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State streamlines transportation project approval process with adoption of new rules

The Texas Transportation Commission approved final rules Thursday that will streamline the environmental review process for transportation projects.

In addition to increasing the efficiency of the environmental review process, the new rules implement statutory requirements passed by the 82nd Texas Legislature, requiring the department to complete the technical review of a draft environmental review document by specified deadlines, and authorizing a local government to be the project sponsor for a project.

TxDOT worked closely with a number of partners across the state to draft the new rules governing the environmental review process for transportation projects.

"Environmental reviews are an important part of the transportation planning process, and these rules will help ensure that the department takes appropriate measures to protect Texas communities and the environment, while ensuring projects steer clear of unnecessary red tape," said Carlos Swonke, TxDOT Environmental Affairs Director.

"Finding a balance between infrastructure development in growing communities and impacts on the environment is a challenging task and we're grateful for our partners' input."

State and federal law requires TxDOT to conduct an environmental review of a proposed transportation project prior to construction of the project.

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires federal agencies to integrate environmental values into their decision making processes by considering the environmental impacts of actions and reasonable alternatives to those actions.

Under NEPA, TxDOT prepares and completes an environmental analysis on federally funded projects and then submits it to the Federal Highway Administration for approval.

The process involves a number of steps that involve work required of multiple federal, state, and local agencies in evaluating environmental impacts of the proposed project.

State-funded projects have similar review requirements as outlined in the new rules.

Commissioner's Court Approves New Investment Pool

By Carol Campbell
Motley County Tribune

The Motley County Commissioner's Court met March 12, 2012, in regular session, covering an 11-item agenda including discussions on repair and purchase of equipment, and moving investment funds to a new company.

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

In the first item of business, Judge Meador reported to the court that he had received a call from David Teichroe in Quanah about purchasing an out-of-use backhoe that is stored on county property. Commissioner Stephens asked the court to consider repair of the backhoe. He said he had an interested party that had agreed to repair the transmission on the backhoe for about \$2,000.00. Following a lengthy discussion about the merits of repairing the backhoe to selling it "as is," Commissioner Turner made a motion to contribute \$500 to \$750 per precinct, not to exceed \$2,500.00, for the repair of the backhoe. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Jameson, and passed by unanimous vote.

Judge Meador then asked the court to consider replacing the courthouse lawn-

mower which was originally bought in the mid-1980s. He said he had contacted Red River Supply and they told him that blades were no longer available for this model. The court voted unanimously to replace the mower and to entrust Judge Meador to purchase the mower.

In other business, a presentation was made by County Employee Precinct 2, Billy Farley, on the Texas 1033 Military Surplus Property Program. Mr. Farley said other counties surrounding Motley County had applied for surplus equipment through this program, including Hall and Floyd counties, thereby replacing outdated county equipment.

The Secretary of Defense has allowed the transfer of excess property to Federal, state and local Law Enforcement Agencies. Law Enforcement can apply online through a property search application, securing specific items such as "any feasible equipment that the military has," Farley said, including front-end loaders, backhoes, Hummers™, dump and pickup trucks. If approved for transfer, the Sheriff's Department would have ownership of the equipment for 10 years, and then would lease the equipment to the county for \$1.00 a year after that. "This doesn't cost the county anything, except to transport the equipment," Farley said.

The court agreed to allow Sheriff Chris Spence to check the surplus property daily online, develop

a "want list" for a range of equipment, and when located, act quickly to secure the equipment for Motley County. Once a county has been approved to receive equipment, they have 10 days to retrieve it, Sheriff Chris Spence said. Hall County went to Fort Sill and Kansas; and Floyd County transported equipment from El Paso, Texas, he said.

In the final order of business, County Treasurer Eva Barkley informed the court that moving the investment funds from TexSTAR to Logic Investments would increase the monthly interest rate for the county funds. The county has more than \$400,000.00 invested at this time in TexSTAR. Both TexSTAR and Logic Investments are government-approved investment pools, Barkley said, which adhere to the requirements of the Public Funds Investment Act (PFIA).

