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uses for funds

By Carol Campbell

The 4-A Tax Board of Directors met with a quorum present on July 8, 2010, at City Hall, to appoint a new member to fill a vacant seat, elect officers for 2010, conduct a financial review, and discuss uses for the 4-A Tax Funds. Harry Hamilton was in attendance to speak on a specific potential use of 4-A Tax Funds.

The five-member board consists of Ed D. Smith, president; Debra Scott, secretary; Pat Seigler, and J. D. Russell, who was absent from the meeting. Ron Bailey was appointed by the City Council to serve in the vacant seat of Mike Hackler. The group voted to keep the current officers for 2010. Following approval of the minutes from the previous meeting, Secretary Debra Scott provided the group with a financial accounting, which shows a balance of about \$111,000.00 in sales tax revenue. This tax has been accumulating since February, 2003, when the board was formed. According to the state Comptroller's Office, 4-A sales tax collected by the city can be used to acquire land, buildings, equipment, facilities, and improvements for purposes related to:

manufacturing and industrial facilities, recycling facilities, distribution centers, small warehouse facilities;

and expansion in blighted or and development areas;

service airport that is an inpark;

support waterborne com- development. merce;

job creation and retention; job training;

educational facilities; and maintenance and operating

The discussion revolved

on a real estate sale, he recognized a unique opportunity for economic development. He encouraged the landowner commercial development to donate about 100 lots in northeast Matador to the city economically depressed areas for an Industrial Park. The city agreed to accept the lots a general aviation business under the purview of Market Matador, a five-member tegral part of the industrial board with City Council oversight created as a non-profit port-related facilities to entity to promote economic

The lots are located south of FM94 and Harrison Street, between Nellie Street, and Buffalo and Comanche Avenues - close to needed incosts associated with projects. frastructure like water and sewer, Hamilton said.

4-A Tax Board discusses Fundraiser and Volunteer **Appreciation night hosts** large crowd



around the use of the funds, or if the city would be better served to move the money into the 4B Tax Fund account which provides cities with a wider range of uses because it is intended to give communities an opportunity to undertake a project for "quality of life improvements," including economic development.

However, it was discussed that if 4A Tax Fund were moved to 4B, the city may only collect a total rate of 1/2 of one percent for just one fund; whereas, currently the city collects 1/2 of one percent for both 4A and 4B.

Harry Hamilton reported to the group that while working with an absentee land owner

"This is a good start," Ron Bailey said. "I'm proud of Harry for his commitment to this community," adding, "we have one full block cleared the land is as clean as a pin." "Right now we are just getting enough money to do something," Bailey added. "Harry needs an 'atta boy' for his work in behalf of Matador."

The group decided to continue to research the possibility of adding additional lots to the current land already identified for the purposes of enlarging the area to create an area for a future industrial park.

The next meeting of the 4-A Tax Board will take place following Homecoming in September.

Commissioner's Court reviews preliminary census numbers

MC residents protest in Open Forum

By Carol Campbell

The Motley County Commissioner's Court met July 12, 2010, in regular session, with a quorum consisting of Judge Ed D. Smith, Commissioners Franklin Jameson, Russell Alexander, and Donnie Turner. Commissioner Roy Gene Stephens, Precinct 1, was absent. Other county employees in

attendance were Sheriff Chris ness, Donnie Rogers spoke in Spence, County Attorney Tom Edwards, County and District Clerk Kate Hurt, and County Judge-elect, Jim Meador.

Also in attendance were six residents from Flomot, consisting of Clara "B" Rogers, Donnie Rogers, Donna Degan, Mozelle Hand, Tommie Cruse, and Harvey Case. In the first order of busi-

behalf of his mother, Clara (B) Rogers, in regard to County Road 148, that is washed out in Precinct 2. "The county has had one and one-half years to fix this problem," Rogers said. Rogers reported he had talked to James Gillespie at the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and continued on page 6



The Site Committee volunteers serve the crowd at the annual Senior Citizens fundraiser, dishing ice cream in every imaginable flavor. Most guests tried a spoon of all the flavors, then loaded up with cake, brownies, or cookies. Pictured (L to R) are: Betty Roberts, Glenda Williams, and Ray Baxter. Penny Pipkin (front) makes room for one more spoon of strawberry. photo by Carol Campbell

By Carol Campbell

On again, off again rain moved the annual fundraiser and Volunteer Appreciation ice cream and cake social inside the Senior Center Saturday, July 10, 2010. But spirits were high, and the beat goes on, courtesy of Gerald Pipkin and Friends.

The Senior Citizens Site Committee provided more than 10 freezers of ice cream with a large variety of flavors, topped off with a choice of

cookies, brownies, or cake. The group served more than 90 guests.

Kicking off the function, Senior Citizens Director Tommye Keith announced the names of home delivery volunteers who delivered 4, 468 meals from October 1, 2009, to July 9, 2010. As the saying goes, "volunteers are the lifeblood" of all non-profit organizations, and the Senior Citizens volunteers go far beyond, Keith said.

Matador home delivery

volunteers are: Stan Hanesworth, Pina Sturdivant, June Moss, Judy Renfro, Joan Patton, Arlyce Manney, Joyce Campbell, Nova Dale Turner, and Bill Manney.

Roaring Springs volunteers are: Jo and Walter Trammal, Larry Hoyle, Judy Cartwright, Beetle Bailey, Bobby Klodginski, Barbara Armstrong, and Joyce Hunter.

Keith complimented the volunteers for all the hard work that is done in behalf of continued on page 3

City making headway on meter replacement 4-A Tax Fund Board president reports to council

By Carol Campbell

Matador City Council met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. July 8, 2010, at City Hall. Attending the meeting were Councilmen Nathan Shannon, Shane Jones, Kay Bailey and Chuck Ream; and Mayor Pat Smith, Steve Barton, City Superintendent, and Debra Scott, City Secretary. Councilman Alvin Alexander was absent.

City Superintendent Steve

also reported that 4-A Tax Fund Secretary Debra Scott had provided the board with a financial accounting, and that Harry Hamilton was at the 4-A Board Meeting, to discuss uses of the funds. "The board doesn't feel like we should abolish the 4A Tax Fund at this point," he reported. Also, he said, the board was in favor of paying a stipend and expenses to the "right person" to "take the lead" in finding and reporting the best uses for the fund. In other business, Steve Barton reported that the Top Coat Project has received prices for rock and asphalt. "Thrasher Gravel Pit quoted a \$15.00 per ton for rock; and Holly Asphalt had quoted a \$1.71 per gallon price. "It will take about 10,000 yards of asphalt at a cost of about \$14-\$15,000.00 to cover all of Eubank Street and most of Campbell Street," Barton said. Mayor Smith said that TxDOT had agreed to help the city measure to get the exact

square yards. The area covered

will be approximately 3,000

feet long by 20 feet wide.

The council adjourned to Executive Session to discuss the personnel license recently earned by Joel Guerrera. Following the session, Kay Bailey moved to raise the salary of Guerrera by \$1,200.00 a year in support of his licensure upgrade. The motion was seconded by Chuck Ream, and passed by unanimous vote.

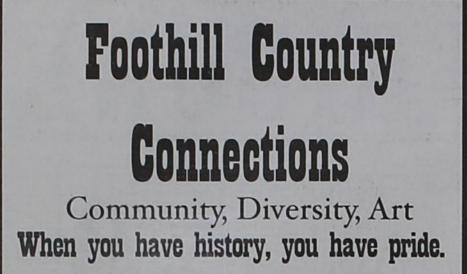
The council also voted to pay one-half of Market Matador's advertising costs and all of the additional costs of the website for a total of \$714.00; and to pay Texas Plains Trail Region \$200.00 for marketing the city at regional events. This money will be paid out of the Hotel-Motel Occupancy tax fund, now standing at \$8,365.11, as of the end of June. The council had previously budgeted \$2,000 for the Chamber of Commerce website and other advertising costs, and have currently spent \$1,998.00. The next City Council meeting will be held August 12, 2010, in City Hall.

Pictured is the property of Clara B Rogers, who cannot get off her property except by tractor. According to her daughter, Donna Degan, the rains have worsened a problem that has been in the making for one and one-half years. Mrs. Rogers and her family met with Commissioner's Court on Monday, July 12, to seek redress by the county.

Barton reported that 30 meters have now been replaced. "We have a long way to go, but we are making headway," he said. Barton said the recent rains have been keeping city employees busy "keeping up the roads" and reported that the landfill looks good, in spite of the rain. "We are keeping the water pumped out," he said.

A guest of the council, Ed. D. Smith, in his capacity as president of the 4-A Tax Board, reported that Ron Bailey had been appointed to take Mike Hackler's seat on the board. He

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By Laverne Zabielski

While in Motley County for the July 4th Celebration we hosted a community staff meeting to discuss suggestions for the paper. We call it a community staff meeting because everyone is part of our staff. When asked how it is that we can publish a paper 1200 miles away, we answer, proudly, "We have a community that cares, and wants a a newspaper and sends us the news."

