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Commissioner's Court meets in regular session

ATF denies damage claim on May fire that destroyed 150 acres

By Carol Campbell
 Motley County Tribune

The Motley County Commissioner's Court met September 12, 2011, in regular session, covering a 14-item agenda, including a discussion of a response from ATF denying a claim for damages and services on a brush fire in Northwest Motley County on May 10, 2011.

Attending were Commissioners Franklin Jameson, Roy Gene Stephens, Donnie Turner, and Russell Alexander with County Judge Jim Meador presiding. Also in attendance were District and County Clerk Kate Hurt, County Attorney Tom Edwards, Sheriff Chris Spence, and Ryan Martin.

In the first order of business, County Extension Agent Ryan Martin presented a request by a South Plains company for a letter of support to the Department of Agriculture for a drug to eradicate feral hogs. "This is a feral hog bait developed by a chemical company in Wellington, CO," Martin said, that basically consists primarily of Warfarin, a blood-thinning drug. It is delivered in 1-inch cubes in feeders. The company is requesting a "special needs license" from TDA to distribute the bait, Martin said.

Following a discussion on the merits of the request and the lack of research to support the claims made, the court voted unanimously to disallow action on this item.

County Attorney Tom Edwards gave a brief update on the transmission lines in Motley County, commending Susan Jameson for her research on the project; and local landowners who have agreed to let the line cross their property.

In other business, Judge Meador presented a letter received from the Chief Counsel of the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, denying a claim for damage to the tires of the fire engine and for services rendered by the Motley County Fire Department in a brush fire last May, 2011.

In a training exercise on Tuesday, May 10, 2011, the Lubbock, Abilene, Odessa and Midland Bomb Squads detonated explosives close to Flomot, igniting fires that burned

about 150 acres. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) was at the site in a support role, and as the ranking federal agency, took full responsibility for the fire, according to County Attorney Tom Edwards.

While a claim for property damage due to "law enforcement operations" in the amount of \$825.00 was approved, the county also submitted a claim for \$1,600.00 for damages and services.

The letter reads, in part: "... employees involved in this incident committed no negligent or wrongful act or omission during the course of the controlled demolition of explosive materials. In addition, I find that the manner in which the fire started outside of the Test Range area was not a foreseeable event. Therefore, your claim cannot be paid under the FTCA."

Commissioner Franklin Jameson said, "They came in (Motley County) and in disregard of a county-wide burn ban, caused a fire - this response is not a very good example of an agency "taking full responsibility for their actions."

The court voted unanimously to send a letter to Congressman Mac Thornberry and Senator Robert Duncan, explaining the circumstances of the fire. The court tabled the receipt of the \$825.00 for property damages.

In other business, Sheriff Chris Spence requested additional office space in the building. "I will be getting new computers from grants," he said, "and they need to be in a secure location." Judge Meador said he had received notice from Warren Title Company that they will be vacating office space downstairs which will be considered to meet the needs of the Sheriff's Office.

Judge Meador addressed the court on the fact that the county has not received an audit since December 31, 2008. He said that in order to request and receive grants, the county must show a current audit. County Treasurer Eva Barkley said she called the school district and other neighboring counties to get prices on audits, saying the prices ranged from \$12,000 to \$15,000. The court tabled action on this item until further inquiry.

Homecoming 2011



Coming King and Queen, Taylor Green and Reagan Davis. Taylor is the son of Aaron and Randa Green of Matador and Reagan is the daughter of Brody and Rachelle Davis of Matador. photo by Crystal Salazar



2011 Homecoming Queen and King, Katherine Faulks daughter of Rick and LeJeanna Faulks of Matador with her escort, Augy Chavez of Matador. photo by Crystal Salazar

Matador send Eagles home at half Homecoming 2011

By Charli Bigham
 Motley County Tribune

The Motley County Matadors won the 2011 Homecoming game by defeating the Chillocothe Eagles 52-0 for another big win. The game was very exciting with the Matadors controlling both sides of the ball. The Matador defense rose to the occasion holding a very potent offense scoreless.

"We were relentless on defense," said Coach Bigham. "The boys executed their assignments and reads and ran to the ball well."

Jonathon Osborn played his first Varsity football game of the year after sitting out due an injury at the beginning of two-days. We are very proud to have him back playing with the team again, Bigham said. Juan Flores led the defense with 12 tackles. Other leading tacklers were Britt Simpson with 11, Aaron Rogers with 10 and Austin Taylor and Schyler Tomlinson both with 9. The Motley County offense had a good night with three passing touchdowns for 127 yards and four rushing touchdowns for 179 yards.

Leading the Matadors on offense was quarterback Braden Mason who completed three of four passes for touchdowns on the night. Jonathon Osborn had two carries, one touchdown and 63 yards rushing and Aaron Rogers had five carries for three touchdowns and 99 yards rushing. "Our offensive line did a great job staying on blocks and opening holes for our backfield," said Matadors offensive line Coach James Richards.

