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City Council approves recommendations to Market Matador

By Carol Campbell Motley County Tribune

Matador City Council met at City Hall on Thursday, April 12, 2012. Present were Councilmen Chuck Ream, Alvin Alexander, Shane Jones, and Bobby Klodginski; Mayor Pat Smith, City Secretary Debra Scott, and Water Superintendent Steve Barton. Also attending as observers were Betty Roberts, Mary Jones, Tom Edwards, Jeremy Jameson Matador. and Brandon Moore.

of Deanie Edwards, Carol Campbell, Ron Bailey, and Robert Fisk. Deanie Edwards spoke to the Council about enforcing ordinances for trash dumpsters. She said that the dumpsters in her neighborhood were being filled to the brim with leaves, grass, limbs, old carpet and appliances. "Most of the time the dumpster is so full that the lid will not close," she said, leaving the trash available to unleashed dogs and feral cats. "I'm tired of picking up neighborhood trash," Edwards said.

Carol Campbell thanked City Council and the 4-B Tax Board for their past support of the Motley County Video Project, extending a personal

invitation to the video screening set for May 5, 2012, at Hotel Matador. Campbell gave a brief overview of the project.

Ron Bailey complimented Steve Barton and Bobby Klodginski for their hard work on restoring the restrooms north of the courthouse in time for the Boondockers motorcycle event. The renovation of the 1962 building will provide public restrooms for special events in downtown

He also recognized the up-Three citizens spoke in coming magazine article from Open Forum, consisting the Texas Historical Commission Medallion magazine where Matador will be one of the featured towns on the Quanah Parker Trail. In addition, The Texas Highways magazine will publish an article on places of interest in Motley County in the May issue of the magazine, Bailey said.

> Robert Fisk said he was asked by neighbors to pick up toys and trash in his yard, and that he had done so. "I have also received complaints from neighbors about my dogs," he said, adding, he had corrected this problem. Mary Jones, a neighbor, spoke to Fisk personally, thanking him for his attention to this matter.

> In the City Superintendent's report, Steve Barton said he had received a favorable "focus

inspection" from TCEQ on the Site Operating Plan at the Matador Landfill. The city has now closed eight pits as required by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

Barton also complimented local citizens for helping complete restoration on the restrooms north of the courthouse, citing Ron Bailey, Bert Darsey, Bobby Klodginski, Debra Scott; and Tim Cooper who "helped me unload all the junk that was stored in the building." Mayor Pat Smith also commended the volunteer workers.

Five action items on the agenda consisted of approval of March expenditures and March minutes with corrections; approval of an ordinance cancelling the city election; board appointments and city recommendations to Market Matador; and rescinding a water drought contingency plan. No action was taken on the purchase of a Street Sweeper.

An ordinance cancelling the election for May 12, 2012, was approved by unanimous vote. Two council positions vacated by Chuck Ream and Nathan Shannon will be filled by Betty Roberts and Rodney Williams. There were no write-in candidates. Pat Smith, mayor, was unopposed, and therefore elected for an additional term.

The Council went into Executive Session to discuss "property and personnel" at 7:00 p.m., recalling the regular session at 7:45 p.m. Councilmember Alvin Alexander made a motion to replace both Roy Hobbs and Bobby Williams on the Market Matador Board. Both motions died due to lack of a second to the motions.

Mayor Pat Smith then introduced seven recommendations from the City of Matador to Market Matador, including in part that Market Matador "shall sell lots (other than lots for the industrial park) to persons interested in buying lots.

. . without restrictions and as quickly as possible." This action by the City Council was in response to a citizen's request to purchase lots in east Matador on Dundee Street. The initial request was denied by the Market Matador board. The Market Matador board consists of Linda Roy, chairman, Misty Jones, secretary, Roy Hobbs, treasurer, and members Ron Bailey and Bobby Williams. Councilmember Chuck Ream made the motion to accept the city recommendations for Market Matador, seconded by Councilmember Shane Jones. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

In other business, the City Secretary reported to the Council that the Water Board that met prior to the Council meeting at 6:00 p.m. requested the Council rescind the Stage One Water Drought Contingency Plan. A motion made by Alvin Alexander, seconded by Church Ream, passed by unanimous vote.

Rick Day Reports on Mott Creek Site at Archeological Seminar



By Marisue Potts Motley County Tribune

The Mott Creek Site of Motley County was the topic for educator Rick Day at the Southwest Federation of Archeological Societies Symposium held at Iraan, Texas, on April 14, 2012. Day joined seven other presenters at the regional meeting covering Southeastern New Mexico and Western Texas with societies representing Concho Valley, Lea County, Midland, Panhandle Plains, and Iraan.

Topics included Ghost Courthouses, Plains and Pueblo Rock Art, the Butterfield Trail through Satellite Imagery, Photo Archeology, the Fulcher Site on Terlingua Creek, Rock Oven Middens, Creation of an Archeological Technician Degree at New Mexico Junior College, and the Student Digs at Mott Creek.

Day, a teacher at Andrews I.S.D. for 24 years, has for the past seven years conducted onsite work excavating a Pre-historic Indian site that has been endangered by erosion and floods along the creek bluff. His work force consisted of middle school students and volunteers from the ranks of faculty, colleagues, family, and friends. At the meeting he recognized those in attendance for their assistance: his father, Bill Day of Matador, for discovering the site and working with the kids; Reg Wiseman of Santa Fe, N.M., for identification of the Pueblo and Southern Plains pottery sherds; Charles Hemann of Andrews, for video and technology expertise; and Marisue Potts, representing Mott Creek Ranch, for providing the site and the opportunity.

During the slide show presentation, Day explained that the site was located in a motte or pocket forest of cottonwood, hackberry, walnut, and willows. Besides the obvious attraction of game to the water source, another resource for the Native Americans was the meta-quartzite pebbles at the base of the foothills, an important feature for the rock ovens and rock hearths used in buffalo meat and grease processing. The cut bank is affected by a header channel that during certain rain events is very destructive, such as the 22 inches generated in a three-day period by Hurricane Dolly in 2008. The excavation became a salvage operation to record the artifacts that would

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Texas House of Representative Candidate to Speak in Matador

Lanhon Odom, candidate for the Texas House of Representatives in District 68, will speak at Hotel Matador downtown Matador, Texas, on April 21, 2012, at 6:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend a "Meet and Greet" sponsored by the Motley County Democratic Party.

In addition, residents are invited to greet former state Representative Joe Heflin, a Crosbyton Democrat that represented House District 85 for two terms.

redistrict-Under new ing maps, House District 68 stretches from as far north as Wheeler County to as far south as Fisher County on the South Plains and then all the way to Cooke County in North Texas. County.

Odom will be speaking on several major issues: Healthcare, Education, and Water. "It's time to stop playing politics and seriously address our State's pressing issues," Odom said. "It is time to sit down together and seek real, equitable, and fair solutions to the challenges we face."

Odom was born in Fort Worth, Texas, in 1950, and grew up in Farmers Branch. His mother and father met

after WWII while attending Texas Christian University. His mother was born and raised on a ranch in Reagan County where Odom spent much of his

His grandmother taught school for 50 years in Reagan County and his grandfather raised cattle. Odom's father was a Baptist minister and the voungest of 10 children born to tenant farmers in Johnson County. Both parents are credited for his "never quit" attitude and "can do" spirit.

He attended Texas Tech University before volunteering to serve in the U.S. Army from 1969-1972, serving almost a year in Vietnam. He graduated from the University of This new map includes Motley Texas at Arlington and South Texas College of Law. Odom has been practicing law for the last quarter century in North

> "I never wasted time trying to build a resume that would help me become a politician," Odom said. "I have simply tried to be the very best citizen I could be and I've always treated others the way I would want to be treated. If elected, I will answer to no political party but only to the citizens of District 68. That's a promise."

Boondockers Matador Grand Prix Stage 7th Annual Race



Lady Mats and Lady Mavs. Pictured are the high school Lady Mats and the Junior High Lady Mavs who sponsored a hamburger cook at the Boondockers Race as a fundraiser for two summer basketball camps.. Story on page 7. More photos by Carol Campbell on page 3, 6 and 7

Foothill Country

Connections

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



By Laverne Zabielski

There is so much happening in Motley County it's hard to keep track of everything. Especially for publishers and editors that do not currently live in the county. All the more reason for us to understand. And apathy among citizens is not good for any community. The more we ask questions the more understanding is gained, the better for everyone. We have deep roots in MC and, being landowners, we, too, are affected by every decision. Motley County's future is important to us and we have pride in her past. So bear with us when we ask questions that may appear obvious to some. I have a feeling, however, that there are others who are also seeking clarity and I look forward to your response.

For starters, I'm still pondering last weeks' Commissioners Court regarding the sheriff being confronted by other commissioners. I've been thinking, that for one elected official to confront another elected official in a public meeting seems inappropriate, or as in my mother's words, "not nice." I'm thinking, that when a constituent has a concern regarding an elected official and expresses it to his commissioner the matter would best be handled one on one, man to man, citizen to citizen, heart to heart, or in executive session.

