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Voter demographics topic of Commissioner's Court Resolution in support of transmission lines approved

By Carol Campbell
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The Motley County Commissioner's Court met May 9, 2011, in regular session, covering a 17-item agenda including a presentation on redistricting for Motley County and an update on transmission lines.

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

Commissioner Russell Alexander left the meeting at 10:30 a.m. due to a fire emergency in Dickens County. Alexander provides a service truck for heavy equipment damaged by the fire.

Attorney at Law Curtis Parrish, Lubbock, met with the court to present a plan for redistricting the county. Motley County demographics show a percent change of 17.8 percent (216) in population from Year 2000 with a total count of 1,210 persons, down 216 individuals. Demographics show that 83.7 percent (1,013) of the population is white, while the black, Hispanic, and "other" population account for 16.3 percent (197).

Parrish went into detail with the Commissioners on the various precincts. The state requires that each precinct be within a 10 percent voting population variance of each other, he said. Because of the low numbers in the minority population, the court will not have to create a minority-majority district, he added. However, voting age population demographics show that Precinct 2 needs to add voters; and Precinct 1 (over the ideal at 30.5 percent variance) needs to decrease the voting age population demographics.

Parrish recommended that the court adjust the boundaries of adjoining Precincts 1 and 2 to fall within the legal requirements. Precincts 3 and 4 are within the 10 percent variance. After a lengthy discussion, Parrish said he would come to the next meeting with a map outlining the new precinct boundaries. This would be followed by two public hearings on the matter.

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, increasing the county tax base by \$27.5 million. An "alternate route" proposed by SPS would add about 37 miles of transmission lines in Motley County, increasing the county tax base by about \$32 million.

"We have a good shot at getting this line somewhere in Motley County," Edwards said, adding, "Unless there is a major move to select the northern route which would bypass Motley County."

"There is a misconception by landowners when they see the proposed routes. They think this is written in stone, when in fact, if a route is selected, then PUC will give the company a lot of latitude to zigzag property lines to satisfy landowners. There is no necessity to intervene unless a landowner wants a seat at the table during the PUC hearings."

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. The court voted unanimously to adopt a resolution in support of transmission routes in Motley County to be sent to PUC. To follow the progress of the hearings, Edwards suggested accessing the PUC website, select Document Filings, docket number 38877.

AgriLife Extension Agent Ryan Martin informed the court that while he was currently about half-way through the budget cycle, he had exceeded his allocated travel budget by \$100.00. He asked for approval from the court to make a line item transfer to cover the overage. In addition, he informed the court that there were two major functions in the future that he would be required to attend - the State Roundup in College Station and the Texas County Agriculture Agents Association meeting in Wichita Falls. He asked the court for an additional budget to help defray the costs of travel.

"There are a lot of places we can cut, but not for our kids," Commissioner Stephens said. On a motion by Judge Meador, seconded by Commissioner Jameson, the court voted unanimously to transfer \$700.00 from Capital Acquisitions to the extension service travel budget. Commissioner Franklin complimented Mar-

tin on his frugality of his office. It was noted that when possible, Martin lodged with family or friends, and often paid for other expenses out of his own pocket.

Due to state budget cuts, the extension office has eliminated about 60 county agents statewide, Martin said. "The state extension office is implementing a Cost Recovery Program that will charge all participants \$10.00 per person," he said. While this will not directly benefit the Motley County program, it nonetheless is an example of cost-saving methods being implemented on the state level.

Sheriff Chris Spence asked the court to approve a plan to increase the inventory of firearms for the Sheriff's Office. The Secretary of Defense has authorized a transfer of equipment from federal and state law enforcement agencies in a program that provides a variety of items that include firearms, aircraft, boats, vehicles, body armor, and night vision scopes. The Sheriff's Office is requesting that the county participate by purchasing two firearms at a cost of \$52.92 for both weapons. The court voted 3-against the surplus program with Judge Meador abstaining from the vote.

The court voted unanimously to submit an Acceptance Resolution for two grants for the Sheriff's Department. 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 other business, a proposal at the request of Judge Meador was presented by Bert Darsey to combine the jail and radio tower electrical meters. Cost for the project was \$1,015.00, including materials and labor. No action was taken.

Commissioner Donnie Turner reported that the Flomot Water Project is nearing completion. Both reservoir tanks are installed, he said. Completion is expected by mid-June.

Judge Meador informed the court that the county advertised for three weeks for applications from banks to serve as the County's bank depository as required by the local government code. No interest was shown, and no bids were submitted. The court voted to continue deposit in the local bank, First National Bank of Seymour, Matador Branch, with a 2-year option.



The Motley County Jr. High Cheerleaders sponsored a hamburger feast with all the trimmings plus chips and drinks in the old cook shack at Bob's Oil Well during the Highway 70 Garage sale. Pictured (L to R) are: Maci Marshall, Thalia Quilimaco, Natalie Jameson, Kaylee Woolsey, and Mattie Brooks. photo by Carol Campbell

Annual Bluegrass Festival and Trade Day set

By Dianne Washington
Motley County Tribune

Once again, Flomot, Texas, will be alive with the sound of bluegrass music on May 19-21, 2011.

The 12th Annual Washington Cattle Co. Bluegrass Festival will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 19 with gospel music and barbeque. Friday night the stage music starts at 6:00 p.m. and will continue until 10:30 p.m. Saturday, the music begins at 1:00 p.m. and goes until 11:00 p.m. Please bring lawn chairs for the most comfortable seating.

Hardin and Turner Western Trade Day will be on Saturday, May 21. This is the fourth year for this event and it just gets bigger and better. This event specializes in tack and

other things found around the ranch. Everyone is welcome to come to buy, sale or trade.

