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Market Matador sells lots for appraised value

By Carol Campbell
 Motley County Tribune

Market Matador met on March 21, 2013, at City Hall with a quorum consisting of Ron Bailey, Lee Hurt, Libby Cruse, Debra Scott, and Dvonna Grundy. Ronnie Vandiver was absent.

Following an invocation by Debra Scott, President Dvonna Grundy called the meeting to order. Michael Tibbets of Floydada spoke in Open Forum.

Mr. Tibbets said he had met with MMI Secretary-Treasurer Libby Cruse, and had been looking at available lots for sale in Matador. He explained that he was retired and "looking for something interesting to do" so he wanted to purchase available lots in Matador for a future business venture, for example, an RV Park or Camper Lots.

In a telephone call following the meeting, Mr. Tibbets said he expected growth in Motley County due to wind energy. "I think this area is going to grow and prosper, and the value of land will go up," he said. Mr. Tibbets has also bought lots in Dougherty, Lockney, and Floydada, and is looking at property in Silverton, he said. He is also interested in lots west of the old Boy Scout Hut which will be on the MMI April agenda for sale.

In the first action item, the board reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting. Ron Bailey made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Lee Hurt. The motion carried.

The next item of business included a discussion regarding the Whiteflat property, consisting of two acres in the old town of Whiteflat, north of the historical marker on the east side of State Highway 70. A motion was made by Dvonna Grundy to place the Whiteflat property up for bid; seconded by Ron Bailey. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Dvonna Grundy and seconded by Lee Hurt to sell Block 28, Lots 1, 2, 14, 15, 18, 19, and 21 for the appraised value of \$350.00 to Michael Tibbets. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Dvonna Grundy, seconded by Libby Cruse to sell Block 36, Lots 21, 22, 24, 26-30 for the appraised value of \$350.00 to Michael Tibbets. The motion carried.

School Board meets New Titus Board Member appointed

By Kazmyn Ortiz
 Motley County Tribune

The Motley County ISD School Board of Trustees met on February 18, 2013. In attendance were Lee Jones, Tina Brooks, Don Baxter, Crawford Mason, Rachele Davis, William Cochran, Gary Waitman, Kazmyn Ortiz and Randa Green. Absent were Board Member Lewis Drum and Business Manager Denise Ford.

Tim Ward spoke in Open Forum, addressing the board regarding his son's sport's injury and subsequent school insurance reimbursement. This item may be placed on next board agenda.

In the first order of business, the minutes of the previous meeting on January 14, 2013, were approved as read.

Following a review of the financial statements and expenditures, both reports were approved by the board.

Bids were opened on the purchase of a school tractor and awarded to Ray Lee Equipment from Floydada, TX.

The board discussed and approved the recent changes by Jessica Ballard and Randa Green to the Cheerleader Handbook, primarily defining disciplinary actions for rules and violations. In addition, the handbook outlines a new policy stating payment of uniforms must be received before the annual Cheerleader's Camp. Try-outs for cheerleader was set for March 8.

In other business, the board voted unanimously to adopt a resolution for membership in the West Texas Food Service Cooperative.

The board was asked to appoint a new member to the Titus Foundation board. The foundation board meets once a year to approve scholarship recipients and teacher mini-grants for special projects. Lee Jones was appointed to the board by unanimous vote.

School board elections will be held on May 11, 2013. Board members up for re-election are Don Baxter, Crawford Mason and Lee Jones. March 1, 2013 was the deadline for get

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Matador City Council meets to appoint Election Judge

By Carol Campbell
 Motley County Tribune

A Called Meeting of the Matador City Council on Monday, March 18, 2013, at City Hall, was attended by a full council quorum to appoint an election judge and discuss personnel employee hiring.

Attending were council members Bobby Klodginski, Rodney Williams, Alvin Alexander, Shane Jones, and Betty Roberts; and Mayor Pat Smith, City Superintendent Steve Barton, and City Secretary Debra Scott.

Following unanimous approval of the regularly scheduled meeting held on March 14, 2013, three names were presented for consideration for Election Judge for May 11, 2013. Presented for consideration were: Arlyce Manney, Charli Bigham, and Amy Hackler. Following discussion, a motion was made by Alvin Alexander to appoint Amy Hackler as the Election Judge, seconded by Rodney Williams. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

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MCPC reviews completed projects and sets new goals

By Tina Brooks
 Motley County Tribune

The Motley County Parent's Club (MCPC) met in February to review completed projects and to discuss ongoing projects for the youth in the community. Eleven members attended. Officers for the club consist of Tina Brooks, president; Shonda Elliott, vice president; and Wendy Taylor, secretary-treasurer.

Thirteen completed projects consisted of a Book Fair, Football Spirit and Playoff Shirts, Basketball Spirit Shirts, Homecoming Prince and Princess, Cross County Spirit Moms, Football and Basketball Spirit Moms, Box Tops, Perfect Attendance, Lowe's Receipts, Open House, and Football Concession Stand.

Jenifer Brady headed up the Fall Book Fair for MCPC. Jenifer took this project on in the last minute and the Book Fair was a huge success. We receive no money for the Book Fair but we are given Scholastic dollars to use at the Scholastic book store, thereby donating \$476.37 to the Motley County ISD Library. Myra McCluskey helped choose the books so that they would fit

into the Accelerated Reading (AR) program. Wendi Taylor headed up the Football Spirit shirts and playoff T-shirts sales. The sale of the Spirit Shirts and Playoff shirts is one of the many fundraisers that MCPC uses to raise money. The football shirts raised \$1,878.00. Danika Jameson was in charge of the Girls basketball shirts and Shonda Elliott was in charge of the boy's basketball shirts. Due to time constraints to get the shirts for the first of the season this project was just a Spirit Project.

