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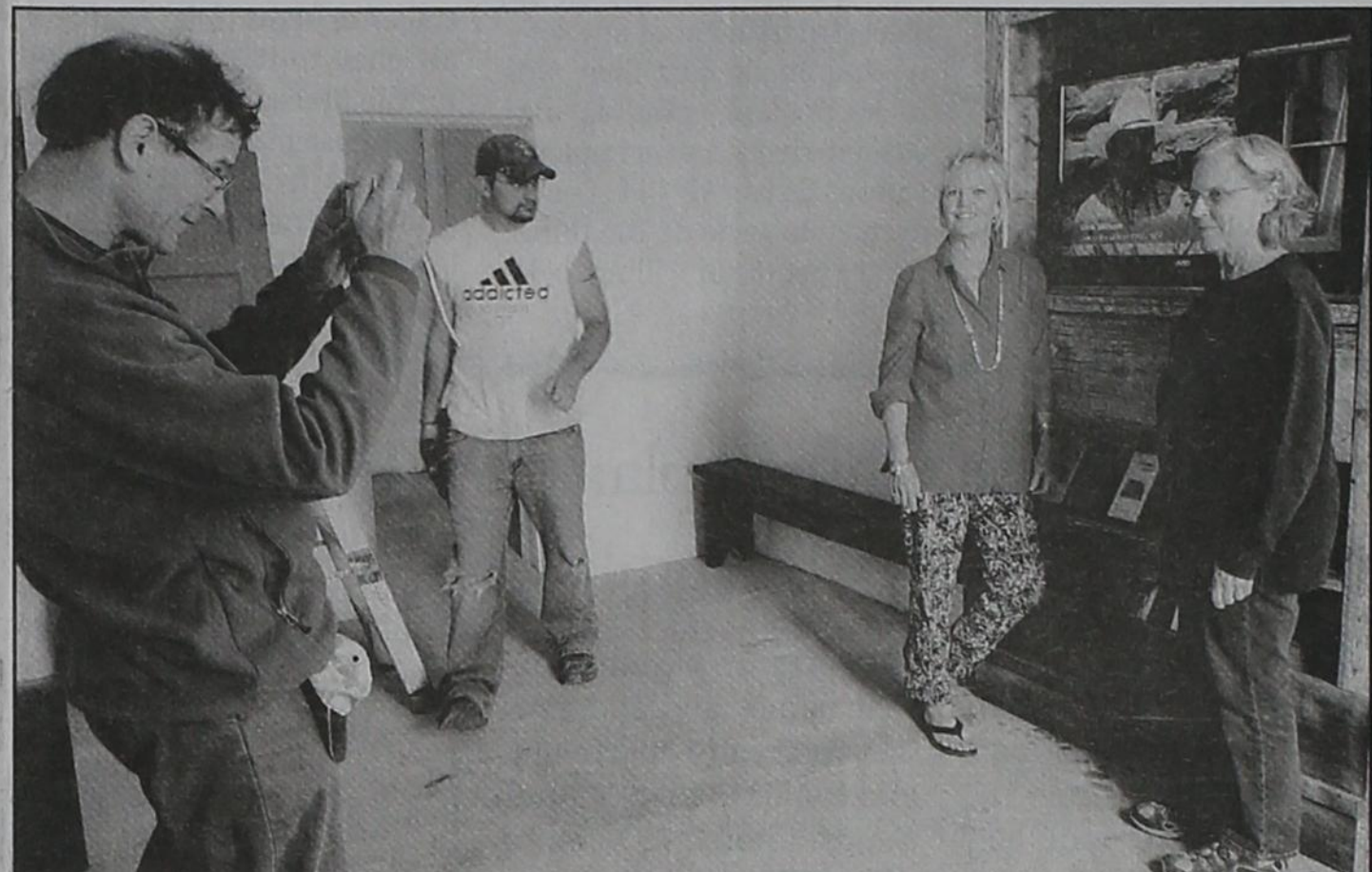
## Motley County Tribune sold to Caprock Courier

Effective June 1, 2013 the Motley County Tribune has been sold to Sally Arnold, publisher of the Caprock Courier. The month of May will be a period of transition. Arnold will be in Motley County the end of May and is very excited to have the opportunity to serve the people of Motley County as their local news provider. She said, "Laverne and Larry have done an excellent job, and I will strive to be as caring and fair to your community as they have been. "Any time businesses transfer ownership, there are inevitable changes, some of which you are sure to like, and others of which may take some time to adjust to. After the transaction is complete, the Motley County Tribune will still have its namesake, but it will be printed as a section

of the Caprock Courier rather than by itself. The Briscoe County News and Valley Crier are both printed as sections of the Caprock Courier as well. "Because younger generations prefer electronic over printed news sources, it is imperative that rural newspapers merge in order to save print newspapers for as long as possible. One day, there will be no more printed papers at all. Even the large urban papers have more online viewers than print readers today. We also post the newspaper online for those who prefer that method and also to interest younger readers in local news. "As for now, the Caprock Courier is printed every other week, but additional subscribers and advertisers may make it possible