Bands from Texas, New Mexico, and Oklahoma are scheduled to play during the festival. The bands scheduled to perform during the festival include *Pecos Valley Bluegrass* from Mayhill, New Mexico, *Grassfire* and *Now and Again* from Amarillo, Texas, *Texas Country* from Wicket, Texas, *Hanks and Company* from Seymour, *Wichita Mountain Bluegrass* and *From the Heartland Bluegrass* from Oklahoma, and *Kays Grass Band* from Texas.

But, the official bands are just half of the fun. Groups will be playing and jamming at all hours on the festival grounds. Everyone who plays an instrument is welcome to come and

join in the music. If you don't play you are welcome to listen to the various groups.

A food concession will be open Friday and Saturday. Everyone is invited to come to Flomot and listen to great music and eat.

RV parking is \$10.00 per night and hookups are still available with festival ticket purchase. Thursday festival tickets are \$8.00 for music only and \$12.00 for music and barbeque; \$8.00 on Friday; and \$12.00 for all day Saturday. Children under 13 admitted free with an adult at all times. Children's Thursday night barbeque tickets are \$4.00.

For more informational please call 806-469-5278 or 806-269-1578. E-mail flomot@caprock-spur.com.

State housing agency makes \$1.2 million commitment to maintaining homeownership in Motley County

(AUSTIN) — The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) and State Representative Rick Harcastle today announced awards totaling more than \$1.2 million to Motley County and two local communities to fund home repairs for low income homeowners, helping residents maintain homeownership while providing a shot in the arm to the local economy.

The Department awarded \$410,000 to the county and another \$435,000 each to the cities of Matador and Roaring Springs which will help rehabilitate a combined 15 homes owned and lived in by income eligible households.

"I am extremely pleased to know that some of my constituents most in need will soon enjoy the benefits of a new or substantially improved home," said Representative Harcastle who joined the Department in announcing the award. "This assistance helps residents who can no longer afford to make the needed improvements to their

home that guarantee a safe and healthy living environment. I encourage TDHCA to continue its commitment to maintaining homeownership in rural portions of our state."

"By repairing deteriorating homes, we are not only helping maintain homeownership for more families, we are also helping maintain the vitality of rural Texas communities," noted Michael Gerber, TDHCA Executive Director. "Repairing the homes of low income households also benefits the regional economy through an influx of construction payroll salaries and increased taxes and fees that help fund essential public services. This is a win-win program for both the county and state."

TDHCA awards home repair funds to qualifying applicants through the Department's HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program, which helps repair or replace homes owned and lived in by low income homeowners.

Assistance may include roof

repair or replacement, as well as repairs to the electrical and plumbing systems. If a home has deteriorated to the point it no longer is cost effective to repair, it may be demolished and replaced with either a traditional "site built" home or a manufactured home.

Qualifying applicants include eligible cities and counties, public housing authorities, Community Housing Development Organizations and other nonprofit housing groups, and certain for-profit organizations which then work with eligible households at the local level.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development is the funding source for the HOME Program. The program serves households earning no more than 80 percent of the area median family income, which for Motley County equals an annual income of \$37,200 for a family of four. Please contact the appropriate unit of government directly for further information about these awards.

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By Larry Vogt

One of the topics for discussion at a newspaper conference is mailroom efficiency and keeping the post office happy. The Panhandle Press Conference in April of this year was no exception. We found out that a goodly number of newspapers are now using some variety of postal software programs that automatically sorts the subscription list and also enables the publisher to print all the forms necessary for the mailing from the local post office. Most programs research all the addresses on a given list to make sure the address is deliverable and the newspaper will be labeled and sorted into its proper container.

Here at the Tribune office we will be making a transition into one of these programs and the label on your newspaper if you are a mail subscriber will look different

than the label that is on your current edition. It is thought by most mailers that accuracy and correct forms will help in all matters relating to getting the newspaper into the hands of the subscribers in a timely way.

Our research tells us that if you are a mail subscriber anywhere outside of Motley County means that your newspaper might take from 2 to 21 days to reach you. If your paper does not reach you on the usual day, please be patient. It may arrive after the next edition or on the same day. We have customers tell us that they occasionally receive two papers at once. All we can do is use the latest sorting methods and make sure the labels are properly applied and sorted into the correct bundles and mailing tubs. Beyond that, the paper is out of our hands and becomes the responsibility of the Post Office. Please let us know if you think the service after June 1 of this year is better, the same, or worse. We are doing our utmost to insure timely delivery to your hands. If you wish to receive the newspaper sooner we do offer an email subscription, but you do have to have a recent computer, preferably with a sizable screen and current software, and high speed Internet to access the email edition.

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Profile of a Soldier



Pictured is Christie and Robert Fisk with two of their sons, Aidan, 4, and Colter, 3. Not pictured are Brenden, 12, and Derrick, 8 years old. "Not only did I serve, but my family served, also," Robert Fisk said. Christie runs the Matador Floral and Robert ranches and farms in southwest Matador. photo by Carol Campbell

By Carol Campbell

Robert Fisk was almost 19 years old when he and a friend decided to enlist in the Army. The year was 1995.

The military had invaded Kuwait in the First Gulf War; Vice President Dick Chaney made his "quagmire" comment to justify the political decision not to invade Iraq; and demands were being made that Iraq cooperate with inspections on weapons of mass destruction.

Robert completed basic training at Ft. Benning, Georgia, and then entered airborne school, eventually reporting to the 82nd Airborne Division as a paratrooper. He has 78 jumps under his belt. "I was a rifleman and machine gunner in a scout platoon," he said. Robert's job was to go ahead of the troops to find the enemy. "We did drug intervention missions in Panama."

On leave in July, 1995, he married his high school sweetheart, Christie Pierce, and thus began an 18-year odyssey that included four reenlistments; the birth of four sons, and a steady climb in rank with a fast track to retirement at age 40; and one more deployment. "I am currently seeking promotion to a Sgt. First Class (SFC)," he said.