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Matador Water District approves budget

By Carol Campbell
 Motley County Tribune

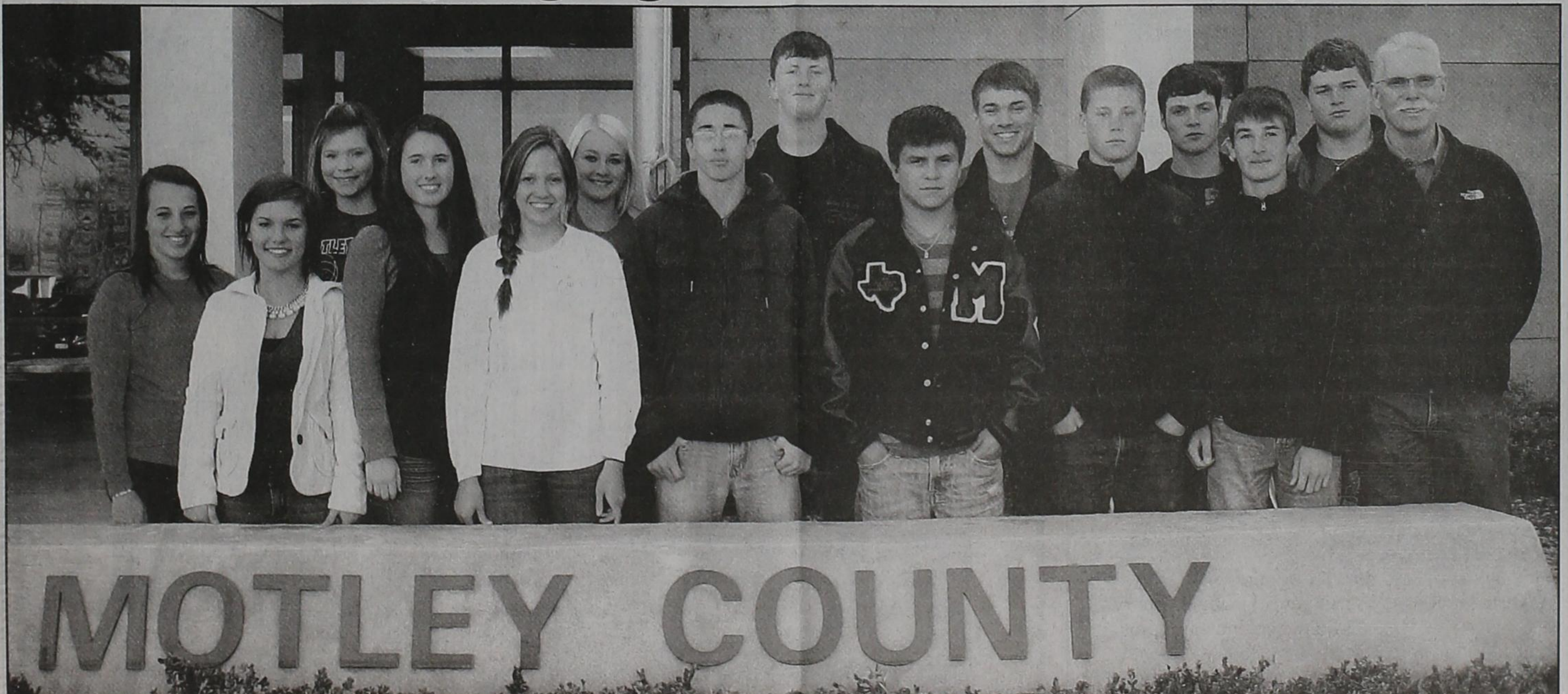
The Matador Water District met at 5:45 p.m. on Monday, March 18, 2013, to approve the Proposed Profit and Loss Budget for the next fiscal year.

Attending was a full quorum consisting of members Alvin Alexander, Debra Scott, Shane Jones, Bobby Brown, Bobby Klodginski. Also attending was City Superintendent Steve Barton. No one spoke in Open Forum.

Bobby Klodginski made a motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting, seconded by Bobbie Brown.

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FFA Judging Season is Underway



The Motley County FFA Chapter kicked off its judging season this past week with contests at Tarleton State University, Clarendon College, and Valley High School. Upcoming contests will be held at Wellington and Memphis which are hosted by their respective NRCS, and at Texas Tech University. Chapter Advisor Jim Cooper said "this is a really busy time of year for all of our students and I am proud of these FFA members who put aside other activities to spend a Saturday representing their School and FFA Chapter." FFA members competing at Clarendon and Valley on Saturday March 23rd were: L-R: Catherine Ward, Annie Hodges, Cassidy Turner, Meagan Ford, Brielle Collett, Natalie Jameson, Michael Martin, Seth Baxter, Juan Flores, Austin Taylor, Braden Bigham, Britt Simpson, Caleb Clary, Kolby Williams, Chapter Advisor Jim Cooper. Not pictured is Jacob Woolsey. All of the members and the Advisor would like to thank Judy Cooper for her help in getting members to the contests.

photo by Walter Taylor

Foothill Country Connections

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



By Larry Vogt

There is a country song that talks about the states that look like so much non-descript territory when you fly over them, for instance, from the East Coast to the West Coast. It occurred to me that this disconnect may be why a lot of people on either coast don't understand the folks who inhabit those places that look like flat expanses down below them while they are flying over.