"The funds would still be administered by J.P. Morgan (Chase and Company), but Logic has a higher rate," Barkley said. "According to a Fact Sheet recently distributed, Logic accepts government funds, just like TexSTAR," she said, adding, "They also accept commercial papers, which makes it a bit more risky." However, the risk is minimal, Barkley said, and moving the funds could obtain a better (interest) rate for the county. A motion was made by Commissioner Alexander to allow the Treasurer to change investment pools, seconded by Franklin Jameson. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Rural Development: Three Views

Editor's Note: Three rural development practitioners testified before the Senate Agriculture Committee. The topic was "economic growth for rural America" and the Rural Development portion of the Farm Bill. We thought these three rural residents described three important sides of this story — how people decide to work on their communities; what rural development programs can do; and what is to become of federal rural development efforts. Below are excerpts from their testimony.

1. Joining the Rural Development Cause:

Mark Rembert, director of Energize Clinton County, Ohio

I grew up in Wilmington, Ohio, a rural community of 12,000 in southwestern Ohio. Like most young people who grow up in small towns, I left home after graduating from high school and attended college in Philadelphia where I studied economics.

Like most of my generation, I had no plans to return home. The world changed for me—as it did for so many—in 2008.

I had decided to put my training in economic development to work in the Peace Corps. As I was preparing for my departure, news from home reached me in Philadelphia. DHL, the region's largest single source of employment, was ending its operations at the Wilmington Air Park. Realizing that the

community where I grew up would be changed forever by this crisis, I decided to return home for the final months before my departure to the Peace Corps to reconnect with the community.

Not long after my arrival in Wilmington, I was joined by Taylor Stuckert—another Wilmington native—who had been prematurely evacuated from his Peace Corps assignment in Bolivia in the fall of 2008. As we witnessed the economic equivalent of a hurricane hitting our hometown, we talked to people throughout the community and quickly recognized a new energy brewing.

There was a desire to push for increased involvement and ownership in the redevelopment of our devastated local economy. Something clicked and we realized that we could best serve our country by working in our own community, rather than by working overseas. We decided to stay home and contribute to the redevelopment of our region.

As Taylor and I set out on our economic development project, our perspective was heavily influenced by the Peace Corps model, which approaches development at the community level and emphasizes the importance of grassroots analysis and action. We believed that a Peace Corps approach in our community could generate solutions that were more immediate, actionable, and sustainable than traditional solutions and would complement ongoing efforts by com-

munity leaders to acquire the DHL-owned airpark and leverage it as an asset to attract new employers.

Locally Planned, Regionally Based

We've found the need to localize the planning process to be critical for two reasons. First, in the processes that we have observed, we have found that the planning process can have value in and of itself. Genuinely engaging citizens in asking questions about their shared future and exploring the realities of their economic and infrastructure situation gives them a stake in the future. A planning process built around creating a sense of ownership, individual responsibility, and commitment to place are critical to insuring that the process has a lasting impact. Such a process can only be achieved at the most local level.

The Summit Daily Dr. Flo Raitano Second, planning should begin at the smallest level possible to ensure that regional plans reflect the diversity of rural regions, even between neighboring counties. What we typically refer to as a region is less a unified concept, and more a network of unique, interconnected community nodes. Regions are strong when each node has both a strong sense of identity as well as a commitment to the broader region. Therefore, we recommend that a program focused on rural planning take a ground-up approach that allows for

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Roaring Springs Lions Club Meets

By Corky Marshall
Motley County Tribune

The Roaring Springs Lions met on Thursday, March 1, 2012, at the Windmill Café for their regularly monthly meeting.

Ten members and two guests were present. Guests were Linda Roy, manager of the Matador Ranch Hunting Lodge and Barbara Bogart, Cap Rock Telephone Company.

Program Chairman

Lion Wes Campbell opened the meeting in the absence of President Floyd Carter and Vice President Tommie Jo Cruse. Following introductions by Lion Wes Campbell, Linda Roy presented a program on interesting things and happenings at the Matador Ranch Hunting Lodge.

The Lions helped fund and deliver 27 food boxes to families in our community who qualified for food from the South Plains Food Bank in Lubbock.