The Coaching staff was very proud of last week's performance of all three teams with a clean sweep of the Chillocothe

Eagles. The next games will be Thursday, September 15 with the Junior High and JV here in Matador beginning at 5:00 p.m.; then Varsity will battle the Dragons Friday, September 16 at Paducah.



Christine Martin, Coming Home Queen photo by Crystal Salazar

FSA Reminds Producers of Disaster Assistance Deadlines

WASHINGTON, Sept. 1, 2011 - The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) Administrator Bruce Nelson reminded producers today about upcoming deadlines for disaster assistance. Nelson emphasized that losses must be the result of a weather event occurring on or before Sept. 30, 2011.

"This year brought a host of extreme weather challenges for America's farmers, ranchers and producers," said Nelson. "USDA is committed to use the resources at our disposal to reduce the impact of these conditions and help producers get back on their feet. And this year, especially, it's important for producers to be aware of program deadlines and to have their records in order so that they get the assistance they need."

The 2008 Farm Bill authorizes coverage of disaster losses through these five programs:

- Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments Program (SURE);
- Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP);
- Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honey Bees, and Farm-Raised Fish (ELAP);
- Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP); and the
- Tree Assistance Program

(TAP). SURE applications for 2010 crop losses will be accepted later this fall. SURE applications for 2011 crop losses will be accepted in the fall of 2012, when the 2011 farm revenue data required by statute becomes available.

FSA is required to determine that the claimed loss was because of a disaster occurring on or before Sept. 30, 2011. FSA must determine if a qualifying loss meets the established disaster relief criteria for at least one crop.

At the time the SURE application for payment is filed, the producer will be required to identify and certify a crop of economic significance that suffered a qualifying loss of 10 percent or more. At least one such crop with 10-percent losses on or before Sept. 30, 2011, is required by SURE.

"We encourage all producers to read the applicable disaster program fact sheets and visit their local FSA county office. The staff can provide additional information such as the deadline for filing a program application or the initial requirement for filing a notice of loss," Nelson said. Important dates for the five disaster programs are summarized in the table below.

No deadline for SURE, but check with your crop insurance or Noninsured Crop Disaster Program (NAP) policy

Application Period 2009: closed
 2010: begins fall 2011
 2011: begins fall 2012

LFP
 Deadline to File a Notice of Loss: Not applicable

Application Period
 Now through Jan. 30, 2012

LIP/ELAP
 Deadline to File a Notice of Loss: Within 30 days of when the loss is apparent, but not later than Dec. 29, 2011

Application Period: Now through Jan. 30, 2012

TAP
 Deadline to File a Notice of Loss: Not applicable when loss is apparent

Application Period: Within 90 days of when loss is apparent
 * Losses must be due to a weather event that occurs on or before Sept. 30, 2011

Fact sheets for these programs can be found at www.fsa.usda.gov; click on Newsroom, then Fact Sheets.

Additional information regarding the programs is at <http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov>.

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By Larry Vogt

When the chips are down, when disaster strikes, when you fall down the stairs and are lying in a heap on the cement floor; that's when you need somebody; somebody who knows his or her job as an EMT, someone who cares about you, someone who wants to see you survive and recover. During this last week before the anniversary of the 9/11 attacks, there were interviews with firefighters and survivors and I was impressed by the dedication and steadfastness of the people, ordinary citizens and professionals included. Most of these people did not think of themselves as heroes or brave people, but when action and caring was needed, when the chips were down, they came through.

Motley County is very fortunate to have people dedicated to saving lives, protecting property, and generally cooperating to help out when help is needed. The volunteer fire departments in the County showed that when wild fires and danger showed up, they could work hard, stick to the task, and divert the fire around Matador. The EMS is made up of folks who are very dedicated and serious about their tasks. They take classes to get the knowledge and develop the skills they need to do a good job and provide a necessary service for those who need quick transport to hospitals or emergency rooms. The Sheriff's Department and the Texas DPS also have a big role to play in times of disaster and they also contain dedicated people who perform their jobs in conjunction with the other emergency teams in the County.

Whether you are in a large metropolitan area like New York City or a rural setting like Matador, you need the same level of dedication and skill when there is an emergency. A hearty thanks to all who participate and work hard to keep us safe and rescue us when we have the need.

When we moved to Roaring Springs it was our intention to settle in and live there for the rest of our life. We invested the newspaper with the intention of providing a hyper-local newspaper covering the news of the community and stories of the past. Life intervened, however, circumstances changed, and it became necessary for us to move back to Kentucky.

MOTLEY COUNTY TRIBUNE FOR SALE

As the great granddaughter of one of Motley County's original Old Settlers, I am honored to have had the opportunity to publish the *Motley County Tribune*. And I am grateful for the loyal advertisers that have made it possible for the paper to continue. Larry and I realize that it is unconventional for us to now live in Kentucky and attempt to publish a newspaper in Texas.

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"We don't do it like that in Motley County," I have heard said many times. That same statement has also applied to publishing the *Motley County Tribune*. I know that people have expectations about how a newspaper should be run, how the office should be open and that there should be a staff that is ready to cover events. We have asked citizens to consider the *Motley County Tribune* a community newspaper in the truest sense by participating in its publication; emailing us the photos and stories they would like to see published. And for that we are grateful.