His second tour of duty landed him in Kuwait in 1997-98. Kuwait was a staging ground for bigger things to come. Saddam Hussein foiled a CIA attempt of a military coup; and tortured and killed hundreds of his own officers suspected of espionage. President Clinton ordered Operation Desert Fox,

a four-day bombardment of key Iraqi military installations. Robert re-enlisted for six additional years.

By 2003, he was an E-5 Sergeant assigned to a 24-man Quick Reaction Force Team (QFT) responsible for direct and indirect threats, "mounted and dismounted," he said. He was the non-commissioned officer in charge. He experienced a lot of action in this assignment, but this modern-day hero was reluctant to talk about the details of firefights. But suffice it to say, a lot of young men didn't make it home. Robert was fortunate, he said. "I'm not afraid of the ultimate sacrifice," he added.

During this tour of duty, Robert saw the ancient city of Babylon, fished in the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers; and slept on the floor of one of Saddam Hussein's palaces.

It was reported that Saddam spent more than a billion dollars building new palaces and renovating old ones, while his people were starving. They were reportedly like the palaces in the stories of Sinbad and Arabian Nights. "The palace was built with marble stone," Robert said.

Robert didn't get a phone call for six months and no mail for about eight months. He was deployed to the Sunni Triangle, a densely-populated region of Iraq to the northwest of Baghdad that is inhabited mostly by Sunni Muslim Arabs.

In March 2003, President Bush gave Saddam 48 hours to step down, or face war. And on March 21, 2003, the Bush administration began a "broad

and concerted campaign" to disarm Iraq - Operation Iraqi Freedom.

This campaign was intended to instill "shock and awe" among Iraq's leaders, and was directed at hundreds of targets in Iraq. The US took control of Baghdad, while Iraqi civilians cheered the US troops after a 24-year oppressive rule by Saddam Hussein. Bush gave a victory speech announcing that "major combat operations in Iraq have ended." But the war continued with car bomb explosions and suicide bombings - one bombing targeted International Red Cross headquarters.

The hunt was on for Saddam Hussein. American soldiers captured him in a raid on a farm near Tikrit, hiding in a "spider hole" that was camouflaged with bricks and dirt.

By March 2004, 500 troops were dead; by September, 2004, over 1,000 US and 1,129 Coalition had been killed in the 18-month-old war.

By October, 2005, almost two years after being captured, Saddam Hussein went on trial for crimes against humanity. He was sentenced to death by hanging.

The troop buildup in Iraq peaked in October, 2007, to 170,000. In December, 2007, Robert re-enlisted for his third tour of duty in Iraq.

By March, 2008, the Iraq attacks were declining, but the US deaths reached 4,000 young men - a military troop "surge" that began on January 2007, ended; but about 150,000 US troops remained, along with Robert Fisk. "I was stationed in Mosul, Iraq, for most of my (third) deployment," he said.

Mosul is a city in northern Iraq, about 250 miles northwest of Baghdad. The original city stands on the west bank of the Tigris River, opposite the ancient Assyrian city of Nineveh on the east bank. Robert was a Platoon Sergeant with 55 soldiers under his command. These soldiers were in 12 different places, and Robert was required to keep track of his men - four squads, four team leaders. "Thankfully, I only had to talk to the four team leaders," he said.

In 2009-2010, Robert's fourth deployment was in Baghdad in the Green Zone, a heavily

fortified zone in the center of the Iraqi capital that served as the headquarters of successive Iraqi regimes. Robert commanded a truck that escorted Iraqi and American dignitaries. Since the handover of sovereignty to Iraqis, many of the facilities in the Green Zone have been turned over to the new Iraqi government. The U.S. embassy is located in the southern part of the "Green" Zone overlooking the Tigris River. On January 1, 2009, full control of the Green Zone was handed over to Iraqi security forces.

Robert returned home after his fourth deployment in March, 2010. He was quick to thank the community for the support they provided his family during his many absences. "Not only did I serve, but my family served, also," he said.

He farms and ranches, and savors his time with his wife and sons, Brenden, 12, Derrick, 8, Aidan, 4, and Colter, 3. The boys hang on dad's every word, and you can see the pride in their eyes when he speaks. "It was a bit of a culture shock coming home," he said. "People take things for granted - like privacy," he mused.

Where were you when you learned about the death of Osama bin Laden? "I was at the hog farm, coming home, and heard it on the news. I didn't believe it at first," he said. This stoic hero took it all in stride. "It was about time," he said.

Robert now serves in the military reserves which require that he completes military drills at least one weekend a month; and once a year, he has a 2-week stint. "I still have to complete school and accomplish other requirements," he said. He is currently seeking promotion for a Sergeant First Class.

Is there a 5th deployment for this modern day hero? "I have one more to go," he said. He will probably be deployed to Afghanistan. Robert can retire in four years; and apparently the military was a good fit for this 36-year-old. "The military has taught me leadership skills, work ethics, and time management," he said.

Note: Research for this article was taken from Wikipedia, the online encyclopedia; and *Timeline, 1990-2010 - U.S.-Iraq War* - ProCon.org.

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I would like to thank Tom Edwards for the letter in last week's paper stating what is happening with our wind energy possibilities.