However, if a constituent wants their concern expressed publicly, they may forfeit their right to remain anonymous and speak in open forum. Transparency and integrity are always best.

In this week's story on the Matador city council meeting there was much discussion on the future of Market Matador. When I asked Market Matador's President, Linda Roy, about the the board's role in the community she stated, "The Market Matador Board of Directors are all dedicated to making decisions that are in the best interest of Matador and that support our goal for advancing positive economic development of the city. When the Board considers dispersal of lots owned by Market Matador, the following things are points of consideration: location of the lot, availability of city services, whether the property is bordered by either gravel or paved streets, and the potential highest and best use of that property. The directors ask themselves: Will the potential of this property be realized by this sale? Will the sale promote positive city development?"

I'm thinking about the city council asking Market Matador to sell lots to persons interested in buying lots without restrictions and as quickly as possible with the primary intention that the sale of these properties is simply to put them back on the tax rolls. I am confused. How much money will this actually generate?

If generating more taxes is the goal, another idea might be to tax the lots used for "storage" at a higher rate than those that are vacant.

The city appears to be divided on whether or not its goal is for advancing positive economic development.

WRITING COMMUNITY

History of Matador By Grace Wood Shelton

Editor's Note: The following is a "first source" document written by Grace Wood Shelton (Mrs. Cecil Shelton) as a school assignment. Grace Wood was born in Matador in 1909 and after the death of her mother lived with her grandparents. Her grandfather, Mr. William Wood, ran one of the earliest blacksmith shops in the county. Grace was the mother of Grace Evelyn (Shelton) (Garrison) Smallwood, now residing in north Matador with her husband, Herbert Smallwood. Grace's other children were Mary Francis, Cecil Wayne, and Helen Sue. Grace died November 2, 2002, at the age of 93, in Matador, and is buried at East Mound Cemetery.

In her bibliography, Grace cited interviews with pioneer residents Mrs. A. M. Bourland, Mr. T. T. Jameson, and Mrs. D.P. Keith. We know from Eleanor Traweek's research that Mr. Jameson died in 1942. While this school assignment was not dated, it is believed that it was written in 1926 when Grace was a senior in high school.

Her first interviewee, Mary Dora Armstrong, married Arlando Mosley (A.M.) Bourland in 1886. In 1891, they "came West" in a covered wagon to Floyd County where Mr. Bourland was one of the first county commissioners. In 1897, the family moved to Motley County. In 1913, Mr. Bourland, a stockfarmer, bought the Ed Lisenby property and moved a few miles east of Matador. Mr. Bourland died November 25, 1956; Mrs. Bourland died May 14, 1948. They were the parents of seven children: Fred, Clyde, Addie, Carroll, Florence, Edwin and Cecil.

Her second interview was with Mr. Thomas T. Jameson. Mr. Jameson married Hettie Eldora Doolen in 1891. They moved from Foard County to Motley County in 1912. They settled on a farm about a mile northwest of Matador. Mr. Jameson served as a Sunday School Superintendent and Steward of the Methodist Church for 40 years. Mr. and Mrs. Jameson were the parents of nine children: Jimmie, Metta, Elmer, Ona, Ethel, Thomas, Franklin, Mabel, Robert, and Roberta. T. T. Jameson died in 1942.

Her third interview was with

Mrs. D. P. Keith, daughter (Cecil) of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Bourland (the first interviewee). D. P. Keith was the pioneer son of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Keith. When this assignment was written, the D. P. Keith's were prominent residents of Matador (c. 1926).

For historical accuracy, corrections to the assignment are included in parenthesis. For example, Grace cited Mr. A. B. Cooper as the first County Judge. H. H. Campbell was the first judge, and Mr. A. B. Cooper was the first County Commissioner, Precinct No. 3. In spite of a few date and name discrepancies, this is a wonderful historical document, now in safekeeping at the Motley County Museum.

Excerpts taken from *Of Such* as *These*, *A History of Motley County*, Eleanor Traweek, 1975.

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Preface: In my theme I have tried to show the development of Matador since 1891. I have secured most of my material from oral sources and some from written sources. I am greatly indebted to Mrs. A. M. Bourland, Mr. T. T. Jameson, and Mrs. D.P. Keith.

T. Jameson, and Mrs. D.P. Keith. The first two settlements made in Motley County were in the southwestern and northwestern parts of the county. The one in the northeastern part was the more important in the early days. There were only six families there, Mr. A. B. Cooper, Mr. T. J. Jeffries, Mr. J. E. Pritchard, and Mr. S. N., Armstrong, The settlement in the southwestern part did not amount to much until the founding of Matador. There were only two families in this settlement, Mr. H. H. Campbell and Mr. R. L. Davis. Mr. Harry Campbell, son of Mr. H. H. Campbell, was the first boy born in Motley County and Miss

Nora Cooper the first girl.

Motley County was organized in 1891. The first County Clerk was Mr. (Walter A.) Walton. The first judge was Mr. A. B. Cooper (H.H. Campbell, Judge; and A. B. Cooper, Commissioner, Precinct No. 3) and the first sheriff Mr. Joe Burkett (sic) (Beckham).

There were no railroads within forty miles of Matador and people freighted from Quanah and Childress. They would make two

trips a year in the fall and in the spring and get enough supplies to last during this time. They carried mail in a hack from Childress, having two changes of mules, one at Turtle Hole Camp and one at Tell. Mr. T. N. Cammack carried the first mail. Mr. Hearse raised the first cotton in the county in 1893 on the farm where Mr. Welby Carpenter now lives. After this the

began to grow.

They had to take
their cotton to Childress to be

cotton industry

ginned.

In 1902, the Railroad came to Paducah. Mr. A. M. Bourland then carried mail from Matador to Paducah. The first stores were wooden buildings. The present lumberyard occupies the site of the old courthouse. The Dry Goods store was where the State bank now stands, the Drug Store where the Light Hotel is, and an old livery stable where the jail is located at present. The sidewalks were of plank. There were only two dwelling houses here then. Mr. Pat Cornett lived in one and Mr. Carpenter in the other. They were just small two-room hous-

There were only three hundred voters in the first election ever held in Matador. Mr. H. H. Campbell was elected judge and Mr. Black (Beckham) sheriff. After they voted whiskey out of Matador, the town began to grow rapidly. Mr. I. F. Fish built the first large house in Matador, which is his present residence. (Note: Irv F. Fish died in 1940. The first house was razed and the historic two-story house was built in 1915. This house is the current residence of Marilynn and Randy Hicks on Main Street, directly north of the First Baptist Church.)

In 1906 the new courthouse was built, it was made of stone.



Grace Wood was the granddaughter of William Wood, a pioneer blacksmith in Matador at the turn of the century. She graduated from the old Matador High

(Note: A cornerstone located in the northwest corner of the old Motley County Courthouse gave this date: September 27, A. D., 1904). In 1907 a jail was built, this was also a stone building. (The jail was built in 1891 by stonemasons Aiken and Cornett).

In 1912, Matador was still very small, there being only five hundred and twenty-three people here. The first brick building was the Ward School, erected in 1912, which is still in use. (Note: This school was located in east Matador on Dundee Street. The old cement foundation is still visible). There were only a few business places at this time. They were built of lumber and sheet iron.

In 1913, a railroad was brought into Roaring Springs, a small town nine miles south of Matador. Then, the most prominent businessmen moved to Roaring Springs. About this time, Moore Brothers (Commercial) Grocery Store, Bates Dry Goods, Campbell's Millinery, and the Racket Store (Matador Variety) burned. The fire and the drouth (sic) retarded the growth of Matador at this time to a great extent.

In 1914, the railroad was brought to Matador. (Note: The MCRR was chartered June 20, 1913). This gave new life to the town. Several of the old buildings continued on page 3

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Motley County Shining Stars



The students pictured above were awarded the pillar of character "Caring" by their teachers. This pillar involes such traits as being kind. As our 4 year old Harbor so often says "Mrs. Crowley says be nice and kind." What great words of wisdom for us all. Being compassionate to others and showing you care is another very important attribute for our kids to learn. There are people in need all around us and one of our missions should be to help others. We strive everyday to make our kids caring and compassionate individuals. Front row: Tucker Barton, Zowie Barton, Gabriel Rivera, April Gray, Journey Salazar, Nevaeh Martin, Trevor Barclay. Back Row: Mark Quintero, Sabra Pope, Shayla Clay, Hannah Mason, Sage Guerrero, Brendon Fisk photo by Walter Taylor

RS City Council appoints new members to tax board

By Lisa Perryman Motley County Tribune

Roaring Springs City Council met at City Hall on Tuesday, April 10, 2012. Present were Councilmen Perry Gulledge, Timmy Brooks, James Mc-Cleskey and Alex Crowder; and Mayor Corky Marshall and City Secretary Lisa Perryman. Absent were Councilwoman PK Green and Water Manager Robert Osborn.

