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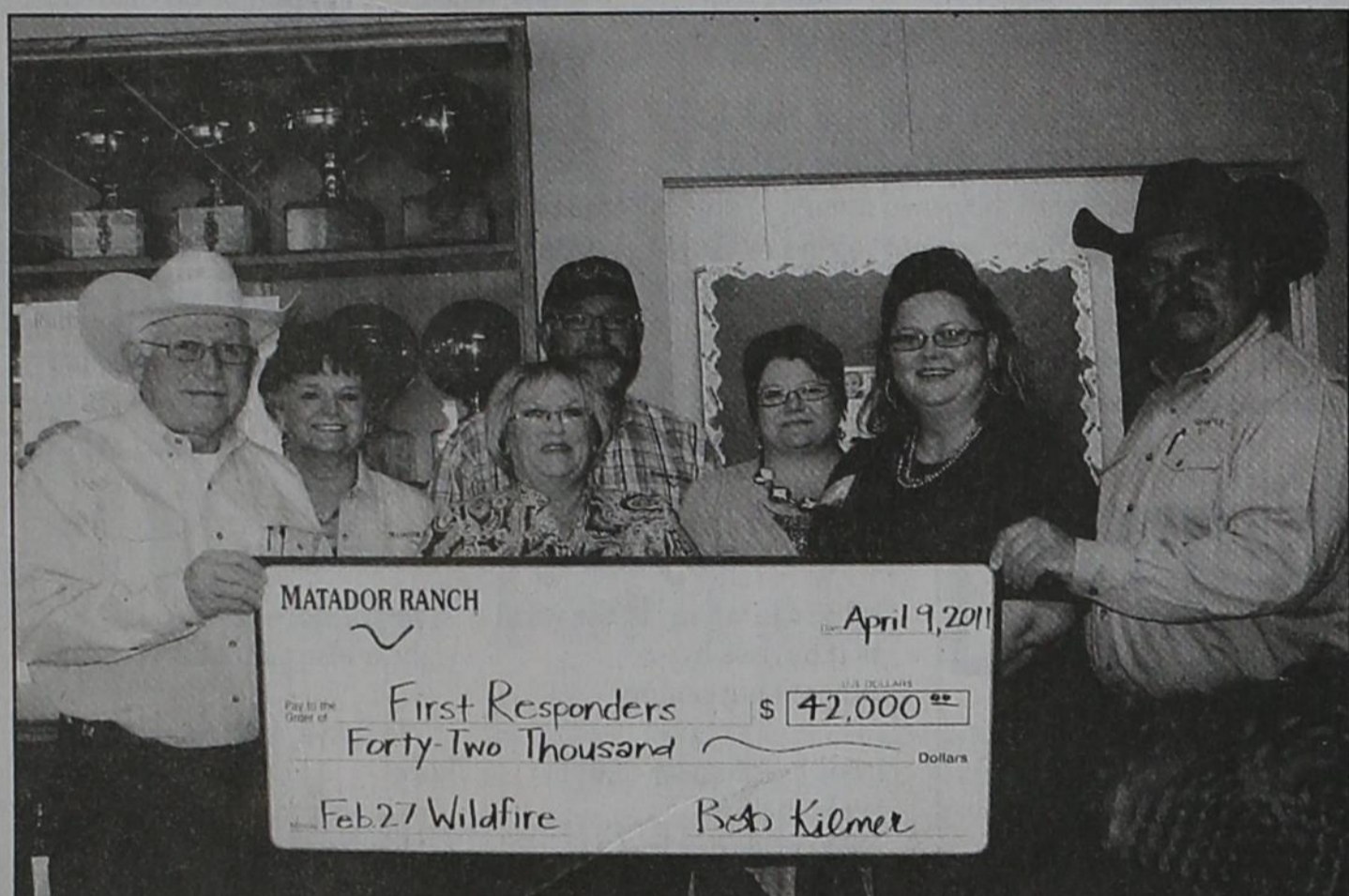
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Matador Ranch donates \$42K to firefighters



Matador Ranch employees pose with a \$42,000 oversized check donated to the First Responders of the February fire that took almost 20,000 acres of grassland and fences at the historic Matador Ranch. Pictured (L to R) are: Ranch Manager Bob Kilmer and Wanda Kilmer, Janie and Doug Campbell, Kim Woolsey, and D'Anna and J.D. Russell.

By Carol Campbell
Motley County Tribune

A community-wide Fire-fighter Appreciation Night, sponsored by the area churches, was held Saturday, April 9, 2011, in the Motley County School cafeteria.

More than 100 guests, including firefighters from area towns, enjoyed brisket, turkey, ham, potato salad, beans and dessert.

There was no charge for the meal; donations were accepted with 100 percent of the proceeds going to the Matador Fire Department.

Brother Bill Manney, pastor of the First United Methodist Church, said he had been praying and waiting for "someone" to organize a fundraiser for the firefighters in Matador. No one stepped up. Then, he read a scripture in the Bible (Matthew 7:3) about "being careful about judging others."

"Why do you notice the little piece of dust in your friend's eye," Jesus warned, "but you don't notice the big piece of wood in your own eye?" The light bulb blinked on.

"I told my wife - I have found the person to lead the charge," Bill said. Relieved,

Arlyce asked, "Who?" and he answered meekly, "me." "I won't tell you what she said after that," he joked.

Bill had a lot of help with the planning -- area churches provided the meats, and the dedicated cooks of all churches provided the trimmings and desserts. "I would like to thank the churches in Matador and Roaring Springs. All the food, including the cups, plates and plastic silverware were donated by the churches," he said.

Following his remarks, he introduced Matador Ranch Manager Bob Kilmer and Cattle Manager J.D. Russell to make a few remarks. "The fire was a tremendous thing to experience," J.D. said, "it was like working in the belly of a beast."

He thanked the responders that were in attendance, asking them to stand in recognition of their steadfast work that "saved this little town." About 20 responders stood receiving a standing ovation. "When you experience the unselfishness of these men, it is amazing," Russell said, choking up with grateful emotion. "It makes me proud to be from this part of the country.

My hat is off to the firefighters and to everyone that helped, we appreciate your dedication."

Matador Ranch manager Bob Kilmer said "as 40- to 50-mile-an-hour winds pushed a wildfire across the county, I can't tell you how many volunteers showed up in our little community of Matador.

"Volunteer fire departments, some from as far away as Austin, helped protect our community," he said. "As a result of these volunteers, no life was lost, no home was destroyed in Matador and none of our historic ranch buildings were damaged due to the fire." (See Bob Kilmer's full remarks in Writing Community).

Of the almost 40,000 acres burned, more than one-half was Matador Ranch property. "There was a lot of fence building going on today," he said. So far, the ranch has built 42 miles of fence," he said.

Kilmer ended his remarks with an "illustration of our deepest appreciation for the help we received in February, Matador Ranch is proud to donate \$42,000 to local fire departments. -- God's hand was on us that night," Kilmer said.

Roaring Springs Lions Club meets

By Corky Marshall
Motley County Tribune

Fourteen members of the Roaring Springs Lions Club met on Thursday, April 7, 2011, at the Windmill Café. Two guests were Doug and Janie Campbell, Doug brought an interesting talk on what is happening at TxDOT that includes plans for road

improvement and construction sites. Doug also gave some more information on the part TxDOT played in the February wildfires. TxDOT is part of "first responders" to wildfires using their heavy equipment to cut firebreaks.

Other guests were: Barbara Bogart of Cap Rock Telephone, Karen Jacobsen, guest of Alex Crowder from the

School of Education at Texas Tech; Diane Carter, guest of Floyd Carter; and Tina Brooks, guest of Tommie Jo Cruse.

Nine Lions went to Hackberry Creek Care Center to entertain the residents with Bingo games. Games are played until all players win quarters. The players won a total of \$35.00.

Commissioner's Court meets in regular session

SPS files transmission line routes in Motley County

By Carol Campbell
Motley County Tribune

The Motley County Commissioner's Court met April 11, 2011, in regular session, covering a 17-item agenda including an update on transmission lines in Motley County.

The court met with a quorum, consisting of Commissioners Franklin Jameson and Russell Alexander with County Judge Jim Meador presiding. Commissioners Roy Gene Stephens and Donnie Turner were absent. Also in attendance were District and County Clerk Kate Hurt, County Attorney Tom Edwards, and Treasurer Eva Barkley.