I know Tom has spent a lot of time and money trying to get the Public Utilities Company to build the transmission line in Motley County. He made a trip to Austin which likely cost him at best \$1,000.00. He presented our

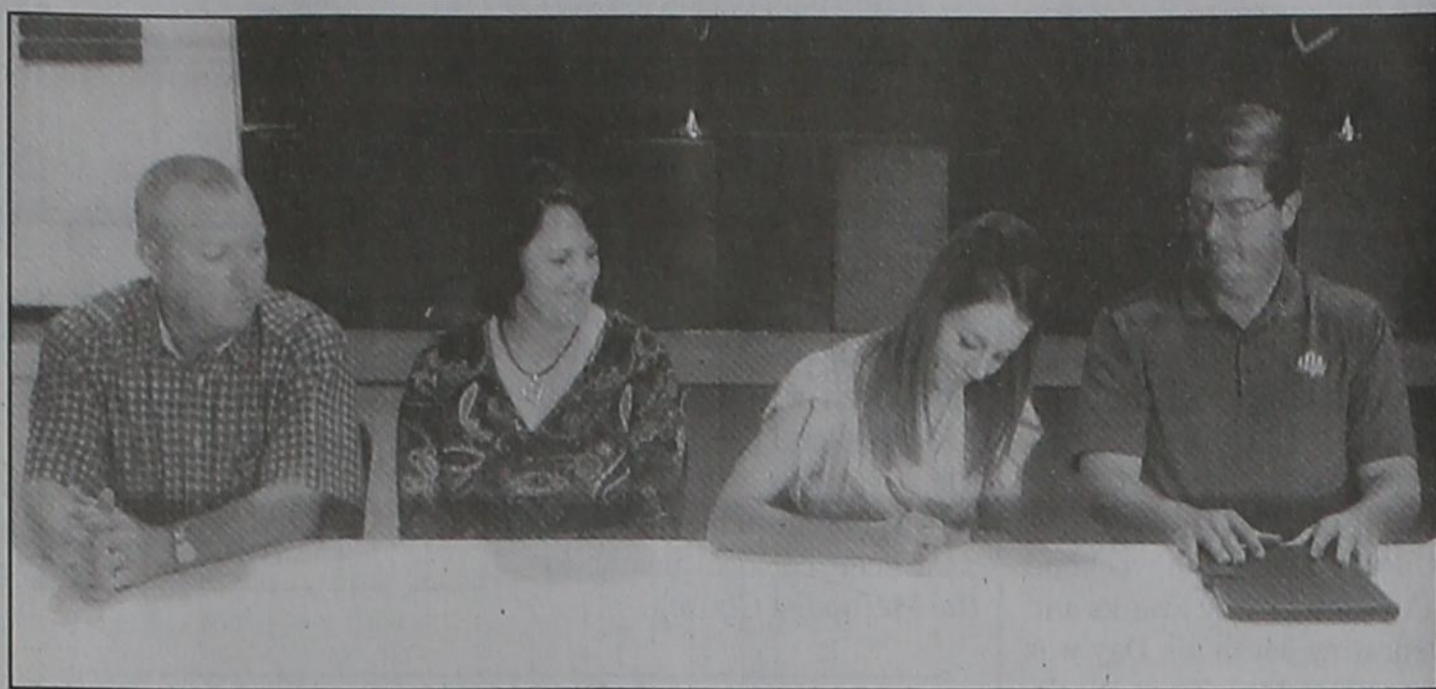
plans for the transmission lines to cross over 20 miles in Motley County to the Public Utilities Company.

When the vote was taken it was voted to be built across Dickens County.

Thank you, Tom for doing all you could do and telling the people what happened in the meeting with the Public Utilities Company.

Sincerely,
Corky Marshall
Roaring Springs

MCISD student recognized for accomplishments



In this photo left to right: Terry Simpson, Tammy Simpson, Kyla Simpson and John Dansby (LCU Women's Golf Coach)

By Kay Bingham

The following is Kay Bingham, Motley County Golf Coach's, presentation that was read Thursday May 5, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. in the Motley County Gymnasium. The event was the signing of a Letter of Intent with Lubbock Christian University by Senior Kyla Simpson to play on the LCU Women's Golf Team.

This afternoon I am proud to get to recognize one of our Motley County seniors, for not only her athletic accomplishments here at Motley County, but also her continuing future athletic college career.

Senior Kyla Simpson has had a very successful golf record during her four years of high school here. She has been on the Varsity Girls Golf Team for all four years and has been a member of three District Championship teams, one Runner-Up District Championship team, and has competed at the Regional Tournament level all four years.

In addition to being on the winning teams, Kyla won 3rd place medalist on the District level as a freshman, 1st place medalist on the District level as a sophomore and as a junior, and 2nd place medalist District level her senior year. She has been a team leader and motivator throughout her high school career.

Not only is Kyla one of Motley County's top athletes, but she has also been an outstanding academic student as well. She has been named Valedictorian for this year's graduating senior class of 2011. Because of her excellent academic record and high ACT scores, Kyla is the recipient of an academic scholarship to Lubbock Christian University. In addition to that honor, I am proud to announce that Kyla has been contacted by LCU and has been asked to play for LCU's Women's Golf Team in the Fall 2011 Semester. Today, we have as our guest and representing Lubbock Christian University, Mr. John Dansby, Women's Golf Coach for LCU.

At this time I'll turn the microphone over to Mr. Dansby so

that he can tell you more about the details of the scholarship and the golf program at LCU. Please give a warm welcome to Mr. John Dansby!!! (After Mr. Dansby's speech and applause)

Joining Kyla today for this very special moment in her life are her parents, Terry and Tammy Simpson of Matador. Kyla, we at Motley County want to thank you for the constant dedication and conscientious effort you displayed while representing our school, and want to wish you the very best for a successful college career during your time at Lubbock Christian University.

And now we'll witness as Kyla signs her letter of intent to become a member of the LCU's Women's Golf Program. Please join me in giving Kyla a hometown round of applause for this accomplishment. At this time we would like to give our students and guests the opportunity to come forward and make pictures, or to congratulate Kyla on her college signing.