In the past four years we have in-

vested in new computers and new software in order to simplify many of the tasks. Knowing that the community would be better served if the publisher lived in Texas, we offer the paper for sale. In order to make the newspaper more affordable, we would consider not selling the archives and perhaps lending them to the museum.

If you are interested in purchasing the newspaper, or know someone who would be interested, please call us any time at 859-351-8099. We would be happy to work with you to ensure that the *Motley County Tribune* continues to serve the county.

Laverne Zabielski and Larry Vogt

Free September 22 Web Conference Helps Texas Caregivers Address Legal Issues that Impact Seniors

The non-profit National Private Duty Association (NPDA), along with the Texas Chapter, has announced that it will host a consumer education web conference entitled Addressing Legal Issues that Impact Seniors on Sept. 22, 2011, at 8 p.m. EST (7 p.m. CT). The live and interactive program will provide advice on elder law matters, including pinpointing when you need to address legal issues, what the implications are, and how to ensure that you and your family are protected. The event is free of charge to participants.

The web conference topics include an overview of elder law issues, powers of attorney, informed consent and guardianship, advance directives, will and trusts, and the timing involved for each.

"Caring for an aging parent brings many challenges," said Sheila McMackin, president of NPDA. "It's vital that a family know what legal issues they need to address and the appropriate timing involved. Being

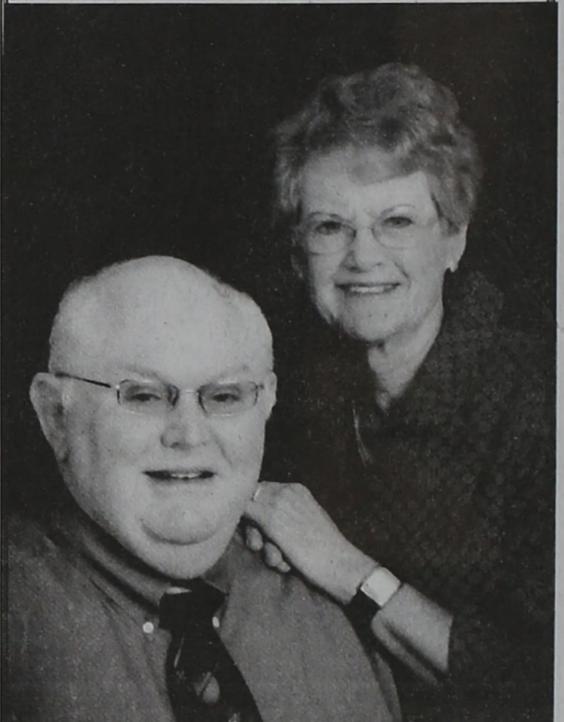
knowledgeable of these issues is key to protecting your aging parent, providing the best care possible."

This event's presenter is an expert on social work issues, as well as being an attorney. Joseph T. Monahan, M.S.W., A.C.S.W., J.D. is the legal counsel for the NPDA. He received his bachelor's and master's degree in social work from the University of Illinois in Champaign and his law degree from DePaul University College of Law. He is very involved with training and counseling for several legal and social issues groups.

Pre-registration for the event is required. Sign up today by visiting the registration link at www.private-duty-homecare.org.

The NPDA is the first and only association in the country dedicated exclusively to private pay home care providers. The NPDA, a non-profit organization, currently represents more than 1,100 home care agencies in forty-four states and Puerto Rico.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellithorp recently celebrated 50th wedding anniversary with trip to Ruidoso, N.M.



Herman Arvin Ellithorp and Joy Rose were united in marriage on Sept 3, 1961 in Amarillo, TX. Arvin was raised in Matador graduating from Matador High School in 1957. Arvin and Joy met while attending West Texas State College in Canyon. After 20 years in the military, they moved to Harker Heights in 1984 where they still reside. They have two children—a daughter, Rochelle Karakey and her husband, Gustavo who serve as missionaries in Medellin, Colombia with their three children. Their son, Scott and his wife, Mayra live in Harker Heights with their two daughters. Arvin and Joy also have two grandchildren and a great-grandchild in California.

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Engagement Announcement



Steve Stevens of Matador, and Bettye Stevens of Borger, would like to announce the upcoming wedding of their daughter, Ashley Stevens, to Christopher Miller, son of Ramonica Strong of San Antonio, Texas and Michael Hosea of Rialto, California.

Ashley is the granddaughter of the late Johnny and Helen Stevens of Matador, and the late Homer and Dorothy Hamilton of Paducah. She is a 2001 graduate of Motley County High School, and a 2007 graduate of Texas Tech University where she earned a bachelor's degree in Public Relations.

Christopher is the grandson of Connie and Glenda Miller of Georgetown, Texas. He is a 2000 graduate of Georgetown High School and also an alumni of Texas Tech University, where he ran track and studied Marketing and Finance.