The song goes on to talk about the people who work and live down there below the airplane passengers. The farmers, ranchers, truckers, train engineers, people who produce the food and goods that are consumed by everyone, the folks who move all that stuff around so we all have a chance to use it. The song also talks about the sunsets, the beauty of the open spaces and the "first class seat" of the truckers and railroad engineers as they see

all the wonders of countryside that they are traveling through, not over, at five plus miles above the earth.

My reason for driving to family events is the desire to experience everything at a closer proximity. I want to stop in and see curiosities, like the sod house that was behind a gas station somewhere in Nebraska. That was an interesting little reality check on what it was like to live in an almost treeless expanse of grassland and create a dwelling out of what was available: dirt.

The floor was dirt, the walls were dirt, and what was most interesting was that the walls were, in effect, dirt bricks that were made by hand by the pioneers who settled that area of the Great Plains. There were lots of farm families who started out in a "soddie" and only built a wood or brick house when the railroads could bring the materials from other locations.

Yes, driving across the USA can be a time consuming, sometimes-tedious experience. The rewards can be very satisfying and it is always worth talking to a waitress in a roadside restaurant or a clerk in a store while on the road. There is simply a lot more to enjoy when you travel through and not over any given location.

WRITING COMMUNITY

On Good Friday

Today is about darkness.

Today is about death.

Today is about blood, and suffering, and nails, and wood, and thieves.

Today is about the sun refusing to shine.

Today is about the death of an innocent man.

Today is about the system gone wrong.

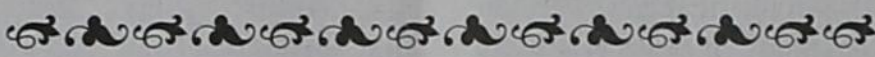
Today is about people who don't understand.

Today is about people who won't listen.

Over two-thousand years...not much has changed, has it?

But, my friends, never, never, forget....Sunday's a comin, Sunday's a comin!

Pastor Bill Manney
FUMC Matador, Texas



PIPs Attend Competition in Abilene



Two Motley County 4th grade PIP's competed at the PIP Festival held at in Abilene during Spring Break. Case Drum, son of Lewis and Lauren Drum of Roaring Springs, and Kade Wampler, son of Karrie Wampler of Matador, showed off their skills and competed against all the PIPs in the National Organization.

Case won 1st in PIP Shots, 2nd in Figure 8 Dribble, 4th in 2-Ball Dribble, and 5th in Obstacle Speed Dribble.

Kade Wampler had to move up and compete against sixth

graders but placed 5th in Between Leg, Pass Around the Back, Obstacle Speed Dribble, Spin, and PIP Shots.

Cade Drum, son of Lewis and Lauren Drum, also represented the Motley County group as an "Old Timer."

He helped work the competitions, hung out late learning a new routine, and enjoyed the fellowship with other PIPs. On Saturday, during the festival he performed an advanced routine with all of the Old Timers.

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appraised value of \$400.00 to Michael Tibbets. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Dvonna Grundy, seconded by Lee Hurt, to sell Block 18, Lots 12-15, 17, 18, 20, 21, 23 and 26 for the appraised value of \$500.00 to Michael Tibbets. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Lee Hurt, seconded by Ron Bailey, to sell Block 98, 2-6 and 15, 30, to Jeromy Jameson for the appraised value of \$350.00. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

In further discussion, Debra Scott reported that Laura Jacobs Wallace of Midland, TX, contacted the city about donating Block 59, Lots 7-8; and Block 73, to Market Matador.

Further, Scott reported that the heirs of C. C. Beck contacted the city regarding paying one-quarter of the expenses (\$2,989.00) for removal of tires on the C.C. Beck Property, Lots 26-32, Block 53, 200 Block of Hunter Avenue. Following four installment payments, the Beck's said they wanted to donate the lots to Market Matador, Scott said.

Secretary-Treasurer Libby Cruse reported \$12,626.15 in the MMI account before expending \$2,989.00 to the city for one-quarter of the costs of the tire removal, leaving a balance of \$9,636.77.

The next meeting of Market Matador is set for April 18, 2013, at 4:00 p.m. at City Hall.

School Board meets

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tina name on the ballot.

Following discussion, a date for the budget workshop was set by the board for March 26, 2013. Additional topics included discussions on changes in the drug testing policy, paying employees for accumulated sick days at retirement, and school safety.

Wording has been changed in the drug testing policy manual to include 4-H, not as a school sponsored event, but as a school authorized event.

The board accepted the new revisions by unanimous vote. The board also discussed paying employees for accumulated sick days at retirement - up to 30 days. This agenda item was tabled until further review.

A lengthy discussion on school safety was addressed by the board with several suggestions, including adding another intercom for alerts, multi-panic buttons with a link to the Sheriff's Office, hiring a security guard, surveillance cameras, or teachers

with concealed weapons. No action was taken.

Principal Gary Waitman said the school had enrolled two new students, increasing the enrollment to 182, with an attendance rate of 96.92 percent.

In the Superintendent's report, Mr. Cochran reported that the new budget will not increase. Bills introduced in the State Legislature that are related to education include: bills reducing the number of End of Course Tests and one bill for school districts to receive tax money to fund safety measures in school.

The Board went in to separate executive sessions to discuss the contracts of both Principal, Gary Waitman, and Superintendent, William Cochran. The board voted to extend both contracts and add a 4-percent raise pending available funds.