Ben Kautz, TxDOT, report-

ed that the off-system bridges would be completed by the end of the month. Commissioner Alexander thanked Kautz for the equipment donation to help fight the February fires in Motley County. Kautz also reported that TxDOT is now helping with the Knox City fires that are still burning out of control, he said.

Judge Meador informed the court that the county was now accepting applications from banks to serve as the County's bank depository as required by the local government code. The notice will run in the local newspaper for three weeks. Bids will be due on May 4, 2011, and opened at the Commissioner's Court meeting on May 9, 2011.

Other informational brief-

ings provided the court included an update on two Sheriff Department grants. If approved, both grants would be funded 100 percent by the grantors. One grant through the COPS, Inc. program would fund new computers for the department; and the other grant through the South Plains Association of Governments (SPAG) is for equipment.

In addition, Judge Meador reported that he and the county judges from Foard and Cottle counties met with Nim Kidd, the TxDPS Emergency Management representative, regarding Motley County damages in 2010 when Hurricane Alex dumped huge amounts of rain in the coun-

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Agriculture Secretary Vilsack and Assistant Attorney General West Announce Process to Resolve Discrimination Claims of Hispanic and Women Farmers

Obama Administration's Efforts Will Bring Finality to Longstanding Claims of Discrimination

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25, 2011 - As part of continued efforts to close the chapter on allegations that discrimination occurred at USDA in past decades, Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack and Assistant Attorney General Tony West today announced the establishment of a process to resolve the claims of Hispanic and women farmers and ranchers who assert that they were discriminated against when seeking USDA farm loans.

"The Obama Administration has made it a priority to resolve all claims of past discrimination at USDA, and we are committed to closing this sad chapter in USDA's history," said Vilsack. "Hispanic and women farmers and ranchers who allege past discrimination can now come forward to participate in a claims process in which they have the opportunity to receive compensation."

"Under the resolution announced today, USDA and Hispanic and women farmers will be able to move forward and focus on the future," said Tony West, Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Division of the Department of Justice. "The administrative process being established will give Hispanic and women farmers who believe they suffered discrimination the chance to have their claims heard."

The claims process offers a streamlined alternative to litigation and provides at least

\$1.33 billion in compensation, plus up to \$160 million in farm debt relief, to eligible Hispanic and women farmers and ranchers. This announcement follows the Obama Administration's settlement of longstanding litigation brought by African American farmers and Native American farmers.

The program announced today provides up to \$50,000 for each Hispanic or woman farmer who can show that USDA denied them a loan or loan servicing for discriminatory reasons for certain time periods between 1981 and 2000. Hispanic or female farmers who provide additional proof and meet other requirements can receive a \$50,000 reward. Successful claimants are also eligible for funds to pay the taxes on their awards and for forgiveness of certain existing USDA loans. There are no filing fees or other costs to claimants to participate in the program.

Participation is voluntary, and individuals who opt not to participate are not precluded by the program from filing a complaint in court.

In conjunction with this announcement, USDA is launching an outreach effort to potential claimants that will include a call center for farmers and ranchers, a website, public service announcements, and in-person meetings around the country. Individuals interested in participating in the claims pro-

cess may register to receive a claims package, or may obtain more information, by visiting www.farmerclaims.gov. Beginning February 25, 2011, individuals can register to receive a claims package by calling the Farmer and Rancher Call Center at 1-888-508-4429. USDA cannot provide legal advice to potential claimants. Persons seeking legal advice may contact a lawyer or other legal services provider.

Under Secretary Vilsack's leadership, USDA is addressing civil rights complaints that go back decades, and today's announcement is another major step towards achieving that goal. USDA is committed to resolving allegations of past discrimination and ushering in "a new era of civil rights" for the Department. In February 2010, the Secretary announced the Pigford II settlement with African American farmers, and in October 2010, he announced the Keepseagle settlement with Native American farmers. Meanwhile, Secretary Vilsack continues to advocate for resolution of all remaining claims of past discrimination against USDA.

Audio and video public service announcements in English and Spanish from Secretary Vilsack and downloadable print and web banner ads on the Hispanic and women farmer claims process are available at: http://www.usda.gov/PSAs_Print_and_WebBanner_Ads.xml

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MOTLEY COUNTY TRIBUNE Wins First Place for Old Settlers Edition

By Larry Vogt

This past Friday and Saturday Laverne and I attended the Panhandle Press Association Convention in Amarillo, Texas. This year's meeting had several highlights. The workshops were very helpful as all newspapers cope with ongoing problems of reaching more and younger readers as well as day-to-day publishing activities such as layout, postal reports, and accounting. It is always useful to connect with other people in the same business, especially those who have a newspaper that has close to the same circulation and population density that occurs in our general location.

A team from Texas Tech gave a presentation on their efforts to preserve old newspapers and copy into microfilm or digitize more recent copies of newspapers as part of their Southwest Collection. Wyman Meinzer presented a wonderful overview of some of his Texas images in a slide show with comments about camera settings and stories of capturing the images.

One of the main highlights is the Awards Brunch on Saturday morning where the publishers recognize each other with awards in different categories such as news stories, news photos, and others. The Motley County Tribune won a first place for special section in Division 1. The particular edition for this award was the August 26, 2010 edition with the "Writing West" Trail Dust Anthology. The anthology contained the winners of the writing contest and some of Douglas Meador's Trail Dust columns. There also was a lot of work by local writers in the main section of the newspaper and as usual, we sincerely appreciate the efforts of all our participants in the publication of the Tribune. The publication of a community newspaper is truly a communal effort and would not be possible without all of you who take and send pictures and provide us with news stories and comments.

Meeting with and visiting other weekly newspaper editors and publishers gives us ideas and revitalizes our motivation and enthusiasm for publishing the Tribune. Coming up this week is our switch to a software program for managing the subscription list and postal report preparation. We feel this is the next streamlining step for the newspaper and hope that this step results in more efficient use of our time in the office as well as better service to our mail subscribers. Here again, our contact with other publishers who have made improvements in the area of subscription management has been useful and we are inspired to make this important step.

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WRITING COMMUNITY

Giving thanks for the word "volunteer"

By Bob Kilmer

On February 27, I saw volunteer used as a noun, a verb and as an adjective.

As 40- to 50-mile-an-hour winds pushed a wildfire across the county, I can't tell you how many volunteers showed up in our little community of Matador.

I saw dozens volunteering to protect homes, businesses and the Matador Ranch that I've called home for more than 15 years.

Volunteer fire departments, some from as far away as Austin, helped protect our communities.

As a result of volunteering, volunteers and volunteer fire departments, no life was lost, no home was destroyed in Matador and none of our historic ranch buildings were damaged due to the fire. The Salvation Army, which received a \$1,000 donation from our parent company Koch Industries, Inc., was distributing water to those volunteers almost immediately.

Of the 40,000 acres burned during the February fire, about half of that was on

Matador Ranch. Some of our neighbors lost all of their grassland, which is a major obstacle. There is much fence-building going on. But we are already seeing the land greening up and life returning to normal.

However, we must not forget about those volunteers.

For small communities such as ours, these people give their time and talent to ensure that when faced with such an unprecedented fire that losses are minimized. They take advantage of training offered by the Texas Forest Service. During a major fire such as the one we just experienced, they help coordinate donated services from the Texas Department of Transportation, the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, and the Texas Department of Public Safety.

And in this most recent case, I am aware that many volunteers paid for fuel for the fire trucks with their own money.

Some of them are not asking to be reimbursed for those expenses because the

fire exhausted the reserves of some departments. Fuel is expensive now, and fighting a 40,000-acre fire consumes much fuel.

To help bridge the financial gap – and to illustrate our deepest appreciation for the help we received in February – Matador Ranch is proud to donate \$42,000 to local fire departments. We have contributed to organizations in Matador, Roaring Springs, Paducah, Floydada, Dickens, Turkey, Dougherty, Crosbyton, McAdoo, Flomot, Lockney, Ralls and Spur and to the Motley County Emergency Medical Service.

Without the dedication and courage of these many volunteers, our communities – and our ranch – would not be on the road to recovery.