As my mom always said, every little bit counts. When it comes to publishing a newspaper every person counts. We couldn't do it without everyone's help. In attendance at the meeting were Monta Marshall, Charli Bigham, Barbara Bogart, and Marilynn Hicks.

We talked about the changing newspaper industry and how important the newspaper is, not only to the community, but to the school.

The new census declares that Motley County's total number of citizens is 1282. That's 1.42 people per sq. mile. It will take emails and photos from everyone to keep the paper vibrant and alive with news and history.

Once when we were at a newspaper convention someone asked us the size of our county. When we told them, they guffawed and said, "Why, they don't even deserve a newspaper." We looked at them, dumfounded. "What are you talking about?" I asked. Are you nuts? I thought.

"We have a school with events that need covering, several churches, a nursing home, commissioners' court and two city councils, not to mention numerous other organizations." Larry said.

At the staff meeting we talked about the upcoming 100th anniversaries in 2011 for Roaring Springs and 2012 for Matador. Now is the time to be thinking about, not only how the towns will celebrate, but the role the newspaper will play in that celebration.

And lastly, we talked about the need to support the businesses in the county. We don't want to lose any. Cheaper is not always found in other towns. Not when you factor in the cost of gas and potential loss of a local business due to lack of sales

Ralph Powell was the real deal -- his question now answered: "Will there be any horses in heaven?"

By Carol Campbell

Ralph died July 7, 2010, just shy of his 74th birthday. He was born August 1, 1937, to Eugene Powell and Jessie Blanks Powell in Syracuse, Kansas. Longevity runs in Ralph's family -- his mother lived to be 100 years old. But Ralph was not so fortunate - he lost his battle with cancer, but he was a winner in every other way imaginable, the Rev. Bill Manney said.

While Ralph was survived by only three: his wife, Marisue, a son, Ralph, Jr., and a grandson, John Thomas his large extended family packed the First Methodist Church on Friday, July 9, 2010, to pay their final respects to a friend, a cowboy, a kind spirit, a Christian man, a rancher, a roper, a father, a husband, a man who "liked to stir things up," a man of action, a man with a plan.

It took three preachers to send Ralph off - each one celebrating this life well lived. Following an acappella rendition of "Because He Lives," (" ... life is worth the living, just because he lives") by the Rev. Bill Manney; cowboy preacher Johnny Morris said, "I crossed his trail; saw his tracks for many years before I met him ... " Johnny gave us a glimpse of the "man with a plan." And in a moving conclusion, he recited a poem by cowboy poet Ryan Rankin, " This old, old saddle my granddad made . . . " "Rest easy, pardner," Johnny said. Then Ron Brunson on guitar and Mary Ann Brunson on vocals performed a lively, hand-clapping rendition of I'll Fly Away, followed by a cowboy ballad, Ralph's favorite: "I had to bury my horse last evening; then and there I was faced with a question; will there be any horses in heaven? Will my good horse be there? Thank you, Jesus, for letting me know . . ." so the song goes. "We can rest assured," Ron said, "that Ralph's question is now answered – and he is riding off on a good horse." Cowboy preacher Leonard Cotton said he imagined the "heavens opened" for his friend Ralph Powell; and he was just a bit jealous because his pal got to choose

from the remuda first. He said he wanted to tell a few "little known facts' about Ralph.

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Ralph Powell, Sr. in Memoriam

Rest easy, partner

First, he said, at his very core was a deep spiritual life. He was a charter member of Calvary Chapel of Midland, Texas. Second, Ralph went on a tour to the Holy Land with Cotton and several members of the Calvary Chapel. "We went to the top of Mount Carmel (God's vineyard), to Nazareth, to the Sea of Galilee; and we sat together where Jesus delivered the Sermon on the Mount."

"But finally, it was my great privilege

to baptize Ralph in

the Jordan River," Cotton said. Getting in the Jordan River in January was "not my cup of tea," he admitted. People were waiting in line to be baptized in the Jordan River. "We were all shivering, it was very cold. But when it was our turn, Ralph and I held hands and walked into the water, and something amazing happened - the warmth came over us in a powerful way." Raiph said, "Do you feel that?" "What is it?" And Cotton answered, "It is the warmth of Jesus Christ." "Ralph was genuine in his faith; and genuine in his life - the last of the "old school," he said. "He lived by the unwritten cowboy code," ending his comments with the words of a Scottish poet: "Live so as to be missed." Ralph will be sorely missed. Finally, six strong men, dressed in jeans and starched white shirts with a single white carnation in their shirt pocket, carried Ralph, clad in denim with his spurs and gloves close by -- lying in eternal slumber in his polished Cedar casket. Somehow, it was fitting that Ralph was buried in a Cedar casket. He and Marisue have been battling the



Ominous clouds threatened, while cowboys from area ranches prepare to escort Ralph Powell, Sr. on his final horse-drawn journey to East Mound Cemetery.

photo by Carol Campbell

invasive juniper at Mott Creek Ranch for years. Perhaps it has a redeeming value after all.

Pallbearers were Jay Flowers, Terry Miller, Eric Wash, Douglas Campbell, Cotton Elliott, and Darl Walker - six good men, six cowboys, who carefully loaded the casket on the wagon harnessed to two large dray horses, Spade and Ace, courtesy of Foster Ranch. Cowboys Rick Ferguson and Ashley Daniel from Foster Ranch drove the team. They were escorted by riders on horseback from the Four 6's Ranch, including Reggie Hatfield, Boots O'Neal, Ronald Lewis, and Phil Fox. Clay Timmons from the Pitchfork Ranch was there, as well as numerous cowboys from ranches in the Midland area where Ralph worked as a young man. Clouds seemed to gather on Matador as the wagon began its journey to East Mound Cemetery. A misty rain cooled the humid, heavy summer air, finally bringing more rain to an already soaked land. The road to East Mound was slow, calm, and uneventful, where Ralph Amon Powell, Sr., was laid to rest. Rest easy, partner.

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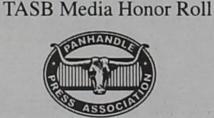
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Compassion provides the unfailing yeast in the loaf of happiness.

We tied our book straps to the limb of a mesquite tree and played until sundown. Later I remembered that he coughed often and that he had left his black sweater at the school house. Cold, dry wind out of the north broke up the game and each went his separate way to home and chores.

There was a light, glassy snow on the ground next morning and many pupils besides my companion were absent. His father rode to town for the doctor but was too late. He never returned to his desk. Perhaps we shall meet beyond the strange frontier of life, hang our harps in a tree, and with diamond and ruby taws, finish our game on the golden sands of eternity. Laughing his way past the guards of success my friend had earned and lost several fortunes with the ease of a true sportsman who shoots and misses without excuse. It was his private theory that three successive failures were more valuable than achievement.



Matador Tribune July 17, 1941

Crafty Coyote Is Caught By Trapper

A three-footed coyote that has been known to have killed chickens and sheep for the past three years, became the victim of Federal Trapper H. W. Fite's traps last week on the Gerald Waybourn Ranch northeast of Matador.

Mate to the covote was trapped several weeks ago and the animal had become so crafty that she would jump wire fences instead of passing thru usual trails. Mr. Fite explained that his work was directed to catch wolves of this type, unknown by farmers and ranchers to be destructive to fowls and domestic

To realize the value of a missed the train, bus or plane. sister/brother: Ask someone who doesn't have one.

To realize the

value of. .

To realize the value of ten years: Ask a newly divorced couple.

years: Ask a graduate.

To realize the value of one year: Ask a student who has failed a final exam.

To realize the value of nine months: Ask a mother who gave birth to a stillborn.

To realize the value of one month: Ask a mother who has given birth to a premature baby.

To realize the value of one week: Ask an editor of a week-

To realize the value of onesecond: Ask a person who has survived an accident.

Time waits for no one.

Treasure every moment you have.

You will treasure it even To realize the value of four more when you can share it with someone special.

> To realize the value of a friend or family member: LOSE ONE.

The origin of this letter is unknown, but it brings good luck to everyone who passes it on.

Remember... Hold on tight to the ones you love!

Do not keep this letter. Send it to friends and family to whom you wish good luck

Peace, love and prosperity

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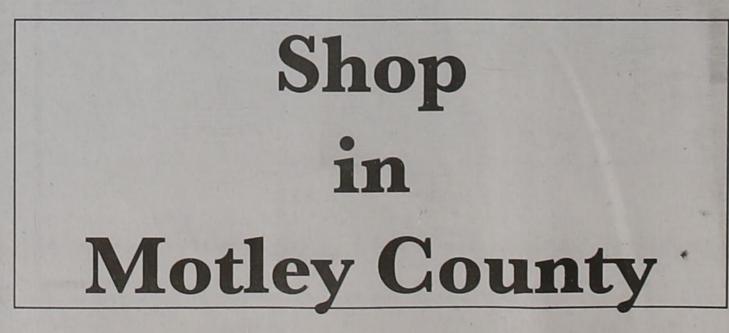
Mr. Fite is moving his trapping activities into the Northfield community this week.

ly newspaper.

to all!