The next board meeting will be March 28, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. There will be a budget workshop prior to the meeting beginning at 6:30.

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Motley County Shining Stars



High School UIL Participants

Back Row: Demi Simpson, Logan Ferguson, Beverly Reyes, Shayla Clay, Stormy Guerrero, Coby Cochran, Brielle Collett. Front Row: Meagan Ford, Ashley Allred, Catherine Ward, Cassidy Truner. photo by Walter Taylor



MCPC reviews completed projects and sets new goals continued from page one

ject and did not bring profit to MCPC. This was not due to the ladies that headed up the project, Brooks said, but rather preparing early for the project next year.

Jenifer Brady headed up the Homecoming Prince and Princess project along with many other volunteers. "MCPC would like to thank all the volunteers for their help, we could not do it without everyone," MCPC President Tina Brooks said. The Prince and Princess project brought in a profit of \$1,436.55

Kassie Bershirs, Jenifer Brady and Kelli Cantwell headed up the Spirit snacks and items for the Cross County runners. "The girls worked very hard and I know they appreciated the treats from our parents," Brooks said.

"Shonda Elliott and Wendi Taylor did an awesome job of getting everyone involved in 'pepping' up our boys for their successful season," Brooks said.

Cathy Turner, Minnie Collett, Lajenna Faulks and Elizabeth Martin were in charge of energizing the basketball teams. "Thank you to these ladies for keeping our teams from going thirsty and hungry before they took the court to represent Motley County."

"Once again, I'm not sure what we would do without Mary Ann Potts taking on the Box Tops," Brooks said. "She works to get the kids involved with clipping the Box Tops for our kids. We will receive a check in April for \$788.81, up from last year's collection of \$597.04. It's such an easy way to make money by just cutting up your trash! Watch for those box tops!" The classes that won the prize for the most box tops for elementary was 3rd

grade and in the Jr. High and High school category, the 8th grade won.

Cynthia Stafford is in charge of perfect attendance. "Once again, I don't know what MCPC would do without some of these volunteers. Cynthia makes sure that every student with Perfect Attendance gets a small prize and recognized for their accomplishment," Brooks said, adding, "This not only helps our students because you can't learn if you don't attend, it also helps Motley County ISD as many of our state funding is from attendance numbers."

Shannon Waitman chaired the Lowe's Receipt project and receipts are due March 31, 2013. Parents are encouraged to turn in receipts by the end of the week. "If you would be willing to help tally receipts to send-off please contact Shannon or Tina Brooks to get started."

Brooks rounded up parents to bring snacks to Open House and there were plenty of snacks for everyone. In addition, Tina Brooks, Linda Aumiller, Wendi Taylor and Lejenna Faulks helped complete a successful football concession year, bringing in a profit of \$2,695.93.

Danika Jameson and Charlie Bigham organized the successful basketball concessions bringing in a profit of \$1,639.00. "There are still some charges out for both football and basketball concessions, which will add to the profit on both," Brooks said, adding, "We will be sending out bills soon."

Keyan Kautz returned his paperwork for the 2nd semester UIL Scholarship, and was awarded a scholarship by MCPC. "Keep up the good

work, Keyan," Brooks said. Seven new items were discussed consisting of the All Night Party, Jr. High Event, Spring Book Fair, Honors Banquet, and Spirit Mom for Golf, Spirit Mom's Track, and Spirit Mom Tennis.

All Night Party - Planning for the All Night party has begun with letters in the mail. The planning committee consists of Tina Brooks, Minnie Collett, Danika Jameson, and Charlie Bigham. MCPC officers will be meeting soon to organize a budget for the All Night Party and then the planning committee will meet.

Jr. High Event - The Jr. High Year Event is scheduled for April 27, 2013. Shonda Elliott along with Mary Ann Potts, Minnie Collett and David Stafford are in charge of this event.

Spring Book Fair - Denise Lawrence will head the Spring Book Fair. Cynthia Stafford and Mary Ann Potts also volunteered to help with this event.

Honors Banquet - Once again, MCPC has received a donation from a family member of Stan Hanesworth for the Honors Banquet.

The Honors Banquet is set for May 17, 2013. There was a meeting with the Principal, Coaches, Teachers and National Honor Society leader to discuss what they would like to have served at the Honors Banquet and what they would like MCPC to do help them with. It was decided to have brisket with all the trimmings and a special dessert. Leaders also asked if the club could help get names on the trophies that are carried over each year; for example, Fighting Heart and MVP.

Charlie Bigham and Danika Jameson are working on get-

ting the names that need to be placed on the trophies and MCPC will use some of the donated money to help fund this initiative.

Honors Banquet committee members consist of Charlie Bigham, Colleen Baxter, and Danika Jameson for decorations; Shonda Elliott for pictures; and Minnie Collett and Lejenna Faulks for the special dessert that will be served.

Spirit Mom for Golf - Committee chair is Shonda Elliott.

Spirit Mom's Track - Committee co-chairs are Charlie Bigham and Danika Jameson.

Spirit Mom Tennis - Committee chair is Tina Brooks.

Note to the Parents from the President:

Please remember that "spirit mom" does not mean that these ladies are in charge of paying for all the snacks or even in charge of getting them delivered to the school; they are just in charge of seeing that each student involved in that sport will all receive something. If you would like to send a snack to one of these events please contact the Spirit Mom, we would love the help but we need to keep it organized.