Timmy Brooks made a motion to approve the expenditures and financial report, seconded by James McCleskey. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

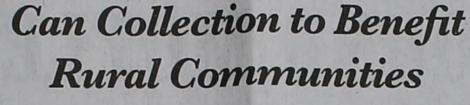
Mayor Marshall addressed council and asked if they would like for him to check into converting the CD's at First National Bank of Seymour to possibly earn a higher annual percentage rate through a Government Security Firm. James McCleskey made a motion to investigate further, seconded by Timmy Brooks. The motion carried by

unanimous vote.

Mayor Marshall reported that the work at the Community Center was finished and if any further work needed to be done to help with the cooling problem, Phil Kerr suggested laying insulation in the ceilings to keep the heat down and the cost would run around \$3,000.00.

Economic Development Part A Tax Board was down to three members due to Travis McPherson and Don Stuckey's term expiring at the end of 2011. Alex Crowder made a motion to appoint Timmy Brooks and Don Stuckey to the Board, seconded by James McCleskey. This motion carried by unanimous vote.

Council re-addressed how to handle future bids in the paper. Timmy Brooks suggested that if the City had more than two items up for bid to specify in the bid if the bids were a package deal or individual bids to eliminate future misunderstandings on the bidding process.



According to the Texas Plains Trail Region (TPTR) Executive Director Deborah Sue McDonald, "52 is the magic number." A can collection drive started April 1, 2012, and will run for 52 days to May 22, 2012. There are 52 counties in the TPTR

The AgriLife Extension Office in collaboration with Motley County 4-H is in competition with other 4-H kids in Districts 1 and 2 to collect the most cans in the district in support of a grant program that will benefit rural communities financially with special projects.

"I would like to thank AgriLife Extension and the 4-H Club for their willingness to help us out," McDonald said. "You are making a huge dent in not only cleaning up our counties, but also adding money into a grant fund that will benefit counties that may not have the financial support for special projects. We could not do it without all of you."

Ryan Martin, Motley County Extension Agent, said a 4-H

trailer is now parked on the north side of the courthouse to collect the cans. "This will be our drop-off site for the can collection we are participating in," Martin said. "Pass this information on to everyone you know so hopefully, we can collect the most cans."

The Grant Fund program will benefit innovative and educational programs, event planning, city beautification projects, website and brochure development, and other special needs, McDonald said. "Together we CAN all make a difference in the region – one can at a time." Individuals and businesses are encouraged to drop off cans at the 4-H trailer.

For more information please Extension Agent Ryan Martin at (806) 347-2733 or (806) 406-0265; or Deborah Sue McDonald at (806) 231-3479 or txplainstrail@yahoo.com.

Dog Grooming Business Opens in Matador



Kellye's Doggie Boutique has opened for business at 1625 Scotch Street, located just west of the old elementary school. Kellye and her husband Dale Treadwell moved to Matador last October. She decided to open a full-service dog grooming establishment. In order to get her certification, she had to groom 35 different breeds of dogs, she said. She expects to be fully certified very soon when she will announce a Grand Opening.

photo by Carol Campbell

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Matador

were torn down and brick ones erected in their places. The First National Bank was built in the same year. Old sidewalks were torn down and cement walks were constructed.

In 1916, the City Bakery was built, and the Magnolia Petroleum Oil Company was established in Matador.

In 1917, the men and boys of age had to go to war. Many people were greatly discouraged, especially the business men during these hard times. In 1919 the town again began to grow rapidly. The A. G. McAdams Lumber Company and the West Texas Gin Company were established.

Mr. Morris put in a garage and filing station. The first theater was also erected at this time. In 1921, the Ford Garage was built which was a help to Matador. In 1921, Mr. Homer Sheats erected a large brick building in which he put a hardware and the Western Dry Goods. About this time, the old First State Bank was torn down and a beautiful brick building took its place. This also serves as a Post Office and offices for professional men. It was during this year that the light plant burned and left the town without lights. In 1925, however, an ice plant and light plant combined were built. This light plant was built on a larger scale than the first one.

In 1925 the population had greatly increased and the town was developing rapidly. It was in this year that our High School building was erected. This building is a very beautiful one, modern in every respect. The value of this building to Matador for this one year has proved to be inestimable. A Buick Garage was also built at this time.

In 1926, the Masonic Hall burned and a new one of brick is now being erected. The Methodists at the present have under construction a brick church. This is the first brick church of which Matador can boast. (Note: Grace attended school in the old brick school building in east Matador. She is pictured in a photograph (Of Such as These . . . p. 85) with her classmates on the steps of the old school, c. 1926).

There are numerous beautiful dwelling houses going up and there are good prospects for many more in the near future.

The population of Matador today is eighteen hundred, an increase of five hundred over 1925. The steady growth of the population is accompanied by progressive building plans.

Homecoming 2012 Date Changes

News Flash!!! Due to the UIL bumping up their schedule, the 2012 Matador/ Motley County Ex-Students Association will celebrate Homecoming on October 5th and 6th instead of the September 28th date.

Please mark your calendars and help us spread the word. If you have any questions, or a change of name or address, please email us at kayron@ caprock-spur.com. We appreciate Dorothy Turner letting us know her sister, Helen Stanfield Duke's new address.

State Assessment Week Details

State Assessments will be come to school at the regular given at MCISD from April 24 - April 27, 2012. These assessments will involve students in grades 3-8.

Monday, April 23 will a regular school day for all students. Tuesday, April 24 will be as-

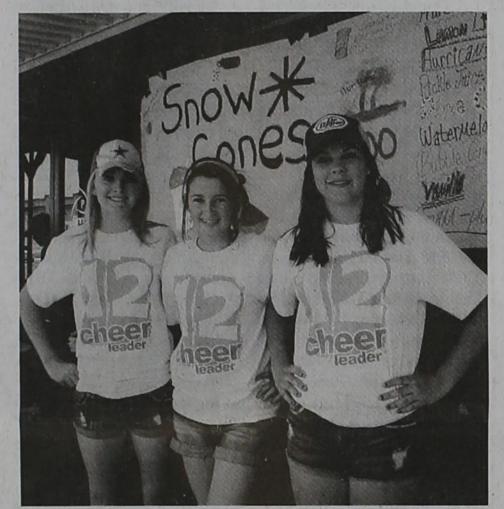
sessment day for students in grades 3, 4, 6, 7, and 10. The students in grades 8 and 9 will come to school at the regular time. Students in grades 11 and 12 will come to school at 1:00

Wednesday, April 25 will be assessment day for students in grades 3, 4, 6, 7, and 11. The students in grades 8 and 9 will

time. Students in grades 10 and 12 will come to school at 1:00

Thursday, April 26 will be assessment day for students in grades 8, 10, and 11. All elementary and middle school students will have a regular school day. Students in grades 9 and 12 will come to school at 1:00 p.m.

Friday, April 27 will be assessment day for students in grades 8, 10, and 11. All students except those in grade 12 will have a regular school day. Students in grade 12 will come to school at 1:00 p.m.



High School Cheerleaders. Pictured are high school cheerleaders (L to R) Natalie Jameson, Avery Wright, and Mattie Brooks. Other cheerleaders participating, but not available for the photo were Catherine Ward, Katie Barton, Shelby Elliott, and Sabra Pope. The High School Cheerleaders sold snow cones to raise money for cheerleading camp this summer.

The MC Jr. High Cheerleaders held a bake sale Easter weekend that was a huge success! We would like to thank everyone who came out and supported us.

WE CAN KNOW!



Job answered the Lord, "I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me which I did not know." (Job 42:3).

I recently read that the word kangaroo means, "I don't know" in the language of the Australian Aborigines. When Captain Cook asked the natives

what the name of the strange looking animal was they answered "kangaroo."

In the eighth chapter of the book of Acts there was a man of Ethiopia, reading from the book of Isaiah, who was asked by Philip, "Do you know that you are reading?" And he said, "How can I except someone guides me." This very sincere man was searching for answers, "Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus." (Acts 8:35). It was said of the people in Berea that, "These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether, those things were so." (Acts 17:11). It is important that we go to the right source to find the answers.

Paul with confidence said, "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day." (II Timothy 1:12).

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

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NEWS AROUND MOTLEY COUNTY

Roaring Springs News By Monta Marshall

On a personal note

Maybe my column should be 'It Happened on Third Street', that is mostly what I have to report! Dixie Dog has had a busy week. While we were away at a funeral for my cousin at Las Cruces, Dixie had surgery (spayed). Did it slow her down any? Not at all - when she was picked up on Saturday morning and arrived at the house she could still jump just as high and be just as ornery. The first thing she did was go take all of her toys out of her bed where they were piled. Did she have fun digging in her bed! It is hard on her bed though. Dixie loves to play ball; Sunday morning she invented a new game. She carries her ball and drops it into the bathtub and of course she can't reach it so the barking begins until one of us goes and gets it. Then she is back to put it in again. She managed that four times before we got smart enough to close the door! She is a pretty good trainer.