To realize the value of one minute: Ask a person who has

From Wes Campbell



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Fundraiser and Volunteer Appreciation night hosts large crowd continued from page one

the Center; and each volunteer received a flashlight key ring engraved with "Volunteer - Motley County Senior Citizens."

the community besides meal delivery volunteers that help make the Center run smooth, Keith said: Rodney Williams, Jim Watson, Bobby Williams, Geneva Wilson, Nell Berryman, Roger Evans, and Site Committee volunteers Harold Gordon and Ronnie Vandiver, just to name a few.

Someone announced that the ice cream was melting, and the crowd fell in line, bowls in hand. The Site Committee volunteers on ice cream brigade were: Elaine Hart, Pat Warren, Janie Campbell, Vee Gordon, Judy Renfro, Arlyce Manney, Ray Baxter, Glenda Williams, and Raynita Murphy.

While volunteers were dishing the ice cream, local talent Steve Smith sang several solo numbers. Then Penni Keltz took the microphone, introducing the musicians and vocal performers. And the music didn't disappoint with a full hour of country western, folk music, ballads, and even a

vocals, kept the rhythm going, kicking the performance off with "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy." A new addition to the group this year was singer There are other people in Steve Burrus. Steve is working at Thacker Jewelry in Roaring Springs. Currently, he and his wife and their two 7-month old Bichon pups live in Lubbock. The wellbehaved pups were part of the audience, along with his wife, Kelly.

> Steve sang "Silver Wings," "Lone Star Beer," "If We Make It Through December," and "Working Man's Blues." He was accompanied by Billy Donaldson on guitar, Brandt Beardon on drums, Kelly Keltz on base guitar, Butch Castner on electric guitar; and of course, Matador homegrown talent, Gerald Pipkin, on keyboard.

Brandt Beardon was outstanding on drums, setting the beat, keeping the time, while members of the band found their voice for featured solo performances.

Sharon VanHoose sang "Walking After Midnight;" Billy Donaldson soloed with "Some Broken Hearts Never Mend;" husband and wife

Gerald is known for his Jerry Lee Lewis routine – his fingers flying up and down the keyboard while he moves both feet in rhythm to the beat. He brought the house down accompanying the group with "Girls Get Prettier at Closing Time" -- they were rewarded with a standing ovation.

This was a special evening, an annual event that the citizens of Matador look forward to every summer. And don't forget to thank the "volunteer" musicians, Tommye Keith said. This is the fourth year that this group has performed in Matador in behalf of the Senior Citizen Center.

But according to Gerald Pipkin, it is a labor of love. "We all have a love for Motley County; and we love to perform," he said. "We do what we can to support the annual fundraiser for the center, which gives us an excuse to make music."

The group made at least six practice sessions prior to the performance. "We rehearse at the former flower shop at the funeral home," Gerald said. "I would really like to recognize Pat Seigler for letting us use his space and electricity for team Penni and Kelly Keltz, our practice sessions - 'attaboy' Pat, and thanks."

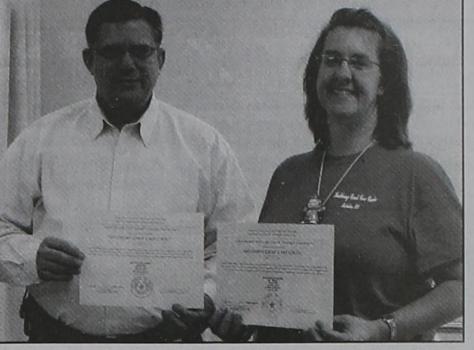
HACKBERRYHAPPENINGS BY CARLA MEADOR, MARKETING DIRECTOR

OUTPATIENT THERAPY SERVICES AVAILABLE SOON!

Hackberry is proud to announce that we are now state registered as a physical and occupational therapy facility and certified to offer outpatient services. We are very proud of this accomplishment and hope this will benefit the residents of Motley County and this area. Of course, with any new service, it will take a little time to get things up and operating, but we have tentatively set August 1as the startup date.

Therapy services are dedicated to the needs of persons affected by stroke, arthritis, hip fracture, amputation, cardiac disease, pulmonary disease, hip or knee joint replacements, complicated courses of recovery from surgery or illness and general debilitation.

Physical therapy includes joint mobilization, therapeutic exercise, orthopedic rehab, home evaluations, transfer and mobility. Rehabilitation services will include head, neck and spine, shoulder, elbow and wrist, knee, balance, sports performance and injury, ankle and foot rehab, hip, women's health and wound care. Occupational Therapy includes safety education, home evaluations, home living skills, hand rehab, activity of daily living, cognitive perceptual retraining, transfer and mobility retraining, utilization of adaptive equipment and upper extremity therapeutic exercise. To be able to take advantage of these services, those with the need for outpatient therapy must have a physician's orders, insurance information and identification. For more information please call John Vunk, Administrator, or Buffy Boger, Rehab Director, at 806-347-2942. "We are proud to be able to offer these services to this area, and hope it will be a great benefit to the residents," said Mr. Vunk. "We are one of the few Care Center's to offer these outpatient services," he continued. We would also like to remind area residents of our outpatient lab services. Blood



Hackberry Creek Care Center Administrator, John Vunk, is pictured here with Rehab Director, Buffy Boger, displaying the state certificates for outpatient therapy. Physical and Occupational therapy will be available at the Center on an outpatient basis beginning August 1.

lab services are available on Thursday mornings. Call

Cindy Dubois, DON, or Amy Cruz, ADON, 347-2942, for more information.

SENIOR HEALTH TIPS **SLEEP TIPS FOR THE** ELDERLY

(continued from last week's column)

Last week we talked about how essential good sleep is to your physical health and wellbeing and presented several tips on how to improve sleep

pre-bedtime diet.

Limit caffeine late in the day

Avoid alcohol before bedtime

* Satisfy your hunger prior to bed

Avoid big meals or spicy foods just before bedtime

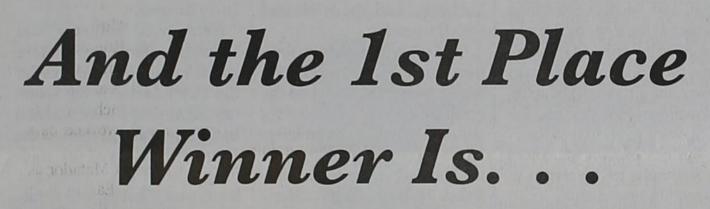
Minimize liquid intake before sleep

Can lack of exercise affect your sleep?

A life without exercise can make you feel sleepy all of the time, or not tired at all. Ex-

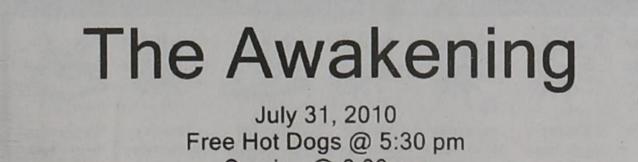
toe tapping hymn.

Penni Keltz, Sharon Van- sang "Heart to Heart Talk" Hoose, and Kim Fletcher, on and Kelly soloed with "Pride."





"Stevie" the Wonder Dog, owned by Jaylee Flowers of Roaring Springs, won 1st Place in the Best Dressed Dog category, sporting a camouflage vest, complete with a toy gun, and photo by Carol Campbell a little Army hat.



quality. We will continue this week with a few more tips for a good night's sleep.

To nap or not to nap – what is the answer?

If you don't feel fully alert during the day, a nap may be just what you need. For many people, taking a brief nap can provide the needed energy to perform fully for the rest of the day. Experiment with napping to see if it helps you.

Some tips for good napping:

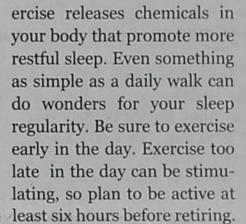
Short – Make sure your nap is only 15-30 minutes. You may feel groggy and unable to concentrate after a longer nap.

* Early – Nap early in the afternoon. Napping too late in the day may disrupt your nighttime sleep.

Comfortable – Try to nap in a comfortable environment preferably with limited light and noise.

How can the foods you eat close to bedtime disturb your sleep?

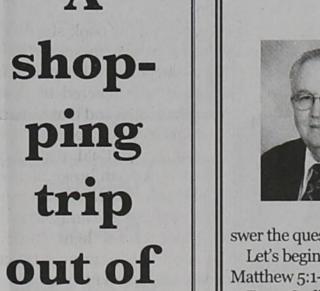
To promote good sleep, pay particular attention to your



Adding exercise to your life does not necessarily mean signing up for a gym membership. There are countless activities you can do to increase strength, burn calories and prepare yourself for a good night's sleep at the end of the day. Swim. Dance. Take up lawn bowling. Golf. Garden. Cycle or run.

If you have mobility issues, you can exercise from one position, either standing, sitting or lying down.

Stress and anxiety can also easily get in the way of a good night's sleep. Everyone has worries and lists of things to do, but it is important to teach yourself to let go of these thoughts when it's time to sleep.



While He was on this earth our Lord made us several promises and one of them was: "I have come that you

may have life and have it more abundantly. (John 10:10).