It's that time of year when Teachers brave the world and take their little darlings on Field Trips. MCPC has helped send students to their destination of learning for many years. Pre-K - 2nd grade has recently taken a field trip with the help of MCPC. MCPC donates \$7.00 per student and teacher for field trips.

MCPC could not support the students and staff of Motley County without the support of parent volunteers and

donors. "Thank you for all that you do for the success of Motley County ISD," Brooks said.

If you would like to help in any way please feel free to contact any officer: Tina Brooks at 806-346-7495; Shonda Elliott at 806-983-7172; or Wendi Taylor at 806-269-0103.

Matador City Council meets to appoint Election Judge

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alexander, and Shane Jones. Klodginski and Alexander filed for reelection. Shane Jones' term will expire in May, 2013, after serving the city for 22 years. Two citizens filed for positions on the City Council, consisting of Jeromy Jameson and D'vonna Grundy. City Secretary Debra Scott said early voting will begin on April 29 through May 7, 2013 with the election to be held on May 11, 2013, at City Hall.

Two other items on the agenda received some discussion, but no action by the council. The personnel hiring will be placed on the April agenda. Yellowhouse Machinery, representing the American National Leasing Company, was removed from the agenda pending a visit to Matador on Tuesday, March 19, 2013, to assess city equipment that may be eligible for a lease-purchase program. This item will be placed on the April City Council agenda.

Matador Water District approves budget continued from page one

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Secretary Debra Scott then presented the proposed budget for 2013-14, with a comparison of the completed Profit and Loss Budget for fiscal year 2012-13. The fiscal year for the Water District coincides with the city fiscal year, running from April, 2012, through March, 2013.

Total expenses for FY2012-13 were \$39,150, representing only 70 percent of the budget projected at \$55,200. Net income for FY2012 was \$9,329.

The Proposed Budget for FY2013-14 increased the payroll expense from \$4,000 to \$5,700 to help pay for a new proposed employee position currently being considered by the City Council. Currently under review, the City Council is considering a fulltime city employee position to help enforce city ordinances and to support the city superintendent with mowing and water lines. The projected budget for 2013-14 increased from \$55,200 to \$56,900, an increase of \$1,700 from FY2012-13.

A motion was made by Bobbie Brown to approve the proposed budget for the next fiscal year, seconded by Bobby Klodginski. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

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NEWS AROUND MOTLEY COUNTY

Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

Monta is still in rehabilitation in Lubbock, following knee surgery. She has had many visitors, including Betty and Wayland Moore.

Warner Salisbury was taken to the hospital to be treated for low blood pressure. While there, his pacemaker was recalibrated.

Visting Boyd and Laura Long were their daughter Thiry, her friend, J. J., from Lubbock, Beau Long, from Big Springs, and Matt Easter, from Lubbock.

Vince Taylor will be having knee surgery Thursday.

Joey Thacker has purchased the hardware store building. He is repairing the facade and also fixing the old grocery store building.

The hotel is getting new windows and doors in the front of the building. Also included in the renovations is the removal of the old chimneys.

The Roaring Springs School Alumni Committee met. Attending were Devonne Dil-

lard, Gordon Harmon, Vee Gordon, and Barbara Havis Watson. They worked on updating the mailing list. Anyone with a new address may contact Devonne to update your mailing address.

The fundraiser for the Race of the World, held at the Community Center on March 23, was a grand success.

Dennis Allen is still at UMC following his roll over accident and injury.

Red Ball Gin had a breakfast at the hotel that was hosted by AUGA Quality Cotton Marketing Pool.

Brent Simpson has been doing soil judging with the FFA.

Teresa Woolsey, Kim Woolsey, Autumn Woolsey, Kaylee Woolsey, and Mattie Brooks participated in the 5K Color Run in Lubbock. There were over 14,000 runners at the event. The proceeds were donated to Lubbock Impact and the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

Overhead

Prayer is a powerful thing. It calms us, heals us, and gives us strength to face the unknown. This is not a prayer of defeat; it is one of total trust of God's faithful love that endures forever. May we have God's blessing during Easter and always.

Community News

Mrs. Janice Hughes visited from Wednesday until Sunday in Royce City with her son and family, Bengie and J.J. Hughes and daughter, Katie.

Mrs. Linda Kendall returned home Sunday from Midland where she had visited the past week with her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Cory Kendall, Chancey and Connor.

Wilburn Martin visited the weekend in Borger with his daughter and family, Marilee and Fred Cooper. He met their new granddaughter, five-day-old Ainsley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cory Cooper of Borger.

Ruth and Orville Lee were in Plainview Sunday morning attending to business. Visiting them Sunday afternoon was granddaughter, Kacey McGraw, a student at Clarendon Junior College.

Visiting Saturday and Sunday with Darrell and Brenda Cruse were son and family, Derrick and Christina Cruse, Paisley and Cash of Snyder, daughter and fiancé and children, Leah Cruse, Brian Meyer, Gracie and Evan of Amarillo.

Brooke Sehon of Wolforth visited from Sunday until Tuesday with grandparents, Clois and Kathy Shorter.

Weekend visitors of Jerry and Sandra Barclay were grandchildren, Tylee, Trent and Trevor Barclay of Matador. They enjoyed a baseball game in Quitaque Saturday.

Visiting Mrs. Nada Starkey during the weekend was son, Michael and Virginia Davis of Fritch. Nada had medical appointments in Amarillo this week.