Thus, if you know a volunteer firefighter, tell them thanks for their willingness to serve and help out. With very little rain in the county, we still face the threat of future wildfires. Still better consider making a donation – I know it will be appreciated.

Opinion Editorial

Landowners could benefit from saying "no" to transmission companies

By Brent Hamilton

Land owners in the regions affected by the impending construction of large electric transmission lines could benefit from rejecting offers made by construction companies. By the fourth quarter of 2013, approximately 2,400 miles of mega-size transmission lines will be constructed within the State of Texas. A majority of the lines being constructed will affect the Panhandle and Rolling Plains of Texas. As a result, area land owners are being forced to give up portions of their property along with the path of these mega-size transmission lines.

The property owners affected by these new transmission lines can either grant an easement or have their property taken pursuant to the Texas Laws of Eminent Domain. Transmission line companies, granted condemnation authority by the State, will condemn easements from 160 to 200 feet wide along the path of these lines. Most of the transmission lines will be built using lattice-type structures approaching 150 feet in height.

While most citizens of our region do not oppose the concept of generating electricity to deliver to the major metropolitan areas, all agree that land owners who contribute to the process should be fairly compensated.

These land owners will receive a one-time payment intended to compensate them for their property being burdened with this mega-size electric transmission line in perpetuity. Texas condemnation laws require that land owners be compensated for the fair market value of the transmission line easement.

The fair market value includes more than just that part of the property used for the easement. When a transmission line is located upon

a tract of property, it not only affects the portion where the line is constructed, but significantly decreases the value of the entire tract.

Land owners who feel forced to accept the transmission companies' offers are not being adequately compensated. This concern appears to be well founded.

Runnels County land owners are in the path of the same mega-sized transmission lines. However, these land owners are further along in the process, and the land owners electing to reject the transmission companies' offers, opting instead for condemnation proceedings, are obtaining compensation awards from eight to 15 times those amounts being offered.

Why is this the case? First, there is a significant difference of opinion about value. Second, transmission companies are unwilling to recognize that having this large transmission line on a portion of an owner's property will have a significant effect on the value of the owner's adjacent property.

So what are the numbers? In Runnels County, transmission companies' offers were \$3.75 to \$4.00 per linear foot. Land owners electing to reject these offers have been awarded \$28.00 to \$35.00 per linear foot by Special Commissioners in condemnation proceedings.

While each property is unique, the awards generally indicate that the market value of these types of easements should exceed \$150,000.00 per mile rather than the \$18,000.00 per mile offered by the transmission companies.

Transmission companies have right-of-way agents in the area negotiating easements, and aspects that condemnation proceedings will begin as soon as May of 2011.

WIND

by Arlyce Manney

What can we say to the wind as it hurries by - it hears not our cry.	we cannot see - how else can it be?
Does it not know that it feeds the fire - that raises our ire?	We have but to pray and hope and wait for the day - this force goes away,
It knows not that its' ways are causing us pain - would drive us insane!	And our skies fill with clouds that will bring rain - and we can rejoice again!
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Matador Ranch has Injury-Free 2010

Employees at Koch Agriculture Company's Matador Ranch completed 2010 with no recordable or lost-time incidents as defined by the U.S. Occupational Safety & Health Administration.

Employees at this site have worked two years without a recordable incident and three years without a lost-time incident.

"Safety is important in every business, and ranching is no exception," said Randy Lair, president of Koch Agriculture Company. "Our employees have developed successful safety practices that made this achievement possible and have demonstrated the highest commitment to safety. I salute them for their dedication to safety."

According to the National Safety Council, agriculture is the most hazardous industry in the nation.

The Matador Ranch has implemented innovative safety measures such as annual

horsemanship clinics that focus on the rider and the horse. The ranch provides training in hazard communications, environmental compliance, all-terrain vehicle safety, first aid, and CPR. In addition, the company utilizes the guidance of a safety committee and has developed a detailed company safety manual.

In addition to safety achievements, the ranch has developed a sustainable approach to rangeland management that mutually benefits the land, the water, the wildlife, and the livestock operation.

In 2011, Matador Ranch was recognized with the *Outstanding Rangeland Stewardship* award that is sponsored by the Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association and the Texas Section, Society for Range Management. In 2010, the ranch earned the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department's *Lone Star Land Steward* award.

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ty, washing out county roads and culverts. He informed the court that FEMA was in the process of reassessment of the damages for Motley, Foard, and Cottle counties. The Scope of Work and Cost Estimates to repair the damage had been previously assessed at about \$3.9 million.

This briefing was followed by an update by County Attorney Tom Edwards on an announcement of Southwestern Public Service Company (SPS) on an application filed with PUC to construct transmission lines in Hale, Floyd, Motley, Cottle, Briscoe, Hall Childress, Donley, Collingsworth, and Wheeler counties.

According to Edwards, if the "preferred route" is accepted by PUC, it would construct about 31.5 miles of lines in Motley County. "This will be a single circuit line that would cost about one-half of what the ETT line proposed," Edwards said. "This line would run from TUCO in Abernathy to a point coming into the

county at about Antelope Hill Road off the Caprock, then would run due north almost into Hall County, before heading east about half-way across the county."

The proposed preferred route would add about \$27 million to the county tax base," Edwards said. An "alternate route" proposed by SPS (also a single circuit line) would add about 37 miles of transmission lines in Motley County.

"This route would run from Floyd County into Motley County, east to Whiteflat, and then travel a northeasterly direction into Cottle County," Edwards said. "At \$870,000 per mile, this route would add about \$32 million to the county's tax base."

Letters and maps have been sent to affected landowners in the county and they have until May 16, 2011, to intervene in the process, Edwards said.

What position the landowners will take, is anyone's guess, Edwards said. "But I

would hope the affected landowners would consider that Motley County is in dire need of an increase in the tax base.

The Commissioner's Court deferred consideration of a resolution in support of the proposed lines until next meeting.

In other business, after an opinion by the TAC legal counsel, the court voted to rescind the order for obtaining a debit card for the county; and voted to also cancel the county credit card. A new policy for travel and meal allowances was proposed by Treasurer Eva Barkley whereby employees would be provided per diem of the accepted state rate of \$36.00. Lodging would be reimbursed at the conference hotel rate, and personal automobile expenses would be reimbursed at the state rate (as of January 1, 2011) of 51 cents per mile. The court voted two "for" and one "against" the proposed policy with the dissenting vote by Commissioner Jameson.

Matador Ranch donates to first responders of range fires

Company contributes \$42,000 to fire departments and emergency medical service

MATADOR, Texas – Matador Ranch is donating \$42,000 to 13 area volunteer fire departments and the Motley County Emergency Medical Service.

"There is no good way to say 'thanks' to the many men and women who responded quickly to the range fire that swept through this area in February," said Bob Kilmer, Matador Ranch manager. "While we lost about 20,000 acres of grass and miles of fence, we were fortunate that no historic buildings or homes were damaged by the fire. We appreciate the work of so many to protect those buildings and

the Matador community."

Of the funds to be donated, Matador Ranch is contributing \$33,000 divided among the Matador Volunteer Fire Department, the Roaring Springs Volunteer Fire Department, the Motley Emergency Medical Service, and the Flomot Volunteer Fire Department.

"The many volunteers – including several on our immediate staff – give of their time and talent. We're trying to help fill the financial gap that the fire caused to these local fire departments."

Other volunteer fire departments at Paducah, Floydada,

Dickens, Turkey, Dougherty, Crosbyton, McAdoo, Lockney, Ralls and Spur will receive contributions.

"We hope that our small donations help where it's needed most and that others in the surrounding communities also think about contributing to one or more of these volunteer organizations," Kilmer said.

Kilmer also praised the work of the Texas Forest Service, the Texas Department of Transportation, the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, the Texas Department of Public Safety, Motley County and the Salvation Army.

TxDOT moves transformers

Equipment headed to Japan to aid in disaster relief

AUSTIN—Three long-haul rigs, each loaded with a transformer moved across the state this week to meet a late afternoon shipping deadline at the Port of Houston on March 30, 2011.

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) approved super-heavy permits for a Texas company to haul the loads at gross vehicle weights of 510,000, 430,000 and 420,000 pounds. The transformers are headed to Japan to aid in disaster relief in the aftermath of a destructive earthquake and tsunami.