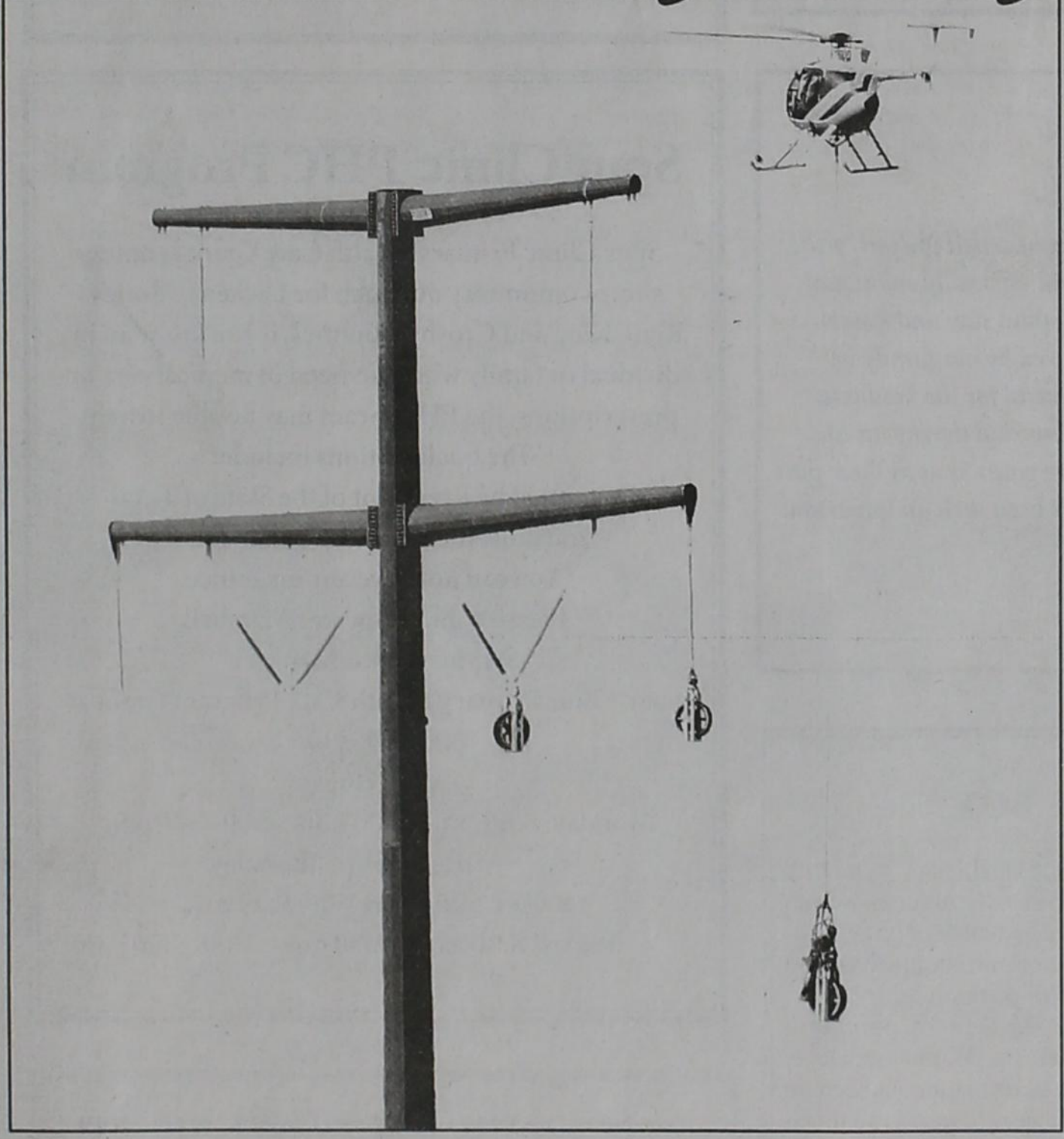
to print weekly in the near future. Although it might seem like losing your independence, there are a couple of advantages to being part of an area wide paper. One is that advertisers are able to reach a much broader audience, mostly neighbors who are close enough to do business with them. Another is that neighboring communities are able to keep up with area news, feel a sense of camaraderie knowing that you experience the same joys and hardships, and share ideas for dealing with similar local issues. "Although transitions can be stressful, we hope to make this one as smooth as possible. I am completely open to any questions or concerns you may have and can be reached at 806-847-7803 or at [briscoenews@gmail.com](mailto:briscoenews@gmail.com)."

## Whistling Boulder Productions in MC



At the old jail in Matador, cameraman and film producer Doug Leviton shoots a picture of Carolyn Wilson of Quanah standing close to a television screen that's playing a documentary on the history of the jail and the town. On the screen is the image of Dink Wilson, who spent much of his childhood living in the jail during a time when his father was sheriff of Motley County. Standing at the other side of the television is Matador resident Carol Campbell, coordinator of a jail restoration project. Walking through the room with a tool in hand is Jeremy Freeman, construction worker, part of a crew working on the continuing restoration and refurbishing of the jail, now a museum. Dink Wilson is the primary narrator of the segment of the documentary that deals with the history of the jail. Other segments feature other topics, including Chief Quanah Parker, who visited Matador and spoke to a crowd downtown, and ghosts in the jail, supposedly documented by a high-tech team of ghost hunters. Carolyn Wilson was on her way Wednesday to a Quanah Parker Trail steering committee meeting in Lubbock when she stopped to visit the old jail, not knowing Leviton and his wife, Marianne Leviton, director and president of Whistling Boulder Productions, were screening the documentary for the first time at the jail. Minutes later bona fide tourists dropped in -- Archie Lilburn and his wife, Mary Lilburn of Matador, Saskatchewan, Canada. The jail will be open for self tours from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday-Friday, and by appointment at 806-777-8575 on Saturday and Sunday .photo by Hanaba Munn Welch

## Transmission towers arrive in Motley County



Working on transmission towers on Hwy. 70 between Matador and Turkey, helicopter linemen attach temporary stringing dollies to the wires hanging from the towers. Helicopter linemen will also connect transmission cables from tower to tower through the dollies. Later a lineman will be hoisted by a bucket truck and properly connect the transmission wires to the insulators, and then remove the dollies. photo courtesy of Caprock Courier



Mary and Archie Lilburn sit on either side of Doug Leviton on a bench in the old Matador Jail as all three view the first showing at the jail of a documentary about the landmark jail and the town. The Lilburns are from Matador, Saskatchewan, Canada -- an almost-vanished community established by the same ranching group that established the Matador Ranch in Texas. photo by Hanaba Munn Welch



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# Foothill Country Connections

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



By Larry Vogt

I am impressed by people who can do things that would seem impossible for me to do. Take that person in the picture on the front page of today's edition suspended by a cable from a helicopter and working on the new transmission lines. I realize that at

this late stage of my career I am not even going up 20 feet on a ladder, much less being suspended by a cable and totally trusting the machinery of the helicopter and the pilot to keep me safely suspended while I work. We saw a documentary film about the construction of the Empire State Building in New York City and it was educational to see the building rise from the ground up. The men working on the steel girders without any safety equipment, just their wits to keep them going as they welded rivets and completed various tasks. My hat goes off to the folks who do the things we are unable or willing to do.