There is a promise. Yes, we are alive but are we living the abundant life? Remember, it is promised to us. To help an-

swer the question here are some suggestions that might help. Let's begin by putting the Beatitudes to work in our lives. In

"STANDING ON THE PROMISES"

Matthew 5:1-12 we find successful living principles for all ages. From God's Word learn about our Savior and His will for our lives.

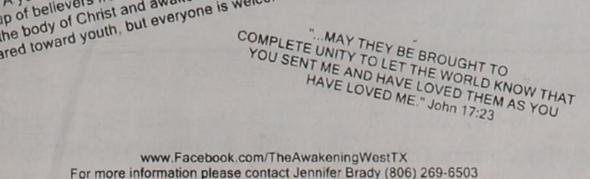
We have been created for a purpose. Our purpose is revealed

Service @ 6:30 pm **Roaring Springs Old Settlers Grounds**

A youth conference put together by a group of believers from all different churches to

group or believers from all different churches to unite the body of Christ and awaken this region. It is

geared toward youth, but everyone is welcome.



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to us in the Bible.

Let's admit that this life has its burdens. Job 14:1 tells us of shortage of days and filled with troubles.

Acknowledge that God is faithful when He has promised that "all things work together for the good of them who love the Lord," Romans 8: 28.

Why not just accept what Jesus promised? The abundant life in John 10:10.

There are many promises in the Bible. We have touched only one of them. Let's develop an attitude based on the promise and live for Jesus.

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

NEWS AROUND MOTLEY COUNTY

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

Roaring Springs News By Monta Marshall

On a personal note ...

Life is a journey of ups and downs. We experienced that in Roaring Springs this week. We mourned with those who lost loved ones and rejoiced with newlyweds.

The sadness in our community this past week was the death of two good men. Bill Bowley was found dead in his home early Wednesday morning; and our good friend, Ralph Powell, finished his fight with cancer and went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday morning.

Both men had had several years of struggle; Bill with diabetes and even losing a leg. Both were fine Christian men and an example in our community. I believe both are well and healed with the ultimate healing only God can give. We will miss their testimony; they were cheerful and involved in their community and churches until the last.

Services were held for Bill Bowley at the Full Gospel Church at 1:00 p.m. on Friday and Ralph Powell's services were held at 3:00 p.m. the same day at the First United Methodist Church of Matador.

Ralph was a member of a large community as he was well known over Texas so Roaring Springs is honored to claim him Pearl Patten underwent surgery in Lubbock on Friday and was released the next day. She is doing well and plans to go back to have her other carotid artery opened up after she is fully recovered from this one. Her daughter, Willita Burkes of Paducah, accompanied her to the hospital and stayed with her for a couple of days; her son, Buddy Allen of Pampa came to stay a few days with her this week.

A new family has moved here to work with the youth at the Full Gospel Church. They are: James and Salina Kimbrell and their daughter Micha. They reside in Don Dillard's former home on Third Street.

A shower will be given for Levi and Anna (Daniell) Buckner on Tuesday, July 20, 2010, from 3:30 until 5:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to come; it will be held in the Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church in Roaring Springs. Hostesses will be Zella Palmer,Tommye Keith, Kellie Martin, Judy Cartwright, Deanette Gulledge, Christie Ward, Pearl Patten, Louanne Silva and Monta Marshall.

Clyde and Marie Gillentine of Mesquite, Texas, were guests of his sister and brother-in-law, Edith and Glennard Daniell. They came for the wedding festivities and went home on Mon-

Overheard

I go to the grocery store for a can of cleanser and end up spending \$60. No other store makes me react this way!

Cancellation of Club Meeting

Due to the weather, impassable roads and rain Tuesday, July 6, the Do Gooders Club of Flomot canceled their monthly meeting. They postponed it until Tuesday, August 3, the regular monthly meeting.

Ruth and Orville Lee visited in Turkey, July 2, in the home of their daughter and family, Teresa and Thomas Heck. They celebrated the 18th birthday of their daughter, Kacee, with decorated cake and all the trimmings. The families had their evening meal at the Sportsman Café.

Roger Hughes and Brodie, Rickey Hughes and Kason of Floydada visited Saturday with their parents, Janice and Butch Hughes. Janice was a hostess Saturday evening at the Grand Opening of Tri-County Meals building in Quitaque. Several dignitaries spoke and over 200 people attended.

Dr. and Mrs. Rick Rhodes, Chase and Wyatt of Plano visited overnight Friday and Saturday with Kathy and Clois Shorter. They also visited L.E. Shorter.

Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton, Wilburn Martin, Waydetta and Ronald Clay attended the Grand Opening of the Tri-County Meals building Saturday evening. Dude met friend, Mrs. Judy Day of Amarillo there who was a featured speaker of the Mary E. Bivens Foundation, one of the donors of money for the building.

Anna Beth and Joe Ike Clay met daughter and family, Lori and Kevon Kleibrink, Karlee and Kyler of Clifton in Abilene Sunday afternoon Karlee returned home with them to visit.

Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton met Bundy Hal and Dixie Campbell, Mrs. Judy Renfro and Mrs. Rachelle Davis in Matador Sunday to visit. They attended the funeral service of L.J. Barkley Sunday afternoon at the Baptist Church in Matador.

Jack and Nada Starkey visited in Canyon Saturday with son and family. Joining them there to visit were Mr. Jackie Lynn Davis of Fritch, Tanya and Jackie Lee Starkey, Jerrod George and Destiny McEntire of Higgins. Rose Mary Lytle, daughter of Slim Durham, said her father is requesting contact from his friends in Matador. She said he has difficulty writing, but he would be happy to respond by telephone to any old friends that write and give him a number. His address is: 49002 Payne Avenue, Wister, OK 74966.

In town just to read and relax was Pam Martin from Gardendale. She found some dry time to enjoy the courtyard at the Hotel Matador.

A.D. Clark and his wife Carole were in town to work on his hunting accommodations for the fall. He is a lawyer in Tyler, and she is a judge. A.D. is a regular in town during hunting season, and his wife found some time this trip to catch up on leisure reading.

Laverne Zabielski and Larry Vogt were in town to take care of newspaper business and visit with her mother, Grace Zabielski who is in Hackberry Creek Care Center. Also in town to visit with Grace this week was daughter Beverly Shorter. Laverne and Larry hosted a community meeting to discuss suggestions for the paper. In attendance were Monta Marshall, Charli Big-

Family and friends who also were staying at the Hotel were James Vasquez, Jeff Roberts, Haynes and Cheryl Baumgardner, Dana Leopold and Kate Partington.

Matador News

David and Susan Harder from Ovila, Texas were guests of the HM Bed and Breakfast on Friday evening. They were coming back from a Colorado vacation with canoes and electric bicycles. It turned out that David is a Colorado City native and was a student in the first class of Coach and Marilynn Hicks. No annuals were brought out this trip, but with the promise of a return trip, they will be located.

Riley Cox was in town last week with his grandparents, Ronnie and Shelley Cox. He helped Ronnie with the renovation of a barn.¹⁰Even in the rain, much sweat was expended.

Durwood and Roberta Blasingame attended an annual family reunion at the Springs Ranch and stayed in Matador at the Hotel. He was born in Matador and looks forward to this homecoming every year. Most of the rest of the family camped at the Springs and enjoyed the wet weather.

In town to celebrate the bap-

as one of ours too!

In the community . . .

There was elation and joy at the wedding of Levi Buckner and Anna Daniell on Saturday at 2:00 p.m. They had a very pretty wedding and reception at the First United Methodist Church in Roaring Springs. We wish the happy couple the best.

Valerie Moody is coming to the First Baptist Church in Roaring Springs on Sunday, July 18th. She will be speaker at the morning service which begins at 10:45 a.m. Valerie Moody has made an in depth study of Jewish customs which are mentioned in the New Testament times as well as the Old Testament. An understanding of these customs helps us to understand the culture of the day, many which aren't kept today. Valerie Moody is an awardwinning artist and writer and often speaks on God's Learning Channel, a Christian television station that reaches over 100 countries via satellite.

Zella Palmer was feted with a birthday cake to go with the usual coffee klatch on Friday morning at the Traveler's Inn. Those attending were: Buzz and Tince Thacker, Donna Kennedy, Edith Daniell, Ken and Susanne Abbott, Ralph Roming, Harley Alsup, Glennard Daniell, Corky Marshall and of course the honoree, Zella Palmer. Becky and David Schmidt were here for Anna and Levi's wedding. Becky is the mother of Anna Daniell Buckner. They live in Marlo, Oklahoma.

day.

Leandra and Randy Harris, and Matthew and Kenna Whittenberg visited the Don Stuckeys this weekend. Leandra is Don and Billie's daughter and Matthew and Kenna are their grandchildren. They all live in Flower Mound, Texas.

Visiting Bill Hand this past weekend were his daughter Kim, son-in-law Duane and granddaughter Abbi Watson of Lubbock.