Twenty feet wide and 197 feet long, the super-heavy loads left Sweetwater Wednesday, March 30, and traveled south along Texas highways to the final port destination. They were then be offloaded onto a vessel and shipped to Japan.

Maintenance employees in six TxDOT districts—Abilene, Brownwood, Fort Worth, Waco, Bryan and Houston—provided traffic control as the big rigs moved across Texas.

"It took a great deal of coordination in a short period of time to pull this off," said

Carol Davis, Motor Carrier Division director. "TxDOT divisions and districts worked closely with an engineering consultant to accomplish in a few days what would normally take weeks."

TxDOT's Motor Carrier Division issues permits to carriers for loads exceeding legal size and weight limits, working closely with the districts to make sure loads move across the state safely and efficiently. In 2009, the agency issued over 500,000 such permits, 6,235 of those exceeding 200,000 pounds.

Relay For Life News

By Monta Marshall
Motley County Tribune

The Panhandle Region of the American Cancer Society has a new Community Manager of the Lubbock Field.

Keith Patrick will work with the Motley-Dickens counties Relay For Life to be held on June 11, 2011, at the Spur High School Track in Spur. Keith plans to attend the April Relay For Life committee meeting to be held on April 18, 2011, at First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall at 6:00 p.m.

The March meeting of the Relay For Life Committee was held on March 22, 2011. Logistics for the Relay were discussed. At this time there have only been four teams who have signed up to participate. There is still time to form a team.

Displays of the Keurig Coffeemakers, model B-40 and an afghan made by Lorene Jordan will be placed in Matador, Roaring Springs and Spur. Look for them. Raffle tickets will be five dollars each or five tickets for twenty dollars. Each ticket will entitle the purchaser to participate in three drawings for one of the three coffeemakers and the fourth drawing will be for the afghan. This means you have three chances with each ticket to win a Keurig Coffeemaker and one chance to win the afghan.

You may purchase tickets at New to You, from any committee member, and Roaring Springs Lions Club members. The committee urges citizens to participate in the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life with a team, monetary donation or a donation of your time. There are

many ways you can honor a cancer patient or remember a family member who has battled cancer.

The committee has luminarias for sale before the Relay that can be decorated especially for anyone you want to honor. Luminarias are white sacks with a battery powered light and sand inside that are used to light the track during the Ceremony of Hope. Luminarias are available early from New to You or from Monta Marshall in Roaring Springs. Personalize them for your honoree and enter the contest for the best decorated luminaria to be displayed by the Spur High School Track Relay For Life Event.

The April meeting will be held at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall in Roaring Springs on April 18, 2011, at 6:00 p.m.

Texas Tech Expert Discusses Earth Day from 1970 to Today

Earth Day began April 22, 1970, as a grass roots movement throughout the United States as a response to strong and growing environmental concern, particularly among young people. Millions participated in the first Earth Day.

Mark Stoll, associate professor of environmental studies, remembers the first Earth Day as a ninth grader in Topeka, Kan.

"This was Topeka, so it really was grass roots," Stoll said.

"Everyone was talking about it, even junior high kids."

The first Earth Day led to the creation of the Environmental Protection Agency, the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act and Endangered Species Act.

When Earth Day began, environmental issues were a bipartisan issue; everyone was concerned about them, Stoll said, though currently, Congress seems to be going in the opposite direction.

"It would be good if Earth Day could remind us to keep moving forward and not get complacent," Stoll said. "I don't know if the current Congress is unaware, or if it's the money and power of politics that is involved."

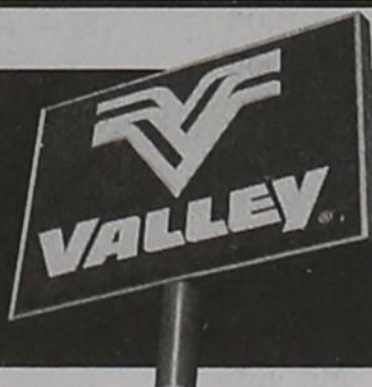
Stoll suggested a need for the United States to return to putting the public good in front of private profit. The idea of doing good for the public rather than for private interest was very strong from

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NEWS AROUND MOTLEY COUNTY

Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

On a personal note

Some days it doesn't pay to get up! I would just like to hide my head under the covers and pretend this day went away. Sure I know days are short and in another 14 hours this one will be gone.

Mega plumbing problems are the bad news. It looks like a major overhaul of our plumbing system with some floor removal. UGH! I believe I will just stay outside on the pretty days and calm myself digging in the dirt planting flowers. That is good therapy for me.

In the community

Imogene Swim's graveside service was held at the Roaring Springs Cemetery on Saturday at 1:00 p.m. A noon meal was served prior to the interment at the Lula Swim Memorial Fellowship Hall of the First Methodist Church for the family and close friends.

Margie Payne is in the hospital in Childress. She was taken on Saturday. Judy Woolsey, her daughter reported last night that was doing better and might possibly be able to come home Monday or Tuesday.

Bob York, a Roaring Springs School Alumni died on Saturday in San Angelo, Texas, following a lengthy illness. Services were held on Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. at Lawn Haven Funeral Home in San Angelo.

Ralph Roming returned home on Sunday evening from Eddy, Texas where he attended the funeral service for a cousin.

Several of our firemen have been helping with the wildfires in Garza, Kent and Stonewall Counties. Only two go at a time so that our town is not left unprotected during this dry, windy wildfire season. Pray for rain to aid these firefighters who are fighting fires in several Texas

areas and for an abundant rain to water our land.

Look for Relay For Life displays at New to You in Matador, Roaring Springs and Spur. The Relay For Life Committee will be raffling Keurig coffee makers and an afghan.

Last Thursday, Edith Daniell's birthday was honored at the Travelers Inn in Roaring Springs. Don and Billie Stuckey made the cake, assisted by Donna Kennedy, Rhonda Long and Billie. In addition to Edith and Glennard Daniell, those attending were: Ken and Suzanne Abbott, J. N. Fletcher, Buzz and Tince Thacker, Floyd and Diane Carter, Pearl Patten, Zella Palmer, Corky and Monta Marshall, Donna Kennedy, Don and Billie Stuckey, Alex Crowder and his guest, Karen Jacobsen, and Chig Gwinn.

News from Lea Peacock: Bill Peacock was in the Covenant Hospital last week and when the Social Worker called to see about Rehab, it was a Mrs. Price, the daughter-in-law of Pup and Alta Earl.

"Billy was admitted to Lakeside Rehab," Lea said, "and next door we found Bobby Campbell - had another good visit with him." After Billy was released they went to Grace Clinic to see Dr. Hannel and were visiting with a man while waiting. He turned out to be Hal McCowan, son of Jim and Rita McCowan, former Roaring Springs residents. "He had to tell me who he was, as I did not recognize him," Lea said.

"After we got back to Cottage Village, we met a Mrs. Moore who had just been admitted. She turned out to be Mrs. Hayden (Vera) Moore, wife of a former teacher at Matador," she said. "Each Sunday at church I visit with Tom and Wonzille Bourland, former Matador residents."

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

Overheard

Honesty is always the best policy unless you can blame it on the computer!

Community News

Mrs. Janice Hughes and granddaughter, Kendel Hughes of Floydada attended a birthday party in Lubbock for her granddaughter, Bailey Hughes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Don Hughes. It was held at Mr. Gattis - pizza with all the trimmings. They enjoyed the many games offered at this establishment.

Amy and Cory Franks of Idalou visited the weekend with his parents, Connie and Coy Franks. They accompanied home their children, Madison, Hudson and Heston who visited the past week with Connie and Coy.

Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton attended the well turned-out fund drive supper at the Motley County cafeteria in Matador Saturday night given for the Matador Volunteer Fire Department. It was declared a success.

Robert Lee of Amarillo visited Friday with his grandpar-

ents, Ruth and Orville Lee. Visiting them Sunday were son and wife, Joey and Brenda Lee of Clarendon.

Jack and Nada Starkey visited from Saturday until Monday in Fritch with daughter and family, Mrs. Jackie Lynn Davis.

Mrs. Waydette Clay and Wilburn Martin visited in Granbury Tuesday and Wednesday with their sister and family, Nita and Ervin Merritt, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Merritt and Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Merritt.

L.T. Starkey of Ralls visited Wednesday with brother, Johnie Starkey.