Her most aggravating trick is to run between our legs and out the door. She is like greased lightning; we're too decrepit to chase her couple of blocks. Ev- the session. ery time we can almost reach down and catch her she cuts her eyes around seeing where we are and whoosh, she is gone again. So far spankings don't help. Maybe we are teaching her if she is caught she gets a spanking instead of the spanking being because she ran away again. Where are you, 'Dog Whisperer', when we need you?

The other Third Street news is that the purple martins finally arrived at our house sixteen days later than usual. We were glad to see them.

In the community

The Roaring Springs Volunteers met last Tuesday at the Windmill Café. More planning for the 70 Mile Garage Sale was done. The volunteers voted to again raffle a shotgun to raise money. A bake sale during the Highway 70 Garage sale was discussed. The volunteers plan to have their booth set up in the building adjacent to the Windmill Café. The bake sale will take place out on the sidewalk.

Alex Crowder will again organize the Fourth of July parade and memorial service. A signup sheet will be posted later at the café for those who would volunteer to make homemade ice cream for the Fourth of July. Last year we did not have as much as was needed. Keep this in mind and if you can, please help with this community endeavor. The proceeds of the ice cream supper help pay for the fireworks. Speaking of which praying for good rains that will

lift the fire ban will be appreciated too!

The volunteers voted to again to raffle a shotgun to raise money later in the year.

Those attending the meeting were: Deanette Gulledge, Christy Ward, Lisa Perryman, J. N. Fletcher, Alex Crowder, Bobby Witcher, Chris Spence, Devonne Dillard, Corky and Monta Marshall.

There will be another Roaring Springs Community Volunteers meeting on the first Tuesday evening at 5:30 p.m. for May as well as in June. The May meeting will be May first.

On Sunday afternoon, a fun jam session was held at the Full Gospel Church for anyone who would like to get a band started as well as anyone who would like to sing Blest Brass Gospel Opry. Fourteen people came; it was discovered that much practicing would be needed! The next gathering is tentatively set for Sunday afternoon, April 22nd. If you like to sing or play come have fun with the group. Altos and tenors are especially needed but whatever you sing or play, you will be welcome. A pot luck supper was held after

On Saturday afternoon, Ken and Dinah Young, Ginny and Jena LaDue were guests of Dinah's sister and brother-in-law at the Ragtown Theater in Post. It was a special program celebrating the theater being paid off. The play presented was "The Televangelist and John," written by Chip Polk. It was a comedy based on a Televangelist (Glen Polk) crashing in an airplane on the Isle of Patmos where John was exiled. Dinah said it was hilarious and certainly worth the drive to Post to see it. A gospel singing was also part of the afternoon entertainment with Chip Polk, his daughter and Kenny Maines.

Myrtle Marshall Bowen of Roaring Springs died at her home on Saturday morn-Funeral arrangements are pending. She is the sister of Miller Marshall of Spur and an aunt of Bobby and Georgia Witcher of Roaring Springs. Mrs. Bowen grew up here had moved back here last year.

Floyd and Diane Carter have friends, Fred and Patricia Heinz of Gakona, Alaska, visiting them this week.

Joe Glenn and Joyce Meredith accompanied by Jonah and Parker Meredith went to San Angelo to visit Jonah's parents and sister: Cody, Leah and Angelica Meredith on Sunday.

Kenneth Ashley remains in the hospital in California. He has surgery on his leg and is still waiting for his leg to heal sufficiently to allow a skin graft to be successful.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

Overheard

Paul Heyne: "The gap in our economy is between what we have and what we think we ought to have. This is a moral problem and not an economic

Clean up Day at **Flomot Cemetery**

Saturday morning, April 14, they had a Clean-up Day at the Flomot Cemetery. They cleaned inside and outside around the rock fence. It was in A-1 condition when they returned to their respective homes.

Those working were Ronald Clay, who dug up stumps of trees and his wife, Waydetta, Connie and Coy Franks, Cora Gail and Rex Johnson, Erma Washington, Sandra Barclay, Mary Jo Calvert and Seab Washington.

Community News

Elisa and Stan Wigley of Lubbock visited her mother, Mrs. Aleda Ross, Sunday.

Tommie Merrett of Granbury visited Wednesday and Thursday with Wilburn Martin and Dr. David Martin.

Ruth and Orville Lee were in Lubbock Monday for him an optical appointment and treat-

Connie and Coy Franks visited during the weekend in Idalou with sons and families, Cory and Amy Franks, Hudson, Madison and Heston and Cary and Mary Franks. They enjoyed the baseball game Saturday afternoon in Idalou in which Hudson and teammates played.

Visiting Sunday with Mrs. Janice Hughes were sons, Roger and Ricky Hughes of Floydada.

Ruth and Orville Lee, Roger and Shonda Lee visited in Clarendon Sunday with Joey and Brenda Lee. Joining them there was grandson, Jason Lee of Amarillo. They attended the annual Germania Insurance meeting. There was a good turnout and an enjoyable buffet luncheon.

A light rain was reported and no hail in Flomot as a quick moving storm came through around mid-night Saturday. Gusting winds blew in Sunday!

Matador News

By Marilynn Hicks

After all the wind and dust that Sunday brought, the evening was so beautiful. As Linda and I sat on the patio and listened to the town owls on the water tower, we felt an inspiring serenity and peace. The courtyard, under the care of D'anna is a perfect place to rest at the end of the day. Meagan and Cassidy are learning to bring the space to life under her tutelage; we even have an herb garden that is coming along nicely.

Jan Schow met with several friends Sunday evening. She worked at Hackberry Creek as Director and had to come see the special people from here who kept it going. Those who joined her for a visit were Marisue Potts, Seab and Diane Washington, and Sammie Phillips. Jan lives in Abilene but is beginning a stint as temporary director for a nursing facility in Pampa. She is a delightful, gracious woman.

Thursday night we had Texas A&M students staying at the Hotel. They were enroute to a competition in Amarillo . . . which they won! The competition is the American Stock Horse Association National Collegiate Championship. In riders must show in stock horse pleasure, stock horse versatility, reining and working a cow horse to earn an overall score. There were 23 collegiate teams. Their professor, Dr. Dennis Sigler, and assistant, Raul Valdez, made arrangements with J.D. Russell to house their horses at the Matador Ranch and have a practice ride on Friday morning before heading out to the competition. It is uplifting to see active, energetic young

people with a purpose. I didn't get a hometown for my kids. The young people from A&M were: Melanie Armstrong, Calla Walker, Shellie Dalluge, Amy Peterson, Anna Haines, Sally Williams, Ryan Birkenfeld, and Kyle Birkenfeld.

The weekend was bustling with the Boondockers races and the accompanying vendors and watchers. Staying at the hotel and then racing were Scott and Terri Green and Chris Smith from San Antonio; Charlie Staples from Arlington; Danny and Barbara Hart, from Tahoka; Ricky and Wanda Lawless from Levelland; Keith and Carla Clements as well as Darrell and Teena Calley from Snyder; and Terri and Walt Eads from Denver City.

Capturing the race and the local scenery on a new camera was John Franklin of Lubbock. He and his wife Sue think they got some great shots. They have an interesting family. One of their children works for the German Marshall Fund US, helping cities such as Detroit learn from reorganization in Germany how to help their businesses; another child has an academic English program in Miami for professionals from other countries; and the final child is an accountant. They teams of two, each of the six have traveled extensively and attribute much of the outreach of their children to the fact that they sponsored exchange students and that their children were exchange students. The Franklin's retirement business is a pet sitting business in Lubbock called Away with Pets, and they work with the Meals on Wheels program. One aspect of the program that they instigated is including bi-weekly pet food to recipients who also have pets to be fed.



The young people from A&M were: Melanie Armstrong, Calla Walker, Shellie Dalluge, Amy Peterson, Anna Haines, Sally Williams, Ryan Birkenfeld, and Kyle Birkenfeld.

Senior Citizens Center News

By Kay Bailey Motley County Tribune

The Motley County Senior Citizens Center gratefully acknowledges the following Memorial contributions received by the Center:

In Memory of Bud Barton: Stan and June Levell, Leo and Joyce Archer, Don and Gail Harwell, Marion Woodruff, Lucretia Campbell, Donnie and Linda Turner, Nova Dale Turner, and, Virginia Green.

In Memory of Virginia Nimmo: Marion Woodruff, Lucretia Campbell, Vaden and Carrol Hays, James and Earle Price, and, Nova Dale Turner.

In Memory of Don Cox: Geraldine Key, John and Judy Dunlap, Leo and Joyce Archer, Marion Woodruff, Carolyn Ewing, Dave and Tommye Keith, Joyce Campbell, Larry and Donna Hoyle, Norma Marrs, Judy Renfro, Lucretia Campbell, Bobby and Jeanne Williams, Dick and Terry Moss, Glen and Myra Moss, Vaden and Carrol Hays,

and, Nell Berryman. In Memory of Ann Seigler: Vaden and Carrol Hays. In Memory of Shannon Holloway: Geraldine Key, and Ray Baxter.