Thank you all for coming and sharing in this special event with

It's Older Texans Month, and seniors are in jeopardy

By Tim Simmons
AARP Texas director of outreach

They've made Texas and the United States great. They comprise a majority of the electorate, and they still have a lot to contribute. They are older Texans, and many of them are AARP members. This month, we celebrate them.

Governor Rick Perry proclaimed May as Older Texans Month saying, "The average age of the world's population is rising at a rate never before seen in history. This transformation will enrich our culture in countless ways, but it will also challenge us to rapidly prepare for an older society's needs..."

More than 3 million Texans are at least 60 years old. Older Texans fought for the freedoms we enjoy today. They have been pioneers in business and industry, in science and medicine, in arts and entertainment. They worked for hard-earned social change. Yet, even as we celebrate the contributions of older Texans, there are efforts afoot at both the state and federal level to undermine the help they depend on most.

Elected officials in the Texas Legislature and in Congress are proposing cuts and major changes to the financial security and long-term care benefits that older Texans have earned through their decades of hard work, such as Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid. Hundreds of thousands of Texans, including many who have outlived their savings and their spouses, could take a significant hit.

Meet two older Texans who worry that they will soon lose the services that keep them

healthy, independent and safe.

Elizabeth Burkhalter's husband died in May 2010 but he was able to stay at home through his final days. This made a big difference to his family.

"He received home-based care until the end of his life," says Burkhalter. "He was able to maintain his dignity and privacy."

Burkhalter, who lives in Fair Oaks Ranch outside San Antonio, has also benefited from home-based care -- once when she had a blood clot in the leg again and another time after surgery. She was visited by a nursing and a physical therapist.

These services are convenient and more cost effective, she says.

"I hope I continue to be able to receive them."

Another older Texan who has been able to remain independently in her own home is Lindy Anderson, a retired paramedic from Granbury. She has multiple sclerosis and is unable to walk. Last August, Anderson fell while trying to get into her wheelchair from bed and broke her femur in four places. She was home from the hospital three days later, but she found that she was unable to care for herself properly.

She worked in the medical field caring for others for many years, and now she cannot make it to the restroom unassisted. So who is caring for her now?

Because of state assistance, she has a home health assistant visit her for about 30 hours a week to help with cooking, laundry, cleaning and other household chores.

She says her case worker is trying to get her more help because she is left without assistance for an average of almost 20 hours each day.

"[It] would be a huge mistake to cut this service for the elderly and disabled," says Anderson. "It would be like spending \$50 to save a dime."


Her monthly income consists of her disability retirement, Medicaid assistance and food stamps.

"If you think you will save money by taking away home health care, you're sadly mistaken," she says to elected officials. "I would have to go back to the nursing home, as many other will, and the costs will skyrocket. I'm sure there are many other ways to save on the budget."

Burkhalter and Anderson would not be able to remain independent and healthy without the help of a home health aide, just one of the services for seniors currently on the chopping block in the Texas Legislature. Congress is also considering devastating changes to programs for older Americans. Social Security is being targeted to fix a federal deficit that it didn't cause. Medicare and Medicaid funding for long-term care like home-based services and nursing home stays are also in jeopardy.


This Older Texans Month, let's give our most vulnerable seniors the gift they'll appreciate most -- the ability to remain in their own homes while maintaining their health and to continue to receive all the benefits that they've been promised. Elected officials must act decisively to protect critical funding for older Texans.

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RS Lions Club views virtual wreck

By Corky Marshall
Motley County Tribune

The Roaring Springs Lions Club met Thursday, May 5, 2011, at the Windmill Café. Boss Lion Wes Campbell opened the meeting. Eleven members were present and one visitor, Brandon Henry, from the Crosby County, Texas Department of Transportation.

Brandon Henry brought a very interesting program including a graphic video showing on what can happen when you don't wear your seatbelt.

After his program we were invited outside to view a virtual wreck involving a pick-up. The wreck he demonstrated showed what happened when a pick-up turned over at a speed of 30 miles an hour. Three dummies representing two adults and a baby were in the cab of the pick-up.

One of the dummies was belted in the other wasn't and was holding the baby. The faux person wearing the seat belt was not thrown from the vehicle. Both the mother and baby were thrown out the window during the roll-over. Numerous demonstrations were held with little variation in the consequences of not being buckled up.

Five members continued the Lions activity for the day by going to Hackberry Creek Care Center to play bingo with the residents. Thirty-five dollars in quarters were won by the players.

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NEWS AROUND MOTLEY COUNTY

Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

On a personal note
I received information that the Desert Rain Concert will be held on Wednesday, June 1, 2011, at the Old Settler's Grounds. I will have more information on that later.
Of interest to children and teens: Legacy Brass, a brass quintet, will perform at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 15th at the First Baptist Church in Matador. Vacation Bible School will begin on July 17th and will run through July 20th at FBC, Matador. These will be evening sessions geared to children 3-years old through those who just finished 5th grade.

In the community
Pearl Patten's family gathered to honor her on Mother's Day. Children and grandchildren visiting her were: JoAnn Reagan of Quitaque, Buddy Allen of Kansas, Veda Lou and Jerry Hunt of Midland, Willeta and Larry Burkes of Paducah, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Palmer and their children and families of Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Parker, Lisa, Tara, Erin and Scott from Boyd, Texas, and Becky Jewkes of Houston. They came on Saturday and 15-20 people attended church with Pearl on Sunday.
Don and Billie Stuckey returned today from visiting their daughter and her family in Flower Mound, Texas.

Graveside services for former Roaring Springs resident, Junior Bearden of Quitaque were held Monday, May 9, 2011. Lunch was served to the family at noon at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.
Corky and I met my family in Plainview for a Mexican food supper for our Mother's Day celebration. My daughter-in-law's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Mohon of Lubbock joined the group also.
Vince Taylor broke his lower leg in an accident loading cattle in San Saba, Texas, and drove the truck to the

panhandle to unload and then on home. Today he is having surgery to put a plate in his lower leg. (Ouch! I've been there and done that as the trite saying goes).

