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4-H sponsors fire fighter fund raiser



Motley County 4-H sponsored a street dance in front of the courthouse in Matador on Saturday night April 16, 2011. Ben Dunlap's band, Southern Crossing, and the Sandbillies from Paducah performed. Donations benefited the Motley County Fire Departments. The MCJH cheerleaders had concession stand with drinks and rodeo wraps. Pictured: L-R: Natalie Jameson, Kaylee Woolsey, Macie Marshall, Thalia Quilimaco and Mattie Brooks. photo by Crystal Salazar

4B Board Hearing

By Larry Vogt
Motley County Tribune

A public hearing was held in the meeting room of the Matador City Hall at 5:00 p.m. on April 14, 2011. The purpose of the hearing was to hear comments from citizens regarding the use of 4B sales tax money for a video project being organized by the Friends of the Historic Motley County Jail.

Present at the meeting were Ed D. Smith, Marisue Potts, Ronald Bailey, Roy Hobbs, Barbara Bogart, and Larry Vogt and Laverne Zabielski, representing the

Motley County Tribune. Roy Hobbs, a member of the 4B Tax Board, took comments from the citizens present.

Ed D. Smith stated that he was in favor of using the 4B money for the project and also expressed disappointment that the City Council had put a stipulation in the release of the money, stating that the money would only be given if matching money was provided. Barbara Bogart, from Cap Rock Telephone Cooperative, expressed the opinion that the grant was well written and that this allocation would be a good use of the 4B money. Ms. Bogart also em-

phasized that 4B board members are appointed by the city council, they take time to do the research on proposals, then present their funding recommendations to the city council with the expectation that the council would act on their decision, as presented. Marisue Potts and Ronald Bailey also expressed support for the use of the 4B money for the video project and stated that the stipulation should be removed.

There being no other persons present and no other comments from those present, the hearing was adjourned.

Matador City Council Meets

By Larry vogt
Motley County Tribune

The Matador City Council met in regular session on April 14, 2011. Mayor Pat Smith called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Present were council members Chuck Ream, Alvin Alexander, Nathan Shannon, and Shane Jones, Kay Bailey was absent. Tina Brooks substituted for City Secretary Debra Scott who could not be present because of a family emergency. Steve Barton, Water Superintendent, and James Gillespie, representing the Fire Department, were present to give reports.

Steve Barton reported that there had been some losses in the water system in November and December of 2010. He also reported that there were just a few meters to be replaced and then that project would be completed.

James Gillespie handed out a spreadsheet report on the income and expenses for the Matador Fire Department. The report shows the

allocation from the City of Matador and the expenses for the fiscal year April 1, 2010 through March 31, 2011. Among the expenses listed were the building expenses, dues to professional associations, equipment, phone, and fire school. The department is looking for a grant from the Texas Forest Service to pay for bunker gear, which currently costs \$2000 per person. The department is researching the financing of a much needed newer pumper truck as well as replacing fire hose which costs \$200 per fifty foot section. Mr. Gillespie stated that all moneys donated to the department went to cover expenses that were incurred beyond the budget money received from the City of Matador. Mayor Smith stated that he would like a budget report from the department on a yearly basis.

The bids on the lots owned by the city were opened and Tom and Deanie Edwards had the high bid for Lot # 13 and Larry Vogt and Laverne Zabielski had the high bids

on Lots # 14, 15, and 16. The council accepted the bids on a unanimous vote.

Next on the agenda was the notice of cancelled election since the council members Chuck Ream, Shane Jones, and Bobby Klodginski were running for re-election without opposition. This measure passed on unanimous vote.

The Motley County Library had presented their financial statement beforehand and the council reviewed the document. The council reviewed a proposal from the Texas Water Development Board, which contained a loan proposal to finance the replacement of the water line from the wells that the city uses in Roaring Springs. Since the proposal mentioned interest rates that were higher than currently available, the council decided to take no action on the TWDB proposal and look for a loan without the assistance.

The final item on the agenda was the approval and payment of expenditures, after which, the meeting was adjourned.

Fires heat up in northeast Motley County

By Carol Campbell
Motley County Tribune

A fire north of Matador on Saturday, April 16, 2011, took about 1,000 acres of grassland, firefighter James Gillespie said. "We used the county road boundaries, Middle Pease River and Highway 70, cut fire guards, and shut it down."

The fire started from Highway 70 due to a blow-out on a truck. First responders in addition to Motley County road graders included local ranchers with water pumps and sprayers. With winds gusting to 45 miles per hour from the southwest, the fire raged toward the Middle Pease River

and the dump ground road from the Teen Burleson and Kenny Barton ranches to the land close to the Pease River leased by Roy Hobbs.

"My losses were pretty minor compared to the losses of grassland on the Burleson and Barton land," Hobbs said. He estimates he lost about 1-1/2 miles of fence and 110 acres.

"Losing the fence is my problem," he said, adding, his cattle on the lease were just fine.

Kenny Barton had just moved his cattle last week to another place, "dodging a bullet" for the second time. Kenny had also moved his cattle before the February fire that took almost 40,000

acres of grassland in southwest and southeast Motley County. He lost cross fencing on the northeast fire, but the Highway 70 fence was okay, he said.

Matador firefighters responded to the fire about 2:00 p.m., fighting the fire until about 10:00 p.m. - while the band played on.

Motley County 4-H Club sponsored a street dance in front of the courthouse in Matador on Saturday night with donations benefiting the Motley County Fire Departments.

First responders also included trucks from Flomot, Roaring Springs, Turkey, and Floydada, Gillespie said.