## Afton Baptist Church plans 125th Anniversary celebration

The Afton Baptist Church is making preliminary plans to celebrate its 125th Anniversary on Aug. 18, 2013. We need your help in locating any past church

members or pastors. Current names and addresses will be greatly appreciated and can be mailed to Afton Baptist Church, PO Box 54, Afton, TX 79220.

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## Sheriff's Post 05-2-13

The question we have this week is, "Is there a grace period on my vehicle registration after it expires or is that just a story I've heard?" Well, there are grace periods out there, some states don't have any grace period at all, and some have grace periods of up to a month. The answer to this question can be found in the Texas Transportation Code. Let's take a look at what the law says about your vehicle registration grace period here in Texas.

Texas Transportation Code 502.407 (a) states that a person commits an offense if; after the fifth working day after the date the registration for the motor vehicle, trailer or semitrailer that has attached to it a license plate for the preceding period; and the license plate has not been validated by the attachment of a registration insignia in effect. An offense under this section is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$200.

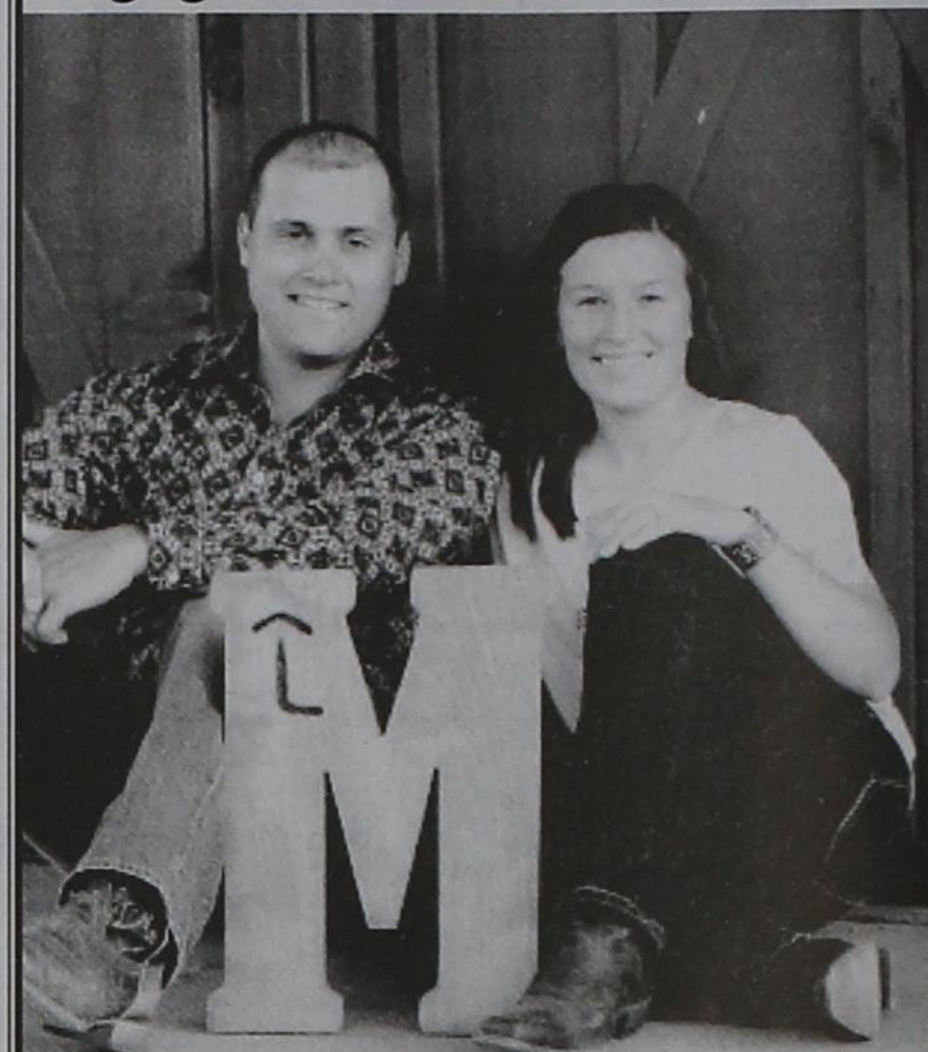
Five days goes by fast in today's time when dealing with a busy schedule but don't worry too much because TX TRC 502.407 (b) states that

a Justice of the Peace or Municipal Court Judge having jurisdiction over the offense may dismiss a charge of driving with an expired motor vehicle registration if the defendant remedies the defect not later than the 10<sup>th</sup> working day after the date of the offense and establishes that the registration fee has been paid, and assesses an administrative fee not to exceed \$10 when the charge is dismissed. Just a reminder, the Judge may or may not dismiss this charge; this decision is in the hands of the Judge who has jurisdiction over this offense.

The length of grace periods varies and depends on which state you are in. We know now that in Texas you have five working days grace after your registration expires. However, Iowa, Oklahoma and Colorado give you one month after your registration expires, while some other states have no grace period at all. If you have more questions regarding vehicle registration you can visit [www.txdmv.gov](http://www.txdmv.gov).

Send us your questions at P.O. Box 715, Matador, TX 79244 or e-mail your questions to [mctribune@gmail.com](mailto:mctribune@gmail.com).

## Wilson/Multer Engagement Announcement



Korie Wilson and Cory Multer have announced their engagement and upcoming marriage. Wilson is the daughter of Billy and Pam Wilson of O'Donnell. Her grandparents are Vann and Sondra Francis of Matador and Wilma Wilson (and the late Bill Wilson) of Girard. The bride-to-be graduated from O'Donnell High School in 2008 and Texas Tech University in May 2012 with a Bachelors of Science Degree in Animal Science. Korie is employed at Agrilife Extension Service. Multer is the son of Warren and Tanya Multer of Matador. He is the grandson of Betty Simpson (and the late Billy Paul Simpson) of Northfield and Mary Lou Multer (and the late Alfred Multer) of Olfen. The prospective groom graduated from Texas A&M University in 2009 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agricultural Systems Management and from Texas Tech University with a Masters of Business Administration in 2011. Cory is employed by Bayer CropScience. The couple will exchange vows on June 15, 2013 at the First Baptist Church in Matador, TX.