In Memory of Stan Hanesworth: Carol Campbell, Stan and June Levell, Nova Dale Turner, and, Dorothy Hanesworth gave a nice donation gift in memory of Stan's 84th birthday on April 11, 2012.

In Memory of Bertha Moore: June Moss, Roy and Archer, Joan Patton, Ellis and Leona Terry, Joyce Campbell, Charlie and Opal Johnson, Norma Marrs, Patton Springs Family and Friends, Geraldine Key, Bob and Wanda Kilmer, Dave and Tommye Keith, Raynita Murphy, New Beginnings Sunday School Class, and, Les and Linda Jameson. In Memory of Louise Bar-

Frances Hobbs, Carol Camp-

bell, Joel and Deb Spray, Mat-

ador Branch Bank, Larry and

Donna Hoyle, Leo and Joyce

ton: The Vance Campbell Family, Raynita Murphy, Larry and Donna Hoyle, Dave and Tommye Keith, Bobby and Jeanne Williams, Lucretia Campbell, James and Cherri Karr, Norma Marrs, Judy Renfro, Carol Campbell, Ron and Kay Bailey, Joel and Deb Spray, Stan and June Levell, Vaden and Carrol Hays, Joyce Campbell, Billy Paul and Betty Simpson, Nell Berryman, Bob and Wanda Kilmer, Steve and Joanne Stevens, Winifred Darsey, James and Earle Price, Donnie and Linda Turner, John and Judy Dunlap, Charlie and Opal Johnson, Larry and Willita Burkes, Ellis and Leona Terry, and, Eva Barkley.

In Memory of Dahl Clower: Bobby and Jeanne Williams, James and Earle Price, Larry and Donna Hoyle, Roy and Frances Hobbs, Carol Campbell, Ron and Kay Bailey, Darin and Brenda Davis, Nova Dale Turner, Charlie and Opal Johnson, Joan Patton, Mary Stalker, Jacque Ochs, Rhonda Jones, D. B. Horn, Leonard and Jan Pack, Ronald and Karmen McCulloch, Virginia Green, Joe and Janet Williamson, Judy Tiner, Joe Campbell, Amarillo Donut Stop Coffee Drinkers, Barkly Blagg, Dwight and Krista Clower, Kris and Kari Holman, Cody and Julie Clower, Stan and Angie Stallings, and Howard and Carolyn Limmer.

Memorial donations can be sent to The Senior Citizens Center, P. O. Box 184, Matador, Texas 79244. The Senior Citizens Center appreciates all of these families for designating that Memorials in honor of their loved ones be sent to the Center.

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This Week's Local Forecast

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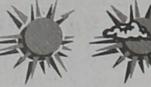
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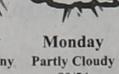
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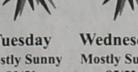
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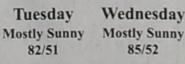
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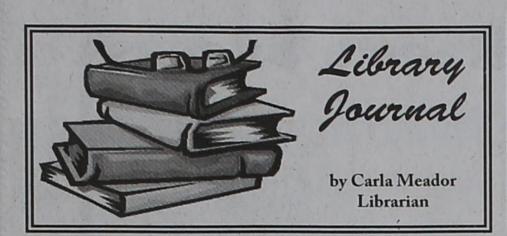




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Thank you to everyone who visited the Library and participated in our National D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything and Read) Day Celebration. We appreciate your support of our events. The children especially enjoyed the afternoon with a great storytime session and refreshments. Each child received a certificate, signed by none other than Ramona Quimby, and a gift from the Library including a book bag which they all filled up with the books they checked out before leaving. A big thank vou to Erica Horton and Marihelen Wason for their help with the event, and to everyone who donated cookies and refreshments.

National Library Week was also observed last week. Libraries have a reputation for being oh-so-boring places you visit only when you absolutely must. But on the contrary, libraries are all-inclusive establishments; your friendly neighborhood cultural catchalls, holding the historical relics, documented research and readings of communities, governments and entire societies, dating back decades and sometimes even centuries or millenniums.

braries have had an impressively direct and significant impact on societies all over the world for thousands of years. Creating and providing an outlet for technological advancements, introducing and nurturing cultural artifacts, supporting the rise of various religions and helping to maintain a sense of historical structure. Libraries help communities survive and thrive! We believe that the Motley County Library is doing just that!

We have some new Audio books added to our shelves this week including, The Walk and Miles to Go by Richard Paul Evans, The Ultimate Gift, The Ultimate Life and The Ultimate Journey by Jim

Stovall, The Dry Grass of August by Anna Jean Mayhew, Water for Elephants by Sara Gruen and *The Big Little Life*: Memoir of a Joyful Dog by Dean Koontz.

We also have some new books including The Lost Years by Mary Higgins Clark, Gypped by Carol Higgins Clark, A Wandering Heart by Thomas Kinkade and Katherine Spencer, All the Earth Thrown to the Sky and Edge of Dark Water by Joe R. Lansdale, Capitol Murder by Phillip Margolin, The Expats by Chris Pavone, Calico Joe by John Grisham, Faces of the Gone by Brad Parks, Heaven Is Here An Incredible Story of Hope, Triumph and Everyday Joy by Stephanie Nielson and Amy Hackworth, The Innocent by David Baldacci, Magic Line by Elizabeth Gunn, What Doesn't Kill You by Iris Johansen, The Witness by Nora Roberts, Letter From A Stranger by Barbara Taylor Bradford, and Loving by Karen Kingsbury.

New to our Juvenile section we have The Humming Room by Ellen Potter, Kindred Souls by Patricia MacLachlan, Big Nate Goes For Broke by Lin-There is no doubt that li- coln Peirce, Sierra Jenson collection, Vol. 1 and 2, and Christy Miller collection, Vol. 2, by Robin Jones Gunn, Tom Brady Unlikely Champion by Matt Doeden and The Many Faces of George Washington by Carla Killough McClafferty. In our Children's section we

have Penny and Her Song by Kevin Henkes. New DVD's are Barbie in A Mermaid Tale 2, The Miracle Maker The Story of Jesus,

Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close, War Horse, and Letters to God. There is something for everyone at the Library. Our hours are Monday, 2-5 p.m.;

Tuesday - Thursday, 1-6 p.m. and Friday, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. See you at the Library!

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by Ryan Martin, Agri LIFE EXTENSION Agent

Place in the Top at District Horse Judging Contest

On April 10, eleven Motley 4-H Club members traveled to Vernon to compete in the 2012 District 3 4-H Horse Judging Contest. A total of 123 4-H members from District 3 congregated at the Wilbarger Event Center to District Horse Judging Contest.

Drum placed 12th, Emma Hackler placed 26th, Autumn Perryman placed 31st and Colton Martin placed 37th. As a team, they placed 7th in the junior division. In the intermediate division, Natalie Jameson placed 16th, Avery Wright Placed 24th, Mattie Brooks placed 40th and Kaylee Woolsey placed 42nd. They placed 7th as a team. Also in the intermediate divisin, Chloe Gleghorn placed 21st, Cade Drum placed 25th and Dode Gleghorn placed 50th. They placed 8th as a team.

Congratulations to these hard working individuals.

Texas 4-H/FFA Steer Validation

Time has come to plan for the 2012-2013 Texas 4-H/FFA Steer Validation program. All Texas major livestock shows require all 4-H and FFA steers to be validated in the Texas 4-H/FFA Steer Validation Program. Therefore, if you are planning on taking a steer to a major stock show, you must order validation tags. Tag orders are due in the Extension office by April 20, 2012 at a cost of \$8 per tag. Steers will be validated between June 1 and June 30, 2012. Validation is a proof of ownership as required by major livestock shows in Texas. It does not automatically enter exhibitors in a major livestock show or county show.

Vaccination Rabies Clinic

Rabies is still a major concern for animal owners in our area. There have already been several confirmed cases of rabies in our area this year. This is a reminder that your pets,

Motley 4-H Members horses, and valuable livestock should be vaccinated annually for rabies.

On April 27, 2012 the Motley 4-H Club will sponsor a Rabies Vaccination Clinic and Flea and Tick Dip at the Matador Volunteer Fire Department. Dr. David Fuston from the Childress Veterinarian Clinic will be here to administer rabies vaccinations for your pets from 3:00-6:00pm. compete for top honors in the After 6pm, Dr. Fuston will administer coggins tests on horses if you need it. If you In the junior category, Case have a horse that needs current coggins testing, please call the Extension office before April 27 to make arrangements for testing.

> The Motley 4-H Club will also be spraying pets for ticks and fleas if needed. This will be a free service, but donations will be welcome.

Make plans to bring your animal to the Matador Volunteer Fire Department between 3 and 6pm for their annual rabies vaccination and flea and tick dip.