This photo shows the Motley County northeast fire on April 16, raging toward the Middle Pease River and the dump ground road from the Teen Burleson and Kenny Barton ranches to the land close to the Pease River leased by Roy Hobbs. photo by Crystal Salazar

USDA reminds producers to apply for 2011 livestock disaster assistance

Motley County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Amy Hackler, reminds eligible ranchers and livestock producers of the Jan. 30, 2012 deadline for applying for benefits under the provisions of the Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) for losses incurred during the 2011 crop year. In addition to the counties that became eligible earlier in the year, the following counties triggered after April 1, 2011.

Motley County met the LFP trigger requirements for native and improved grasses, and met the LFP trigger requirements for small grains:

"We anticipate more counties may become eligible between now and the end of September, so livestock producers should stay tuned," said Hackler.

LFP provides payments to eligible livestock producers that have suffered livestock grazing losses due to qualifying drought or fire. Fire losses apply only to federally managed

rangeland. Eligible livestock under LFP include beef cattle, alpacas, buffalo, beefalo, dairy cattle, deer, elk, emus, equine, goats, llamas, poultry, reindeer, sheep and swine. For losses due to drought, qualifying drought ratings are determined using the U.S. Drought Monitor located at <http://www.drought.unl.edu/dm/monitor.html>.

"It is imperative that livestock producers meet this deadline for disaster assistance as there are no late file provisions for LFP," said Hackler. "To ensure a smooth application process, producers should have all required supporting documentation with them at the time they visit our office to apply for benefits," she said.

In order for an LFP applicant to qualify for program benefits, the applicant must have purchased insurance coverage through FSA's Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) or the Pasture, Rangeland and Forage Insurance-Rainfall Index for Graz-

ing (PRF-RI) program offered through the Risk Management Agency (RMA).

Producers who meet the requirements of a socially disadvantaged, limited resource, or beginning farmers or ranchers, as defined in the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990, Section 2501 (e) (7 U.S.C. 2279(e)), do not have to meet this Risk Management Purchase Requirement (RMPR).

LFP program applicants should note that in addition to risk management provisions, certain payment limitation and adjusted gross income eligibility requirements must be met in order to qualify for livestock disaster program benefits.

For more information, county eligibility questions or to apply for LFP and other USDA Farm Service Agency disaster assistance programs, please contact the Motley County FSA office at 806-347-2263. Information can also be obtained on line at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

Foothill Country Connections

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



By Larry Vogt

Last Friday, April 15, the wind in Motley County reached speeds of 60 mph. And, the high-speed winds continued almost non-stop for two days. According to the weather reporting station that is set up at Roaring Springs, the county had some of the highest wind speeds recorded in the area.

Stepping outside, I felt as though the wind was going to pick me up and blow me right down Dundee Street. The noise inside the Tribune office was extremely distracting and we had the impression that everything was going to blow away. There was dust and sand blowing across the fields and in some areas the sky appeared to be grayish

and brown.

Thank goodness the conservation practices put in place, such as tree and shrub windbreaks, keep at least some of the dirt back at home, instead of heading across the landscape to the next county or state. The photographs from the Dust Bowl era of the 1930s show dim human figures struggling to stay vertical while the dust appears like a black cloud on the horizon.

My childhood was memorable for the images of rain or snow blowing sideways and the feeling that walking against a stiff wind produced very slow progress. As I walked down the street in Matador the other day when the wind impeded my progress, I thought about the quantity of electrical generation that could be produced on a day like that, if the wind did not damage the turbines in the process. I thought about how we, as humans, often think about harnessing the tremendous energy that is present in the forces of nature. Meanwhile, all we can do is close the shutters, bat down the hatches, bolt the doors, and wait for the winds to subside.



Motley County 2011 Jr High Track



Motley County 2011 Varsity Track

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Opinion Editorial

Earth Day 2011 - America's Farmers & Ranchers...
the Original Conservation Stewards

While we appreciate the significance of April 22nd as Earth Day, we need to remember to protect and conserve our natural resources each of the 365 days of the year.

Working for the USDA Farm Service Agency has strengthened my appreciation for everyone involved in the agriculture industry - those who practice the year-round, lifetime commitment to protecting our natural resources. As a society, we have made many advances since the first Earth Day in 1970. Thanks to the numerous technological advances in agriculture, we learn, on a daily basis, improved ways to protect the land, water and air that has been gifted to us and for which each of us is responsible during our short time on this Earth.

Since that first Earth Day, forty one years ago, Americans from every walk of life have joined forces to encourage proactive stewardship of our natural resources. But even before that first Earth Day, American farmers and ranchers, "walked the talk," when it came to conservation... constantly and willingly adopting management practices that reduce soil erosion, improve water quantity and quality, reduce air pollutants and increase wildlife habitat and related populations.

America's farmers and ranchers depend on the earth's productivity to support their families and to provide the food, fiber and bio-fuels for the entire world. For these agriculture producers, resource stewardship is not a one-time, once

a year obligation, it is their livelihood, tradition and a way of life that spans generations.

Farmers and ranchers are the foremost stewards of the land - they have learned enhanced ways to grow crops and implemented improved methods for raising livestock. They appreciate and respect the fragile nature of our natural resources and know it is important to safeguard the environment today, tomorrow and always. On Earth Day 2011, FSA salutes the American farmer and rancher...our nation's original conservation stewards.

Respectfully submitted,
Juan M. Garcia
State Executive Director
Texas USDA Farm Service Agency

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor

It was truly a joy to witness the response to the dinner and fundraiser for the Matador fire department, and all who helped in our time of need. A special "thank you" to the pastors and congregations of the churches of Matador who donated food, money, and labor to make this event a success. The newspaper you are reading also had a very large part in this event by giving us all the publicity we asked for, by bringing flowers to the dinner to honor the firefighters, and by being there in person to offer their support. I am proud to be a resident of Matador, a truly loving and caring community.