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## Thank You

To our Dear Friends and Family,

Thank you so much for your heartfelt prayers, visits, gifts of food, flowers, service, and especially emotional support during our dad's recent hospital stay and home-going. Each of you is known and loved by our family in special ways. We will be forever grateful for the kindness, love, and friendship you've shown our dad during his life and the outpouring of smythly you've given to us in these past days. We are blessed because you've been such an important part of our lives.

Larry, Steve, Berry Bostick  
And families

## OUR LITTLE BOX



Our Lord Jesus is a mighty warrior. Sometimes we neglect to remind ourselves and others of the might, power, and strength of our Lord. When we do, our audience, and or our students become the losers. There is so much of the Bible that we need to

learn and learn how to teach.

Generally speaking, the view of Jesus is sometimes slanted, because we try to make Him fit into the little box of our minds. But we have a Lord who is all-powerful. The Bible describes Him as the "Lord Sabaoth" and the "Lord of Hosts." In Revelation 19, Jesus is seen as the Lord of the Army of God.

Our Lord is found in the Bible to be the creator of this world and everything in it. He sustains life on this planet according to the first chapter of John. Jesus is indeed the Savior of us all. Comforting to us is the certain knowledge that our Lord has great power and will continue to exercise such until He comes in glory. Let us never forget the Almighty Lord, who after all, is in control of it all. Maybe we should begin to think outside of "our little box."

Roaring Springs Church of Christ  
Michael G. Crowley, Sr.  
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If you missed the last Town Hall meeting, LET ME URGE YOU TO ATTEND

## TOWN HALL MEETING No. 2

Everything in the main focus and emphasis will be on PREPAREDNESS FOR UNCERTAIN TIMES and becoming MORE SELF RELIANT.

The meeting will be held at ROARING SPRINGS COMMUNITY CENTER ON THURSDAY MAY 2nd AT 7:30 P.M.

Lubbock County Judge TOM HEAD will be guest moderator.

### 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 Motley 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-1 are 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 or phone:806-983-5256 phone. Information is also available on the state Comptroller's website at [www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/](http://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.

### Property Taxes Relief is Available to Elderly or Disabled Homeowners

Texas 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 Motley 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 amount.

For further details about property tax deferral, contact Motley County Appraisal District or phone:806-983-5256 phone. Further information is also available on the Comptroller's website, [www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/](http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/) or by calling the Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division at 1-800-252-9121 and press "2" to access the menu, then press "1" to contact the Information Services Team.



L to R Ken and Suzanne Abbott; Sue and Hugh Wickham of Irving, TX; KPat Holtman of League City, TX and Joyce and Weldon Hargis of Lubbock met in Abilene, TX for their yearly reunion.

### 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 2013 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 service-connected 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 or phone:806-983-5256. 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/](http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/).

### Property Owner Protest Hearings Are Set for (Date)

Property owners who disagree with the Motley 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 2013 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 district;
- 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, 2013 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 phone:806-983-5256

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

Homeowners looking to reduce their property tax bills in 2013 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 Motley County Appraisal District.

Available homestead exemptions include:

- **School taxes:** All homeowners may receive a \$15,000 homestead exemption for school taxes.
- **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 as soon as they turn 65 or become disabled.
- 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.

## MCYO Summer Baseball Sign-up Under Way

The Motley County Youth Organization is signing children up for the summer baseball program. "It's time again to start preparing for the summer baseball program," Rachele Davis said.

"If you have children, grandchildren, nieces or nephews, ages 4 years - 12th

grade that would be interested, please call Rachele Davis at 806-204-0027 to sign up."

Forms have been sent home from school or can also be picked up from Tammy Simpson in the secretary's office of Motley County ISD. Please have forms and entry fee turned in no later

than Friday May 3rd. No late entries will be accepted.

There will also be a meeting to elect officers with the draft following on Tuesday May 7th at 6:30 p.m. in the Motley County ISD cafeteria. If you are interested in coaching, please contact Rachele prior to this date.

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# NEWS AROUND MOTLEY COUNTY

## Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

### On a personal note

Reunions are extra special events. We are arranging a family reunion to celebrate my children's grandfather's birthday. He will be 100 years old May 10<sup>th</sup>. My sister-in-law and I have been doing most of the planning. When you do something with Sue it will be spectacular. After not seeing her much the last fifteen or twenty years I had forgotten how enthused she can get doing something for family. It will be a first class reunion and reception for him. He is excited. He thinks he 'ought' to go out and buy forty hamburgers so we will have enough to eat! Little does he know the size of the crowd that is invited and it will be a real bash! Last year we met in Graham for a Mexican dinner at a good café in Graham. He went early and paid for everyone's meal instead of letting us treat him. We have rented a building; Sue has purchased all sorts of decorations. A special cake is being made and lots of finger foods. Sue says if the hamburgers arrive she thinks the kids will really love it.

### In the community

Ken and Suzanne Abbott attended a reunion of Suzanne's high school classmates and their husbands in Abilene. Each year they choose a place to meet. Suzanne said they found many interesting things to do in Abilene. They visited Grace Museum in an old hotel that was built in 1909. The first floor was devoted to art displays; the second floor was a children's museum with hands-on things for children to do. The third floor displayed many interesting things that depicted the history of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs including lovely vintage clothing. They also visited the NCCIL which is a Nation Center Museum of Children's Illustrated Literature. The museum displayed the art work from many children's books. Some even had the preliminary sketches, color charts and then the finished illustration. Suzanne said there were some very beautiful pictures.

They went to Buffalo Gap and visited Frontier Texas. Using laser technology they had many dioramas and had a talking mannequin saloon keeper. Suzanne said he looked so real they didn't realize that he was not real for a while. She said they enjoyed great meals and their favorite was the Cypress Café.

Another tasty treat was a visit to Vleta's Chocolate Factory on N. First Street in Abilene. It is located in one of the old railroad buildings. They watched them make the chocolate and of course they could buy some to take with them!

On their way home they toured Fort Phantom Hill. There were several restored buildings. Ken's great grandfather, Edward Wolfarth carried the mail from the fort in Jones County to Fort Belknap near Newcastle in Young County. Those two forts were very important for the protection of early set-

tlers from Indian raids. The classmates attending were: Joyce and William Hargis of Lubbock, Sue and Hugh Wickham of Irving, Pat Holtman of League City and Ken and Suzanne Abbott.