Bee Aware!

With trees, shrubs and flowers in full bloom, bees are becoming more active and homeowners, farmers, ranchers and residents should remain aware of the possibility of a bee attack. During the springtime, bee swarms are more common as bees are moving colonies to new locations due to old colonies becoming over crowded. Bee swarms, however, pose little threat. Swarms will land and remain in one place for a few hours or several days while scout bees are looking for a suitable nest-

Once a new site has been located and the colony will move in and become defensive within 2 to 4 weeks. Colonies of bees are sensitive to nest disturbance and may respond by attacking anything within their territory. Something as simple as vibrations from equipment can provoke an attack.

If you encounter a swarm of bees or a colony, move away from them. If you are attacked, cover your face and move out of the bees' territory as fast as possible. Taking shelter in a car or house is best even though a few bees may follow. Don't try to trick bees by hiding or playing dead because they will continue to attack. Water does not work either. Don't try to wash the bees off or hide in a water tank. Bees will wait for you to come back up for air.

If you have been attacked, remove stingers as soon as possible. Scrape the stinger out with a pocketknife, credit card or a flat / sharp object. Stingers continue to inject venom for many minutes after an attack. If you experiences hives, difficulty breathing, or signs of an allergic reaction, seek medical attention immediately.

If bees are in a building, don't block entrance points. Bees trapped in a wall will search for or create an alternate entry and may emerge in your house. Don't assume spraying insecticide or dust into entry points will solve the problem. Colonies may be several yards from entry points. Never use fumigants or any flammable compounds. These seldom work and pose a fire or explosion threat. Don't try to use honey from a treated nest because they are often contaminated with dust, insulation or insecticides and are unsuitable for human use.

For more information, go to the Texas AgriLife Bookstore and http://agrilifebookstore. org and search for "bees" or

COWPOKES °

By Ace Reid



"Ah, this is a fine ranch! I've known it for 45 years and its had 44 drouths and only one flood!"

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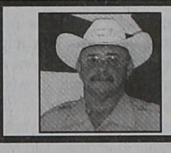
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Sheriff's Desk by Chris Spence

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CASES: Cases, 8; cases solved, 8; Cases under investigation, o; amount lost to theft or burglary, \$2,090.00; recovered, \$2,090.00; Motor vehicle accidents investigated, 5; Assaults, o; Thefts, 1; Burglary, o; Burglary of Motor Vehicle, o; Unauthorized use of Motor Vehicle, o; Criminal Mischief, 1; Disorderly Conduct, 0; Livestock Calls, 1; Assist Citizens, 3; Assist outside agency, 3; Civil Standby, 1; Suspicious Person, 1; In transit, 3; Traffic

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tations, 2; Traffic Warnings, 14; Funeral escorts, 3. TO THE CITIZENS OF MOTLEY COUNTY: The

Sheriff's Office is here to serve the citizens. If you see anything suspicious or someone driving reckless, please call the Sheriff Office at 806-347-2234 or Sheriff Spence at 806-269-3577.

contact your local county Extension Agent.

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Calendar of Events

April

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27 - Rabies Vaccination Shoot Contest in Iowa Park

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Clinic 3-6pm at the Fire De-

May

in Vernon

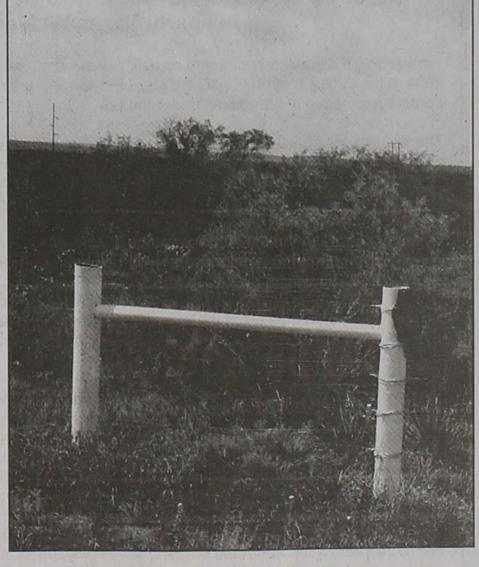
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19 - District 3 4-H Trap

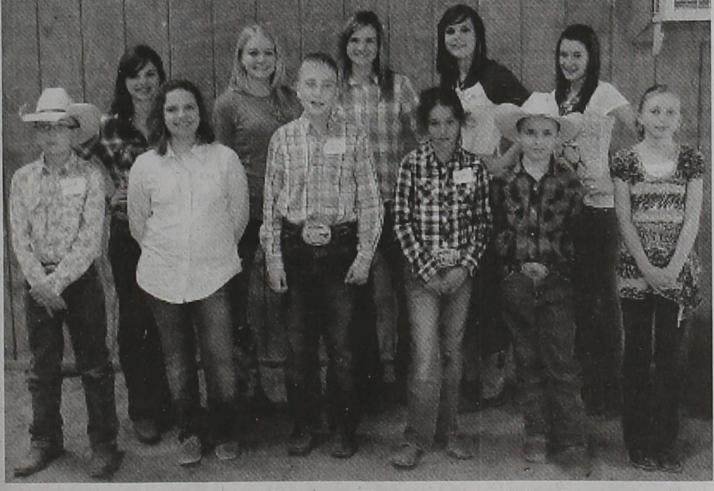
Motley County Soil Moisture Content

Depth	Percent Moisture in Soil								
8 inches	<5%								
16 inches	<1%								
24 inches	<1%								

When soil is saturated, moisture content equals 100%



During the springtime, bee swarms are more common as bees are moving colonies to new locations due to old colonies becoming over crowded. Pictured above is a bee colony on a fence post.



Motley 4-H Members Place in the Top at District Horse Judging Contest Pictured Front Row L to R - Case Drum, Dode Gleghorn, Cade Drum, Autumn Perryman, Colton Martin and Emma Back Row L to R - Chloe Gleghorn, Natalie Jameson, Kaylee Woolsey, Mattie Brooks and Avery Wright

Caprock Canyons Events

April 21, 10:00 a.m., "Children's Nature Hike", Meet at the Little Red Camp Ground-Children, come celebrate the earth with us on a hike as we go exploring along the Little Red river bed and make a project that you can take

April 21, 1:00 p.m., "Geo-

Theo Pavilion- Want to do a fun activity with your family but don't know how to get started? Come to Geocaching 101 where we will discuss the basics of geocaching and get you started on this new, fun family activity.

April 21, 5:00 p.m., "Be a

caching 101", Meet at the Lake Lorax for the Earth", Meet at the Lake Theo Pavilion-What's a Lorax? Come to this fun-filled program to find out and help celebrate Earth Day by making some native seed balls that you can take home.

Park admission: adults, \$4; seniors, \$2; children 12 and under, free.

Archeological Seminar continued from page one soon be lost in a collapse of the varieties of arrow points,

creek bluff.

The student archeologists, guided by their science teacher who is also a volunteer steward for the Texas Archeological Society Network, practiced excavations in the sand pits on the track field and mapping and gridding before coming on the three-day school sponsored trip. On the ranch, they camped out in tents provided by the school, ate meals prepared by Wesley Day and crew in a garage, learned about outhouses, and went without cell phones and bathing during the entire campout.

Each student was assigned a partner and a 4'x4' grid that was scraped inch by inch for artifacts including stone tools, bones, pebbles, cooking rocks, grinding stones and so forth. Then each object was drawn in place on a grid map, labeled and numbered, bagged, and saved for classroom analysis. For students who could not make the trip, they were given a sampling of dirt from each grid in their science class and performed screening, flotation analysis, cleaning, and identification using osteology websites and anatomical diagrams and comparison charts of lithic or stone material.

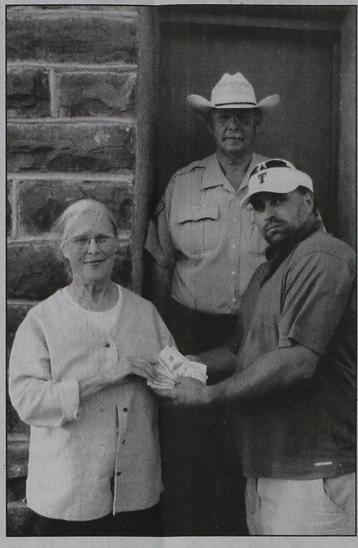
His photographs showed some of the hundreds of artifacts catalogued by the students: firecracked rocks, manos, broken metates, choppers, shells (pendants, scrapers, and spoons), antler flint-knapping tools, bone pegs, pigments, and three main

varieties of arrow points, Harrell, Fresno, and Washita. Among the thousands of pieces of fractured bones, Day said there were three

bison scapulae that escaped destruction, possibly because they were used as tools. Each had wear patterns and worn edges. In addition, another partial scapula had a hole drilled through its end.