Ashley is currently a Branch Manager for Chase Bank and Christopher is a Sales and Marketing Director for a private contractor in San Antonio, where they plan to make their home. Their wedding is taking place on November 11, 2011 at Canyon Springs Golf Club in San Antonio.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Brief Explanatory Statements of Proposed Constitutional Amendments
Special Election November 8, 2011

Proposition Number 1 (SJR 14)

SJR 14 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to provide the surviving spouse of a 100 percent or totally disabled veteran with an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the surviving spouse's residence homestead as long as the surviving spouse has not remarried, the property was the residence homestead of the surviving spouse when the qualifying veteran died, and the property remains the residence homestead of the surviving spouse.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a 100 percent or totally disabled veteran."

Proposition Number 2 (SJR 4)

SJR 4 would amend the constitution to authorize the Texas Water Development Board to issue additional general obligation bonds on a continuing basis for one or more accounts of the Texas Water Development Fund II, with the restriction that the total amount of bonds outstanding at any time does not exceed \$6 billion.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of additional general obligation bonds by the Texas Water Development Board in an amount not to exceed \$6 billion at any time outstanding."

Proposition Number 3 (SJR 50)

SJR 50 would amend the constitution to authorize the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board or its successors to issue and sell general obligation bonds on a continuing basis for the purpose of financing educational loans for

students, subject to certain constitutional restrictions, including a restriction as to the maximum principal amount of bonds outstanding at any one time.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Texas to finance educational loans to students."

Proposition Number 4 (HJR 63)

HJR 63 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to permit a county to issue bonds or notes to finance the development or redevelopment of an unproductive, underdeveloped, or blighted area within the county, and to pledge increases in ad valorem tax revenues imposed on property in the area by the county for repayment of such bonds or notes. The amendment does not provide independent authority for increasing ad valorem tax rates.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit a county to issue bonds or notes to finance the development or redevelopment of an unproductive, underdeveloped, or blighted area and to pledge for repayment of the bonds or notes increases in ad valorem taxes imposed by the county on property in the area. The amendment does not provide authority for increasing ad valorem tax rates."

Proposition Number 5 (SJR 26)

SJR 26 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to allow cities and counties to enter into interlocal contracts with other cities and counties without having to assess an ad valorem tax and set aside a specified amount of funds for the payment of costs under the interlocal contract.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment

authorizing the legislature to allow cities or counties to enter into interlocal contracts with other cities or counties without the imposition of a tax or the provision of a sinking fund."

Proposition Number 6 (HJR 109)

HJR 109 would amend the constitution to increase the amount of principal that is available for withdrawal from the permanent school fund each year and would also clarify certain references to that fund in the constitution. Increased access to the principal of the state public education trust fund would be based upon HJR 109 granting the authority to consider alternative market calculations when determining the amount of principal that is available for distribution to the available school fund. HJR 109 would also provide authority to distribute to the available school fund annual revenue from school fund land or other properties up to \$300 million per year.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment clarifying references to the permanent school fund, allowing the General Land Office to distribute revenue from permanent school fund land or other properties to the available school fund to provide additional funding for public education, and providing for an increase in the market value of the permanent school fund for the purpose of allowing increased distributions from the available school fund."

Proposition Number 7 (SJR 28)

SJR 28 would amend the constitution by adding El Paso County to the list of counties authorized to create conservation and reclamation districts to develop parks and recreational facilities financed by taxes.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit conservation and reclamation districts in El Paso County to issue bonds supported by ad valorem taxes to fund the development and maintenance of parks and recreational facilities."

Proposition Number 8 (SJR 16)

SJR 16 would amend the constitution by requiring the legislature to provide for taxation of open space land devoted to water stewardship purposes on the basis of its productive capacity.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the appraisal for ad valorem tax purposes of open space land devoted to water stewardship purposes on the basis of its productive capacity."

Proposition Number 9 (SJR 9)

SJR 9 would amend the constitution to authorize the governor, on the written recommendation and advice of the Board of Pardons and Paroles, to grant a pardon, reprieve, or commutation of punishment to a person who successfully completes a term of deferred adjudication community supervision.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the governor to grant a pardon to a person who successfully completes a term of deferred adjudication community supervision."

Proposition Number 10 (SJR 37)

SJR 37 would amend the constitution by extending the length of the unexpired term that causes the automatic resignation of certain local elected officeholders if they announce candidacy or become candidates for another office from one year to one year and 30 days.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to change the length of the unexpired term that causes the automatic resignation of certain elected county or district officeholders if they become candidates for another office."

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Childress Chamber of Commerce to host annual golf tournament

The Childress Chamber of Commerce will hold their annual golf tournament, Saturday, September 17 at StoneyRidge Golf Course with a shotgun start at 9:00 am. Format will be a 4 person scramble and entry fee is \$200 per team. Longest drive, closest to the pin and a hole in one opportunity are just some of the contest during the day. Three flights, with a 1st place prize of \$500.00 cash to the winning team of those

flights. Lunch will be provided by Preston Insurance Agency and Unitrin Specialty. Hole in One is sponsored by Arvis Davis Chevrolet with South Plains Electric Cooperative, Childress Banking Center and Cornerston Insurance adding to the sponsorships. Please, contact StoneyRidge at 940-937-2481 or the Chamber at 940-937-2567 to enter or for more information.