The Highway 70 Garage Sale and Mother's Day brought quite a crowd to Roaring Springs. I believe there were nine garage sales in town; one being the big one the Roaring Springs Community Volunteers held at the building next door to the Windmill Café.

Sherry Rose and Carla Meador treated their mother, Joyce Meredith, to coffee and cake Sunday afternoon at the home of Sherry and Tony Rose. Yancy, Daphanie and Parker visited Joyce later in the afternoon. Her son Randy cooked a feast on his grill for Joyce and Joe. Calling her to wish her happy Mother's Day were Cody Meredith and family from San Angelo.

Kelly and Pennie Keltz, Kevin, Lesa Keltz and family and June Keltz met at Jared and Kandi Johnson's and then ate out for Mother's Day. Lesa is doing well after her broken wrist on Easter.

Several out of town guests stayed at the Travelers Inn during the week end. They were: Aggie Birdwell from Guthrie, Mr. and Mrs. Truman Ellis from England, Duane and Patty Ward of Brownfield and Vern and Rachel Mason of Abilene. They were attending a sister's reunion at Singing R Ranch.

Cherry Daniell flew to Salt Lake City and was picked up by her husband, Eugene and they then traveled to Burley, Idaho, to spend a few days and celebrate their third anniversary.

Louis, Beverly, and Megan Shorter from Fort Worth were in town to visit Jennifer Lawler, Allison, Matthew, and Braeden of Roaring Springs and Joe, Salina and Grayson Marks of Lockney for Mothers Day. They all enjoyed lunch at the Windmill Café in Roaring Springs.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

Overhead
Instruction ends in the schoolroom, but education ends only with life. Sometimes, just opening the door is the toughest part of a journey after graduation. Congratulations to High School and College graduates!

Community News
Visiting last weekend with Mrs. Aleda Ross was daughter, Mrs. Elisa Wiggley of Lubbock and son, Tommy Ross of Castroville.
Ronnie and Lou Rogers of Lubbock, Donnie Rogers and Natalie Rogers of Flomot enjoyed Mother's Day in the home of Mrs. B. Rogers.
Sandra and Jerry Barclay visited in Lockney Mother's Day with his mother, Mrs. Geneva Barclay.
Guests of Kathy and Clois Shorter during the weekend and celebrating Mother's Day were daughters and families, Mrs. Christi Milam, Emily

and Haley of Lake Kiowa and Keri and Kevin Sehon and son, Brian of Wolfforth, and Everett Shorter of Flomot. Visiting the families Saturday was Louis Shorter of Fort Worth.

Guests during the weekend of Connie and Coy Franks and celebrating Mother's Day was her mother, Mrs. Erma Washington of Flomot, son and family, Cory and Amy Franks, Hudson, Madison and Heston of Idalou.

Wilburn Martin reported that his daughter, Mrs. Marilee Cooper of Borger was in Las Vegas, Nevada, from Wednesday until Sunday competing in a tennis tournament.

Joe Ike and Anna Beth Clay were in Childress during the weekend helping with the Kairos Prison Ministry.

Ruth and Orville Lee visited in Turkey Saturday night with daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Heck, Kacey, Cody and Micah.

Matador News

Bill Manney, pastor of the Matador and Roaring Springs United Methodist churches, completed a course of study last weekend in Plano, TX. These courses of study permit him to maintain his certificate as a licensed local pastor for the Methodist Church.

Save the Date
VBS at First Baptist Church, Matador, July 17-20, evenings

Golf Update

Tuesday Night Scramble participants were Timmy Brooks, Jean Hoover, Kelly Keltz, Kevin Keltz, Corkey Marshall, Ken Marshall, Kyle Moore, Tony Rose, Tammy Simpson, Pat Smith, David Taylor, Shane Taylor, and Tim Ward. Closest to the pin winner was David Taylor. The winning team was Jean Hoover, Kelly Keltz and Kevin Keltz.
Thursday, Ladies Play Day participants were Jean

Hoover, June Moss and Geneva Wilson in the morning. June Moss won the ball for the most 2-putts. The afternoon group included Nell Berryman, Polly Campbell, Tommye Keith, Judy Renfro, Glenna Ross, and Tammy Simpson. Glenna Ross won the ball for the most 2-putts.
For more information about joining the fun, please call Cynthia Stafford at (806) 348-7267.

Pop Tabs Collection

The Motley County High School National Honor Society has set Friday, May 20th as the final day of this school year's pop tab collection. If you still have pop tabs that you wish to contribute and cannot bring them to school, please call Kyla

Simpson, Keyan Kautz, Braden Mason, or Kathy Gillespie.

Your continued support of this NHS service project is greatly appreciated. We will continue to collect pop tabs during the next school year, also.

Arts & Crafts

By Winifred Darsey

It was a great day for Motley County Arts and Crafts Club when it met on May 2 for the club's regular meeting on painting a lovely rural scene.

Joyce Archer instructed the club members on one of its favorite art forms - painting with oil or acrylic paint. The scene to be painted was a rural setting of an old cabin with a windmill in the background.

Club President Nova Dale Turner called for the regular business meeting at 10:00 o'clock. Plans were made for upcoming programs; a date was set for the Fall Bazaar; and plans for future programs, workshop, and parties were discussed. The date for the Bazaar will be Saturday, November 19th.

The Club members dined at noon with the Senior Citizens. The 'bill of fare' was very tasty and plentiful. It made a happy hour to dine and visit.

The results of the paintings were excellent and attractive and painting on an oval board made them unusual. Watch for these paintings at the Bazaar.