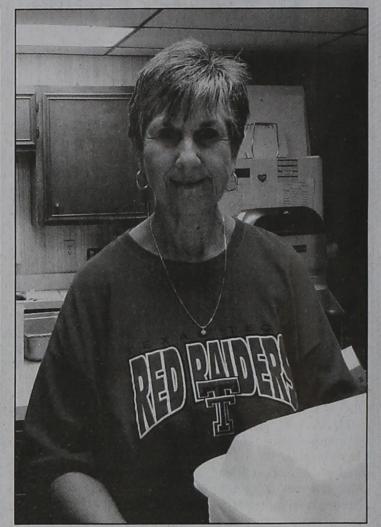
After hearing Day's presentation, I have concluded that Andrews I.S.D. could likely claim the only class incorporating archeology in a middle school curriculum in Texas. Besides teaching middle school students about the proper techniques of archeological investigation, it has demonstrated the need to tie excavation to scientific research. The project has brought to the classroom lab analysis, comparison studies, the study of osteology through websites, the utilization of percentage tables and the application of grids, the utilization of mapping and drawing skills. But, perhaps more importantly, Rick Day and his vision have provided a chance for them to experience the habitat of the people they are studying. Many students who have never been camping readily take to the new adventure, despite the hardships of doing without a cell phone or continual texting, daily showers, blow driers, and indoor plumbing. Best of all, they have bragging rights that they survived three days of living and working on the Mott Creek Site.

Boondockers Race a Success



Donation to Jail

Boondockers who rewarded his efforts with a generous cash donation to the renovation project. Pictured is Sheriff Spence, Carol Campbell accepting the donation, and Jeremy Fraizer in behalf of the Boondockers.



Elaine Hart, Site Committee Chair. Elaine Hart handled kitchen duty at the Senior Citizens Center at the Saturday Sheriff Chris Spence provided a tour to a group of night spaghetti supper for the Boondocker Motorcycle families. Hart said this yearly family event means a lot to the community as well as the participants. One young couple from Lubbock said this was "the best race on their circuit," and "the only town that "lets us race on the city streets."

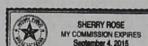
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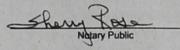
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GENERAL FUND - Investment	\$	145,150.00	\$ 65,000.00	\$	7,500.00	\$	202,650.00
SPECIAL FUND	\$	72.83	\$ 3,466.47	\$	3,435.39	\$	103.91
SPECIAL FUND - Investment	\$	14,850.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$	1,500.00	\$	14,850.00
ROAD & BRIDGE # 1 Operating	\$	490.46	\$ 17,335.14	\$	17,536.99	\$	288.61
R+B # 1 - Investment	\$	27,050.00		\$	2,700.00	\$	24,350.00
ROAD & BRIDGE # 2 Operating	\$	317.06	\$ 23,321.98	\$	23,640.60	\$	(1.56)
R+B # 2 - Investment	\$	18,050.00	\$ 2,600.00	\$	5,500.00	\$	15,150.00
ROAD & BRIDGE # 3 Operating	\$	336.29	\$ 17,289.63	\$	17,208.47	\$	417.45
R+B # 3 - Investment	\$	44,550.00	\$ 3,900.00	\$	750.00	\$	47,700.00
ROAD & BRIDGE # 4 Operating	\$	826.52	\$ 21,933.00	\$	22,574.26	\$	185.26
R+B # 4 - Investment	\$	20,201.00	\$ 2,700.00	\$	4,500.00	\$	18,401.00
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COUNTY FUNDS TOTAL	\$	670,654.55	\$ 374,809.27	\$	309,560.98	\$	735,902.84
STATE COURT COSTS	5	4.00	\$ 13,431.92	\$	13,409.89	5	26.03
LIBRARY	\$	5,306.55	\$ 12,729.40	\$	5,719.79	\$	12,316.16
HOT CHECK	\$	3,704.73	\$ 2,378.87	\$	1,683.87	\$	4,399.73
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> BEFORE ME, THE UNDERSIGNED AUTHORITY, ON THIS DAY PERSONALLY APPEARED EVA BARKLEY, MOTLEY COUNTY TREASURER, WHO BEING SWORN, AND UPON OATH, SAYS THAT THE WITHIN AND FOREGOING IS TRUE AND CORRECT. Butteley

> > EVA BARKLEY, COUNTY TELEASURER SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME THIS 9th DAY OF APRIL, 2012







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Disabled Veterans May Qualify to Have Some of Their **Property Taxes Waived**

Veterans with a service-connected disability are encouraged to file an exemption form to have their 2012 property taxes lowered. Some veterans may even qualify for a 100 percent exemption of their taxes under the law.

The law provides partial exemptions for any property owned by veterans who are disabled, spouses and survivors of deceased disabled veterans and spouses and survivors of military personnel who died on active duty. The amount of exemption is determined according to percentage of service-connected disability.

A veteran's percentage of service-connected disability determines the amount of the exemption — from a \$5,000 to a \$12,000 deduction from the veteran's property value.

Any eligible person who has not received this exemption should apply before May 1, 2012. An applicant may claim the exemption on only one piece of property, such as a home or any other property the applicant owned on Jan. 1, 2012. The applicant must also be a Texas resident to qualify.

A disabled veteran who receives 100 percent disability compensation due to a serviceconnected disability and a rating of 100 percent disabled or of individual unemployability from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or its successor is entitled to an exemption from taxation of the appraised value of the veteran's residence homestead. Beginning this year, this benefit has been extended to the surviving spouse upon the veteran's death with certain restrictions. The residence homestead application must be filed if this exemption is claimed.

For more information about the property tax exemption for disabled veterans or to file an exemption, contact the Motley) County Appraisal District at floydcad@sbcglobal.net 8063983-5256). More information is also available from the state Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division at 1-800-252-9121 and press "2" to access the menu, and then press "1" to contact the Information Services Team or visit the Comptroller's website at www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/.

Property Owner Protest Hearings Are Set for (Date)

Property owners who disagree with the (NAME) County Appraisal District's appraisal of their property for local taxes or for any other action that adversely affects them may protest their property value to the appraisal district's Appraisal Review Board (ARB). The ARB will begin hearing taxpayer protests on (DATE).

After the ARB completes its hearings and approves final property tax appraisals, local governments will use these appraisals to set 2012 property tax rates.

The ARB is a group of citizens who live in the appraisal district and are appointed by the appraisal district's board of directors, except in Harris and Fort Bend Counties where a local administrative judge makes the appointments. Property owners may protest any of the following issues to the ARB:

- the appraised or market value of the property;
- unequal appraisal of the taxpayer's property compared to similar property in the
- inclusion of the property on the appraisal records;
- denial of a partial exemption, such as a homestead exemption;
- denial of special appraisals, such as agricultural or timber productivity appraisal; determination that agricultural or timber land has had a change of use and is
- subject to a rollback tax; identification of the taxing unit or units in which the property is located;
- determination that the taxpayer is the owner of the property; or any other action of the appraisal office that adversely affects the owner.

A property owner must file a written notice of protest before June 1, 2012 or within 30 days after the appraisal district mails the taxpayer a notice of appraised value, whichever is later. The ARB schedules a hearing and sends the protesting property owner written notice of the date, time and place of the hearing. The law contains specific timelines and procedures for both the owner and the ARB throughout the appraisal protest process. These are detailed in the state Comptroller's publication, Property Taxpayer Remedies. Copies are available from floydcad@sbcglobal.net

Countdown to Centennial Celebration

Boondockers Matador Grand Prix Stage 7th Annual Race

By Carol Campbell

The 7th Annual Boondockers Matador Grand Prix kicked off in high winds on April 14-15, 2012, with "old-school racing through town and in the City Park." There were no gate fees and RVs were allowed to camp around the courthouse in downtown Matador. In addition, the RV Park was full, and families converged on Matador for a fun-filled day with friends and family.

The Senior Citizens Center Site Committee hosted the Boondockers on Saturday night with a spaghetti supper, garlic bread, salad, and peach cobbler. On Sunday, the Site Committee served brisket sandwiches, chips, drinks and dessert. "It was a very successful two days for the Senior Citizens Center," Elaine Hart said. "The Boondockers are so appreciative of the race in Matador," Hart said. "The children are polite - it is definitely a family affair."

This year, the races didn't begin in earnest until 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, Cody Bounds, event planner said. "This gives the working moms and dads a chance to sleep in on Saturday morning, and then travel to Matador for the afternoon races."

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tured eight different classes, including a beginner class, 12-16 year-old women's class, a novice class, and finally, the Masters and Experts. Races began at 9:15 a.m. with the last race of Masters and Experts at 4:30

On Sunday morning, vendors set up booths on the west-side sidewalks. Jerry Collins and Bobbie Colburn were on hand with homemade breakfast burritos. OK and Jane Neal set up a display of knives for sale in front of Tom Edward's office on north Main Street.

The Motley County High School Lady Mats and the Junior High Lady Mays were selling hamburgers, chips, and homemade goodies to raise money for basketball camp. Two camps are in the works, sponsor Danika Jameson said - the West Texas Teen Camp and a Home Camp for Junior High and High School girls.