Pastor Bill Manney

Thank You

Thank you for your love and support during our time of loss. Thank you so much to everyone who helped provide the delicious meal. We are so blessed to have friends and a community who are so kind and generous.

Sincerely,
The Benney Turner Family

Thank You

We would like to thank everyone in the community who helped during the loss of our loved one. Special thanks to Shannon Funeral Home, Bill Manney, Pastor and all who prepared and served the food at the Lula Swim Fellowship Hall.

Family of Imogene Swim



*Bridal Shower Honoring
Brooke Decker*

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*Saturday May 7, 2011 from
2:00 - 3:30 pm*

In the home of Judy Renfro

*Please come by to
congratulate Brooke,
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her up-coming marriage!*

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& Beyond and Target*

District 6-1A
Track Meet
results

Motley county Jr. High
2011 District Results
April 8th, Silverton, TX

The Motley Co. High School track teams participated in the District 6 meet at Aspermont, Thursday, April 7th. There were 13 schools competing in this meet. The athletes that placed in the meet are as follows:

800m run; Lexi Osborn, 2nd place; Reagan Elliott, 5th place.

100m dash; Jaci Zingerman, 3rd place, Sabra Pope, 5th place.

800m relay; Conner Mason, Schyler Tomlinson, Juan Flores, Christian Brooks, 6th place.

400m dash; Austin Taylor, 2nd place, Jonathon Osborn, 3rd place.

200m dash; Jonathon Osborn, 3rd place.

1600m run; Lexi Osborn--- 1st place

1600m relay; Austin Taylor, Jonathon Osborn, Britt Simpson, Augustine Chavez, 2nd place.

Discus; Jaci Zingerman, 2nd place.

Shot Put; Austin Taylor, 4th place.

Other athletes that competed, but did not place in the top six were:

Virginia Gutierrez, Mark Quintero, Braden Mason, Cody Martin, Jeffery Reyes, Coby Cochran, Jamie Jameson, & Jacob Woolsey.

Sprint Relay; Catherine Ward, Katie Barton, Meagan Longoria, Beverly Reyes, 3rd place.

800m Run: Macie Marshall, 1st place; Hannah Mason, 5th place; Caleb Clary, 1st place; Michael Martin, 2nd place; Joshua Martin, 4th place.

100m Dash; Bryant Taylor, 2nd place.

800m Relay; Meagan Ford, Natalie Jameson, Cassidy Turner, Meagan Longoria, 3rd place; Bryant Taylor, Caleb Clary, Korbyn Simpson, Michael Martin, 3rd place.

400m Dash: Mattie Brooks, 2nd place; Shelby Elliott, 4th place; Tate Richards, 2nd place; Korbyn Simpson, 5th place.

300m Hurdles: Catherine Ward, 1st place; Duncan Aumiller, 3rd place; Marcus Ortiz, 6th place.

1200m Run: Macie Marshall, 1st place; Hannah Mason, 5th place; Joshua Martin, 4th place;

Duncan Aumiller, 5th place.

Mile Relay: Shelby Elliott, Mattie Brooks, Macie Marshall, Catherine Ward, 1st place. Bryant Taylor, Caleb Clary, Tate Richards, Michael Martin, 2nd place.

Discus: Beverly Reyes, 1st place; Shelby Elliott, 4th place; Korbyn Simpson, 3rd place; Braden Bigham, 6th place.

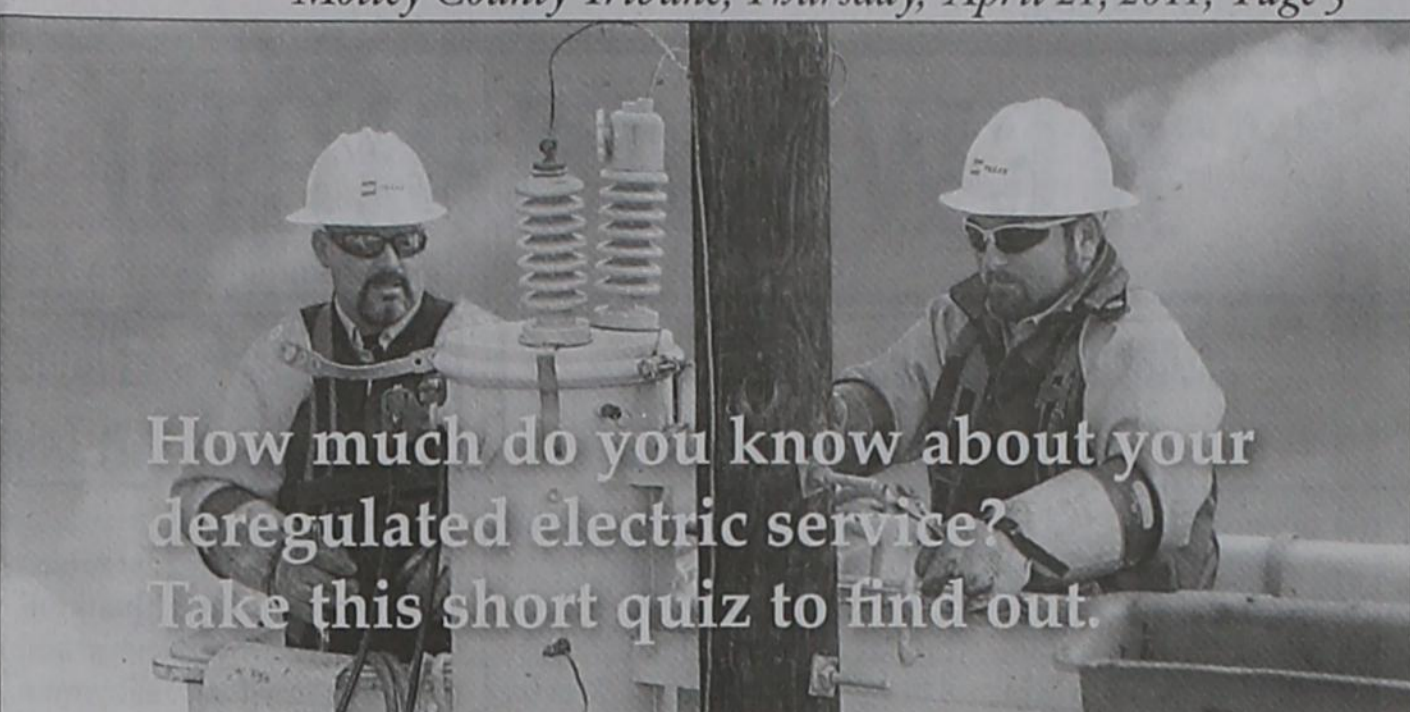
Shot Put: Seth Baxter, 5th place.

