together, working as a team.

Things like this can really go a long way to making your elder's final months on earth very enjoyable for them and do wonders for you as well.

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Peanut producers were already planting. Stocker cattle were getting fat on wheat pasture, and cow-calf pairs were recovering from a long winter on lush spring pastures. Pastures looked excellent, and livestock were in good to excellent condition.

SOUTH PLAINS: The region had cool nights and windy days that dried out surface soils. Warmer soil temperatures were needed for planting. Soil moisture was adequate. Producers continued to apply pesticides and prepare fields for planting. Wheat was in fair to good condition and was heading. Pastures and rangeland were in good condition and continued to improve. Livestock were in good conditions.

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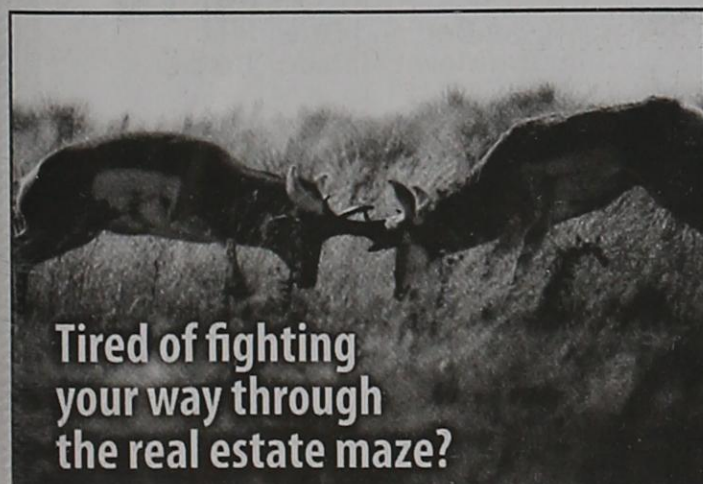
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 10-11 State Golf - Austin Boys & Girls
 11 RSCV
 12 Hospital Bd 7am
 13 "Rattlesnake Rodeo" Clairemont, Texas, sponsored by the Caprock Peace Office Association
 13 Matador Chapter of the Eastern Star, consolidated with Floydada, Meal at 6:30pm meeting at 7:30 pm
 15 - District 3 4-H Trap Shoot in Iowa Park
 16 - Motley 4-H Club Meeting
 17 MCISD School Board, 7:30pm
 18 Matador Lions
 20 Matador Masonic Lodge, 6:30 pm
 20 Honors Banquet at 6:30 p.m.
 21 **Going Away Party** Please come stop by the office to say farewell to Amy Hackler,
 23 Baccalaureate and Senior Supper at Hotel Matador
 26 Senior Breakfast at First Methodist Church
 28 School out at 12:30 p.m.
 28 American Legion Post 337 will place flags on veteran's graves at Motley County cemeteries. We will meet at 5:00 PM at Matador Cemetery.
 28 Junior High Graduation
 28 - 4-H Golf Challenge entries due
 29 High School graduation at 7:00 p.m.

June
 7-11 - State Roundup in College Station
 17 - 4-H Golf Challenge in Lubbock
 23-26 - District Horse Show
 29 - Ten County Camp
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