The USDA Wildlife Services sent six of their employees here to assist the Trappers Association in thinning out the feral hog population. They were: Kelly Spinks, Brownwood, TX; Paige Ward Snyder; Bruce Leland, Bandera, TX; Joe Zoller, Canyon, TX; Miller Walker, Blackwell, TX and Lance Nixon, Sweetwater, TX. They were guests at Travelers Inn Monday through Thursday. They killed over nine hundred hogs using helicopters and ground kills. Most of the hogs were killed in Motley County. I am sure area ranchers and farmers are thankful to have the hog population thinned out.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tuttle of Odessa TX and Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Wyatt of Tahoka, TX spent Friday night at the Travelers Inn. They were in the area to take in Bob Wills Days at Turkey!

Sybol Brandon and Corky Marshall were treated to cake and ice cream for their April birthdays. Attending were: Don and Billie Stuckey, Tince and Buzz Thacker, J. N, Fletcher, Sybol's son, Pepper Nichols of Wichita Falls, Floyd and Diane Carter, Donna Kennedy, Glennard and Edith Daniell. (I was still suffering from vertigo and could not attend. I have sure missed a lot lately.

## Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

### Overheard

Those of us in Motley County know the difference between "right near" and "a right far piece" and "just down the road" can be one mile or 20!

### Community News

Mrs. Kay Meyers of Quitaque, Mrs. Sandra Barclay and her mother, Mrs. Erna Washington were in Levelland Friday to attend to Regional Tract Meet in which Lane and Ashton Barclay of Valley School competed. Their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cody Barclay of Turkey also attended.

Connie and Coy Franks met son and family, Amy and Cory Franks, Hudson, Madison and Heston of Idalou in Lubbock Saturday and enjoyed Madison's 4H Archery event.

Weekend visitors of Mrs. Janice Hughes was Mrs. Linda Hughes of Lamesa, Rickey and Tasha Hughes, Kendal and Kason of Floydada.

Visiting during the weekend with Connie and Coy Franks were son and family,

Cary and Mary Franks and Cal of Idalou.

Wilburn Martin was in Childress Thursday and Friday for dental appointments.

Weekend houseguests of Brenda and Darrell Cruse were daughter and family, Leah and Brian Meyer, Grace and Evon of Amarillo. They visited in Lockney with Brenda's mother, Mrs. Marihelen Wason of Matador, a patient in Mangold Hospital with pneumonia.

Ruth and Orville Lee were in Lubbock Monday and again Thursday for Orville medical tests and treatment. They visited in Clarendon Sunday with son and wife, Joey and Brenda Lee. They attended a local chapter Germania Insurance meeting. Also attending was Jason Lee of Amarillo.

Donna Sue and Stanley Deagan of Calgary, Mrs. Jackie Lynn Davis of Fritch and Mrs. Nada Starkey of Flomot visited Sunday with Mrs. N. Rogers and Donnie Rogers.

Mrs. Sherryl Barclay and daughter, Kayla of Meadow visited Saturday with Jerry and Sandra Barclay.

Anna Beth and Joe Ike Clay visited Everett Shorter at the Prairie House Nursing home in Plainview, Friday.

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## Property Tax Protest and Appeal Procedures

The law gives property owners the right to protest actions concerning their property tax appraisals. You may follow these appeal procedures if you have a concern about:

- the market or appraised value of your property
- the unequal appraisal of your property
- the inclusion of your property on the appraisal roll
- any exemptions that may apply to you
- the qualification for an agricultural or timber appraisal
- the taxable status of your property
- the local governments which should be taxing your property
- the ownership of property
- the change of use of land receiving special appraisal
- any action taken by the chief appraiser, appraisal district or appraisal review board that applies to and adversely affects you.

**Informal Review**  
(Insert description of appraisal district's informal review process, if any, then give name and telephone number of person taxpayer should contact.)

Contact Jim Finley for an informal review or any question regarding the taxable value of your property at 104 E California, Floydada, TX or call 806-983-5256 or 888-983-3881 toll free.

**Review by the Appraisal Review Board**  
If you can't resolve your problem informally with the county appraisal district (CAD) staff, you may have your case heard by the appraisal review board (ARB).

The ARB is an independent board of citizens that reviews problems with appraisals or other concerns listed above. It has the power to order the CAD to make the necessary changes to solve problems. If you file a written request for an ARB hearing (called a notice of protest) before the deadline, the ARB will set your case for a hearing. You'll receive written notice of the time, date and place of the hearing. If necessary, you may request a hearing in the evening or on a Saturday or Sunday. Prior to your hearing, you may ask to review the evidence the CAD plans to introduce at the hearing to establish any matter at issue. The law provides that before a hearing on a protest or immediately after the hearing begins, you or your agent and the CAD shall each provide the other with a copy of any written material intended to be offered or submitted to the ARB at the hearing. To the greatest extent practicable, the hearing will be informal. You or a designated agent may appear in person to present evidence or you may send notarized evidence for the ARB to review at your hearing. The CAD representative will present evidence about your case. You may cross-examine the CAD representative. The ARB will make its decision based on the evidence presented. In most cases, the CAD has the burden of establishing the property's value by a preponderance of the evidence presented.

### Deadline for Filing Protests with the ARB\*

**Usual Deadline**  
On or before May 31 (or 30 days after a notice of appraised value was mailed to you, whichever is later).

Late protests are allowed if you miss the usual deadline for good cause. Good cause is some reason beyond your control, like a medical emergency. The ARB decides whether you have good cause.

Late protests are due the day before the ARB approves records for the year. Contact your appraisal district for more information.

**Special Deadlines**  
For change of use (the appraisal district informed you that you are losing agricultural appraisal because you changed the use of your land), the deadline is not later than the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

In certain protests where the owner has submitted an independent appraisal before the hearing, the chief appraiser has the burden of proving the property's value by clear and convincing evidence. You can get a copy of a protest form from the appraisal district office at

(insert address).  
Motley County Appraisal District  
PO Box 249  
104 E California  
Floydada, TX 79235

Note: You shouldn't try to contact ARB members outside of the hearing. The law requires ARB members to sign an affidavit saying that they haven't talked about your case before the ARB hears it.