Mozelle Hand and three of her cousins from Paducah attended the funeral of Mid McKnight in Hale Center on Monday afternoon of last week. Many people in the area likely remember Mid as he was a Church of Christ minister who held many revivals in the area and at one time preached for the 10th and Utica Church of Christ in Plainview. The McKnights resided in Abilene after his retirement. Cousins accompanying Mozelle were: Loetta Sossaman, Dale Harrison, Kerry Bragg and his son Daniel all from Paducah.

In June a family birthday party was held for Bill Hand. Attending were all his children, and grandchildren except for one grandson who was unable to come.

Matador News

Clay and Melinda Jameson and friends are enjoying a vacation at Creede, Colorado this week.

Michael, Lorelei and Tegan Shannon, son-in-law, daughter, and grand-daughter of Bill and Arlyce Manney, enjoyed this past weekend in Matador. They toured the historical jail, went through the museum, attended the Senior Citizen Ice Cream Social, and spent a refreshing morning at the Roaring Springs Pool. Tegan enjoyed playing at the park and in a brief rain shower, the girls went shopping in downtown Matador, and the family went to church at Roaring Springs Methodist, before the Shannons left to return to Pflugerville, near Austin.

Birth Announcement



We reached for a star and got a piece of heaven. Tim and Lyndee Ward would like to announce the birth of their daughter Jordan Henley Ward. She was born June 21, 2010 at 10:34 pm weighing six pounds eight ounces and 17 inches long. Proud brothers are Timothy, Jamie and Christopher. Loving sisters are Leanne, Catherine and Trinity. Joyous grand and great grandparents are Joel Dean and Debra Spray, Tim and Linda Ward, Wes and Kay Fong, Banty and Sybol Brandon, Jim and Wanda Stockton, Joy and Birdie Ward and Faye Shipman. ham, Barbara Bogart, Marilynn Hicks, Larry and Laverne.

Carol Campbell had her back worked on last week in Lubbock, and she is pleased with the results.

Linda Roy had surgery for a torn retina this past week. She is also recovering well, and the prognosis for a full recovery without effect is promising. Linda has taken the position as Manager of the Matador Ranch Hunting Lodge. Marilynn Hicks will be the contact for Hotel Matador business.

Shirley Sheets, Sandy and Andy White and sons Andrew and Dakota were in town to visit the library and museum to research their ancestry in the community. Shirley is the granddaughter of long time residents Homer and Alice Sheets and therefore distant cousins to the Russell's and Hamilton's.

James and Donna Sultemeier from Johnson City stayed at the Hotel Matador as they made their way through Texas from Dodge City, Kansas. He was specifically in town to get a knife from Moore Maker to replace one he had lost. He ended up with more than one.

Jeff Williams and his daughter Emily from McKinney were camping in Palo Duro and got rained out, so they stopped at the HM on the way home.

Several guests were in town for the memorial service for Tex Barkley. Staying at the HM were Ian and Ruth Vanderpoll from NY, NY; she is the sister of Eva Barkley. tism of Kassie Beshirs were parents and friends. Joining her on the occasion were Bill and Jo Mabe, Terry Stears and Larry Breazeale.

Newlyweds, Matthew and Miranda McCurley were guests in the Heritage Suite of the Hotel Matador on Saturday night. They were married in Childress and arrived at the Hotel still adorned in wedding attire. He is a student at Southwest Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, and she is a humanities student with an emphasis in classical languages.

July Birthdays

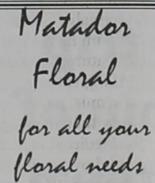
12th Alyx Smith, Rose Martin, Dakota Meyer and Journi Salazar; 13th Myrna Stephens, Leah Meredith; 14th Toni Gonzales, Courtney Fowler, Memori Jackson, Romana Gonzales; 15th

Christi Fisk, Maci Parks; Penny Mars, Jamie 16th Jameson, Garrett Jameson; 17th Seven Alexander, Jonathon Osborn, Rivers Marshall; 18th Misty Jones, Mickey Clary, Zachary Hurt, John Glen, Cade Calvert; 19th Danielle Gwinn, Brittany Barclay; 20th Ronnie Davis, Krista Turner, Paige Barnes, Beverly Barton, Jacelyn Perryman

Anniversaries

14th Bill and Barbara Armstrong Bobby and Jeannie Williams; 15th Robert and Christi Fisk; 19th Fred and Sybil Brandon







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Notes from the Library By Mary Ann Potts

In case you didn't know, the Motley County Library has a website. To some this is not news but to others it could a light bulb that just went on. Our patrons can find out our address, phone number and even library hours. The website is: www.mclibrary.lib.tx.us, should you forget the address, simply search Motley County Library and our address will pop right up. Now there's more to this website than just the general facts, our patrons can search Library Tools and Resources, Business and Employment sites as well as Consumer Resource information. Just thought I'd let you know how much information you can have at your fingertips, literally.

And here's an update on Accelerated Reader, AR, at the library. We have encountered a couple of problems logging into the site, however, hopefully at this printing it will be corrected and the kids will be on their way to AR bliss and

winning weekly prizes. Now don't forget there's only 15 days left in the Reading Express Summer Program. The deadline is Friday, July 30 to read 22 books and the winners will be announced the week of August 2, 2010. So far, there are 5, Kinder - 2nd grade, contenders and 2, 3rd - 6th graders, vying for the big prize. If you haven't turned in your reading card, now is a good time to finish reading those last few books so you can have a chance to win. Only two lucky kids will walk away with a portable DVD player and an IPOD Nano. Will it be you?!

Time for our piece of weekly wisdom from Francie Alexander, chief academic officer at Scholastic Education in New York City. Read to your child for 10-15 minutes a day and let them choose what they want to read. Since school dictates what needs to be read, let your child pick out his or her favorite book at home.



Ralph Amon Powell, Sr. August 1, 1937 to July 7, 2010



Motley County Jr. Rodeo Rescheduled

The Motley County Jr. Rodeo has been rescheduled for August 13 and 14 due to the abundant amount of rainfall received on the Old Settlers Arena. Books will remain open till August 11 and we will take additional entries up to that date. If you have already entered, you will keep your selected performance night unless we are notified otherwise. If you need to draw-out, or if you have any questions you may contact Ryan Martin at 806-347-2733 or D'anna Russell at 806-347-2621 or 806-347-2601.

Ranch Management University program offered by **AgriLife Extension**

COLLEGE STATION - The Texas AgriLife Extension Service will host a new landowner workshop Oct. 12-15 in College Station designed to help promote a better understanding of resource management.

"A number of topics will be covered both in the classroom and in the field with demonstrations as part of our (Ranch Management University) program," said Dr. Larry

and management, ranch pond management and what to do with feral hogs."

Field demonstrations will include learning how to assess body condition scores for cattle, how to obtain proper soil and hay samples, and hog trap construction.

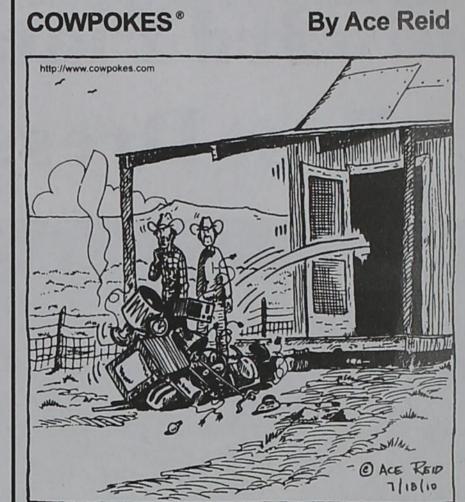
"Approximately one-half of the program time is spent in a classroom setting, while the remainder of the time is spent in the field," Redmon said. "Lunch and supper will be provided and a resource CD containing dozens of publications covering ranch management will be provided."

Attendance is limited to 75 people. For additional information, contact Redmon at 979-845-4826. For registration information, visit http:// agrilifevents.tamu.edu and type in "ranch management" as key words. Registration may be completed online at the site.

Canola producer meeting scheduled July 21 in Vernon

VERNON – The Southwest Oklahoma and Northwest Texas Canola Production Meeting will be held July 21 in the Wilbarger County Exhibit Building, located at 2215 Har-

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Beef quality training to be offered Aug. 24 in Vernon

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Baughman said the meeting is open to all interested producers. For more information, contact him at 940-552-9941

"The Texas Beef Quality Producer program is the program developed for cow-calf and stocker producers in Texas," McCollum said.

In addition to focusing on the safety of beef products, the program informs producers on current industry concerns and how producers can help with increasing demand for cattle and beef, he said.

The intensive half-day training will cover Beef Quality Assurance principles, industry updates, record keeping, environmental stewardship, management practices associated with genetic selection, cattle handling, culling and use of animal health products, said Langdon Reagan, AgriLife Extension agriculture agent for Wilbarger County. Participants should RSVP by Aug. 16 to Stacy Fox at Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association at 800-242-7820 or sfox@texascattleraisers.org, or by contacting the AgriLife Extension office in Wilbarger County at 940-552-5474. The Beef Quality Producer program is a collaborative effort of AgriLife Extension, Texas Beef Council and Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association. Funding is provided by Beef Checkoff dollars from the beef council and cattle raisers association, as well as allied industry groups.