St. Patrick's Day Décor at Do Gooders' Club Meeting

By Earlene Jameson
Motley County Tribune

The Do Gooders' Club met Tuesday afternoon March 6, 2012, and the strong winds blew them in to the Flo-mot Community Center that cheered them with a display of St. Patrick's Day green.

Mrs. Waydette Clay conducted a short business session. Mrs. Anna Beth Clay read the minutes that were approved.

Mrs. Anna Beth Clay, host
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Foothill Country

Connections

Community, Diversity, Art
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By Laverne Zabielski

More than anything, we want to make sure that the MOTLEY COUNTY TRIBUNE continues to serve Motley County and provide readers with hyper local news and stories. In order to do so we find it necessary to raise the newsstand price to \$1.25 and the subscription rate to \$50. This rate will also include an email version of the paper. An email subscription by itself would be \$30. We will offer a \$5 discount to those over 65.

Very few increases have been made during the five years that we have owned the paper and we wish we could continue to keep the price

the same. However, with rising prices and a desire to keep the paper in print, an increase is necessary. Effective April 1, all new subscriptions and renewals will be at the new rate.

Higher advertising rates will take effect on April 1, 2012 and since some of our advertisers have had the same rate since before we purchased the Tribune in late 2007, we will have to adjust those advertisers' rates to come closer to our current published column inch rates. Discounts will be offered to non-profits and churches. We hope that you continue to read and support the Motley County Tribune and that you will email us news and photos so that the paper will reflect the kind of stories you want to read.

Call us anytime at 859-351-8099. We want to hear your thoughts and suggestions. Motley County is unique and that's what makes the MOTLEY COUNTY TRIBUNE!

Rural Development: Three Views

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the development community level plans that can feed into larger regional plans that explore the interconnections between the diverse nodes.

Unfortunately, many rural communities lack the resources or the capacity needed to do the planning required to move beyond a purely reactive economic development approach. We encourage Rural Development to explore new ways to assist communities and rural regions in planning.

These planning processes need not focus on bold changes that would be too difficult and expensive to implement. Instead, they should be focused on helping communities and regions set achievable goals for themselves based on local needs and local resources.

2. What Rural Development Can Mean

Dr. Flo Raitano, former mayor Dillon, Colorado, population 904

Rural Development programs are a key component of economic development in rural America.

Without the basic infrastructure they provide—clean drinking water; sanitary sewers; high-speed, reliable broadband internet; public safety facilities and equipment; housing and access to local healthcare for workers; and more—industries will relocate or close factories and small businesses will decline and eventually disappear.

The entrepreneurs and

small business owners who are the engines of our economy won't open new shops or restaurants on Main Street and won't be able to set up websites to market their products to the world.

For example, in my hometown of Dillon, we needed to develop affordable housing for our tourism industry workers and their families. At the time, RD (rural development) was known as Farmer's Home Administration. We were clueless about how to access those programs.

Thankfully, Dillon was approached by a private developer who knew how to work within that framework and secured funds for a multi-family affordable housing project. Twenty-four years later those homes are still serving a genuine need in our community. Without those funds, it would have been difficult to attract and retain the workers necessary to power one of the region's largest economic engines.

While Dillon may have had success in both being discovered by a private developer and in eventually obtaining funding for our project, many rural communities are not so fortunate. Without the help of technical assistance providers like the RCAP network, many small, low-income towns and counties have difficulty accessing RD programs.

The application process and eligibility requirements for each program are slight-

ly different, and each poses unique challenges. Local leaders are most often volunteers who lack professional staff and the resources to find out what funding sources are available or the requirements for funding eligibility.

Their first look at the Letter of Conditions on an RD loan can seem overwhelming and discourage worthy applications. With a little help from an experienced hand, however, even communities with no staff and limited planning resources can develop the local leadership capacity to manage needed infrastructure projects.

For example, Silver Plume, Colorado, small town with a population of 203, just 20 miles from Dillon, once had its water system knocked out by a rockslide. The town had little local capacity to handle the crisis; its staff consisted of just one part-time town clerk. RCAC, the western RCAP, intervened and was able to pull together resources from the State of Colorado and RD to respond to the critical situation within a week.

After replacing the old, damaged water system, the community now has a modern system that can deliver clean, safe drinking water to its residents.