Long Jump: Caleb Clary, 3rd place; Michael Martin, 4th place. Triple Jump; Caleb Clary, 5th place; Michael Martin, 6th place.

High Jump: Marcus Ortiz, 2nd place; Korbyn Simpson, 6th place.

Other Jr. High students that participated in the track meet, but did not place in the top six were: Gabby Silva, Natalie Jameson, Thalia Quilimaco, Kaylee Woolsey, Tanner Bearden, and Logan Ferguson.

Thank You
I want to thank everyone for all the prayers, as well as the cards sent with beautiful wishes of health and every call from friends checking in on progress made. My thanks to everyone who has made a contribution such as these.
Thanks
Tom and Lorine Jordan



How much do you know about your deregulated electric service?
Take this short quiz to find out.

Who restores power after a bad storm?

- 1) Your Retail Electric Provider
- 2) The company that generates electricity
- 3) AEP Texas
- 4) All of the above
- 5) None of the above

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- 3) Generates electricity
- 4) All of the above
- 5) None of the above

Who is installing new Smart Meters?

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- 2) Your Retail Electric Provider
- 3) The company that generates electricity
- 4) All of the above
- 5) None of the above

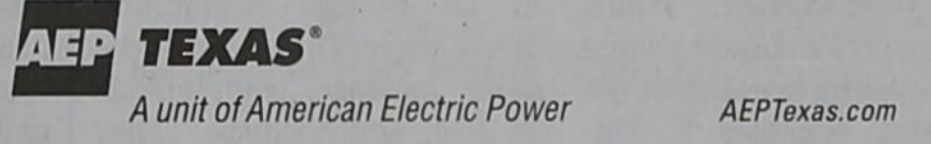
Who is known as "the wires company?"

- 1) Your Retail Electric Provider
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- 3) AEP Texas
- 4) All of the above
- 5) None of the above

If you answered 3, 2, 1, 3, congratulations!
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Thank You
Our sincere thanks to everyone for all of your concern and prayers during Charlie's illness, and for our family after his death.
For the food, cards, phone calls, flowers and visits, we say thank you. Also, all of your prayers and expressions of sympathy were greatly appreciated.

The Family of Charlie Renfro

Thank You
Our words cannot fully express our gratitude and appreciation to the Matador Fire Department and all the volunteers who worked so hard and successfully with the fire Saturday to save our place north of town. Without your work and skill we would surely have lost our total operation. To each of you THANK YOU! Its people like you that makes Motley County and west Texas such a great place to live.

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NEWS AROUND MOTLEY COUNTY

Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

On a personal note

I am still going through stuff between major plumbing problems and moving out for the duration of repairs to Mrs. Marshall's little house which we use for a guest house.

Of course sand that had blown in this spring had to be cleaned and especially one room I consider my attic. That is where I found some 1953 copies of Ladies Home Journal. Looking through one brought back lots of memories. I would have been 14 that year and, of course, I was really getting interested in 'getting beautiful'. There were styles that look similar to some of the dresses today but without the plunging necklines. Shoes were similar but not quite as pointed toed as now. The model's waists were tiny, tiny! The models didn't have that come hither sultry look either!

Do you remember Mum deodorant; International Harvester refrigerators and deep-freezers with the option of covering them in fabric to match your kitchen? Ponds Cold Cream was used by some of the wealthy beauties of the day: Mrs. Nicholas R. Dupont, Mrs. Ellen Tuck Astor, the Duchess of Rutland and the Marchioness of Milford Haven. Hey! if it was good enough for them, it was good enough for me. Luster Crème Shampoo was another remembered product.

It was fun looking at the pictures and stories which brought back memories of a starry eyed teen who still believed in Cinderella. Ah, those were the days my friend; we thought they would never end, as they say. I know, I know, that song was from the '60s but it fits.

Due to everything happening around our home, I didn't get the posters out for the Relay For Life raffle. They are finished and should be out for public information tomorrow. I am still working on the Luminaries posters. I hope to get those finished today too. Hopefully they will inspire you to honor or memorialize your loved ones with a decorated lighted luninara to line the Spur Track and Field the night of the Relay. A prize will be offered for the best decorated Luminaria.

In the community

One of Roaring Springs best known citizens, Bill Hand, died about 10:00 a.m. last Saturday. Bill was a veteran of WWII and a very patriotic fellow. He fought in some of the most dangerous theaters of war. Bill was interesting to visit with and hear his early Motley County stories and well as of his other experiences. Bill will be missed. We express our heartfelt sympathy to Mozelle, Trudy, Bonita, Kelly and Kim and the rest of their family. Services were held today at the First Baptist Church with Johnny Morris officiating. Bill will be missed by many.