The Motley County Junior Class will be selling the community birthday calendars soon. We are currently editing the calendar; if you have additions or know of any corrections that need to be made please contact Rebekah Jameson at school (806)-347-2676 Ext 2415, home (806) 347-2071, cell 940-585-7851 or email rjameson@motleyco.org. Thank you for your support in our school activities.

Rebekah Jameson
Junior Class Sponsor

Freedom From Noise



Freedom from noise! It is sometimes just the thing we need. A quiet, still place, is a treasure and often hard to find in our noisy world. But silence is an indispensable part of any spiritual development. We need quietness at times in seeking to better our relationship with our God. Consider the prophet Elijah who stayed still long enough amid

the noise of life, (the wind, earthquakes and fire), to finally recognize the quiet whisper of God. Read of this in I Kings 19: 10-13.

We, like Elijah, need to pause in our busy lives pursuit of our and enjoy the lack of motion. In the stillness seek God. We generally make a lot of noise and speak lots of words, even to God or about God. It is difficult to stop and be still and let the quietness overtake us. It seems that there is some matter always pressing and urgent. The idea of just sitting there and "doing nothing" seem to trouble some of us more than it helps.

Often, in the stillness will come a desire for prayer. Prayer is one way to let God refresh us, touch us as the artist who is making a sculpture of our lives. Quiet now! The lack of noise is essential to this process. Are we afraid of the silence? Remember when we are with friends and we stop talking, is that the end of the relationship? Of course not! So it is with God. Be still! Soon with a little practice, these moments of the absence of noise will bring about depth to one's spiritual life. Would you give it a try?

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Gabby Silva, Trent Willmon, Cassidy Turner, Cody Johnson at Trent Willmon Concert on September 10, 2011
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WHAT: GOSPEL MEETING

WHERE: Matador Church of Christ
Matador, Texas

WITH: Michael G. Crowley, Jr., Evangelist of Modesto, California in a Series of Biblical Lessons.

Don't you just wish that life could be easy, or at least a little simpler? Have you ever asked God to take the frustration and disappointment out of your life? Have you ever wished you could have more joy, or a more positive perspective? What if God was willing to offer peace in the midst of life's turmoil, would you accept it? What if God was offering to lead you into a deeper, more profound confidence in your life, would you follow Him? What would such a journey look like? When life's sea grows dark and stormy, will we sink, swim, or sail? Let's find out!

WHEN: Sunday, September 25th, through Wednesday, September 28th.

Sunday Bible Class - 10:00 a.m. - "Sink, Swim, or Sail?"

Sunday Morning Worship - 11:00 a.m. - "Fog or Faith?"

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

Sunday Evening Worship - 6:00 p.m. - "Truth or Dare!"

Monday Evening - 7:00 p.m. - "Life or Death!"

Tuesday Evening - 7:00 p.m. - "Safe or Sound."

Wednesday Evening - 7:00 p.m. - "Life on the Rock."

A WARM WELCOME AWAITS YOU!

NEWS AROUND MOTLEY COUNTY

Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

On a personal note

Two of my loyal fans sent me information on the manager of the *Skonk Works* in the *Lil Abner* Comic Strip. He was the lonely inside man, *Big Barnsmell*, the outside man was *Barney Barnsmell*. In fact they supplied me with the Wikipedia Encyclopedia site which supplied me with 14 pages of information on the *Lil Abner* comic strip as well as Al Capp's *Fearless Fosdick* characters. I had forgotten many of the colorful characters which were a daily part of my education during my growing up years that was furnished via the *Fort Worth Star Telegram*.

Having all this pertinent information 'I wanted to know but was afraid to ask' has made me feel that I have now refreshed my education! My thanks to Sam Swim and Louisa Maria Lieberharkort for giving me the opportunity of getting it off my mind!

When I was in Jr. High, my friend and I had lots of fun writing notes when we should have been listening; and drawing cartoon characters hopefully similar to Al Capp's and giving them bodacious 'Dog Patchesque' names. Now that I have 14 printed pages of Dog Patch trivia, ask me anything! For my well-read scholarly friend, I now have the correct name of the little guy who walked with a dark cloud over his head. His name was Joe Btfsplk his last name was pronounced by 'blowing a raspberry'!

In the community

On Thursday, Edith Daniell hosted a birthday and anniversary for the events celebrated and to be celebrated in September. Those honored were: Ken and Suzanne Abbott - anniversary, Ken Abbott - birthday, Cherry Daniell - birthday, Corky and Monta Marshall - anniversary and Monta - birthday. Those attending were: Zella Palmer, Pearl Patten, Floyd Carter, Lisa Perryman, Cherry Daniell, Edith Daniell, Ken and Suzanne Abbott, Buzz and Tince Thacker, Alex and Jo Crowder, Don Stuckey, Ralph Roming, Chig Gwinn, Donna Kennedy, Corky

and Monta Marshall.