Matador News

By Marilyn Hicks

The fruit trees around town are beautiful. I hope that they have been smart enough to wait until the last freeze has passed. One thing for sure, if we have half as many pieces of fruit as we have blooms, the town will sell out of canning jars and freezing bags. Randy has also gotten into drying all kinds of foodstuff. He then has a vacuum sealer for storage. He does most of the preserving of food at our house. For that matter, he is also in charge of the vacuuming and mopping of the floors. We both gave up dusting the furniture for lent (pun intended) several years ago and have gotten some wonderful poems written in the dust.

The First United Methodist Church is planning their fifth annual Good Friday service at 7:00 p.m. this Friday. Rev. Manney invites the community to come to this special time of remembrance. That reminds me of the History Channel program of *The Bible*. The chronological weaving of the stories so seamlessly and with such a time restraint is wonderful. I plan to order several copies for family and for us. If you haven't seen it, you can come to the hotel and watch the DVD when we get it in.

We had a showing of the compassion and caring of the community on Wednesday. A young woman and her daughter had car trouble between Matador and Turkey. Stopping on the scene to render aid were first was Tim Mangram and then Kayla Guest. They called and made arrangements for lodging and helped with plans for making repairs on the vehicle. Tim also brought them to town and saw that they were taken care of. An additional helper was Alex Salazar who helped her get to her final destination, Midland.

I need to go back a couple of weeks and make note of the gathering of the family of Marilyn Craig from Midland on the occasion of her 85th birthday. Her daughter, Susan Paddock and her husband Bryan planned the event and were accompanied by Matador by their granddaughter Molly. Susan works with Caron at UTPB, and they live in Odessa. The honoree was surprised by the arrival of cousins Liz Snider of Arlington and Margaret and Rusty Workman of Dallas. Margaret was accompanied by her husband, Rusty. Also attending were Sandra Soria, Marilyn's daughter and her friend Ann Marie Love from Fort Worth.

Ken Griffey from Cropwell, Alabama, was in town on business with Wayland Moore. Ken is the "bear" in Bear and Sons Knife Company. They

sure have some pretty knives on their website, and he was a very gracious guest.

Earlier in the month, Stanley and Melisa Martin were in town to attend to some family business and visit with old friends.

Schweitzer Engineering from Pullman, Washington, had some of their employees in the county who are working on the technical part of connecting the electrical grid that is ready to go on line. Tom Woodrow was one of the men working on that project. He is from Pullman Washington; he definitely worked far into the night on his computer. He also mentioned that he sponsored a competition team working on robotics at the local high school. George Horsh from California is another engineer on the project. The third member is Hoan Cai from Washington State.

Amy and Earl Drott from Tyler are new members of the hunting team who stay with us. He is a trial lawyer, and she teaches seventh grade history. They enjoyed their first trip out. Joining them and showing them around were Butch and Zelma Prince of Argyle and Jim and Ann Schmidt from Granbury.

Last weekend was a celebration of 60 years of marriage by Wanda and Leo Faulkner. The family of wonderful cooks and creative decorators served guests in the hotel lobby and dining room. Lisa and Gary Stone made most of the arrangements and organized the well-attended and lovely affair. The family members who attended whom I met were Betty and Lonnie Jaynes from Bonham, Hayley and Caleb Bigham from Edmond, Oklahoma; Hayley is the granddaughter of Dot and Ken Jones and the niece of the honorees.

I am not sure whose wedding they attended, but we had several guests who went to a wedding in Roaring Springs. The guests were Georgia Shannon from Florence, Texas, Chris and Debra Shannon from Brownwood, and Barbara Callaway from Cross Plains, Texas.

Orlando Rubio made a business trip to Dickens but chose to stay in Matador. He is a software technician who was working with the Abbott office in Dickens.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. H.R. "Skeet" Jameson during the weekend and celebrating their 64th wedding anniversary were sons, Lance Jameson of Vernon and Shannon Jameson and wife, Bertha of Santa Fe, N.M.

Price and Patty Pritchett from Dallas stopped over on their way to a family occasion in Floydada. We love it when they come to see us.

Five Easy Steps to a Low Maintenance Eco-friendly Landscape

Gardening expert Melinda Myers provides a plan to transform your landscape

It's possible to create a beautiful landscape and be kind to the environment even with a busy schedule and while staying within budget. "All it takes is a bit of planning and a few low maintenance strategies," says gardening expert and author Melinda Myers.

Myers recommends these five strategies to create a low maintenance eco-friendly landscape this season.

Be Waterwise

Save money on the water bill, time spent watering and this precious resource, water. Start by growing drought tolerant plants suited to your growing environment. Once established they will only need watering during extended dry spells. Mulch with shredded leaves, evergreen needles, woodchips, or other organic matter to conserve moisture, reduce weeds, and improve the soil as they decompose.

Fertilize with a low nitrogen fertilizer, like Milorganite, that promotes slow steady growth instead of excessive greenery that requires more water. Plus, it won't burn even during drought.

Put rainwater to work all season long by using rain barrels to capture rainwater off your roof or directly from the sky.

Recycle Yard Waste in the Landscape

Minimize the amount of yard waste produced, reuse what can be in other areas of the landscape and recycle the rest as compost. These are just a few strategies that will save time bagging, hauling, and disposing of yard debris. And better yet, implementing this strategy will save money and time spent buying and transporting soil amendments, since it will be created right

in the backyard.

Start by leaving grass clippings on the lawn. The short clippings break down quickly, adding organic matter, nutrients and moisture to the soil. Grow trees suited to the growing conditions and available space. That means less pruning and fewer trimmings that will need to be managed.