The Hand family will be served lunch at the First Baptist Church today. Elmer Parks and Deanette Gullede have furnished a lot of the food with the community bringing in side dishes and desserts. Deanette and her staff prepared the main dishes.

Ken and Dinah Young have been on some more adventures. On Thursday, April 7, they traveled to Dallas where Dinah caught a plane to New York City to visit her son Josh, her daughter-in-law, Victoria, and her grand-dog, Mr. Sweaters. This was Josh's treat for his mother. Every evening they ate dinner out at restaurants serving international cuisine. They enjoyed Italian dishes in Manhattan, a dinner at a French Bistro, Russian food including borsch and South American recipes at La Bodèga Restaurant. While there, Dinah enjoyed a stone massage, compliments of Josh and Victoria. They also took a walk in a beautiful neighborhood park in Brooklyn. She said it was a perfect "get away" and just what she needed.

Ken Young drove on to Houston where he was the guest of Fred Arnold, his friend. Ken shot photos for the SIREs Event. Fred is the chairman of this organization which provides horse therapy for disabled children. They made good connections and returned home April 12.

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Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

Overheard

Create your own Easter basket filled with love, thankfulness, peace, forgiveness and compassion for fellowman and God will bless you this Easter and always.

Community News

Visiting in Kalgary last Sunday with Donna Sue and Stanley Degan were her mother, Mrs. B. Rogers, brother, Donnie Rogers and niece, Natalie Rogers.

Wilburn Martin met his daughter, Mrs. Marilee Cooper of Borger and sister in law, Mrs. Wanda Lane of Lockney in Plainview Saturday and they had a nice lunch and visit.

Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton had a medical appointment in Floydada, Monday.

Mrs. Rosita Nall of Amarillo visited Sunday with Mrs. B. Rogers, Donnie Rogers and Natalie Rogers. They attended the funeral services of Billy Hand held at 2 p.m. Monday, April 18 at the First Baptist Church in Roaring Springs. His graveside services were held at 4 p.m. in Paducah.

Mrs. Nada Starkey had a medical appointment in Lockney, Monday. She and Jack Starkey were in Amarillo, Thursday for her medical tests. They visited daughter and husband, Bessie and Clifton Reid in Amarillo and son and wife, Michael and Lori Starkey in Canyon before returning home.

Benney Turner Obituary

Services for Benney Turner, 70, of Abernathy, Texas, were held Monday, April 11, 2011, in the Flomot Cemetery, Flomot Texas, with the Rev. Joel

Perez and Riley Turner officiating. Services were under the direction of Abell Funeral Home and Flower Shop of Abernathy, Texas.

The family will receive friends at Abell Funeral Home, 411 16th Street, Abernathy, on Sunday afternoon. Benney died Friday, April 8, 2011, in the home of his daughter in Abernathy, Texas.

Benney Turner was born March 25, 1941, in Flomot, Texas, to Malcolm and Lola (Price) Turner. He moved to Abernathy in 1974 from Amarillo. He raised miniature horses and miniature donkeys and bought, rebuilt and sold stock trailers. He was a plumber by trade, member of the plumbers union, Local 629 since 1960. He was project Superintendent for the commercial plumbing with Anthony Mechanical during the construction of the Lubbock County Detention Center.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Dean Turner, in June of 2010. Together, Benney and Elfa (Womack) Turner raised three children that survive him, Jeania Grimsley and her husband Bobby of Abernathy, TX, Cindy Morgan and her husband Dave of Batavia, IL, and Clifton Cory Turner and his wife Melissa of Buckeye, AZ, along with three grandchildren, Jody Grimsley and his wife Jenni of Katy, TX, and Jordan and Dylan Morgan, both of Batavia, IL. He is also survived by two brothers, Donnie Turner of Flomot, TX, and Johnny Turner of Lubbock, TX, and Wyvonne of Mount of Abernathy.

The family suggests memorials to be sent to West Texas Rehab, 4601 Hartford Street, Abilene, TX 79605, or to the Flomot Cemetery Assoc., Box 43, Flomot, TX 79423.

Matador News

Kay (Cooper) Dunaan of Dallas visited wednesday night with her mother, Juanita Cooper. On Thursday they went to Plainview to pick up Joana Dunaan, Kay's mother-in-law, and all returned to Dallas for a fun week end. On Friday they all went to the Dallas Arboretum for a spring tea luncheon. They met, granddaughter, Courtney Dunaan, to celebrate her 25th birthday. Ken and Kay brought their mothers back home on Sunday

Mrs. Frances Dixon and daughter, Mrs. Elaine Risser attended the funeral of Mrs. Ted (Jane) Hester, 89, held Wednesday, April 13, at 2 p.m. at the Hillcrest Baptist Church in Lovington, N.M. Mrs. Hester is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Wilda Dixon, former Whiteflat resident, a son, Carl Hester both of Lovington, N.M. and two grandchildren, Christine and Christopher Hester.

Lucretia Campbell, Winifred

Darsey, and Carol Campbell traveled to Sunrise Beach at Lake LBJ for a birthday celebration in honor of Carol on April 16.

Attending the fun-filled weekend were Sherry and Drew Hardin, Tye and Samantha of Austin; Byron and Kelly Campbell, Cooper and Asher, of Lubbock; and hostess Ann Huffman of Denver, CO. A party on Saturday included a spaghetti and barbeque lunch followed by chocolate cupcakes and ice cream with rounds of Happy Birthday and gifts.