On Thursday evening an appreciation dinner was given for Zella Palmer, former City Secretary, who has recently retired by members of the City Council at the Windmill Café. A lovely table was set with beautiful china and glassware; chicken fried steak, hominy and cheese casserole, green beans, salad and baked potatoes were served. A delicious dark chocolate cake with strawberry garnish was served for dessert. Those attending were: the honoree Zella Palmer, Councilman Perry Gullede and Deanne, City Secretary, Lisa Perryman, Councilman Alex Crowder and Jo, Councilwoman P.K. Green, City Manager, Robert Osborn and Olivia, Mayor Corky Marshall and Monta.

Flags were picked up by the Roaring Springs Lions this morning after being displayed from Labor Day through the September 11th memorial for those who died in the 9/11/2001 terrorist attack.

The AA Group held their 41st annual get together this past week-end at the Travelers Inn. This gathering takes place on the weekend after Labor Day each year here in Roaring Springs.

Other Travelers Inn guests were: Melyn Thompson of Burleson, TX and Shelly Ferguson of Haltom City, TX. They were members of Trent Willmon's Band which played at the annual 4-H Club's 4th Annual BBQ and Barn Dance held at the Old Settlers Grounds in Roaring Springs.

Golfers, Eddy and Mindy Taylor and Lynn Coats of Childress were guests of Travelers Inn during the weekend golf tournament held at the Roaring Springs Ranch Club.

Billie Stuckey returned home after a short visit with her daughter and family in Flower Mound, TX.

On Sunday afternoon from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., a reception will be held in honor of retiring City Secretary, Zella Palmer at the Travelers Inn. The public is invited; it is hosted by the Daniels and Travelers Inn.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

Overheard

Ten years ago September 11 was carved into our national consciousness. We all have 9/11 moments, health worries, economic setbacks, family crises, the death of a loved one. Through prayer we connect with others, draw strength and have a vision of hope.

Vacation Trip

Doris and Roger Vinson returned home September 3 from a six weeks vacation trip. They towed their car behind their motor home in which they traveled. They toured Albuquerque, N.M. and the colorful Las Vegas Strip. They continued to California who had an early spring with cool nights and pleasant days. In the Delta Area everything was green with beautiful lakes of water. Tourist attractions enjoyed were the Jelly Belly Factory in Fairfield, Fisherman's wharf and cable cars in San Francisco, Russian River in Cloverdale, scenic mountain trails in Menefee and the Santa Barbara coastline. In Santa Ana, they visited Roger's aunt and family, Mrs. Betty Schroeder.

They traveled the mountain and plateau region in Flagstaff, Arizona. Highlight in this state was in Sedona, a village of all red rock construction built beside a red rock mountain. They said it was beyond description. You would have to see it to appreciate its beauty.

They were glad to be home, but disappointed their land had no moisture!

Mrs. Kathy Shorter returned home Thursday after visiting the past nine days in Wattertown, Massachusetts with daughter and family, Cindy and Chad Calvert and son,

Cade. They toured the Boston Harbor and historical attractions in Boston.

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Brenda and Darrell Cruse, daughter, Leah Cruse of Amarillo met son and family, Derrick and Christina Cruse, Cash and Paisley of Hodgenville, Kentucky in Branson, Missouri during Labor Day holidays. They enjoyed tourist attractions and the entertaining shows.

Wilburn Martin visited during Labor Day holidays in Berger with daughter and family, Marilee and Fred Cooper, Carl Cooper, Cory Cooper, Gavin and Mason.

Sandra and Jerry Barclay enjoyed a football game, Happy vs. Meadow Friday night held in Happy. Their grandson, Colton Barclay and his Meadow teammates defeated Happy. Attending with them was his grandmother, Mrs. Erma Washington and aunt, Mrs. Connie Franks.

Donna Sue and Stanley Deagan of Calgary brought a lunch and visited Sunday with her mother, Mrs. B. Rogers, brother, Donnie Rogers and daughter, Natalie Rogers.

Mrs. Mary Jo Calvert and son, Glen Calvert attended a volleyball game in Wolforth Saturday in which granddaughter, Peyton Mandrell played with the Friendship freshman team. They defeated the Palo Duro team. Following the game, Peyton, her parents, Gwen and Tim Mandrell, Mary Jo and Glen celebrated Peyton's birthday at the Red Lobster in Lubbock.

Dixie and Bill Moseley of Amarillo met Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton at the Main St. Café in Matador Saturday. They had a nice visit as Dixie was an ex-rodeo friend of Dude's.

Labor Day Observed at Do Gooders' Club

The Do Gooders' Club met Tuesday afternoon, September 6, at the Community Center in Flomot and Labor Day was observed.