3. Rural Development In This Farm Bill

Mathias J. McCauley, director of regional planning and community development for the Northwest Michigan Council of Gov-

ernments

The mission area of USDA Rural Development is a critical piece to the overall competitiveness of rural regions as we work to foster job growth, regional innovation, and economic prosperity.

With USDA's assistance over the decades, rural communities across the nation are now in a better position to pursue regional asset-based and innovation-focused development strategies that are resulting in new job and local wealth retention opportunities.

However, continued gains are increasingly at-risk due to Rural Development funding cuts in recent years. In the final FY2012 USDA appropriations bill, the Budget Authority for the USDA Rural Development mission area was cut by nearly \$200 million, including reductions of \$45.76 million in the Rural Utilities Service, \$133.72 million in the Rural Housing Service and \$18.59 million in the Rural Business-Cooperative Service.

Over the past two years, water and waste water grants have been cut \$41.61 million, community facility grants are down 44 percent and support for rural microenterprise lending and technical assistance was eliminated this fiscal year (including for previously appropriated program support for intermediary lenders and technical assistance providers.)

While some of these cuts have been masked by increases in USDA's direct loan and loan guarantee program levels (especially due to the historically low subsidy level for the community facilities program), the reality remains that the most distressed rural communities will increasingly struggle to make the improvements necessary to remain economically viable.

In addition, the areas hit hardest by recent budget cuts include the agency's smaller, more flexible business and community assistance programs, such as Rural Business Enterprise Grants (RBEG), Rural Business Opportunity Grants (RBOG), and the Rural Community Development Initiative (RCDI), as well as the Intermediary Relending Program (IRP). Combined, these three community and economic development programs have been cut \$17.27 million, or 36 percent, over the past two years.

The program level for IRP, an important access to capital resource for rural businesses and entrepreneurs, is down 47 percent over the same period.

While we understand this committee is not directly responsible for the annual appropriations for USDA Rural Development, the committee can strengthen the agency's position by, at a minimum, maintaining the \$150 million mandatory funding level of the 2008 Farm Bill and by updating the agency's policies and program structure.

Additional funding for Rural Development's programs would certainly lead to job creation in rural counties. Therefore, it is essential that we maintain mandatory funding, look to improve existing programs, and ensure program investments are tied to regional and local strategies.

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PIPS in Motion



PIPS (Players in Progress) is a National Organization that the Motley County PIPS join each year. This year 20 students, ages K-6th from Motley County joined the organization to learn ball handling, hand-eye-coordination techniques, and basic basketball skills. They performed a memorized routine to music, during the half-time of the High school and Jr. High basketball games. Several of the PIPS are entered and will compete in the PIP Festival held in Abilene, TX on March 16th and 17th. They will be competing against PIPS of the same age and skill level in different competitive events. The 2011-2012 PIPS are: Back Row: Ethan Mason, Cade Drum, Alycia Silva, Brendan Fisk, Carley Turner, Cameron Stafford, Autumn Perryman, Brody Rankin, Kade Wampler. Middle Row: Wyatt Perryman, Jace Martin, Case Drum, Ryder Gass, Derek Fisk, Brogan Rankin, Andrew Stafford. Front Row: Jacelyn Perryman, Krystin Ferguson, Brock Taylor, Harbor Hill, Haven Hill.

CORRECTION

In last weeks newspaper, the front page article entitled "MCISD Approves 2 - Year Contract For Principal" needs to have the following corrections:

The motion and action on the principal's contract was taken after the board exited executive session and came back into regular session.

The board added an addendum to the principal's contract to approve the housing allowance to comply with federal regulations, not an agenda item.

Paducah Nursing Center
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EVERYONE CAN CONTRIBUTE



I recently read in a story of a wife watching her husband trying to sew a button on his shirt. After observing for a few moments she told him that he had the thimble on the wrong finger. To which he replied, "I know dear, it should be on yours."

This humorous story makes a very good point. There are times that we might find ourselves being critical of the way someone else is doing some particular task. He or she may not be doing it in the same way that we would. So, we point the finger of criticism in his or hers direction. Relief from this danger might be found in our own willingness to be found doing our fair share of life's little tasks and in doing so lighten our brother or sister's burden.