The group enjoyed water sports, cruising on the lake, cards and outdoor games. In the family tradition of "trying something new on your birthday," Carol drove a jet ski and "hung on for dear life" on a large water tube pulled by a jet ski. After these out of control adventures, she claims there isn't a bone in her body that doesn't hurt.

Thank You

We would like to add our thank you to the Motley County Fire Departments for the wonderful job they did controlling the recent fires. The job they did was absolutely beyond belief and we are so grateful.

We would also like to thank Uncle Leo (Archer) for his valiant attempt at cutting fences for the 5 head of cattle that did get trapped. He was unable to get to the fence because the fire was moving so fast and was so hot; we still shudder at the very real prospect of him getting burned or even killed while trying to come to their rescue. Heartfelt thanks also go to Vann and Rob Francis and to our son, Ron, for coming to our aid immediately and never quitting until all was clear and our surviving cattle were moved. We also appreciate Britt Simpson, our right hand man, for calling the night of the fire to see if we were ok and if we needed anything.

A week and a half after the fire, I had a much anticipated knee replacement and once again we have so much appreciated all of the food, calls, flowers and cards. Our daughter Shawn very graciously stayed with us until I was more mobile and so capably took charge of whatever needed to be done. Our children are such a blessing to us and their concern for us and their work ethic is amazing. I would also like to thank our 12 year old grandson, Riley, for the get well calls from El Paso and our 8 year granddaughter, Augie, for bringing me all of her favorite movies to watch while recuperating. Once again, Vann, Rob, Korie Wilson, Britt Simpson and Ron came to our assistance by working calves for us during my hospitalization—Ronnie did not have to worry about a thing! Cathey Turner, Rebekah Jameson and Kathy Gillespie also picked up school activities for me the week I was out—they too, always just stepped in and completed what needs to be done.

We learned many years ago when we were hit by the Lubbock tornado that possessions can eventually be replaced. However, family and friends cannot ever be replaced and you have certainly made the events of the last few weeks so much easier to deal with—thank you from the depths of our hearts.

Ronnie and Shelley Cox

Correction

The Thank You from the family of Sut Braselton reads "From the Family of Sue Braselton. It should read: "From the Family of Sut Braselton."

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Weather Trivia

How strong were the peak winds in Hurricane Andrew?
Answer: The highest recorded peak gust was 169 mph.

Weather History

April 21, 1958 - Portions of Montana were in the midst of a spring snowburst. Snowfall amounts ranged up to 55 inches at Red Lodge, 61 inches at Nye Mine, and 72 inches at Mystic Lake.

Moon Phases

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MOTLEY COUNTY TREASURER'S REPORT

QUARTERLY REPORT

OF EVA BARKLEY, COUNTY TREASURER OF MOTLEY COUNTY, TEXAS

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FROM JANUARY 1, 2011 TO MARCH 31, 2011

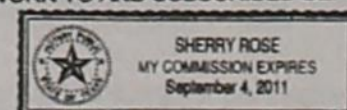
FUND	BALANCE	RECEIPTS	DISBURSEMENTS	BALANCE
	January 1, 2011			March 31, 2011
GENERAL FUND Operating	\$ 32,875.61	\$ 152,242.54	\$ 151,203.78	\$ 33,914.37
GENERAL FUND - Investment	\$ 181,000.00	\$ 35,000.00		\$ 216,000.00
SPECIAL FUND	\$ 672.57	\$ 2,642.23	\$ 3,176.00	\$ 138.80
SPECIAL FUND - Investment	\$ 12,600.00	\$ 3,100.00		\$ 15,700.00
ROAD & BRIDGE # 1 Operating	\$ 2,024.56	\$ 17,661.57	\$ 18,643.25	\$ 1,042.88
R+B # 1 - Investment	\$ 5,100.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,250.00	\$ 5,350.00
ROAD & BRIDGE # 2 Operating	\$ 2,652.15	\$ 23,130.35	\$ 24,619.25	\$ 1,163.25
R+B # 2 - Investment	\$ 15,300.00	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 5,750.00	\$ 12,750.00
ROAD & BRIDGE # 3 Operating	\$ 3,228.12	\$ 21,385.71	\$ 23,819.25	\$ 992.58
R+B # 3 - Investment	\$ 39,900.00		\$ 5,200.00	\$ 34,700.00
ROAD & BRIDGE # 4 Operating	\$ 1,930.06	\$ 17,898.97	\$ 18,159.58	\$ 1,669.45
R+B # 4 - Investment	\$ 4,900.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 5,800.00
LATERAL ROAD	\$ 10.00			\$ 10.00
LATERAL RD - Invest TexSTAR	\$ 29,474.11	\$ 10.97		\$ 29,485.08
CAPITAL ACQUISITION	\$ 3,755.86	\$ 37,617.63	\$ 40,062.90	\$ 1,310.59
INVESTMENT - TexSTAR	\$ 68,255.00	\$ 21,900.00	\$ 25,700.00	\$ 64,455.00
Interest - TexSTAR	\$ 107.79	\$ 122.24		\$ 230.03
Invest-CD - VISTA BANK 6 mos	\$ 215,590.16	\$ 585.28		\$ 216,175.44
Invest-CD - VISTA BANK 3 mos	\$ 100,274.50	\$ 272.22		\$ 100,546.72
COUNTY FUNDS TOTAL	\$ 719,648.49	\$ 342,669.71	\$ 320,884.01	\$ 741,434.19
STATE COURT COSTS	\$ 78.79	\$ 14,191.92	\$ 14,189.78	\$ 80.93
LIBRARY	\$ 9,748.52	\$ 5,918.80	\$ 5,792.35	\$ 9,874.97
HOT CHECK	\$ 2,806.26	\$ 1,229.88	\$ 971.70	\$ 3,066.44
TOTALS	\$ 732,284.06	\$ 364,010.31	\$ 341,837.84	\$ 754,456.53