Members present were: Bonnie Vandiver, Vee Gordon, Dorothy Knight, Joyce Meredith, Jane K. Neal, Nova Dale Turner, Loretta Thompson and Winifred Darsey.

Jo Trammell will teach a watercolor class at the June meeting. Bring supplies for this class.

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Answer: Yes. Only Antarctica is immune to hurricanes.

Weather History

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Notes from the Library

By Mary Ann Potts

New Large Print titles have just arrived, too many to describe but just enough to list. **Life is Short but Wide** by J. California Cooper, **Just After Sunset** by Stephen King, **The Postmistress** by Sarah Blake, **Heresy** by S. J. Paris, **The Sheen on the Silk** by Anne Perry, Lyle Brandt's **The Lawman: Hanging Judge**, Ralph Cotton's **Escape from Fire River**, 2 from Ray Hogan **Outlaw Marshal** and **The Trackers**, **Ralph Compton: Bounty Hunter** by himself and Joseph A. West and another by West, **Ralph Compton: The Convict Trail**.

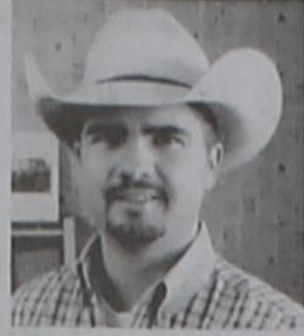
For our adventuresome readers there's **Last Chance to See** by Douglas Adams and

Mark Carwardine. This is a true life around the world adventure with exotic animals. Please keep in mind that book recommendations are encouraged from our patrons so Motley County Library will fill its shelves with readable material for all ages. You may stop by, call 347-2717, email: motleycountylibrary@yahoo.com or visit us on facebook at Motley County Library. Your comments are very much appreciated.

And now that summer is almost upon us, the Library Annex is available for all your summer gatherings. Call or e-mail for available dates and times. Full day \$50, Half Day \$25, if food is served \$50 refundable cleaning deposit required.

County Agent's News

by Ryan Martin, AgriLIFE EXTENSION Agent



TOP WINNERS NAMED AT ROLLING PLAINS 4-H ROUNDUP

VERNON -- Almost 300 youth from the 24 counties of the Rolling Plains Extension District competed here Wednesday, May 4 for the right to represent the District in the State 4-H Roundup June 7-11 in College Station.

Winners in more than 25 events for the Senior Division, ages 14-19, will advance to the State competition. First, second, and third place teams or individuals in Educational Presentations, Beef Quiz Bowl, Horse Quiz Bowl, and Consumer Decision Making qualify for the State event. First and Second place senior winners in Share the Fun contests will advance. Roundup winners were honored at an Awards assembly

at the Wilbarger Auditorium which concluded a morning of competition. Awards were sponsored by American Electric Power and the Vernon Chamber of Commerce.

Twelve Extension Districts will send their winners to State 4-H Roundup for the purpose of determining state champions. Approximately 2,500 4-H members, adult leaders, and county

Extension agents will invade Texas A&M for the different contests.

Representing the Motley 4-H Club were: Jaci Zingerman, Seth Baxter, Lexi Osborn, Cassidy Turner, Autumn Perryman, Shelby Elliott, Emma Cruse, Carley Turner, Natalie Jameson, Cade Drum, Brody Rankin and Mattie Brooks. Jaci placed 1st in Family Life senior division, Lexi

COWPOKES

By Ace Reid



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Omar Junior Bearden

Omar Junior Bearden, 82, of Quitaque, passed away peacefully surrounded by loved ones on May 6, 2011. Graveside Services were Monday, May 9, 2011, at the Roaring Springs Cemetery in Roaring Springs, Texas. Arrangements were under the direction of Shannon Funeral Home of Matador.

Junior was preceded in death by his parents and one brother Connie Bearden. He was a John Deere Tractor and Case Mechanic and a member of the First Baptist Church. Junior and Betty moved from Roaring Springs to Quitaque in 2002.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to the First Baptist Church of Roaring Springs or the Roaring Springs Cemetery.

and husband Stephen of Lubbock.

He is also survived by three sisters, Thelma Bearden of Plainview, Arla Williams of Crosbyton, and Ray Nell Bearden of Floydada; 14 grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren with two on the way.

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Pictured: Back row: Seth Baxter, Cassidy Turner, Shelby Elliott, Natalie Jameson, and Mattie Brooks.. Front Row: Jaci Zingerman, Lexi Osborn, Autumn Perryman, Emma Cruse, Carley Turner, Cade Drum and Brody Rankin.

To our family and friends:

Our heartfelt thanks to each of you who remembered us during Tye's accident and recovery. The calls, visits, gift baskets, flowers and especially the prayers were appreciated so very much. Also our sincere thanks to each of the community churches who prayed so faithfully for his recovery. May God bless each of you for your kindness and concern.

Roy and Joanie Stephens

ADJUSTING TO CHANGE



We can not fly an airplane from one city to another without making some adjustments to the base course. The reasons for this are varied and complex. Winds aloft and wind direction and air density all have to be factored into the course corrections.

In our life's journey, the same is true. We must make course adjustments as we are faced with each new challenge this life sets before us. Often we hold on to some old perceptions (course) with a death grip. We sometimes maintain a course through fear of something new. New experiences often are the challenges most difficult to deal with in our life. But like the airplane, a new course heading is sometimes what is needed.

The Apostle Paul helps us to make the necessary adjustments by telling us in Philippians 3: 13-14 "...But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal..." Paul gives us an example of overcoming former perceptions, being unafraid to accept new challenges or course corrections and maintaining sight of the goal.

Jesus has promised that He would be with us. Therefore we have the grandest Pilot to supervise the course corrections and a God who has declared, "Never will I leave you: never will I forsake you." (Hebrews 13: 5).