The work serving Jesus and living a good Christian life is never going to be easy. But it could be much more effectively carried on if the work was to be distributed evenly among the believers. It is easy to sit on the sidelines and criticize. It is something else entirely to get into the game of serving the Lord. Why not let each one of us, put a thimble on our finger and sew on the buttons together.

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Michael G. Crowley, Sr.
BIBLE STUDY 10:00 a.m. Worship 9:00 a.m.



Library Journal
by Carla Meador Librarian

Spring is springing at the Motley County Library! Last week brought just about every kind of weather you can think of, including high wind, dust, thunder, lightning, rain, sleet and finally snow to cap off the week in a beautiful blanket of moisture. In spite of the frigid temperatures our library window is full of warmth with a rainbow, a pot of gold, and even a leprechaun, as well as a selection of books to usher in the new season. Spring will officially arrive on March 20, 2012. Ah, spring! This season brings increasing daylight, warming temperatures, and the rebirth of flora and fauna.

A tidbit of information about the upcoming season is this: Spring is the Vernal Equinox. The word *equinox* is derived from the Latin words meaning "equal night." The spring and fall equinoxes are the only dates with equal daylight and dark as the Sun crosses the celestial equator. At the equinoxes, the tilt of Earth relative to the Sun is zero, which means that Earth's axis neither points toward nor away from the Sun.

With Spring, comes the thought of gardening. We have a wonderful selection of books on gardening to get you started. Just to name a few we have *Roses Love Garlic* by Louise Riotte, *In My Garden: A Child's Gardening Book* by Helen Oechsli, *A Gardener's Guide to Propagating Food Plants* by Franklin Herm Fitz, *Eat the Fruit - Plant the Seed* by Millicent Ellis Selsam, *The Gardener's Weather Bible: How to Predict and Prepare for Garden Success in Any Kind of Weather* by Sally Roth, *Landscaping With Wildflowers and Native Plants* by William Wilson and *Vegetables and Fruits* by James Underwood Crockett, as well as several other informative gardening books to get you started for the season.

New books added to our shelves this week include *You Never Know, Tales of Tobias, an Accidental Lottery Winner* by Lilian Duval and *Victims: An Alex Delaware Novel* by Jonathan Kellerman, *First, Best and Only* by Barbara Delinsky, *Best Stories of the Ameri-*

can West featuring stories by Sherman Alexie, Max Evans, John Graves, Elmer Kelton and Elmore Leonard, *Stay Close* by Harlan Coben, and *Devil in the Grove* by Gilbert King.

We also have several new books to add to our Children's and Juvenile sections including *Who Really Created Democracy?* by Amie Jane Leavitt, *Why We Fought: The Northern Home Front of The Civil War* by Roberta Baxter, *Running Backs* by K.C. Kelley, *Destination Earth* by Tom Jackson, *Know the Facts About Drugs* by Sarah Medina, *America's White Table* by Margot Theis Raven, *The FBI Files: Successful Investigations* by Dale Anderson, *Backyard Crafts* by Greta Speechly, *Sprapbook of America: Tag-Along Tay*, a story about Annie Oakley and Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show by Pamela Dell, *Top 10 Worst Creepy Egyptian Mummies You Wouldn't Want to Meet* by David Stewart, *Animal Invaders* by Amanda Doering Tourville, *Adventures in the Air* by Simon Lewis, *100 Things You Should Know About Archeology* by John Farndon, *Can An Ant Carry Me?* by Meg Greve and Jo Cleland, *What Has Eight Legs And...?* by J. Jean Robertson, *Peck, Peck* by Molly Carroll and Kelli L. Hicks and *Isabel's Car Wash* by Sheila Bair.

For anyone wanting to get in shape for the upcoming Spring season, we have some great new exercise DVD's including *10 Minute Solution Blast Off Belly Fat*, *The Biggest Loser Power Sculpt*, *The Biggest Loser At-Home Challenge*, and *Pick Your Spot Pilates*. Also new to our DVD selections are *1408, Flashbacks of a Fool*, *Hugo*, *Safe Harbour*, *Discovery Earth*, *Unknown*, *There Will Be Blood*, *The Alamo*, *Ace Ventura Pet Detective Jr.*, *Land of the Lost*, and *The Skulls Trilogy*.