A luncheon for the Turner family at the Community Center in Flomot followed graveside services at the Flomot Cemetery Monday, April 11, 2011, for Benny Turner, 70, of Abernathy.

Kathy and Clois Shorter, his father, Everett Shorter joined family members in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Terry Barnes in Lubbock Saturday. Among those attending were sisters of Everett, Mrs. Alene Barnes of Terrell and Mrs. Elsie Beard of Dallas.

Matador News

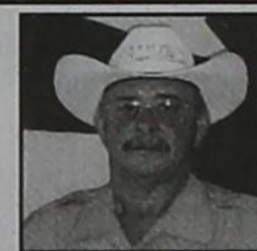
Aaron Paul Green inducted into Iota Phi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa at Clarendon College

Aaron Paul Green was inducted into the Iota Phi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa at Clarendon College on 03/27/2011.

Green, from Matador, majoring in Health Related Professions, is the son of Billy and Cindy Green of Matador, TX, and is married to Randa of Matador, TX.

Established in 1918 by two-year college presidents, Phi Theta Kappa is the oldest and most prestigious honor society serving two-year colleges around the world. The Society serves to recognize and encourage the academic achievement of two-year college students and provide opportunities for individual growth and development through honors, leadership and service programming.

Students must rank in the top 20% of the class to be invited to membership in Phi Theta Kappa and must maintain high academic standing during their enrollment in the two-year college. Phi Theta Kappa is the largest honor society in American higher education with more than 1.7 million members and 1,100 chapters located in 50 United States, United States territories, Canada, and Germany. In 1929, the American Association of Community Colleges recognized Phi Theta Kappa as the official honor society for two-year colleges. The Society holds membership in the prestigious Association of College Honor Societies as the general scholarship honor society representing two-year colleges.



Sheriff's Desk by Chris Spence

For the month of March, 2011, the Motley County Sheriff's Office received 38 calls from citizens and drove 4,671 patrol miles.

CASES: Cases, 8; cases solved, 6; Cases under investigation, 2; amount lost to theft or burglary, \$800.00; Amount recovered, \$150.00; Motor vehicle accidents investigated, 0; Assaults, 0; Thefts, 1; Burglary, 1; Burglary of Motor Vehicle, 0; Unauthorized use of Motor Vehicle, 0; Criminal Mischief, 0; Reckless Conduct, 0; Disorderly Conduct, 0; Livestock Calls, 11; Assist Citizens, 6; Assist outside agency, 6; Civil Standby, 1; Suspicious Person, 2; Found Property, 1; Telephone Harassment, 0; Family Disturbance, 0; Home and Business Alarms, 0; Welfare Concern, 0; Unattended Deaths, 0; Transportation of Intransitive, 2; Other, 2.

ARRESTS: Misdemeanor, 0; Felony, 0.

PAPERSERVED: District Court, 0; County Court, 1; JP Court, 0; Out of County Court Papers, 0; Bailiff for Court, 3.

TRAFFIC: Traffic Citations, 18; Traffic Warnings, 17; Funeral escorts, 1.

TO THE CITIZENS OF MOTLEY COUNTY: The Sheriff's Office would like to thank the citizens in Northfield who reported a missing dog. After tracking him for a while, I was able to find him and the owner picked him up on Saturday. Thanks for all your help, and to all citizens, you are the eyes in the county. If you see anyone suspicious, please call. If you catch someone stealing and you can safely detain them, then call.

If you see anything suspicious or someone driving reckless, please call the Sheriff Office at 806-347-2234, or Chief Deputy Ware 806-269-3588 or Trooper Overton 806-269-0192 or Sher-

Easter on display at Do Gooders' Club monthly meeting

By Earlene Jameson

The Do Gooders' Club met Tuesday afternoon, April 5, 2011. The Community Center in Flomot had the color of Easter on display.

Mrs. Mary Jo Calvert conducted the business meeting. Mrs. Anna Beth Clay read the minutes that were approved. Everyone was pleased with the completed Butterfly quilt and plan to put it on display. They made plans for the Tri-Annual Flomot Homecoming.

The Do Gooders' Club is in the process of renovating the inside of the Community Center. The walls have been painted, doors repaired and painted, new mini blinds, new flooring for storage room, new vanity table in women's restroom, replaced damaged ceiling tiles and new radiant heaters flush with the wall are some of the things accomplished by the club. Concluding the business session they sang, "Here Comes Peter Cottontail."

Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse, hostess presided at an Easter-designed service. The table was laid with an exceptionally beautiful light gray beaded cloth. The centerpiece was a delightful bunny rabbit in a basket surrounded by colorful eggs. Miniature Easter baskets placed at random on the table added to the Easter

décor. She served holiday treats of cookies, jellybeans, dips and chips with an orange crush beverage. The name of Mrs. Cora Gail Johnson was drawn for the hostess gift, wind chimes. Nice gift for the windy weather we are having!

Those attending were Mesdames Erma Washington, Cora Gail Johnson, Kathy Shorter, Mary Jo Calvert, Tommie Jo Cruse, Anna Beth Clay, Doris Vinson, B. Rogers and granddaughter, Natalie Rogers.

Arts & Crafts

By Winifred Darsey

Motley County Arts and Crafts Club met April 4, 2011, in the home of the Club President, Nova Dale Turner, for a very enjoyable workshop making a wall hanging using river sand.

President Turner had planned an outdoor meeting, but with a strong wind the meeting was moved into the garage. It was a delightful day and brought back fun memories of sand building. Sand is an old art form, constructing castles at the ocean-side beaches or elsewhere.

The media used in the project was river sand, Plaster of Paris, and water. The results were amazing; the finished work had to dry before un-

molding. The designs were pretty using crosses, angels, and Fleur-de-lis.

The club dined at noon with the Senior Citizens at the Center on hamburgers and all the good extras.

The afternoon was spent on making greeting cards, using paper embroidery, taught by Linda Ruhl in the beautiful Turner home.

Members present were Joy Archer, Ray Baxter, Vee Gordon, Dorothy Knight, Nova Dale Turner, Linda Ruhl and Winifred Darsey.

The May class will be taught by Joy Archer on painting on wood. Bring supplies for oil or acrylics.

See you there!

Bridal Shower



Pictured at a bridal shower on Saturday, April 9, 2011, are (L to R): Karen Hamilton, groom's mother, Llan Barkley, bride-elect of Jason Hamilton, and her mother, Eva Barkley.

More than 30 guests attended a bridal shower honoring Llan Barkley, bride-elect of Jason Hamilton, on Saturday, April 9, 2011, in the home of Judy Renfro.

Llan is the daughter of Eva Barkley and the late Tex Barkley of Matador. The groom's parents are Karen and Bob Hamilton of Woodville, Texas.

Special guests were her sis-

ter Tanya Barkley, and friend Kerri Lux, both of Dallas; and sister D'Ann Gray, Lubbock, and her daughter-in-law Christine Gray and daughter, Taylor. Other out-of-town guests were Amy Neel and Samatha Easter of Wolfforth, Texas.

Hostesses were: Judy Renfro, Olivia Barton, Beverly Barton, Libby Cruse, Kathy Gillespie, Elaine Hart, Carol

Hays, Kate Hurt, Lou Anne Jameson, Rebekah Jameson, Jan Jones, Rhonda Miller, Brenda Osborn, Sherry Rose, D'Anna Russell, and Dinah Young, all of Matador and Roaring Springs; and Terree Donaldson, Tammy Palmer, both of Lubbock; and Vanessa Paul of Wolfforth.

The wedding will take place July 9, 2011, in Dallas, Texas, at White Rock Lake.

This Week's Local Forecast



Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Mostly Sunny 81/45	Mostly Sunny 71/41	Partly Cloudy 72/44	Partly Cloudy 74/44	Partly Cloudy 70/41	Mostly Sunny 72/40	Partly Cloudy 74/45

Weather Trivia

When was the first weather satellite launched?



Weather History

April 14, 1987 - A storm system moving slowly northeastward across the middle of the Mississippi Valley produced severe thunderstorms which spawned three tornadoes around Ottumwa, Iowa and produced up to four inches of rain in southeastern Nebraska.