**Review by the District Court or an Arbitrator or SOAH**  
After it decides your case, the ARB must send you a copy of its order by certified mail. If you're not satisfied with the decision, you have the right to appeal. If you choose to go to court, you must start the process by filing a petition within 60 days of the date you receive the ARB's order. In certain cases, as an alternative to filing an appeal in district court, you may file, not later than the 45th day after you receive notice of the ARB order, a request for binding arbitration with the county appraisal district. In certain cases originating in certain counties, as an alternative to filing an appeal in district court, you may appeal to the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH). An appeal to SOAH is initiated by, not later than the 30th day after you receive notice of the ARB's order, filing with the chief appraiser of the county appraisal district a notice of appeal. Appeals to District Court, Binding Arbitration, or SOAH all require payment of certain fees or deposits.

**Tax Payment**  
You must pay either the amount of taxes due on the portion of the taxable value not in dispute or the amount of taxes due on the property under the order from which the appeal is taken.

**More Information**  
You can get more information by contacting your appraisal district at

(insert appraisal district name, address, telephone number).  
Motley County Appraisal District  
PO Box 249  
104 E California  
Floydada, TX 79235

You can also get a pamphlet describing how to prepare a protest from the appraisal district or from the State Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division at P.O. Box 13528, Austin, Texas 78711-3528.

For ARB changes (the ARB has informed you of a change that increases your tax liability and the change didn't result from a protest you filed), the deadline is not later than the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

(You may insert deadline for protests concerning omitted property if doing so would avoid taxpayer confusion.)

If you believe the appraisal district or ARB should have sent you a notice and did not, you may file a protest until the day before taxes become delinquent (usually February 1) or no later than the 125th day after the date you claim you received a tax bill from one or more of the taxing units that tax your property. The ARB decides whether it will hear your case based on evidence about whether a required notice was mailed to you.

\* The deadline is postponed to the next business day if it falls on a weekend or holiday.

## Matador News

By Marilyn Hicks

This week has been so varied not only in weather but in the visitors to the community. Late Tuesday night we got a call for a reservation for someone who didn't arrive until after midnight. We left them a note about where their room was located and the time that breakfast would be served. As we visited with them over coffee, we discovered that they were traveling from California to Fort Worth to see her mom before they made their way to Illinois for a Shakespeare festival. They are both actors, and he is a singer, songwriter as well. They were Jordan Coughtry and Nisi Sturgis from Long Island City, Queens, New York. She plays the part of the sheriff's wife on "Boardwalk Empire". Nisi said that we will get to know her better in season three. This gives a new interest in a series that I already enjoyed.

Also on Tuesday evening were Jim and Valerie Jackson from Albuquerque, New Mexico. They had two packages of frozen green chilies they were taking to a family member. We almost kidnapped the chilies. He is retired as a trainer with the Bureau of Land Management.

The administrators at MC-ISD hosted a lunch to honor their administrative assistants last Wednesday. Attending the luncheon were William Cochran, Gary Waitman, Denise Ford, Judy Woolsey, Tammy Simpson, and Kim Gleghorn. I know how important all the support staff is to making a school runs efficiently, and they certainly deserve the recognition.

Bill Tillman from Abilene, Texas stopped on his way to Plainview for a meeting at Wayland Baptist University. He is an employee of the Baptist Convention and works with the student scholarships at Texas Baptist Universities.

Several family members were in town to pay their respects to Lewis Bostick and attend his memorial service. Ruby Bostick Anders and her son, Charles, traveled from Norco, Louisiana, and Daphne, Alabama. Ruby is the sister of Lewis and is a retired funeral director. Charles is a hydroponic gardener of bib lettuce and also has a maritime security service; he repatriates people. He left here to accompany a man back to his native Russia.

Also attending the service for Mr. Bostick were Larry and Stephanie Bostick from Decatur, Illinois. Larry works for ADM. Their daughter and six-

month old grandson, Kassie and Luke Hunter, traveled in from Florida where she and her husband are stationed by the Air Force. Tate Bostick from Austin, Texas, was present for the services for his grandfather as well.

Another community member for whom a funeral service was held this past week was Jesse T. Sims. This longtime resident had many members of his family here to pay their respects. Those that we saw were Sharlene and Terry Brittan and daughter Dominique from Dallas, and Linda Daniels, Sheila Wooten, Ollie Sims, and Savannah Sims from Amarillo.

Carol Campbell and Marianne and Doug Leviton traveled to Austin for the Leviton's first visit to the state capitol. Host was former resident Gary Campbell. They did "everything Austin" from chicken fried steak and 2-step dance lessons at the Broken Spoke (touted as the oldest dance hall in Texas); to Hippy Church with live music on Congress Avenue at the Taco Express; and Lady Bird's Wildflower Center. Following a river stroll on Town Lake (now known as Lady Bird Johnson Lake); and birthday dinner for Carol at Sullivan's in downtown Austin, the group strolled to a newly erected statue of Willie Nelson. Willie recently celebrated his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday in Austin.

Guests attending a get-together with the Leviton's at the Campbell home on April 16, were Ron Bailey, Roy and Frances Hobbs, Marisue Potts, Guy and Di-Ann Campbell, Winifred Darsey, Doug and Marianne Leviton, and Lucretia and Carol Campbell.

Bob Will Festival Guests

I hope you got to see them heading out for an evening of dancing in their full regalia. Those who stayed at the Hotel were Earnest and Vickie Kiker from Crane, Texas; Doug and Betty Carter from Albuquerque, New Mexico; Billie Christie and Darlene Edwards from Big Spring, Texas; Larry and Sherry Fletcher from Richardson, Texas; Allen and Patty Templeton from Albuquerque, New Mexico; Pat and Loyd Underwood from Big Spring, Texas; Kenneth and Sandra Simpson from Nemo, Texas; Loretta and Mitch Rothstein from Rio Rancho, New Mexico; and Bob and Ben Ella Stewart from Big Spring, Texas.

Visiting in the home of Lucretia Campbell was nephew Gerald Pipkin and wife, Penny, from Lubbock. The Pipkin's attended all Saturday festivities at Bob Will's Day in Turkey.