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF MOTLEY

BEFORE ME, THE UNDERSIGNED AUTHORITY, ON THIS DAY PERSONALLY APPEARED EVA BARKLEY, MOTLEY COUNTY TREASURER, WHO BEING SWORN, AND UPON OATH, SAYS THAT THE WITHIN AND FOREGOING IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

Eva Barkley
COUNTY TREASURER

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME THIS 14th DAY OF APRIL, 2011



Sherry Rose
Notary Public

Notes from the Library

By Mary Ann Potts

We finally got it! On Wed., Apr. 13 at the Texas Library Conference in Austin, a luncheon was held at the Hilton Hotel. Mr. James B. Stewart, chairman of the J. Frank Dobie Trust, awarded the 4 selected libraries a check for \$10,000 each to purchase books. In addition to receiving grant funds, everyone enjoyed presentations from 3 award winning authors, Diane Mott Davidson, Richard Peck, and Jacqueline Winspear. All 3 authors gave away autographed copies of their newest books. Davidson's new book is all about putting up your feet, grabbing a good book, **Crunch Time**, and munching while you read, sigh and gasp at all the mystery, murder and delectable good food and recipes throughout the story. Peck, a children's author, is a 40-year veteran at capturing the interest of our younger audience. **Secrets at Sea** will entice a child's mind

to imagine a world surrounded by royalty, even if you are a mouse! **A Lesson in Secrets** conspired by Winspear, another children's author, loves to sneak in a history lesson or two between the pages of her turn of the century English spy thriller. Also, on our shelves this week geared towards our juvenile crowd is **The Dead End, A Poison Apple Book** by Mimi McCoy. If you love old, creepy, creeky houses and things that go bump in the night then you won't want to put this book down. Mark your calendars "Friends"! Thursday, May 5 at 3:00 p.m. is the next Friends of the Library meeting. Also Willa Finley, author of **Lone Star Wildflowers: A Guide to Texas Flowering Plants** will give a presentation, **Adventures with West Texas Wildflowers** which includes 7-8 native wildflowers including a book sale and signing.

Obituaries

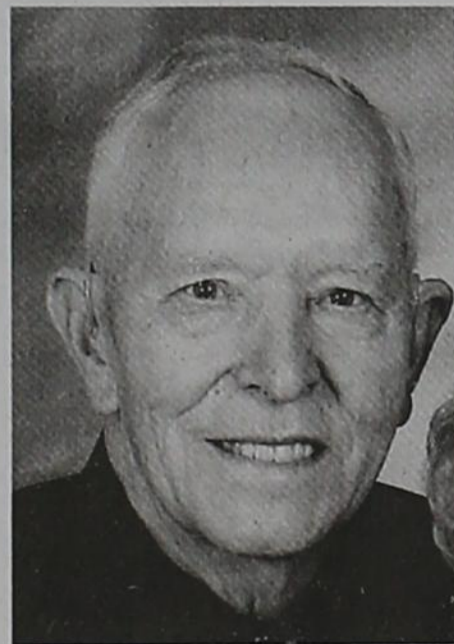
Billy B. Hand

Funeral services for Billy B. Hand, 86, of Roaring Springs were held Monday, April 18, 2011, at the First Baptist Church in Roaring Springs. Interment followed in the Paducah Garden of Memories Cemetery under the direction of Shannon Funeral Home of Matador. Bill was born on June 26, 1924, in Dumont, Texas, to Vassel 'Boy' Manning Hand and Anna Mae Davidson Hand. He was a Veteran of WWII, serving in the U.S. Marine Corps at Pearl Harbor, Guadalcanal, Peleliu, Okinawa, Pavuvu, Hiroshima, China, and San Diego. Bill was married to Pauline Rose Gage on March 2, 1946, in Weatherford, Texas. They were married 54 years before she preceded him in death on September 6, 2000. Bill lived in the Roaring Springs Community since 1951, moving from Dumont. He was a retired farmer and rancher, worked at the Red Ball Gin in 1954, was a County Commissioner for Motley County; and truck driver for Quail Pipe.

He married Mozelle Gibbs of Paducah on July 25, 2002, in Matador. He was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife, Mozelle Gibbs Hand of Roaring Springs, Texas; three daughters, Trudy LaVrae Hand of Amarillo, Texas, Bonita Barton of Magnolia, Arkansas, and Kimberly Dawn Watson and husband Duane of Lubbock, Texas; one son, Rhett Kelly Hand and wife Mary of Lubbock, Texas; granddaughters, Kristi, Lanie, Katie, Kasey, Hanna, and Abbi; grandsons, Jason and Mathew; and great-grandchildren, Madison, Bryan, Tyler, Will, Wade, and one on the way. Pallbearers were Donnie Jackson, Russell Alexander, Joe Don Warren, Matthew Hand, Duane Watson, Cisco Sissions, Justin Gillian, Berry Bostick, Don Whitaker, and Brent Campbell. Honorary pallbearers were Elmer Parks, Harold Parks, Junior Bearden, Teen Burleson, Lewis Bostick, and Bundy Campbell.