Funeral Services for Ralph Powell, Sr. 73, of Matador were held at 3:00 p.m. Friday July 9, 2010, at the First United Methodist Church in Matador with the Rev. Bill Manney, Johnny Morris, and Leonard Cotton officiating. Interment followed in the East Mound Cemetery in Matador under the direction of Shannon Family Funeral Home of Matador. Mr. Powell passed away July 7, 2010 in Crosbyton.

Ralph was born on August 1, 1937 to Eugene Powell and Jessie Blanks Powell in Syracuse, Kansas. He was a rancher and a member of the Senior Ropers Association. Ralph had been a cattle buyer for cactus feeders in Amarillo and an importer of Mexican Cattle. He married Marisue Burleson Potts in Trinidad, Colorado on July 7, 2003. Mr. Powell was



a resident of Matador since 1999 and was a Charter member of Calvary Chapel of Midland, TX.

He is survived by his wife, Marisue Powell of Matador; son, Ralph Powell, Jr. of Midland, TX; and one grandson, John Thomas Powell of Columbus, Georgia.

Redmon, AgriLife Extension state forage specialist in Col-

lege Station. Topics will include soils and soil fertility, forage species selection, hay production, weed and brush management, beef cattle breed selection, nutrient requirements and feeding strategies for livestock, and grazing management strategies.

"We'll also cover chute-side techniques, including animalhandling demonstrations of vaccinations, dehorning, and castration," he said.

Other topics covered include how to keep good ranch records, how to develop a marketing plan and a look at alternative enterprises.

"We'll also discuss wildlife management," Redmon said. "Several important areas will be covered including whitetailed deer management, dove, turkey, quail hunting

Death Notice

Bill Bowley of Roaring

rold St. in Vernon.

"We will likely see a significant increase in acres planted to canola next year in the North Texas and Southwest Oklahoma area," said Todd Baughman, Texas AgriLife Extension Service agronomist.

The meeting is jointly sponsored by AgriLife Extension and Oklahoma Cooperative Extension. It will run from 9 a.m. to noon, with speakers and topics as follows:

- Robert Duncan, AgriLife Extension - Production Considerations for Canola.

- Donnie Roberts, Monsanto - Canola Seed Varieties and Availability.

Neuens, Producers Cooperative Oil Mill - Production Research Update from Oklahoma and Producers Cooperative Oil Mill Information.

- Jan Townsend, Prime Ag

VERNON -- Beef producers are invited to attend a training session on Aug. 24 for the Texas Beef Quality Producer program to sharpen their knowledge of Beef Quality Assurance principles, according to a Texas AgriLife Extension Service specialist.

Registration begins at 9:30 a.m., with the program running from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Wilbarger County Auditorium, 2100 Yamparika Street, in Vernon. A complimentary lunch sponsored by Texas Beef Council will be served.

"Beef Quality Assurance is - Heath Sanders and Gene a national effort in the beef industry that focuses proven management practices that help ensure safety and quality of beef," said Dr. Ted McCollum, AgriLife Extension beef cattle specialist in Amarillo.

H Winifred Darsey

The Motley County Arts and Crafts Club met July 11 at the Senior Citizens Center.

Club President Nova Dale Turner held and presided over the business meeting at 10:00 o'clock. Secretary Vee Gordan read the minutes of the previous meeting. Dues are being collected for the ensuing year. Joy Archer aided by Nova Dale had the new Year Books ready for the new year. They are a joy to see: artistic thy Knight, Jane Neal, Joyce drawings on each page, good workshops, teachers, and fun times are included. The workshop for the day was taught by Vee Gordan. The class consisted of a small wooden cross to be painted and decorated with crystal beads. Each person had their choice of the crystal beads.

The results were beautiful crosses of varied colors. They were exquisite with the crystal and can be worn as jewelry or used as décor. This will be a remembered program. The members were enthralled over the finished crosses.

The club dined at noon with the Seniors. The food was delicious; it made a happy hour for the members.

The members present were: Nova Dale Turner, Doro-



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Senior Estate Planning to be featured at Hackberry **Town Hall Meeting**

Senior Estate Planning will be the featured topic of a Town Hall Meeting to be held at Hackberry Creek Care Center Thursday, July 22 at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend. Some very important tips will be discussed regarding this subject. Don Allen of Senior Planning Services and a Medicaid specialist for the Law Firm of W. Tim Ladyman, PC, will be the featured speaker.

One of the greatest fears of seniors who must go to a nursing home is that in order to qualify for Medicaid help, they must spend down all their assets and give up their home. people currently in nursing facilities or those who are about to enter one, in order to protect the maximum amount of their estate from nursing home spend-down. Senior Planning Services is recognized by many as the leading authority in Texas for this type of preservation planning.

When one spouse must go into a nursing facility leaving the other spouse at home, there is great concern over losing the home. When a resident applies for Medicaid, the home is considered a non-countable resource. Upon their death, the Medicaid Estate Recovery

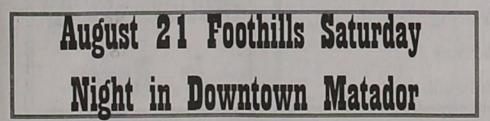
Center Administrator, said. "Hackberry is proud to be able to offer Town Hall meetings to the public which present important information such as the topic of Senior Estate Planning. If you have questions regarding this subject, we encourage you to attend this meeting.'

Hackberry Creek is located at the end of Main Street at 805 Harrison Avenue. The meeting will be held in the large dining room at 6:00 p.m. There is no charge to attend and refreshments will be served.

Creek Care Hackberry

Meredith, Bonnie Vandiver, Vee Gordon, Joy Archer, and Winifred Darsey.

The plans for August meeting will be taught by Joyce Meredith on painting on outdoor lamps. See you there!



FANS!

Mr. Allen says this does not have to be the case.

"You really have two options, only one of which involves spending down assets," Mr. Allen says. "The second and greatly preferred option is to be able to protect a substantial amount of your life savings and still qualify for Medicaid benefits."

For 20 years, Senior Planning Services has helped hundreds of families plan for the second option. Specifically, they do this planning for people who want to plan ahead,

Program is activated and Medicaid will come after that one remaining asset!

However, "In most spousal cases, the Medicaid guidelines will allow the couple to protect up to 100 percent of their assets, protect all of the stay-athome spouse's income and sometimes protect all of the income of the spouse in the nursing home and still qualify him or her for Medicaid benefits,"

"We welcome everyone to

attend this meeting," John

Vunk, Hackberry Creek Care

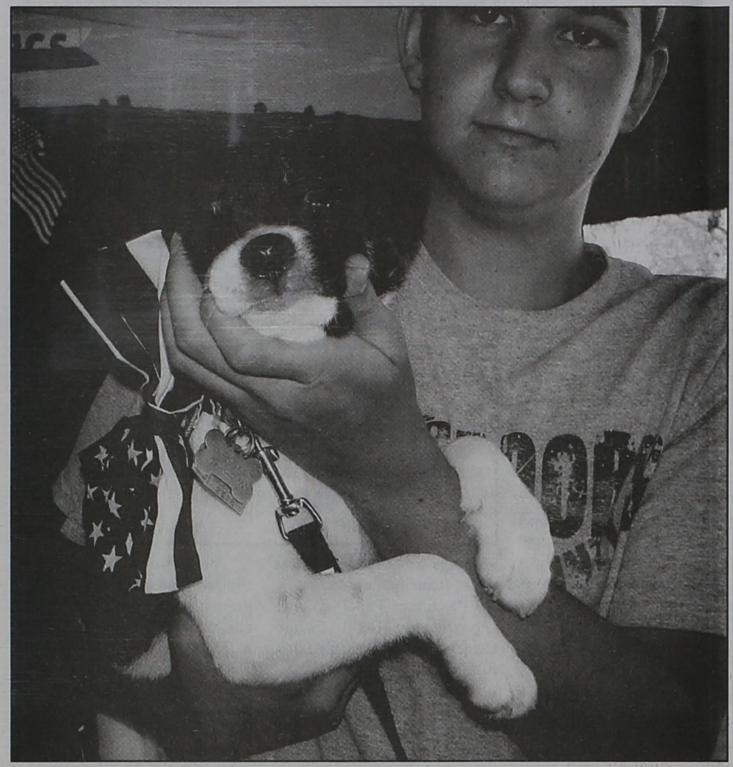
Mr. Allen says.

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3rd Place Best Dressed



"Zoey" shown with owner and pal Jonah Meredith, received a 3rd Place ribbon in Best Dressed category at the Dog Show on July 3. Jonah is the grandson of Joyce and Joe Meredith, Roaring Springs. photo by Carol Campbell

Commissioner's Court reviews preliminary census numbers

MC residents protest in Open Forum continued from page one

they have developed a diversion plan to re-direct the water to a canyon that is close to the property. This plan is estimated to cost \$35,000 to \$50,000. NRCS would pay 60 percent of the cost, he said. Rogers asked the county to come up with \$10,000; and for landowner Harvey Case to provide \$10,000 to fulfill the commitment made by NRCS. According to Mr. Rogers, Harvey Case diverted the water from his land, cre-

ating a large chasm that cut the road in half. He distributed photographs for the court, showing a large eroded canyon, cutting Ms. Roger's home off from the road.