Well, I've said it before and I'll say it again, there is absolutely something for everyone at the Motley County Library. Stop by and see for yourself! Our hours are Monday, 2-5 p.m., Tuesday - Thursday, 1-6 p.m., and Friday, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

County Agent's News



by Ryan Martin, Agri LIFE EXTENSION Agent

Conference on 'Dealing with Decades of Drought' set March 27 in Canyon
Contact: J.D. Ragland, 806-468-5543, j-ragland@tamu.edu

CANYON - "Dealing with Decades of Drought" will be conducted by the Texas AgriLife Extension Service in Randall County March 27 at the AgriLife Extension office, 200 North Brown Road in Canyon.

Drought production management strategies for row crops as well as cattle production will be the focus of the program, according to J.D. Ragland, AgriLife Extension agriculture and natural resources agent for Randall County.

Registration will begin at 8 a.m. and presentations will start at 8:30 a.m., Ragland said. Registration is \$10 per person, and three Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units will be offered for private pesticide license holders. Those planning to attend should RSVP to 806-468-5543 at the AgriLife Extension office by noon on March 23.

This conference is primarily targeted for Randall County agricultural producers, as well as others who may be interested in learning more about decades of drought conditions and the impact on Randall County agriculture, Ragland said.

Topics and presenters will be:

- "Grain Production and Marketing Outlook as Drought Continues" - Dr. Steve Amosson, AgriLife Extension economist, Amarillo

- "Dust Bowl Days - Are They Coming Back?" - Dr. Bob Stewart, director of the Dryland Institute at West Texas A&M University

- "Maximizing Summer Forage Crops When it's Dry" - Dr. Brent Bean, AgriLife Extension agronomist, Amarillo.

- "Cattle Management, The Good, The Bad, The Ugly" - Dr. Ted McCollum, AgriLife Extension beef cattle specialist, Amarillo.

- "Irrigation Data for Various Crops - Efficiency and Timing" - Nick Kenny, AgriLife Extension irrigation specialist, Amarillo.

CLARENDON - The Texas AgriLife Extension Service will host an Elder Care Conference March 24, according to Andrea Stelting, AgriLife Extension family and consumer sciences agent for Donley County.

The program will start with registration at 8:45 a.m. and conclude at noon, Stelting said. It will be held in the Donley County Activity Center, located a mile north of Clarendon on State Highway 70.

Advance registration by March 22 is requested and can be made by calling 806-874-2141, she said. There will be a \$10 registration fee, payable at the door.

Audette Rackley, head of special programs at the University of Texas-Dallas Center for Brain Health, will be the guest speaker. In her current role, she provides brain-health physicals that evaluate cognitive function and seek methods to strengthen cognitive abilities.

She also assesses adults with progressive and static brain disorders and provides individualized feedback focusing on optimizing abilities, Stelting said.

The program also will include the Amarillo Area Agency on Aging, which will share information on their services and offering support to family caretakers.

Molly Foreman, AgriLife Extension family and consumer sciences agent for Hall and Briscoe counties, will share information on exercise, nutrition and how to alleviate stress.

Representatives from Accolade Homecare will share information and offer personal health assessments to participants.

The program is hosted by the AgriLife Extension offices in Armstrong, Briscoe, Collingsworth, Donley, Hall and Wheeler counties. Contact any of those offices for more information or contact Stelting at 806-874-2141 or alstelting@ag.tamu.edu.

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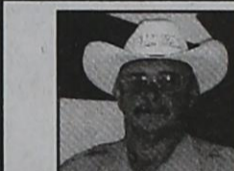
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Sheriff's Desk by Chris Spence

For the month of February, 2012, the Motley County Sheriff's Office received 23 calls from citizens and drove 3,707 patrol miles.