Moon Phases

Full	Last	New	First
4/17	4/24	5/3	5/10



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Notes from the Library

By Mary Ann Potts

New to our collection this week are 5 mystery/thrillers that you will have to see and read! **Red on Red** by Edward Conlon depicts the struggles, loyalty, grittiness, complexity, and ironies that a successful police partnership endures, all while trying to solve unspeakable crimes. Michael Connelly's **Fifth Witness**, a fast-paced legal thriller, builds so much suspense you can't wait to turn the page. **Devious** by Lisa Jackson is centered around a convent, hidden lives, and a dead sister which brew up a font full of sins. And Mary Higgins Clark has a new novel out, **I'll Walk Alone**, with the newest of crimes – Identity Theft. A gifted and beautiful interior designer, stolen credit cards, and drained back accounts lead to kidnapping, a cruel hoax and murder. If you're looking for "Mystery" by Jonathan Kellerman then you won't be disappointed with this whodunit-L.A. style. With the closing of a classic and romantic L.A. hotel, an enigmatic, striking young and melancholy woman turns up mysteriously murdered 2 days later.

If you're hooked on romance then Beverly Lewis' new book **The Judgment** should be on your list. Amish life, Mr. Wonderful, and the "True Love of Her Life" make one young maiden doubt her choice of Mr. Right.

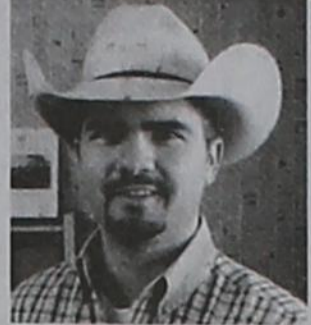
If you need a little spice along

with your romance take a look at Danielle Steel's **44 Charles Street**. A work in progress home restoration project, a broken relationship, and 4 tenants' lives become intertwined making you want to live at 44 Charles Street. The **Good-bye Quilt** by Susan Wiggs is straight from the heart and will pull at those heart strings when a mother and daughter struggle to step into new stages of life.

For the die-hard western readers, the library was fortunate enough to acquire Gerald McCathern's Ceebara Ranch series. On display are **Horns, Dry Bones, Devil's Rope, and Outlaw Country**. McCathern is a local author from Hereford, TX and is known for his historical fiction novels of the surrounding area.

If you've visited the library over the last week you may have noticed a fresher, cleaner look. A very special Thank You goes out to: Arlyce Manney, Joan Patton, Linda Ruhl, Geneva Wilson, Pina Sturdivant, Lyn Montgomery, Ronnie Vandiver, D.A. McGuire, Ruby McGuire, Suzanne Abbott, and Marihelen Wason. I also want to thank Sondra Francis for donating a box of Swiffer dusters, and Franklin and Susan Jameson for their contribution towards cleaning supplies. The library cleaning is a monumental task and I'm very appreciative of everyone's dedication of time and help.

County Agent's News



by Ryan Martin, Agri LIFE EXTENSION Agent

Motley 4-H Members Place in the Top at District Horse Judging Contest

On April 7, eleven Motley 4-H Club members traveled to Vernon to compete in the 2011 District 3 4-H Horse Judging Contest. A total of 119 individuals congregated at the Wilbarger Event Center to compete for top honors in the District Horse Judging Contest.

In the junior category, Dode Gleghorn placed 6th, Cade Drum placed 10th, Brody Rankin placed 15th, Autumn Perryman placed 23rd, Carley Turner placed 27th and Emma Hackler placed 56th. The junior teams placed 3rd and 12th overall. In the intermediate category, Natalie Jameson placed 10th, Chloe Gleghorn placed 15th, Mattie Brooks placed 20th, Seth Baxter placed 22nd, and Kaylee Woolsey placed 28th. The intermediate team placed 4th overall.

I am very proud of these individuals as they worked hard preparing for this contest and it paid off. Only senior judges can advance to the State Roundup in College Station, but if these kids continue, I look forward to taking them to state when they reach that level.

Texas 4-H/FFA Steer Validation

Time has come to plan for the 2011-2012 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 thinking of taking a steer to a major stock show, you must order validation tags. Tag orders are due in the Extension office by April 19, 2011 at a cost of \$7 per tag. Steers will be validated between June 1 and June 30 for 2011 fall shows and 2012 spring shows. 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.

Motley County Fire Department Benefit Concert

On April 16, 2011 a benefit concert featuring the Fabulous Sandbillies and Southern Crossing will take place on the east side of the courthouse beginning at 7:00pm. This is a free concert with donations being accepted for the Motley County Fire Departments. Come enjoy some excellent music and support our local fire departments as they were there in our time of need. If rainy weather occurs, concert will be moved into fire department.

National Volunteer Week, April 10-16, 2011

National Volunteer Week 2011, Celebrating People in Action, honors those who dedicate themselves to

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By Ace Reid



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taking action and bettering their communities. It's also about inspiring, recognizing and encouraging people to seek out imaginative ways to engage in their communities – to put themselves at the center of social change.

Sponsored by Points of Light Institute and HandsOn Network—the nation's largest volunteer network—National Volunteer Week was established in 1974 and has grown exponentially each subsequent year, with literally thousands of volunteer projects and special events scheduled throughout the week. With the second year anniversary of the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act, the creation of the Volunteer Generation Fund and the resonant call to serve from the President, this year will be even more energizing and inspiring.

For more information regarding National Volunteer Week activities, please visit www.1-800-volunteer.org

Obituaries

Juan Zambrano, Jr.

Funeral Mass for Juan "Cobra" Zambrano, Jr., 52, of Dimmitt, was held Wednesday, April 6, 2011, at the Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Matador. Mr. Zambrano passed away on April 3, 2011, in Dimmitt, Texas. Interment was in East Mound Cemetery in Matador under the direction of Shannon Funeral Home of Matador.

Juan was born on June 7, 1958, to Juan Zambrano, Sr. and Ascencion Trevino Zambrano in Robstown, Texas. He had worked in the oil industry as a driller. He lived in Dimmitt about three years coming from Bowie, Texas, and worked for

the City of Dimmitt. He enjoyed working on Low Rider vehicles. He was preceded in death by his mother Ascencion Zambrano, a brother Roberto Zambrano, and a niece Nevaeh Malone.

He is survived by his stepfather, Ray Vela of Matador, Texas; brothers and sisters: Hope Medina of Glen Rose, Texas, Mary Ortiz of Quanah, Texas, Josie Reyes of Fort Worth, Texas, Jose Zambrano of Chico, Texas; Lucy Sifuentez, Martha Martinez, and Rosa Cisneros, all of Dimmitt, Texas; and Domingo Zambrano of Littlefield, Texas; and several nieces and nephews.

Imogene Swim

Imogene Swim, 92, of Roaring Springs, passed from this earth on Wednesday, April 6, 2011. She was born February 13, 1919, in Hereford, Texas to Tom and Pearl Dean Hastings. She married J.T. Swim in Bovina, Texas on September 17, 1939.

She was preceded in death by her parents and brothers Gordon Hastings of Lubbock and Dean Hastings of Bovina.

She is survived by her husband, J.T. Swim of Roaring Springs, Texas; two sons, Sam and Reba Swim of Lubbock and J.R. and Stella Swim of Abilene,

Texas; three grandchildren, Russ Swim of Lubbock, Ed Swim of Willis, Texas, and Emily Redding of Flower Mound, Texas; great-grandchildren, Jacob and Coulter Swim of Lubbock, Texas; and a sister, Donalita Hawkins of Lubbock.

Graveside services were held Saturday, April 9, 2011, at the Roaring Springs Cemetery under the direction of Shannon Funeral Home of Matador.

Memorials may be made to the Roaring Springs Cemetery Fund or the First United Methodist Church of Roaring Springs, Texas.

Bobbie Lee "Bob" York,

Bobbie Lee "Bob" York, 78, passed away Saturday, April 9, 2011 after a long battle with heart and kidney disease.

Bob was born June 19, 1932 in Roaring Springs, Texas to Etta Mea and John Franklin York. He graduated from R. S. High School and joined the Air Force in 1949. After four years of military service he was employed in the Aerospace Industry for 34 years before retiring. He then worked as a District Executive for the Boy Scouts of America until his final retirement in 1987. He spent most of his career in Virginia living in Hampton, Yorktown and Eastern Shore and moved to a retirement community in San Angelo, Texas in 2001.