**MOTLEY COUNTY**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL 3 on 3**  
**TOURNAMENT**  
**SATURDAY, MAY 11<sup>TH</sup>**  
**MOTLEY**  
**COUNTY GYM**

**DIVISIONS:**

- 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys & Girls Teams
- Jr High Boys & Girls Teams
- High School Boys & Girls Teams
- Alumni Teams (anyone over age 18)

**SCHEDULE:**

8:00am-Late Registration  
8:30am-Opening Ceremony  
9:00am-First Games Begin  
Two game guarantee


**FEES:**

\$40 for team of 3 or 4 (Received by May 9<sup>th</sup>)  
\$50 for same day registration

**CONCESSION AVAILABLE:**

- Pizza
- Water/Gatorade
- Chips/Candy

\*Proceeds will go to MC Lady Mats for Basketball Camp at West Texas A&M this summer. Please complete the attached registration form along with check payable to: MC Lady Mat Basketball. Bring by MC main office or mail to: Lady Mats Po Box 310 Matador, TX. 79244. Due by May 9<sup>th</sup> for \$40 fee.



*Library Journal*  
by Carla Meador Librarian

May is here! This month is always a very busy one in Motley County! To start off the activities, the Hwy. 70 Garage Sale will take place Saturday, May 4. I hope to get some "stuff" together for a sale, but digging it out and getting it ready is such a big job, I sometimes wonder why I take the time and effort! But, it's the fun of the junk adventure that makes the day worthwhile! This event is always a fun and active day!

The month continues with many school activities, banquets, then Baccalaureate and Graduation! Whew!! I know how it feels to be a parent of a senior; the busyness of this time and the emotions that go along with it. My best wishes to the parents and grandparents as they go through this month of mountains and valleys. You should be proud of yourself for raising such a great kid, because Motley County kids are awesome!

I am happy to report that the Texas Library Association Conference was outstanding! My time in Ft. Worth was full of activities. I had the opportunity to meet some authors at the conference and was able to get some books signed. It was great to meet and talk with publishing

company representatives and other librarians from across the state!

To top off the event, I received a Milestone Award for completing my PEARL project at a wonderful dinner banquet, during which time I made a presentation about the event and received many questions about Motley County, our Library, and how I organized the event - the Community Health Fair. To make things even better, I was presented with a check for \$1,000.00 for our Library! I will report more about this event in next week's paper.

I am also very happy to announce I have received notification from the Tocker Foundation that my grant request was approved and our Library will be awarded over \$7,000! I will report more about this in next week's paper, as well.

Since I have been out of the office for a week, I'm a little behind on my new book and DVD titles, so I will list those in next week's column. Thank you again to those who volunteered to work at the Library in my absence.

Library hours are Monday, 2-5 p.m.; Tuesday - Thursday, 1-6 p.m. and Friday, 9 a.m. - 2

## County Agent's News



by Ryan Martin, Agri LIFE EXTENSION Agent

On Friday, April 26, 2013 the Motley 4-H Club and Motley County ISD students teamed up to host a "Hat Day" as a fund raiser to help support the recovery efforts in West, Tx. Students paid \$1 to wear a hat/cap in

school all day. Many of the students and faculty also brought their loose change to help provide support for the community of West. A total of \$200.95 was raised by the students at Motley County ISD.

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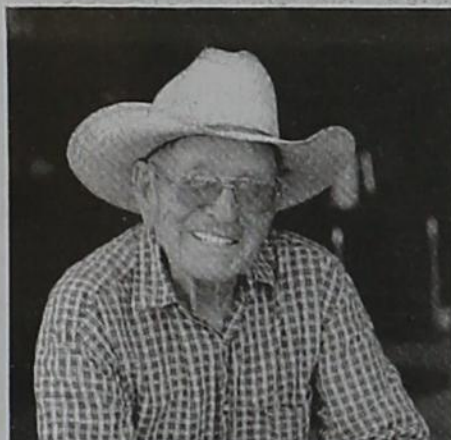
## Lewis Everett Shorter

Lewis Everett Shorter, 92, of Flomot, Texas, went to his eternal peace with his Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ on Sunday April 28, 2013, at University Medical Center in Lubbock, TX.

Everett was born on September 4, 1920, to Bartie Lee and Lottie Marie Easley Shorter in the small community of Earl, Oklahoma. His early years were during the hard times of the Depression era and so after completing the 6th grade he was forced to quit school to help support his family. As a young man his family arrived in Matador, TX and his dad turned to his mom and said, "Lottie, should we go north or should we go west?" Lottie replied, "Let's go north!" And so in 1938 they found themselves in Flomot, TX assisting the local farmers with the cotton harvest.

In 1942 Everett was drafted into the U.S. Army and was a proud veteran of World War II. He served with the 168th Anti Aircraft Artillery Battalion, Battery D in the southwest Pacific. He participated in the liberation of the Admiralty Islands, New Guinea and with General MacArthur in the invasion of Leyte Island in the Philippines. He was a member of the Flomot Baptist Church for 66 years where he held many positions, including ordained minister, Sunday School teacher, and Chairman of the Church Deacons.

Everett loved to hunt and fish and spending time in the outdoors. He was a farmer and took much pride in his profession, farming on his own for many years and in the last 20 years helping his son Clois in his farming operation, harvesting his last crop at the age of 90. He loved to till the soil, he did not get his



wish but he often said that if he knew it wouldn't hurt anyone or anything he would love to die while driving his tractor.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 63 years, Alma Mae Claborn in 2006, a devoted daughter Alma Joyce Martin in 1966, a granddaughter Teresa Gail Martin, his parents, and three siblings; Earnest Shorter, Dolores Collier, and Lois Holt.

He is survived by three sisters Alene Barnes, Elsie Baird, Opal Kirtley and husband Thurman; two sons Clois Shorter and wife Kathy of Flomot, Texas, Louis Shorter and wife Beverly of Fort Worth, Texas; and a daughter Judy Cox and husband Mike of Spring, Texas. He was the very proud Grandpa of eight grandchildren; Cindy Calvert and husband Chad, Christi Milam and husband Dwain, Keri Sehon and husband Kevin, Rick Rhodes and wife Marianne, Russell Rhodes and wife Rebecca, Salina Marks and husband Joe, Megan Shorter, and Jennifer Lawler, sixteen great grandchildren, and many other relatives and friends.