Labor Day Picnic was the décor of hostess, Mrs. Erma Washington. The table was laid with a red and white checkered cloth. The centerpiece was a tall red wicker basket on a heart shaped mirror holding wooden utensils. Red wicker baskets complimented the table filled with assorted cheese, crackers, dips and chips and a delicious spice cake. It was served with lime punch and coffee.

Pleased with winning the hostess gift of bathroom items including scented soap was Mrs. Barbara Payne.

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

Members sent an appreciation note to Gordon Ruhl of Matador who gave the club bags of quilting scraps, blocks and pattern books that were accumulated by his wife, Linda, who recently passed away. They have already chosen a pattern from one of the books for their 2012 quilt project.

Waydette announced that Mrs. Lou Burleson of Floydada will be the guest at the club meeting October 4 at the Community Center. She will present a skit on Belle Starr at 5:30 p.m. and the public is extended a cordial invitation to attend. Refreshments will be served following the program.

Those attending were Mesdames Mary Jo Calvert, Tommie Jo Cruse, Anna Beth Clay, Connie Franks, Erma Washington, Waydette Clay, Barbara Payne and Cora Johnson. Guest was Mrs. Barbara Reed.

Matador News

By Marilyn Hicks

It has been a whirlwind of a two weeks. I first need to thank Mom and D and Nicole as well as Toni and Georgia for all the extra time they have spent helping us at the Hotel. And, of course, I can't forget the after-schoolers, Cassidy and Meagan. It would be impossible for us to continue without their support.

Old Settlers, Labor Day weekend and high school homecoming for Motley County schools has come and gone for another year. We increasingly have guests in our community who love the hospitable reception they receive. So...thanks to all of you.

Linda, Caron and I are negotiating with Kay Arthur in Precept Ministries about having a workshop in the spring. If you are familiar with her work and workshops, please call and let us know if you would like to be notified and/or included when it is all arranged.

Visitors

One of the most interesting breakfast tables we have had in a while started with Sean and Ann O'Reilly. He is from Wales, and she is from Argentina, but they currently live in the metroplex and are visiting Texas towns with unusual and catchy names. We sent them on to Turkey and Quitaque for a next stop. Also at the table that morning was a couple, Chad Watkins and his wife, from Hobbs, New Mexico. He works at the nuclear enrichment plant in that area. Also breakfasting were Lori and Martin Acosta from El Paso. He is an elementary teacher, and she an ICU nurse at William Beaumont Hospital. The conversation was lively and interesting.

Esteban and Jane Alvarez from Amarillo have been in town to hunt. He is in the army and is a friend of Robert Fisk. Originally he is from San Antonio, and she is from Los Angeles.

Don and Mary Jan Dietrich from Greenville, Ohio stayed both here and at the Woodrow House in Lubbock on their annual trek to see the sights of Texas. They were leaving from Matador to go to Fort Davis and then back through Wink to see the Roy Orbison museum. They will be back next year to continue their quest of all things "Texan."

Enjoying a break and just getting out of Lubbock for a few hours were Marsha and Roger Spalding. She is a physician. Also in the quest for a quiet evening were Sharon and Walter Wright from Plainview. She is a principal with Plainview ISD, and he is the choir director for the district.

After and during Old Settlers, Kathy Lawrence and husband, Kurt Boudreaux, enjoyed an extended stay to visit with family and friends. They were going on the Lubbock to see more family before heading back to Louisiana.

Jimmy and Jean Wynn came in for Old Settlers, and especially for the cowboy reunion. He worked for the Matador Ranch during the 50's and returns each year to renew friendships. They

are now residents of Carlsbad, New Mexico.

The 4-H event on Saturday attracted several people. Melyn Thompson and Shelly Ferguson from Burleson have worked with Trent Willmon for several years. Also coming in for the concert were Jerry and Linda Hale from Palo Pinto. He is a cousin of Trent and was anxious to hear the concert. Robin Ballenger from Mineral Wells was a concert attendee. Misty Broadus from Argyle also slid into town right before the concert. She made the opening notes in spite of car trouble.

Attending the 57th class reunion at Patton Springs School was Retired Army Chaplain, Billy Goodwin. He was accompanied by his wife to the festivities. They currently live in Cedar Hill and are frequent guest in our community.

Debbie and Neal Haralson from Allen joined members of Debbie's class for a reunion in Roaring Springs on Saturday. Jan Higginbotham McClure was proudly showing a child's wedding pictures to members of that class as well. From the giggling already going on in the lobby, I think it was probably a great gathering.

Debra Kuss surprised her husband, Rodney, with a get-away for their anniversary. The Kuss's live in Lubbock. Enjoying the Heritage Suite as a retreat were Sam and Megan Kelly from Amarillo.

Making a second trip to Matador for the week were R. B. and Frances Martin from Petersburg. Early last week they were here for the gifting of her father's fiddle to the Motley County Museum. The stay for the weekend was a gift from Toni and Ken Matlock and girls from Lubbock.