He is survived by his devoted

wife Anne York of San Angelo, Texas, daughter Sharon York and Son Barry York both of Yorktown, Virginia, brother Bill York and his wife Frances of Lubbock, Texas, nephew Bo Bowman and his wife Verna of Levelland, Texas, and his former wife Shirley Estes York.

A visitation will be held Monday, April 11, 2011 at Johnson's Funeral Home from 7:00 to 8:00 P.M. Funeral services will be at 2:00 P.M. Tuesday, April 12, 2011 at Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens. Arrangements are by Johnson's Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to your favorite charity.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guestbook at johnsons-funeralhome.com.

FSA News

By Amy Hackler

Farm Service Agency Conservation Reserve Program Sign-Up, March 14 - April 15, 2011

The Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) is a voluntary program that helps agricultural producers use environmentally sensitive land for conservation benefits. FSA provides eligible producers with rental payments in return for the producer planting long-term resource conserving covers. Producers who are interested in submitting CRP offers need to contact their local FSA office or USDA Service Center. More information can be found at www.fsa.usda.gov/crp. CRP benefits: Controls soil erosion, improves water and air quality and develops wildlife habitat.



Front Row L to R – Carley Turner, Dode Gleghorn, and Emma Hackler. Middle Row L to R – Cade Drum, Chloe Gleghorn, Autumn Perryman and Brody Rankin. Back Row L to R – Seth Baxter and Natalie Jameson. Not Pictured; Kaylee Woolsey and Mattie Brooks

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MCISD Fourth grade presented checks to the firefighters. The students with the firefighters have parents/relatives that are fire fighters. The students holding the banner presented the checks; Kyler Degan, Cameron Stafford, Carley Turner and Rivers Marshall. The fire chiefs present were Lee Jones, Matador Volunteer Fire Department and Seab Washington, Flomot Volunteer Fire Department. Not present was Les Woolsey of the Roaring Springs Volunteer Fire Department. Photo by Shelley Cox

Jimmy Ross visits Macedonia



Jimmy Ross, from Quitaque with Talk Radio Show host, Annie from Skopje, Macedonia

Jimmy Ross from Quitaque, TX, USA, has recently finished a five day visit to Macedonia. Mr. Ross, a highly sought after lecturer and speaker, was here to meet with government officials on the development of a civil society, strengthening peace and promoting values of democracy in the world. He lectured about the importance of developing a civil society in a newly formed democracy to the members of the Parliament of the Republic

of Macedonia and students at the American University. He also was a guest on a television program and a radio talk show. Mr. Ross had a meeting with the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic and State Secretary for Foreign affairs of Macedonia. He also met with Aman Hacha representing Lebanon, Jordan and Iraq. Mr. Hacha extended an invitation for Mr. Ross to lecture in these coun-

tries. Mr. Ross is a trained and certified mediator and discussed with members of the Judiciary the advantages of using mediation. The mother Teresa foundation presented Mr. Ross with a medal recognizing him for his charitable work and promoting world peace. Mr. Ross served as Lions Clubs International President, 2006-2007.

MCISD students present appreciation checks to Motley County volunteer fire departments

Motley County ISD students presented the three Motley County volunteer fire departments with checks in appreciation for saving their communities during the recent fires.

The money presented to the departments was raised entirely by the students through a week long fundraiser effort shortly after the March 10 fire. Students were allowed and encouraged to do fun things such as wear hats and crazy socks to school for which they donated fifty cents per day. The last day of the fundraiser was highlighted with a movie, popcorn and drinks for which any student wishing to participate could pay to attend. All of the money collected was equally divided between the Flomot, Matador and Roaring Springs Fire Departments.

As the students presented the checks, they thanked each fire chief for protecting their homes, school and families and expressed how proud they are of each person serving as a volunteer fireman.

Texas Tech Expert Discusses Earth Day from 1970 to Today

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the 1900s to 1980, and now there's hardly any attention brought to the public good.

"People should be more aware," Stoll said. "I find that my students are very unaware of environmental issues."

Stoll said he thinks unawareness partially comes from the creation of government agencies like the Environmental Protection Agency, because people begin to think that the government will take responsibility for the issues.

"It's good to keep these things at the forefront," Stoll said. "I don't know that Earth Day really makes headlines as much anymore, perhaps as it used to."

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CONTACT: Mark Stoll, associate professor of environmental history, Texas Tech University, mark.stoll@ttu.edu, or (806) 742-3744.

Groundwater ownership bill passes senate

Austin, Texas - A bill that would reaffirm landowners' ownership interest in the groundwater below their land passed the Texas Senate today by a vote of 28 to 3. SB 332, introduced by Chairman Troy Fraser (R-Horsheshoe Bay), will now head to the Texas House for consideration.

"The Texas Senate took a strong stance for landowners today by approving SB 332," said Dave Scott, rancher and president of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA). "SB 332 reaffirms that landowners have an ownership interest in the groundwater beneath their land and are entitled to a fair chance to produce it."

SB 332 acknowledges the current authority of groundwater conservation districts (GCDs), but requires GCDs to recognize landowners' ownership interest in the groundwater beneath their land and their right to produce it. Scott says SB 332 is necessary because some GCDs argue that landowners do not own the groundwater below their land.

"This bill simply reaffirms what the law has said for more than 100 years," said Scott. "That is that landowners own the groundwater beneath their land and have a right to produce it."

"We appreciate the hard work of Chairman Fraser and the Senate Natural Resources Committee, and now look forward to getting this bill through the House," Scott continued.

The Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association is a 134-year-old trade organization. As the largest and oldest livestock association in Texas, TSCRA represents more than 15,000 beef cattle producers, ranching families and businesses who manage approximately 4 million head of cattle on 51.5 million acres of range and pasture land, primarily in Texas and Oklahoma. TSCRA provides law enforcement and livestock inspection services, legislative and regulatory advocacy, industry news and information, insurance services and educational opportunities for its members and the industry.

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Far too many of us assume that we can adopt a neutral stance. Perhaps we feel that we can be noncommittal. Thereby remaining detached, uninvolved yet be a Christian. Our Lord pointed out in His sermon on the mount, that this attitude is impossible. He said, "You can not serve two masters at once."

To be in Christ is to be involved. We are all a part of the human experience. We are therefore involved in humanity. There are many ways in which you and I might become involved. Here are some suggestions to get us started. First, don't hurry out the door after services on Sunday. Take time to greet and listen to the concerns of others.

Remember this, that listening is the opening of involvement. There is nothing that makes us more Christ-like than listening to the cares of others and then responding in a concerned manner. Words of comfort, cheer and encouragement are often just the thing that is needed. Sometimes there is action required on our part but then that is what involvement is all about. The words sowed in the heart by your involvement will be gathered in. Your treatment of others will be returned to you. God will reward your service in kind. It is the kindness and the willingness to become involved as Christ's people, that will open the ears of others to the saving gospel.

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FFA Teams Compete, Advance to State

TAKS Week begins

April 26

The Motley County FFA Chapter Range and Pasture Judging Team and the Land Judging Team competed in the District and Area Contests hosted by Texas Tech University on Saturday April 9th.

The Range and Pasture Team, L-R Lexi Osborn, Jaci Zingerman, Sabra Pope, and Aaron Woodruff placed 4th in the contest. This team also competed in the Area I Range contest hosted at Caprock Canyons State Park on Tuesday April 12th. Results were not available at press time.

The Land Judging Team, L-R, Austin Taylor, Dayne Butler, Juan Flores, and Britt Simpson placed fifth in the Area and sixth overall at the Tech Contest. Dayne Butler was the 4th high placing individual

in the contest. This team will advance to the State FFA Contest held at Tarleton State University on April 21st. The Land judging team also competed at the Salt Fork SWCD contest held in Wellington on April 5th. The Team placed first at this contest and Austin Taylor was the high placing individual in the contest.

The Horse Evaluation Team of Andrew Martin, Colby McCleskey, Schyler Tomlinson, and Reagan Elliott also competed at the Tech Contest. This team placed 6th in Greenbelt District. A picture of the team members will be in next week's paper.

Congratulations to all of the FFA teams for their hard work and accomplishments.



Beginning April 26, 2011, the students will be involved in four days of state mandated assessments (TAKS tests). As is customary, the secondary students will have a special schedule during these four days. The schedule is shown below.