Make Compost at Home

Recycle yard waste into compost. Put plant waste into a heap and let it rot. Yes, it really is that simple. The more effort put into the process, the quicker the results.

Do not add insect-infested or diseased plant material or perennial weeds like quack grass, annual weeds gone to seed, or invasive plants. Most compost piles are not hot enough to kill these pests. And do not add meat, dairy, or bones that can attract rodents.

Manage Pests in Harmony with Nature

A healthy plant is the best defense against insects and disease. Select the most pest-resistant plants suited to the growing conditions and provide proper care.

Check plants regularly throughout the growing season. It is easier to control a few insects than the hundreds that can develop in a week or two. And when problems arise, look for the most eco-friendly control. Start by removing small infestations by hand. Consider traps, barriers, and natural products if further control is needed. And as always be sure to read and follow label directions carefully.

Energy Wise Landscape Design

Use landscape plantings to keep homes warmer in the winter and cooler in the summer. Homes will have a more comfortable temperature throughout the

seasons and energy costs will be reduced.

Plant trees on the east and west side of a house to shade windows in the summer and let the sun shine in and warm it up through the south-facing windows in winter.

Shade air conditioners, so they run more efficiently and be sure to collect and use any water they produce for container gardens.

Incorporate these changes into gardening routines and habits over time. Soon these and many more strategies that help save time and money while being kind to the environment will seem to occur automatically.

Nationally known gardening expert, TV/radio host, author & columnist Melinda Myers has more than 30 years of horticulture experience and has written over 20 gardening books, including *Can't Miss Small Space Gardening*. She hosts the nationally syndicated *Melinda's Garden Moment* segments which air on over 115 TV and radio stations throughout the U.S. She is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine and writes the twice monthly "Gardeners' Questions" newspaper column. Melinda also has a column in *Gardening How-to* magazine. Melinda hosted "The Plant Doctor" radio program for over 20 years as well as seven seasons of *Great Lakes Gardener* on PBS. She has written articles for *Better Homes and Gardens* and *Fine Gardening* and was a columnist and contributing editor for *Backyard Living* magazine. Melinda has a master's degree in horticulture, is a certified arborist and was a horticulture instructor with tenure. Her web site is [## Boondockers Host Eighth Annual Matador Grand Prix](http://www.melinda-</p>
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The West Texas Boondockers will host the Eighth Annual Matador Grand Prix Saturday and Sunday, April 6-7, 2013, in downtown Matador. The race is advertised as "old school racing through town and in the park" and "camping in town and no gate fees." The event draws hundreds of racers and families from all over the area.

Activities for Saturday include a Saturday afternoon race followed by a spaghetti supper Saturday night at the Senior Citizens building. The spaghetti supper is a fundraiser for Motley County Senior Citizens and everyone is invited.

More than 200 racers, along with their families and support crews are expected to begin arriving in Matador Saturday afternoon. Racers will begin sign-in on Saturday at 1:00 p.m. and on Sunday at 8:00 a.m. A full day of racing is planned on Sunday with the first race starting at 9:00 a.m. and the last race starting at 4:00 p.m. There will be six classes of races. This is a family event with race classes for men, women, and children.

Along with the excitement of the races various organizations and businesses will have food concessions. In addition to the spaghetti supper on Saturday, the Senior Citizens will be serving bris-ket sandwiches on Sunday, April 7. The Jr. High and Varsity Basketball girls will have a grilled hamburger "meal deal" on Sunday. All proceeds will go toward raising money to go to Teen Camp this summer, sponsor Danika Jameson said. The Junior High leaders will be selling tee shirts.

Everyone is encouraged to come watch the races and support the local youth. Bring your lawn chairs and sit on the courthouse lawn and enjoy the races, great food and the day. For more information please call Dianne Washington at (806) 269-1388 or Shane Jones at 347-2820.

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Library Journal
by Carla Meador Librarian

HAPPY EASTER! I hope everyone reading this has a wonderfully blessed holiday. If you would like to read all about the first Easter, there is a wonderful book available with this story and many other amazing stories. It's called **The Bible!**

The Library will be closed Friday, March 29, in observance of Good Friday.

Did you know that reading makes you more creative? Many, many studies have been conducted on the health and psychological benefits of reading books. If you spend the time going through the long lists of results, you might just walk away thinking that reading is some sort of super activity, a wonder drug that makes us smarter and healthier. Honestly, you wouldn't be that far off.

Despite the research, documents, and experts that recommend reading books as part of your daily routine, there are staggering statistics out there about how little people read.

25% of adults will not read a

single book this year
33% of high school graduates never read another book for their entire life

42% of college graduates never read another book after college

80% of US families did not buy or read a book last year

Reading just 30 minutes a day (I'm talking books, not blogs) flexes the mind muscles. It makes you think, fantasize, use your imagination. You have to comprehend ideas and reasoning, and like any exercise, the more you train the better you will get!

"No matter how busy you may think you are, you must find time for reading, or surrender yourself to self-chosen ignorance." - Confucius

We have two new books in our Juvenile section; **A Tangle of Knots** by Lisa Graff and **The Center of Everything** by Linda Urban. We also have a new book in our Children's section; **The Matchbox Diary** by Paul Fleischman.

We have two new DVDs - **Rise of the Guardians** and **Life of Pi**.