The Hotel Matador was the venue for the rehearsal dinner for the wedding of Fannin Gwinn and Ashley McCulloch. The event was hosted by James and Darla Gwinn. A traditional steak dinner was enjoyed by 27 guests and family members. Ashley then stayed at the hotel and dressed for the Saturday wedding. She was a lovely bride.

Diane Steinmeier and Jo Green, both of Lubbock, friends of Arlyce Manney, enjoyed a visit in Matador recently. They were impressed with the local historic offerings, and enjoyed seeing the jail, cemetery, Hotel Matador, the historical museum, and decor in the Main Street Cafe. A driving tour of Matador completed their sightseeing experience. They also had tours of the Methodist churches in Matador and Roaring Springs.

Deanie Edwards visited her son and family, Stephen, Lori and Haley Davis, last weekend. It was homecoming in Dalhart and Deanie got to see some of her teaching friends and got to watch her granddaughter march in the Golden Wolf Band. The game was played in the new stadium that has just about been finished. She had a great time catching up on what is going on with each family member. The weather was wonderful and pleasant. She returned home Sunday afternoon.

USDA Outlines SURE Eligibility Requirements

Motley County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Amy Hackler, announced that legislative authority for the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE) program ends on September 30, 2011. Producers must meet specific eligibility requirements to receive SURE assistance for disasters that occur on or before September 30, 2011, and affect fall 2011 and 2012 crops.

"The SURE program compensates producers for production and/or quality losses during times of disaster," said Hackler.

Producers can apply for a 2011 or 2012 SURE payment if a crop of economic significance located in a primary or contiguous disaster county under a Secretarial Disaster Designation suffered at least a 10 percent loss because of disaster occurring on or before September 30, 2011.

Crops are not required to be harvested on or before September 30, 2011, to maintain SURE eligibility. A loss claim will only trigger after FSA determines that the loss was because of disaster occurring on or before September 30, 2011. Losses that result from disasters that occur after September 30, 2011, will not be eligible for SURE benefits.

Producers with 2011 and 2012 crops that suffer losses caused by disasters that occur on or before September 30, 2011, must also meet the following criteria:

- For insured crops, the insurance policy defines the coverage period as beginning on or before September 30, 2011
- For Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program

(NAP) crops, the coverage period begins on or before September 30, 2011

- The final planting date according to RMA and FSA (NAP crops only) occur on or before September 30, 2011.

Hackler points out that, "If the crop is planted prior to September 30, 2011, but the final planting date is after September 30, 2011, the crop will not be eligible for SURE benefits."

The sign-up period for 2011 and 2012 SURE will be announced at a later date, after the national average market prices are determined for each respective crop year. For questions regarding the SURE program, please contact the Motley County FSA office at 806-347-2263.

This Week's Local Forecast

						
Thursday T-storms 74/57	Friday Mostly Cloudy 77/60	Saturday Partly Cloudy 86/62	Sunday Mostly Sunny 85/60	Monday Mostly Sunny 87/61	Tuesday Mostly Sunny 90/65	Wednesday Partly Cloudy 88/64

Weather Trivia

Where did the word *tornado* come from?

Answer: The Spanish word *tormenta*.

Weather History

Sept. 15, 1752 - A great hurricane produced a tide along the South Carolina coast that came close to inundating downtown Charleston. However, just before the tide reached the city, a shift in the wind caused the water level to drop five feet in 10 minutes.

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- September**
- 14 Hospital Bd meets in the back of the ambulance barn, 7am
 - 15 Pep Rally at 12:10
 - 15 Mavericks vs. Paducah at 5 p.m.
 - 15 Matador Masonic Lodge, 6:30 pm
 - 16 Pep Rally Friday at 3:00pm
 - 16 Matadors @ Paducah at 7:30 p.m.
 - 17 Cross Country Jr. High and High School at Plainview 8:00 am
 - 20 Matador Lions
 - 21 Matador Ranch to host AgriLife Extension wildlife and wildfire field day
 - 23 Mavericks vs. Follett at 5:00 (JV at 6:30)
 Matadors vs. Follet at 7:30
 - 29 Mavericks vs. Crowell at 5 p.m.
 - 30 Thank you/Welcoming party at the Library, 10:00--11:00 a.m.
 - 30 Matadors @ Crowell at 7:30
- October
- 1 49th Annual Northfield Homecoming Reunion, Matador Senior Citizens, 10:00 a.m. A cover dish lunch will be served.

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Public Notice

The Motley County Commissioner's Court will meet on September 16, 2011 at 9:00am in Special Session for Purpose of Adopting the 2011-2012 FY Budget. The Commissioner's Court is purposing to use the effective tax rate of .69197 for the 2011-2012 Budget year. This is an Open meeting and the Public is invited to attend and express their comments. ct37

Public Notice

The Motley County Commissioner's Court will meet on September 16, 2011 at 9:30am in Special Session for the Purpose of Redistricting to comply with the United States Department of Justice. This is an Open meeting and the Public is invited to attend and express their comments. ct37

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

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

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Dist/Div: Childress
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Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.txdot.gov and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor. NPO: 37803

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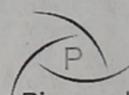


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