Roaring Springs Church of Christ

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placed 2nd in Safety and Injury Prevention senior division, Natalie and Mattie placed 1st in the Open Class, Seth, Cassidy, Autumn, and Shelby placed 4th in the Share the Fun - Celebrate 4-H, Brody and Cade placed 4th in the Share the Fun - Choreographed Routine, and Carley placed 1st in Share the Fun - Solo/Band class. Jaci and Lexi will advance to the State Roundup in College Station June 13-17.

The Texas 4-H and Youth Development education program, a component of the Texas

AgriLife Extension Service, a part of the Texas A&M System, creates supportive environments for culturally diverse youth and adults to reach their fullest potential.

AgriLife Extension helping Texas youth get fiscally fit

Agency supported April's national, state financial literacy initiatives

COLLEGE STATION -- In today's economic environment it is more important than ever that young people are financially literate before they leave home for college or become self-supporting, said Texas AgriLife Extension Service experts.

"Since April is Youth Financial Literacy Month in Texas as well as National Financial Literacy Month, this provided us with a perfect opportunity to focus on educating young people in Texas about basic money management and financial responsibility through AgriLife Extension programs and activities," said Nancy Granovsky, AgriLife Extension specialist in

family economics.

Granovsky said Texas is ahead of most states in youth financial education as there is a mandate that students receive instruction on basic financial literacy as a graduation requirement.

"As an agency of the Texas A&M University System, AgriLife Extension is involved in a wide variety of educational outreach efforts to improve the lives of Texans, including helping the state's young people become better prepared to handle real-life financial issues and challenges," she said. "The agency conducts programs related to financial literacy - both to young people and adults throughout the year and throughout the state - and supporting Texas Youth Financial Literacy Month is a part of our efforts."

Among the youth financial literacy activities in which AgriLife Extension participated during National Financial Literacy Month was the Credit for Life Fair presented at the Rice High School Gymnasium in Altair.

At the fair, 70 seniors from the school participated in this first-ever event in Colorado County, designed to provide them with practical experience in managing personal finances. Thirty-five volunteers from AgriLife Extension, the school, local businesses and the community helped at the fair, presenting students with budget-related options, money management challenges and advice.

Each student was given a career and monthly salary, as well as a credit score based on how well they performed on a financial pre-test. They were then provided choices relating to financial essentials such as rent

and transportation, as well as "luxuries" such as having their hair styled. The goal of the exercise was for them to remain within their monthly budget.

"The students learned quickly how hard it was to stay within a budget. They were in awe of the expenses associated with real-life living, how quickly things added up, and how easy it was to exceed their budget," said Kara Matheny, AgriLife Extension 4-H and youth development agent in Colorado County. "They also learned some careers were not as glamorous as they thought and didn't pay as well as they expected."

"The event was great," said Rice Consolidated Independent School District superintendent Mike Lanier. "Giving the students a chance to see real-world situations and to interact and make choices was much better than reading about it from a textbook or off a blackboard. I was also impressed with how smart many of the kids were in the choices they made."

Lesley Carey of Trafco Industries in Eagle Lake served as the committee chairperson for the event and added that, "At the fair, the kids got a better understanding of how things really are, and how important it is to establish and maintain good credit."

In Tarrant County, AgriLife Extension partnered with the Tarrant County Credit Union to present a financial literacy class designed to help young people to become more financially prepared for college.

The class, held at the AgriLife Extension office in Tarrant County, was attended by young people from eighth grade

through high school throughout the community, including several from the YMCA. It focused on the importance of keeping up with financial aid, the cost of living on campus versus off, the need for an emergency credit card and college spending plan, as well as other practical aspects of college-related money management.

"The Tarrant County Credit Union and AgriLife Extension present this class as a means to help young people become more financially savvy in understanding the costs associated with college," said Marian Ross, AgriLife Extension family and consumer sciences agent in Tarrant County.

In Lynn County, Amy Baugh, AgriLife Extension family and consumer sciences agent, gave two financial literacy instruction presentations in April to eighth-graders at Tahoka Middle School as part of the school's Money Matters elective course.

She said her instruction included teaching the students about making and maintaining a budget, check writing, understanding paycheck deductions and taxes, and participating with them in interactive financial management games and activities.

"The agency is having a positive impact on youth financial literacy through the programs and activities it delivers through its family and consumer science agents and staff, 4-H and youth development agents and staff, and others," Granovsky said. "But we are especially happy to help support such efforts during April, especially as that has been 'officially' designated National Financial Literacy Month."

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 - 11 Hospital Bd meets in the back of the ambulance barn 7am
 - 12 Family Supper Night, HCCC, 6:00 p.m.
 - 12 Matador City Council
 - 12 Matador Chapter of the Eastern Star, Floydada, Meal at 6:30pm, meeting at 7:30 pm
 - 14 Adventures with Texas Wildflowers, 10:00 am, Library Annex. Book Sale and Signing with author, Willa Finley.
 - 14 District 4-H Trap Contest
 - 14: Adventures with West Texas Wildflowers" with Willa Finley, 10 a.m. in Annex. Book Sale and Signing
 - 15 Motley 4-H Club meeting
 - 15 FREE Concert, Legacy Brass (brass quintet from Arlington), 7pm, FBCM
 - 17 Matador Lions
 - 19 Matador Masonic Lodge, 6:30 pm 3rd Thurs
 - 19-21 Flomot Bluegrass
 - 21 Western trade day
 - 22 Blue Grass Gospel Singers, First Methodist Church in Matador, 11 am
 - 22 Baccalaureate, First Methodist Church in Matador at 7 pm
 - 25 Senior Breakfast at Matador Methodist Church
 - 27 Jr. High Graduation, Motley Co gym
 - 28 High School Graduation, 7:00 pm, Motley Co gym

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