Services were held Wednesday May 1, 2013 at 10:30 a.m. at the Flomot Baptist Church followed by burial in the Flomot Memorial Park. Lunch will be served following the burial at the Flomot Community Center.



Motley 4-H Club and Motley County ISD students decided to have a "Hat Day" at school on Friday April 26, 2013. Many of the students and faculty brought their loose change to help provide support for your small community during this tragic situation. Please accept this small token in show of our sympathy. Our thoughts and prayers are with your community during this difficult time.

## Athletes represented Motley Co. at Region II 1A Division II track



L-R Catherine Ward, Macie Marshall, Austin Taylor, Brielle Collett. Congratulations to the following athletes who represented Motley Co. at the Region II 1A—Division II track meet held this weekend at San Angelo. Catherine Ward--11th in the 800m run. Brielle Collett--10th in the 400m dash. Austin Taylor-- 5th in the Shot Put. Macie Marshall--4th in the 1600m run, 3rd in the 3200m run

# Obituary

## Jesse T Sims Jr.

Church Services for Jessie T. Sims, 90, of Matador was held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday April 27, 2013, at the First Baptist Church in Matador with Reverend Tommy Wilson officiating. Interment followed at East Mound Cemetery under the direction of Zapata Funeral Home of Matador. Jessie T. passed away April 24, 2013.

Jessie T was born on February 25, 1923, to Henry Sims and Eliza Alexandra Sims in Linden, Texas. He married Glouris Askew on April 7, 1941, in Matador. From this union they had fourteen children. Jessie T was a plumber and he also farmed. He was a lifetime member of the Macedonia Baptist Church in Matador.

He is survived by his children Jessie Mae Brown of Matador, Erma McCuen and husband Arthur of Lubbock, Joyce Roberson and hus-

band Vernon of Slaton, Jewel Thompson and husband James of Burleson, Glouris Pitts of Plainview, Paulette Henry and husband Harvey of Dallas, Vivian Campbell and husband Charlie of Midland, Herbert Sims and wife Gloria of Lubbock, Carlton Sims and wife Carolyn of Lubbock, Jessie T Sims Jr. of Matador, Clayton Sims of Matador, Don Sims and wife Elaine of Amarillo, and Forrest Sims of Pueblo, CO.

He is also survived by one brother Henry Lee Sims; 31 grandchildren, 70 great grandchildren, and 11 great great grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents Henry and Eliza Sims; a son Ernest Sims; three sisters V. O. Jones, Bearnice Johnson, and Pauline Smith; and two brothers, Norris Sims and Willie Sims.



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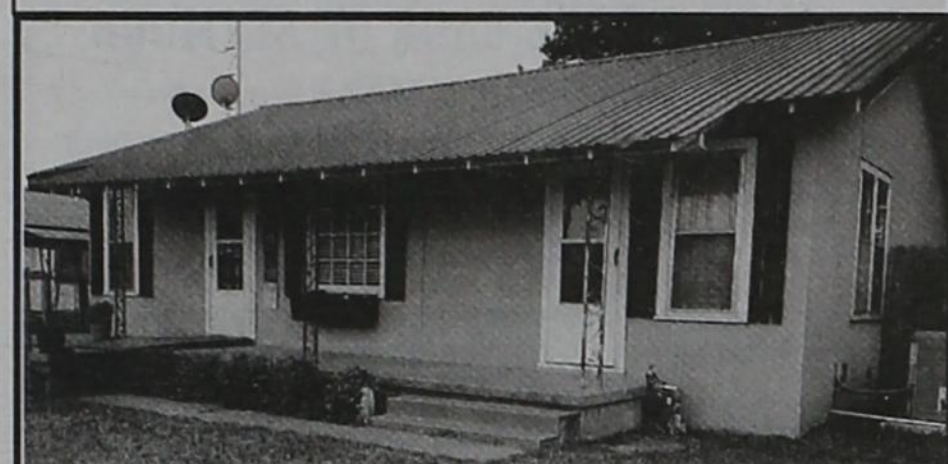
May 3rd Motley County ISD will be in process at regular time.

May 10th – Prom  
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May 17th – Honors/Sports Banquet

May 29th – Sr. Breakfast@ Methodist Church 8 am

May 31st – Jr High Graduation



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- Up to date Immunization Record
- Students Social Security Card
- Students Birth Certificate
- Identification of Parent/Legal Guardian and/or custody papers. Copies of these documents will be made at the time of registration and originals will be given back to parent/guardian. ct18



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&  
LOTS 17-18, 21-22, BLOCK 4  
Original Town of Matador

Bids will be accepted at City Hall, 706 Dundee, P O Box 367, Matador, TX 79244 until 5:00 PM May 8, 2013.

Bids will be opened and publicly read at the 4:00 PM meeting of Market Matador on May 9, 2013 at City Hall, Matador, TX.

For further information please contact City Hall at the above address, or call 806/347-2255

Market Matador reserves the right to refuse any or all bids. ct18

## BID NOTICE

MATADOR FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IS NOW ACCEPTING SEALED BIDS ON:

LOTS 9 & 11, BLOCK 178, Russell Heights Addition, Matador, Motley County, Texas

All bids must be postmarked no later than May 8, 2013. Mail sealed bid with specified lot/lots to David Stafford, P O Box 292, Matador, Tx 79244

Mark envelope "Bid"

Bids will be opened by the Board of Trustees at their meeting on Sunday, May 12, 2013. ct18

The City of Matador is taking applications for a new full time employee. This employee will be assisting in all activities relating to field operations: mowing, line repair, sewer and landfill operations, and issuing citations for ordinance violations. Applicant must have a valid driver's license and be able to pass a drug and background test. Applications can be obtained at Matador City Hall, 706 Dundee, Matador, Texas. Applications will be taken until May 6, 2013. For information contact Debra Scott, City of Matador, 806-347-2255. ct18

## Notice of General Election for the City of Matador

An election is hereby ordered to be held on May 11, 2013 for the purpose of electing 3 council positions.

Early Voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at

**Matador City Hall 706 DUNDEE, MATADOR, TX 79244**

Between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. beginning on **APRIL 29, 2013**

And ending on **MAY 7, 2013** 12 Hr voting days will be **April 30, 2013** and **MAY 6, 2013.**

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