When Judge Smith asked Mr. Case if he had agreed to provide money for the cost of the diversion plan, he replied, "I have not." Mr. Case said that water had been diverted onto his land by landowner Seab Washington. "Seab cut

with Matador at 668. Roaring Springs at 236 individuals, and the county area at 378 people. These numbers are as of July, 2009. The actual 2010 Census numbers should be released about February, 2011, and should be very close to the numbers for 2009, he said.

Additionally, redistricting after the 2010 census, which in the past has been handled by South Plains Council of Governments, will now have

Commissioner Turner said he would be glad to grade a temporary road to her house, as soon as the rain stopped and the fields were dried out enough to get a grader onto the property. "It was an act of God that it got washed out," Commissioner Turner said.

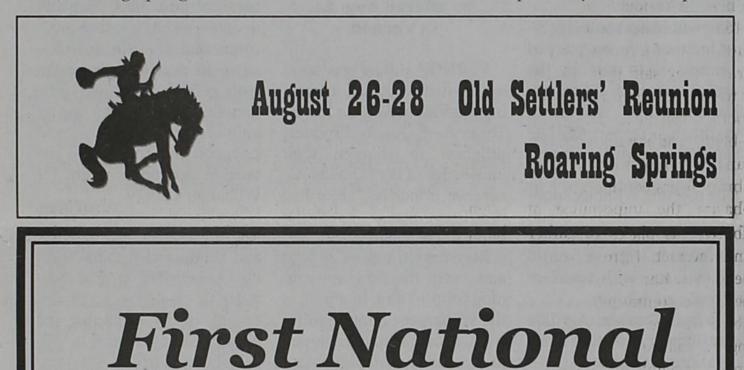
a dike and it came off on me. to be handled by the county. according to Hart, is fairly

"Preferred routes" will be filed with PUC on July 28, 2010, at which point the county judge and affected landowners (about 800) will receive a packet with the route descriptions. The full plan is so large that only one copy will be provided to interested landowners, and it will be placed in the Motley County Library, he said.

Assessor-Collector Tax Elaine Hart reported to the

> court that she will be collecting taxes for Valley ISD, absorbing 33 accounts. ,"I'm going to start taking Valley School District taxes on land that comes into our county," Hart said. These taxes were previously collected by the school district.

In addition, Hart provided the court with the delinquent tax roll, taxes still due as of the July 1, 2010. Currently, delinquent taxes were about \$18,900.00, which



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Checking, Savings, CDs, Money-Market Accounts, IRAs, Agricultural, Commercial, Consumer This is not all my fault," Case said.

"It needs to be fixed," Donna Degan said. Mrs. Degan is the daughter of Mrs. Rogers. She said that currently the only way her mother can get to doctor's appointments is to ride by tractor to the main road. Her home is completely cut off, she said. "Mamma needed therapy, and the therapist could not get to her house," she said. "We can't get to her house, except by tractor. We have complained for two years, and nothing has been done. At the least, we need a temporary road graded to her house," she said.

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In a letter to Commissioner

"We need to see if NRCS will release the plan for this repair to the court; perhaps meet "and in the meantime, Commissioner Turner will make a

Judge Smith reported preliminary census numbers to the court, showing Motley County lost 144 individuals Judge Smith said he had received letters from two law firms interested in presenting a proposal to Motley County regarding a redistricting plan for 2011.

"We are required by Federal and State law to reapportion precincts based on the 2010 Census," Judge Smith said. For informational purposes only, the judge reported an example of the proposals he is now receiving from law firms. A proposal from the law offices of Curtis A. Parrish, Lubbock, said "an hourly rate of \$250.00 for attorney time, each to be billed in quarter hour increments; expenses will be billed at cost; the firm will bill the County on September 1, 2010, for a \$5,000 retainer. The fee for the demographic studies necessary to determine whether the County is legally required to redistrict is covered by the retainer." No action was taken on this agenda item.

In other business, follow-Turner, James Gillespie, reping a presentation by Luke resenting NRCS, attached a Ford, The Financial Group of "bill of materials" for the dethe Southwest, and George sign. "The entire design can-Webb, regional vice presinot be provided unless we dent of Security Benefit, the are actively involved in the court voted unanimously to construction effort," he wrote. allow the company to speak to "If you decide to pursue concounty employees and talk to struction then we will gladly the County Treasurer about a provide any needed assis-Motley County 457 Deferred tance." Compensation plan that will "The court would be reprovide retirement funds luctant to spend \$10,000 on through investment options. FM148 unless it is a perma-"There is no cost to the county nent fix," Judge Smith added. to participate or to maintain these funds," Ford said. The cost to an individual to participate would be one percent of with us next court session," an employee's salary per year. Judge Smith said, adding, Michael Johnson, Project Engineer, for Cross Texas Transmission, provided an temporary road for access." update to the court on proposed transmission lines in Motley County and the surrounding area. Johnson said since 2000. The total census that these are "potential" der widths wide on each side for Motley County is 1,282 routes that could be built. of the pavement," he said.

typical for this time of year.

Further, the Commissioner's Court "tabled indefinitely" the roof repair proposal made by Rick Collett Roofing last month. "During this last rain, we didn't have any roof leakage," Judge Smith said. "We have a federal grant that we have applied for to get the windows resealed. If we are successful with this grant, and can get the windows resealed, we may be okay."

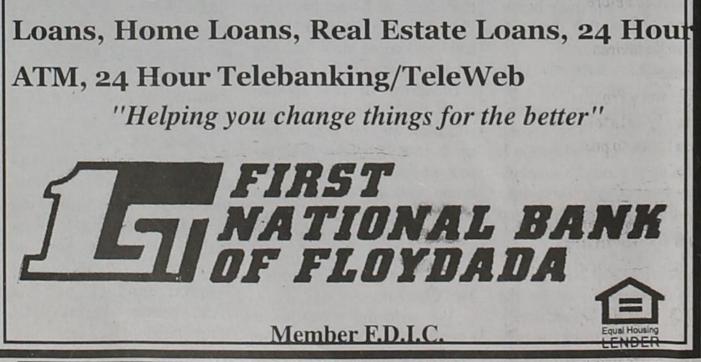
Judge Smith submitted a proposed 2010/2011 Budget Calendar, with the first budget workshop scheduled for July 16; the second workshop set for July 23, and a Public Hearing to adopt the budget set for August 10, 2010. "If taxes are not increased, we can also approve the effective tax rate at that time," Smith said.

"If there is intent to increase taxes, a recorded vote must be taken and a notice published in the newspaper," he said, followed by two tax rate hearings.

In an Information Briefing, Judge Smith reported to the court his recent attendance at the Rolling Plains Organization of Rural Transportation held in Childress. This consortium of counties represents four Councils of Governments and 13 counties. "This group is trying to become more influential," Smith said - "fighting for our rights to have our roads fixed, to have more political clout."

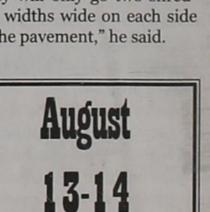
TxDOT has put the roadside park issue on hold, he said. "All three of our parks have historical markers," Smith said. "If eliminated, this land would go back to the landowners."

"They also reported that they are putting more herbicides on the roads instead of mowing to the fence lines. They will only go two-shred-



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Composting worth boasting about **Experts:** Composting saves landfill space; prevents erosion, pollution

composting isn't the sexiest part of landscaping, there are definite economic and environmental advantages to doing it, said Texas AgriLife Extension Service and other experts.

"Making your own backyard compost bin or using commercially produced compost reduces landfill use and waste transportation costs," said David Rodriguez, AgriLife Extension agent for horticulture in Bexar County. "It also helps preserve soil moisture, which is especially important during a drought, along with helping prevent soil erosion."

According to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, the state's residents use an estimated 15 million cubic yards in landfill space and pay about \$150 million in landfill costs each year. The commission also estimates that more than 5 million tons of yard trimmings and other organic materials are tossed into the state's landfills annually.

The Environmental Protection Agency estimates that

SAN ANTONIO - While need is the raw material and a shovel or pitchfork, garden hose and a compost bin, he said. "The bin holding the composting material can be wire or plastic, or a you can just spread out sheet of burlap or a tarp and start a compost pile on that."

> Rodriguez is such a proponent of composting that recently he held the first statewide Master Gardener "specialist" training on this subject in San Antonio.

> "Master Gardeners belong to volunteer horticulture programs throughout the state administered by the Texas AgriLife Extension Service office in their respective counties," he explained.