County Agent's News
by Ryan Martin, Agri LIFE EXTENSION Agent



Texas 4-H/FFA Steer Validation

Time has come to plan for the 2013-2014 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 showing a steer at a major stock show, you must order validation tags. Tag orders are due in the Extension office by April 15, 2013 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.

Rabies Vaccination 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, horses, and valuable livestock should be vaccinated annually for rabies.

On April 12, 2013 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. After 6pm, Dr. Fuston will administer coggins tests on horses if you need it. If you have a horse that needs current coggins testing, please call the Extension office before April 11 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 be-

tween 3 and 6pm for their annual rabies vaccination and flea and tick dip.

PRIVATE APPLICATOR'S TRAINING AND TESTING

The Floyd and Motley County Texas A&M AgriLife Extension office will offer a private applicators training and testing. The program will be held April 4th at the Floyd County Extension office at 110 S. Wall, on the courthouse square in Floydada. The meeting will begin at 8:30 am and will end by 1 pm. The training and the test will be administered following the training. There is a \$55 cost to be paid before the training begins. If you wish to participate, please contact the Floyd County Extension office by April 1st at (806) 983-4912 or the Motley County Extension Office at (806) 347-2733.

Extension Programs serve people of all ages regardless of race, color, religion, disability or national origin. The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Courts of Texas cooperating. We will seek to accommodate all persons with disabilities for all meetings. We request that you contact the Floyd County Extension Office by April 1st to advise us of any auxiliary and/or services needed.

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 overcrowded. 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 nesting site.

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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 contact your local county Extension Agent.

Thornberry holding U.S. Service Academy Forum

Amarillo, TX -- On April 13, the Office of U.S. Congressman Mac Thornberry (R-Clarendon) will hold the 13th District's Service Academy Forum in Amarillo. The annual event provides information to interested students and their parents about attending the United States Service Academies.

The Amarillo forum will take place on Saturday, April 13, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Amarillo Public Library's Southwest Branch. These forums are designed for potential nominees in their junior or senior year of high school. However, all local students, parents, and coun-

sors are invited to attend the event.

Representatives from West Point, the Naval Academy, and the Air Force Academy will give presentations and answer questions. Members of Rep. Thornberry's staff will also be available to explain the application process.

"It is a great privilege each year for me to nominate some of our area's best and brightest high school students to attend our Service Academies. These young men and women represent the next generation of leaders in our military and our country," said Thornberry.

NOTICE OF THE INTENTION OF MOTLEY COUNTY, TEXAS TO DESIGNATE A REINVESTMENT ZONE; TO ESTABLISH THE BOUNDARIES THEREOF; AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE


As Part of the review of the application submitted by Tristar Wind Energy, LLC for appraised value limitation pursuant to Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code, the Motley County Commissioners are required to establish a Reinvestment Zone. A public hearing on the establishment of such reinvestment zone is scheduled for Monday, April 15, 2013. This hearing shall be held at the Motley County Commissioner's Courtroom in the Motley County Courthouse. The public Hearing is scheduled to start at 10 a.m.

By state law, the County is required to publish notice of such hearing in a newspaper of general circulation in the County.

A map showing the approximate boundaries of the proposed Reinvestment Zone will be available at the public hearing.



I will follow... But...



In reading Luke 9:57-62, Jesus is approached by three individuals as He was about cross the Sea of Galilee. These three wanted to follow Jesus. But they wanted the following on their own terms. The first man was a Scribe. He said anywhere you go I going too. Jesus responded by saying, "The Son of man has nowhere to lay His head." The Scribe got the message. No earthly securities when following Jesus.

The second man wanted to go and bury his father. "Let the dead bury the dead." What Jesus told him was, in effect, that the affairs of this life can and would be handled by those of this life not called to the ministry of Jesus.

The third man wanted to say goodbye to those back home. Jesus said to him, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the Kingdom of God."

Another excuse. Excuses are not new to Jesus. Even during His days on the earth, face to face with the people, there were those who sought to be excused from following Him.

Our Lord understood events and happenings in our lives. But these are no excuse for not finding and following the essence of Life itself. That is "Fear God, keep His commandments, for this is the whole duty of man." (Ecclesiastes 12:13).

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Thursday, March 28, 6 pm. Motley County School Board meeting.
Friday, March 29th - Out of School
Friday, March 29, 7:00 P.M. Come to the foot of the cross with us at the First United Methodist Church in Matador for our fifth annual Good Friday evening service of Remembrance. Everyone Welcome
Thursday, April 4th - Jr. High District Track @ Spur
Saturday, April 6, 6-8 pm Spaghetti Dinner, Senior Citizen Center Fundraiser.
Sunday, April 7, Boonedockers
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BID NOTICE

The City of Roaring Springs is now accepting bids for improvement/repair to the Roaring Springs Depot Station. Improvements/repair includes Kitchen Flooring, Bathroom Plumbing, Window Repair, and Electrical Wiring. All repairs and work will need to be completed by the first of June. Bids needs to be itemized with bid amount for each item, you may also include a bid for the total of all improvements. Bids must include installation, parts and labor for each item. If you would like to view the Depot and repairs needed for bidding please come by Roaring Springs City Hall Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. or call (806) 348-7231 between these hours to set up an appointment to view. Bids may be mailed to the City of Roaring Springs, PO Box 247, Roaring Springs, TX 79256 or may brought by City Hall during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. noon, Monday through Friday. Bids must be received by noon April 8th, 2013. The City has the right to refuse any or all bids. ct13

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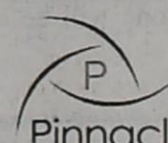
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