Please be aware of your students' schedules, as regards the days they do have tests and the days they do not have tests. If you have any questions, please contact Tom Alvis, Interim Superintendent, or William Cochran, Principal, or Kathy Gillespie, District Testing Coordinator.

Monday, April 25:
All students have regular classes.

Tuesday, April 26:
6th Math TAKS
7th Math TAKS
8th Classes in Ag. Building
10th Math TAKS
9th, 11th, 12th will come to school after lunch

Wednesday, April 27:
6th Reading TAKS
7th Reading TAKS
8th Classes in Ag. Building
11th Math TAKS
9th, 10th, 12th will come to school after lunch

Thursday, April 28:
6th Classes in Ag. Building
7th Classes in Ag. Building
8th Science TAKS
9th Math TAKS
10th Science TAKS
11th Science TAKS
12th will come to school after lunch

Friday, April 29:
6th Regular classes, but with room changes
7th Regular classes, but with room changes
8th Social Studies TAKS
9th Regular classes, but with room changes
10th Social Studies TAKS
11th Social Studies TAKS
12th will come to school after lunch



2011-12 Jr. High Cheerleaders: Top Row: Mattie Brooks, Macie Marshall, Kaylee Woolsey. Bottom Row: Natalie Jameson and Thalia Quilima



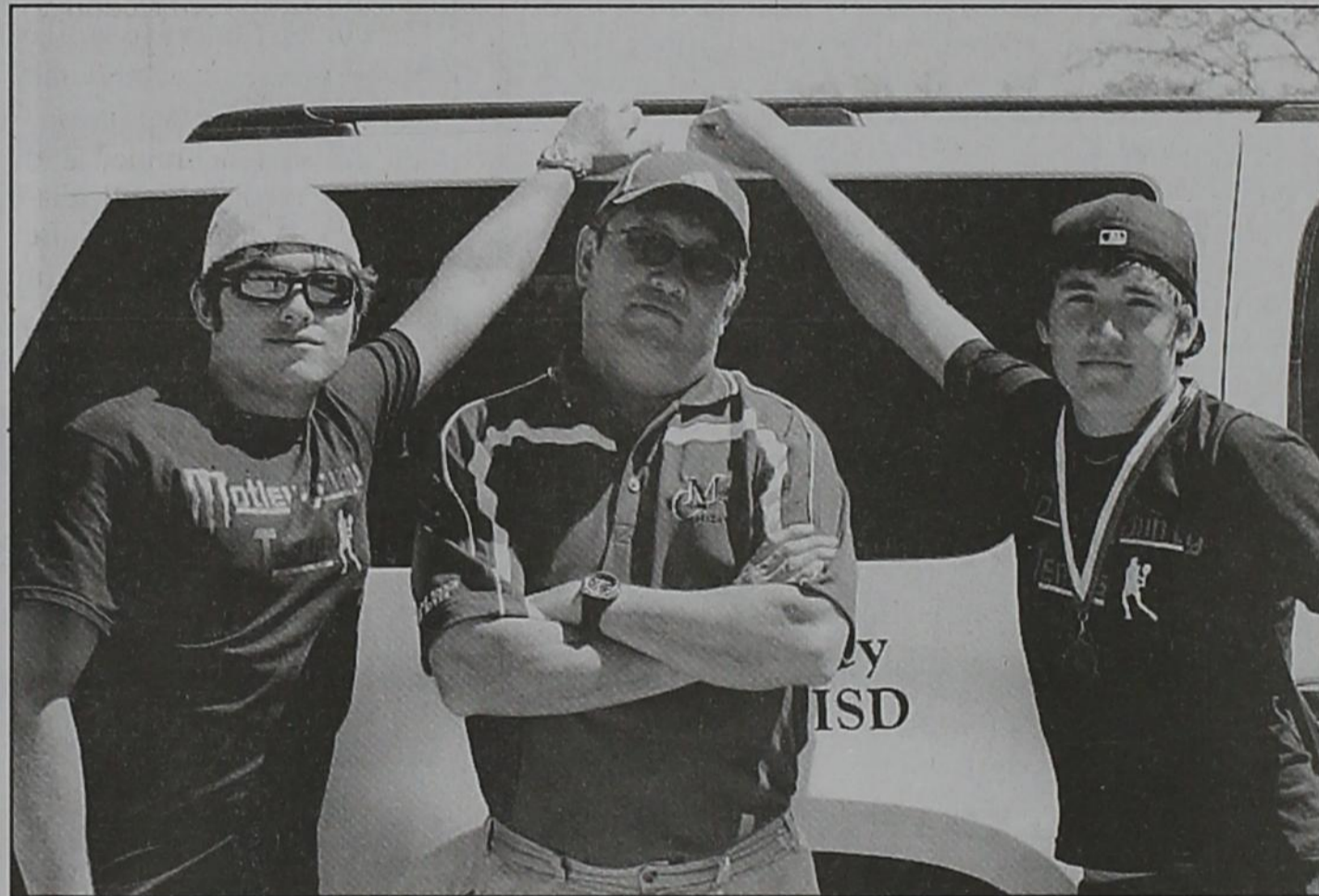
Junior students advancing to Regional UIL; Keyan Kautz, Danielle Gwinn and Ashley Allred.

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Area Qualifiers for the Area Track Meet to be held at Abernathy, April 13, 2011. L-R Britt Simpson---1600m Relay, Jon Osborn---400m dash, 200m dash, and 1600m Relay. Jaci Zingerman---Discus and 100m dash, Lexi Osborn---800m dash & 1600m run, Austin Taylor---Shot Put, 400m dash, and 1600m Relay. Augustine Chavez---1600m Relay.



Coby Cochran, Coach Cochran and Braden Mason. District Tennis Meet at Lubbock. Coby placed 4th and Braden placed 1st. Braden will advance to Regionals in Level-land, date unknown at this time. The boys are coached by William Cochran, Rebecca Jameson and Beverly Mars.

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EVENTS CALENDAR

- April**
- 11 HCCC Board
 - 12 State Steer Validation Tag orders due in county office
 - 12 Cap Rock Broadband - Internet Basic Class, Library Annex, 2:00 p.m.
 - 13 HS Track at Abernathy, area meet
 - 13 Hospital Board meets in the back of the EMS, 7am
 - 14 Cap Rock Broadband - Internet Security & Facebook in Library Annex, 2:00 p.m.
 - 14 Matador City Council
 - 14 Matador Chapter of the Eastern Star, Floy dada, Meal at 6:30pm, meeting at 7:30 pm
 - 16 District Fashion Show
 - 16 Motley County Fire Department Benefit Concert
 - 18 MCISD School Board, 7:30 pm
 - 19 Matador Lions
 - 21 Matador Masonic Lodge, 6:30 pm
- May**
- 1 - 4-H Horse Validation Due in State Office
 - 4 - District 4-H Roundup
 - 14 - District 4-H Trap Contest
 - 15 - Motley 4-H Club meeting

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Lockney Health and Rehab is seeking a PT licensed social worker. Apply at 401 N. Main St Lockney, TX 79241 or fax 806 652 3466. ctf

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET

The Matador Water District, City of Matador will hold a meeting on April 21, 2011 at 5:15 p.m. for the purpose of a Public Hearing on the 2011/12 Budget. The hearing will be conducted at City Hall, 706 Dundee, in the City of Matador. ct16

BANK DEPOSITORY FOR MOTLEY COUNTY FUNDS

Notice is herewith given that Motley County is accepting applications from banks to serve as the County's bank depository as required by 116.022 local Government Code.

Applications should be in accordance with 116.021 LGC. Applications must be submitted no later than May 4, 2011 to Motley County Judge, P.O. Box 719, Matador, Texas 79244.

The applications will be considered at the regular term of Commissioner's Court on May 9, 2011. Motley County Commissioner's Court reserves the right to accept or reject all proposals submitted.

Jim Meador
 Motley County Judge ct17

NOTICE OF ELECTION CANCELLED AND SCHOOL TRUSTEES ELECTED

The Motley County Independent School District Board of Trustees met in regular monthly meeting on April 11, 2011 and declared the two unopposed candidates elected to office for new three-year terms and cancelled the May 14, 2011 election. The Board of Trustees elected to the new 3 year term as of this date are;

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