Rodriguez said the threeday training was attended by 23 Texas Master Gardeners representing Bexar, Blanco, Collin, Gillespie, Guadalupe, Hayes, Hidalgo, Kerr, Liberty, Parker, Tarrant, Taylor and Travis counties. Along with receiving instruction on topics including composting basics, building a composting bin, soil biology, vermiculture (composting using worms) and biosolids, the group took a tour of the New Earth composting facility in eastern Bexar County, one of the largest single-site composting facilities in the U.S. "This training gave us the expertise to go back into our respective counties and communities to educate people on the use of composting and making a backyard compost bin or pile, or at least for people to buy compost for landscape nutrition, water conservation and soil preservation," said Mary Hoffer, a six-year Master Gardener from Collin County who took the training. "We recycle for beneficial reuse more than imillion pounds of organic material every day," said Clayton Leonard, president of New Earth Inc., which also has a facility in the Houston area. "Adding organic matter to soil also helps with plant disease suppression in addition to providing plant, flower and shrub nutrition."

benefit from adding compost to their regular potting soils and that homeowners also benefit from using it as a topdressing for grass or as a supplement to flower and shrub bedding.

While there are many private commercial composting operations in the state, some Texas cities have established municipal composting operations to help address landfill issues and generate income. Austin, McAllen, Texarkana, Plano, Denton and other towns collect and process organic materials from which they produce compost to sell commercially. Collectively, this means hundreds of thousands of dollars of savings in landfill costs combined with hundreds of thousands of dollars of income generated by these municipalities annually, according to operational data.

"We take in organic vegetative materials from member towns of Allen, Frisco, McKinney, Richardson and Plano and turn that feedstock into compost at our facility in Melissa," said Sherrian Jones, division manger for compost-

Motley County Tribune, Thursday, July 15, 2010, Page 7 **The Backroad Librarian**

Keeping rural libraries vital requires keeping them free of charge and pushing for open access to materials. Libraries are people-centers, not warehouses for books.

and academic libraries, has

By Marcel LaFlamme

In 2009, voters in communities of fewer than 10,000 people approved 85% of the library operating referenda that came up for a vote, as well as 55% of the building referenda. Meanwhile, rural communities like Seldovia, Alaska, (pop. 241) and Capitan, New Mexico, (pop. 1510) are operating municipal libraries staffed entirely by volunteers. The fact that rural communities across the country continue to support their libraries, even in these grim economic times, speaks to the esteem rural communities hold for these places. But for libraries to maintain this kind of loyalty, they have to be truly relevant. They must position themselves as platforms for the civic activism and engagement that are needed to revitalize rural America. Here are five ways they can do it.

Creating public space. When the residents of Moab,

focused in on teaching patrons how to sift through and evaluate information, whether it's from the Encyclopaedia Britannica or somebody's MySpace page. Librarians call this information literacy, a set of skills that employers increasingly consider essential. A 2003 study from the University of Maryland found that perceptions (and misperceptions) about the Iraq War varied significantly according to the respondent's primary news source. For rural libraries, promoting information literacy also means promoting reasoned political investigation.

Embracing open access. The basic business model for scholarly publishing is crazy: professors write journal articles and review the work of other scholars (gratis, mind you), and then academic libraries buy those same articles back from publishers for thousands of dollars in subscription fees. The open access movement aims to do things differently. Trinity University's Diane Graves does a nice job explaining why that's important. Most rural community college libraries can't afford a subscription to science journals like Nature, but we can connect our students and faculty members to scholarly content through open access initiatives like the Public Library of Science. Open access assumes that you shouldn't need a Harvardsized library budget to read the work of Harvard researchers. Toeing the line on "free." About a year ago, the Dallas Public Library raised eyebrows across the library world by launching a (now-defunct) program called StreetSmart Express, in which patrons could pay \$5 for premium access to highdemand titles with long waiting lists. You can't fault Dallas for wanting to be entrepreneurial, especially in the face

of extreme budget cuts proposed by Mayor Tom Leppert. But public libraries must not dilute their public service by offering preferential service to patrons with extra money. As blogger Alison Circle observed, "The basic premise of libraries is carved in stone over many Carnegie public libraries: open to all. Do you get more openness for \$5?"

Remembering that it's the people, not the stuff. One of the candidates to replace me as Independence Community College's library director said it better than I could have: "Without the human factor, all we are is warehouses for books." Of course, the content of our collections is important, but it is with flexible, imaginative, and locally relevant service that libraries truly make their mark. We need young, highly trained information professionals who are drawn to the challenges of rural librarianship. We also need forwardthinking library boards and community college trustees who can balance the demands of fiscal discipline with a willingness to dream and dream big. There's no one way for rural libraries to fulfill their promise. Some will consolidate services at the county or regional level, while others will continue to maintain a footprint on Main Street. Some libraries will actively position themselves as agents of social and economic development, while others will hew to a more traditional definition of library service. And that's a good thing. In fact, it is precisely this obstinate localism, this exuberant, country-fried messiness that makes rural America strong. Marcel LaFlamme has been the library director of Independence Community College, Independence, Kansas since 2008. This fall he begins a doctoral program in anthropology at Rice University in Houston.

more than one-quarter of the nation's municipal waste is organic material that could be used for composting.

Composting provides environmental benefits across the board relating to air, water and soil quality, said Mike Lindner, team leader for pollution prevention and education for the environmental quality commission.

"Healthy soil is more likely to support plant life and that means less need for fertilizer, herbicides or pesticides that may run off into the water table," Lindner said. "And recycling organic material instead of throwing it out means fewer trips to the landfill by garbage trucks, saving gas and creating less pollution."

"Green" and "brown" organic waste materials, including grass clippings, leaves, twigs, branches, vegetable and fruit scraps, even coffee grounds, can be used to make compost, Rodriguez said.

"It's pretty easy to start a compost pile in your backyard," he said. "All you really

Leonard said container growers have told him they

ing operations for the city of Plano.

Jones, whose facility is built on North Texas Municipal Water District property, said diverting such materials from landfills for use as a soil amendment helps ensure water quality, including reducing instances of algae bloom in the municipal water treatment facilities, she added.

Jones said each year the Melissa operation takes in more than 250,000 cubic yards of organic feedstock and sells more than 100,000 cubic yards of compost under the brand name Texas Pure.

"The most important thing about using soil mixed with compost is that it makes it possible to garden in (many parts of) Texas," added Jones, also a Master Gardener.

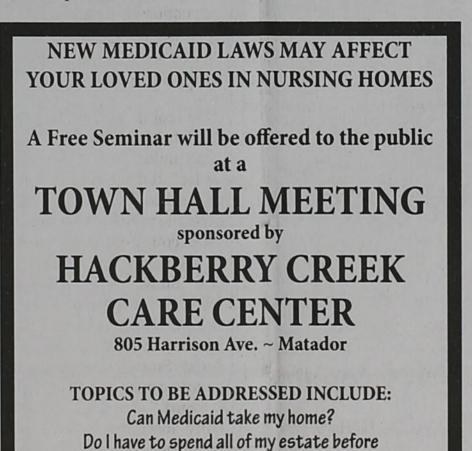
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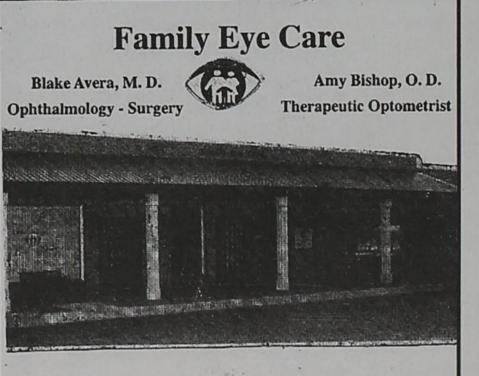
Utah, were asked to describe their vision for a new local library, they said they wanted it to serve as the town's living room. Even in an era where e-books and streaming video can be downloaded anywhere, library users continue to emphasize the importance of libraries as places to gather and interact. Here in Independence, Kansas, where I've been the community college librarian, we started hosting the college literary guild's open mic nights in the library, which brought in upwards of thirty students and community members on any given Friday. I still think of the earsplitting set played by local hardcore band Texas Instruments as one of the highlights of my directorship.

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July

- 14 Hospital Board 7am
- 15 Matador Masonic Lodge, 6:30 pm
- 20 Matador Lions Lions
- 20-22 District 3 Jr. Leadership Lab
- 24-31 State 4-H Horse Show
- 28 Science Spectrum will present "Combustion" Library Annex, 10:00 a.m.

August

- 2 Two-A-Days begins 7-9 am
- 3 Matador Lions
- 5 RS Lions 1st Thurs
- 6 12:00 am Midnight Madness
- 6-7 Shooting Sports Instructor Training
- Comm CT
- 9 RS City Council
- 10 RSCV
- 11 Hospital Bd, 7am
- State Recordbook Judging 11
- 12 M City Couoncil
- 12 Matador Chapter of the Eastern Star, Floydada. Meal, 6:30pm meeting, 7:30 pm
- 13-14 Motley County Jr. Rodeo
- 17 Mat Lions
- 19 Matador Masonic Lodge, 6:30 pm 3rd Thurs
- Motley 4-H Club signup day 5pm 19
- Foothills Saturday Night in Downtown 21 Matador
- 26-28 Old Settler, Roaring Springs
- 28 Hico Classic, Motley County Vs. Ira 4 pm, Hico, TX

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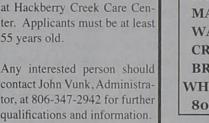
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