The High School Cheerleaders sponsored a snow cone stand to raise money for Cheerleading Camp. The camp is set for a summer trip to the University of North Texas at Denton. The group sold more than 100 snow cones to thirsty bik-

Sheriff Chris Spence was

of the old historic jail. In appreciation, the Boondockers donated \$276.00 to the jail project. "This was an over and beyond gesture of good will that will mean a lot to the interior renovation project currently going on," Carol Campbell, Chair of the Friends of the Historic Motley County said.

As the day came to close, weary bikers stashed helmets, motorcycles were trailered for the ride home, and volunteers prepared for clean-up. Almost 3-miles of red tape marking paths around town were stashed for another day. The sleepy village was restored until next year when the 8th Annual Boondockers Matador Grand Prix will stage another event in downtown Matador.

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Property Taxes Relief is Available to Elderly or Disabled Homeowners

Texans who are 65 or older or who are disabled as defined by law may postpone paying current and delinquent property taxes on their homes by signing a tax deferral affidavit at the (NAME) County Appraisal District office.

Once the affidavit is on file, taxes are deferred, but not cancelled, as long as the owner continues to own and live in the home. Taxes accumulate with 8 percent interest per year. The law extends the tax deferral to the surviving spouse of the person who deferred taxes on the homestead if the surviving spouse was at least 55 years old when the deceased spouse died.

Filing a tax deferral affidavit keeps homeowners from losing their homestead because of delinquent property taxes. Filing a tax deferral affidavit will also halt a pending sale to foreclose on the homestead's tax lien. In addition, no taxing unit can start or continue a lawsuit to collect delinquent taxes once an affidavit is filed. No penalties will be assessed on delinquent taxes during the deferral period; however, a tax deferral does not cancel penalties that were already due.

All deferred taxes and interest become due when the homeowner or surviving spouse no longer owns and lives in the home. If the tax debt remains unpaid at that time, penalties may be imposed and taxing units may take legal action to collect the past due

For further details about property tax deferral, contact (NAME) County Appraisal District at (INSERT CAD CONTACT INFORMATION). Further information is also available on the Comptroller's website, www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/ or by calling the Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division at 1-800-252-9121and press "2" to access the menu, then press "1" to contact the Information Services Team.

Productivity Appraisal Reduces Property Taxes on Farms and Ranches

Texas farmers and ranchers can be granted property tax relief on their land. They may apply to the [NAME] County Appraisal District for agricultural productivity appraisal and for a lower appraisal of their land based on how much they produce, versus what their land would sell for in the open market.

The Texas Constitution authorizes two types of agricultural productivity appraisals, 1-d-1 and 1-d, named after the section in which they were authorized. For 1-d-1 appraisal, property owners must use the land for agriculture or timber but the lands use must meet the degree of intensity generally accepted in the area. Owners must also show that the land is being used for at least five of the preceding seven years. 1-d-1 appraisal does not restrict ownership to individuals and does not require agriculture to be the owner's primary business. Most land owners apply for the 1-d-1 appraisal.

Under 1-d appraisal, the land needs to be in use for at least three years and the owner must be an individual versus corporations, partnerships, agency or organization. The land must also be the owner's primary source of income.

Penalties in the form of rollback tax, or the difference between the taxes paid under productivity appraisal and the taxes that would have been paid if the land had been put on the tax roll at market value, will be imposed if qualified land is taken out of agriculture or timber production.

A rollback tax occurs when a land owner switches the land's use to non-agricultural. These rollback taxes under 1-d-1are based on the five tax years preceding the year of change. Under 1-d-1 appraisal, the rollback extends back for three years.

Texas law also allows farmers and ranchers to use land for wildlife management and still receive the special appraisal, but the land must be qualified for agriculture use in the

preceding year. Land under wildlife management must also meet acreage size requirements and special use qualifications.

The deadline to apply for productivity appraisal is April 30. If the last day for the performance of an act is a Saturday, Sunday, or legal state or national holiday, the act is timely if performed on the next regular business day. Owners of land qualified as 1-d must file a new application every year. Owners of land qualified as 1-d-1 need not file again in later years unless the chief appraiser requests a new application.

For more information about productivity appraisal and application forms, contact the Motley) County Appraisal District at floydcad@sbcglobal(net/or/phone:806-983-5256 Information is also available on the state Comptroller's website at www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/ or by calling the Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division at (800) 252-9121 and press "2" to access the menu and then press "1" to contact the Information Services Team.

Comptroller's Office Encourages Homeowners to Take Advantage of Homestead Exemptions

Homeowners looking to reduce their property tax bills in 2012 may find some relief by filing a homestead exemption. Homestead exemptions are offered by counties, cities, school districts and other local taxing units.

A homestead is generally the house and land used as the owner's principal residence on January 1 of the tax year. Homestead exemptions reduce the appraised value of your home and, as a result, lower your property taxes. To apply for an exemption on your residence homestead, contact the (NAME) County Appraisal District.

Available homestead exemptions include:

as soon as they turn 65 or become disabled.

- School taxes: All homeowners may receive a \$15,000 homestead exemption for
- County taxes: If a county collects a special tax for farm-to-market roads or flood
- control, a homeowner may receive a \$3,000 homestead exemption for this tax. Age and disability exemptions: Individuals 65 or older or disabled as defined by law may qualify for a \$10,000 homestead exemption for school taxes, in addition to the \$15,000 exemption available to all homeowners. Also, any taxing unit may offer a local optional exemption of at least \$3,000 for taxpayers age 65 or older and/or disabled. Older or disabled homeowners do not need to own their homes on Jan. 1 to qualify for these special homestead exemptions. They qualify
- Taxing units may offer a local option exemption based on a percentage of a home's appraised value. Any taxing unit can exempt up to 20 percent of the value of each qualified homestead. No matter what percentage of value the
- taxing unit adopts, the dollar value of the exemption must be at least \$5,000. Partial disabled veteran exemptions: The law provides partial exemptions for any property owned by veterans who are disabled, spouses and survivors of deceased disabled veterans and spouses and survivors of military personnel who died on active duty. The amount of exemption is determined according to the percentage of service-connected disability.



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- Motley County Republican Convention, 21 Motley County Library Annex, 10:00 a.m.
- Meet Democratic Candidate for House Dis trict 68, 6:00 p.m., Hotel Matador

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May

- Matador Lions
- Kids Praise 2
- Sneak Preview of MC Video Documentary, 3 MCISD Social Studies Students, 10:00 a.m. Library Annex
- **Roaring Springs Lions**
- Hywy 70 Sale 5
- Motley County Video Documentary Pre-5 miere, 6:00 p.m., Hotel Matador
- Motley County Arts and Crafts Club, Mot ley County Senior Citizen Center in Matador from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm.
- Roaring Springs Community Volunteers 5:30 p.m. at the Windmill Café.
- Hospital Bd meets in the back of the ambulance barn, 7am
- Matador City Council

NOTICE OF ELECTION CANCELLED AND SCHOOL TRUSTEES ELECTED

The Motley County Independent School District Board of Trustees met in a regular monthly meeting on April 10, 2012 and declared the two unopposed candidates elected to office for new three-year terms and cancelled the May 12, 2012 election.

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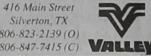
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The Economic Development Part A Board met in Special Session March 29, 2012 at City Hall.

Those in attendance were Corky Marshall, Kelly Keltz and Robert Osborn.

Corky Marshall called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

The members of the Economic Board discussed the air conditioning unit problem at the Community Center and agreed that it was in need of some repairs. A motion was made by Corky Marshall, seconded by Kelly Keltz and carried unanimously to use \$4,000.00 of the Part A Monies to pay for the cost of the repairs.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 A.M.

June 8-9, 2012 Matador's Centennial Celebration

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF MOTLEYS

By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 110TH Judicial District Court of Motley County, on the 2nd day of Capiel, 2012, by the Clerk thereof, in the case(s) styled

Cause No.	Styling	Legal Description				
678-TS	Motley County v. Saenz, Vicente	Lot Three (3), Four (4), Five (5), Six (6), Seven (7), Eight (8), and Nine (9), Block Three (3), in the City of Roaring Springs, Motley County, Texas.				
693	Motley County v. Schmidt, John H	Lot One Hundred Fourteen (114) of the Springs Ranch Estate Addition, Motley County, Texas.				
699	Motley County v. Ho-Gland, Tina	Lots Seven (7), Nine (9), Eleven (11), Twelve (12), Thirteen (13), Fourteen (14, Fifteen (15), Sixteen (16), Seventeen (17), Eighteen (18), Nineteen (19) and Twenty-three (23), Block Eighty-seven (87) of the Original Town Addition to the City of Matador, Motley County, Texas.				

and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, at 2:00 p.m. on the 1st day of May, 2012, which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the South door of the Courthouse of Motley County, in the City of Matador, Texas.

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