CASES: Cases, 6; cases solved, 6; Cases under investigation, 0; amount lost to theft or burglary, \$1,000.00; Amount recovered, \$1,000.00; Motor vehicle accidents investigated, 2; Assaults, 0; Thefts, 2; Burglary, 0; Burglary of Motor Vehicle, 0; Unauthorized use of Motor Vehicle, 0; Criminal Mischief, 1; Disorderly Conduct, 0; Livestock Calls, 6; Assist Citizens, 3; Assist outside agency, 3; Civil Standby, 1; Suspicious Person, 0; Home and Business Alarms, 0; Welfare Concern, 0; In transit, 1; Traffic Hazard, 2; Criminal Trespass, 2; Drug Paraphernalia, 1; Cruelty

to Animals, 1; CPS Cases, 0; Credit Card Fraud, 1.

ARRESTS: Misdemeanor, 1; Felony, 0.

PAPER SERVED: District Court, 0; County Court, 0; JP Court, 1; Out of County Court Papers, 0; Bailiff for Court, 6.

TRAFFIC: Traffic Citations, 13; Traffic Warnings, 6; Funeral escorts, 3.

TO THE CITIZENS OF MOTLEY COUNTY: Due to time constraints and yearend reporting to the state, I would like to apologize to the citizens for not publishing a January Monthly Review. 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.

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

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By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 110TH Judicial District Court of Motley County, on the 27th day of February, 2012, by the Clerk thereof, in the case(s) styled as follows:

Cause No.	Styling	Legal Description
674-TS	Motley County v. Pierce, Larry, et al	1. Lot One-Hundred Twenty-Nine (129), Block Twenty-Nine (29), H & GN RR, Motley County, Texas.
674-TS	Motley County v. Pierce, Larry, et al	2. Lot One-Hundred Twenty-Nine (129), H & GN RR, Roaring Springs, Motley County, Texas.
678-TS	Motley County v. Saenz, Vicente	3. 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	4. Lot One Hundred Fourteen (114) of the Springs Ranch Estate Addition, Motley County, Texas.
699	Motley County v. Ho-Gland, Tina	5. 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 3rd day of April, 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.

Levied on the 27th day of February, 2012, as the property of

said defendants, to satisfy the judgment rendered in the above styled and numbered cause, together with interest, at 12 percent per annum, and all costs of suit in favor of each jurisdiction.

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GIVEN UNDER MY HAND THIS 2nd DAY OF March, 2012.

Chris Spence
SHERIFF MOTLEY COUNTY TEXAS


Women's History Month at Caprock

March 31:
Canyon Walk & Talk, 10:00 a.m., South Prong Parking Lot
Join us on an interpretive hike down the Upper Canyon trail where anything from the geology, history, flora, and fauna of the park will be discussed.
Pioneer Women, 8:30 pm, Interpretive Amphitheater
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EVENTS CALENDAR

- 12 Roaring Springs City Council
- 3 The Roaring Springs Community Volunteers
5:30 p.m. at the Windmill Café.
- 12 Roaring Springs City Council
- 14 Hospital Bd meets in the back of the ambulance bar, 7am
- 15 Matador Masonic Lodge, 6:30 pm
- 20 Matador Lions
- 20 GIRLS GOLF @ ROARING SPRINGS
- 21 BOYS GOLF @ ROARING SPRINGS
- 22 JR. HIGH TRACK @ JAYTON
- 23 HIGH SCHOOL TRACK @ JAYTON
- 28 GIRLS GOLF @ CHILDRESS
- 29 BOYS GOLF @ CHILDRESS
- 29 JR. HIGH DISTRICT TRACK @ LORENZO
- 30 BOYS TENNIS (DISTRICT)

April

- 2 Motley County Arts and Crafts Club, Motley County Senior Citizen Center in Matador from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm.
- 3 Matador Lions
- 4 Kids Praise
- 5 Roaring Springs Lions
- 7 The Whiteflat Reunion, Senior Citizens, Matador, covered dish luncheon.
- 9 Commissioners' Court
- 9 Roaring Springs City Council
- 11 Hospital Bd meets in the back of the ambulance barn, 7am
- 12 Matador City Council

GARAGE SALE

Huge Garage Sale - Estate Sale
Fri., Sat., Sun. Mar. 16-18 1812 Eubank Street, Matador (former home of the late Jackie Smith)
Lots of antiques, furniture, household items, books, etc. Too much to list! ct11

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