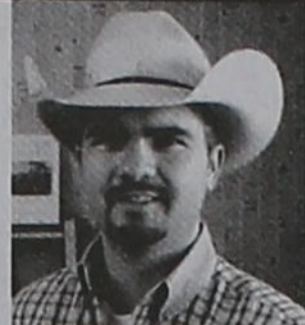
Norris W. Fulfer

Funeral Services for the Rev. Norris W. Fulfer, 86, of Claremont, CA, will be Thursday, April 21, 2011, at 11:00 a.m. at Tapestry Christian Fellowship, Yorba Linda, CA. Interment will be Friday, April 22, 2011, at 10:15 a.m. at Riverside National Cemetery. The Rev. Fulfer was born to Malbury and Velma Fulfer on April 2, 1925, in Whiteflat, Texas. He died at home April 8, 2011. He was a WWII Veteran of the US Army Air Corps. He married Ruby Ferguson January 29, 1944. Norris was ordained as a Southern Baptist Minister on November 16, 1946, and pastored churches in California and Texas for more than 50 years. He earned a Masters of Divinity from Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary in 1951, and became a licensed Marriage and Family Counselor in 1969. He loved Jesus Christ, His Word, and His People. He lived his faith by providing for the poor and downtrodden, widows, and orphans and was



a man who was colorblind although he grew up in a time and place where that was not accepted. Survivors include his wife, Ruby, of 67 years; son, Craig Fulfer and wife Marlene of Fontana; daughters: Devona Maillard and husband Bill of Lakewood; Sue Frando and husband Jim of La Puente; and Sonia May and husband Daniel of Yorba Linda; as well as 10 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

County Agent's News



by Ryan Martin, Agri LIFE EXTENSION Agent

News Alert: April is Wildfire Awareness Month

COLLEGE STATION, Texas – More than 983,000 acres of Texas land have burned so far this year, a result of dangerous, rapidly-spreading wildfire.

April is Wildfire Awareness Month, and Texas Forest Service's prevention and mitigation staff is spreading the word that Texas is susceptible to wildfire. It can be a force of nature, taking lives, homes and property.

Texas Forest Service has identified more than 14,000 communities as being at risk for wildland fire. So far this year, the agency has saved more than 3,300 homes and buildings – but 231 structures have been lost, and one fire-related fatality occurred in February.

Families should teach their children about fire safety, post fire emergency telephone numbers and avoid outdoor activities that could cause a spark when the state is under severe drought conditions, as it is now.

"Your home and your yard can be your first line of defense in the event of a fire," said Wildland Urban Interface and Prevention Program Coordinator Justice Jones. "Create an area around your home that is free of flammable plants and other items."

Families should have a fire action plan detailing how best to exit the home and where to meet if a fire occurs. Residents can download information about "Firewise" safety principles—simple measures you can take to protect your home and family.

Learn more about how to protect your family and home by visiting the Texas Forest Service website. More disaster preparedness information also can be accessed through the Texas Department of Emergency Management.

Large wildfires raged throughout western part of state. Airborne tankers drop fire-retardant on fires that had burned more than 100,000 acres by April 12 in Stonewall, Knox and King Counties. (Texas AgriLife Extension Service photo from Elizabeth Gilbert)

West Texas is burning.

Fueled by record levels of drought-parched grasses and brush, driven by winds 30-35 mph with gusts up to 50 mph and encouraged by low humidity, wildfires burned hundreds of thousands of acres of West Texas, according to reports by Texas Forest Service and Texas AgriLife Extension Service personnel.

From April 4 – 7, the Forest Service responded to 83 fires on 309,526 acres of that region.

By April 11, some of the bigger fires were largely contained. Fire stretching across more than 100,000 acres of Stonewall, Knox and King Counties was 80 percent contained, according to Forest Service sources. A fire that burned more than 35,000 acres in Garza and Crosby counties was 90 percent contained. Many other smaller fires, from a few acres to a few thousand, were also squelched or under control.

However, as of April 11, fires in Presidio in Brewster counties were rated zero-percent contained.

From all indications, the fire in Presidio County started on April 9, a Saturday afternoon, about 1 p.m., by someone burning trash about a 1/2 mile west of Marfa, said Jesse Schneider, AgriLife Extension agent for agriculture and natural resources in Presidio County.

"We had steady winds of over 30 mph, gusting over 50 mph, and it raced across the flats toward Fort Davis, across several ranches, narrowly escaping the Marfa airport, jumped the highway, went into some suburbs of Fort Davis, burned some houses, then went to the south side of

Fort Davis and burned some more houses there," Schneider said.

The fire split at Fort Davis, one arm traveling up into the Davis Mountains, one taking a lower route. "Both arms of the fire continued to burn houses," she said.

The Forest Service, the Texas Department of Transportation, local volunteer fire departments and city fire departments, all joined forces to fight the fire on all fronts, Schneider reported.

As of April 11, 185 counties had burn bans in place.

More information on the current Texas drought and wildfire alerts can be found on the AgriLife Extension Agricultural Drought Task Force webpage at <http://agrilife.tamu.edu/drought/>.

AgriLife Extension district reporters compiled the following summaries:

North: Soil-moisture levels ranged from short to adequate. Strong winds continued to impact soil-moisture levels. Farmers were nearly finished planting corn, and some were already planting soybeans. Others were waiting for rain. Winter wheat was in fair to good condition, though many promising fields were hurt from lack of moisture. Recent rains helped pastures, but was probably too late for some wheat. While warm-season grasses waited for water, some ryegrass and legumes were still available for grazing. There was little to no green-up in pastures. In a few places where there were fires, there was some green-up, but it was probably due to the water applied by the fire department. Cattle were mostly in good condition. Producers were worried and taking measures to alleviate forage and water deficiencies by culling herds. Some producers were still providing supplemental feed for their cattle. The kidding season was over for most goat herds. Many mares were foaling. Many counties were under burn bans.

Panhandle: Warm, windy and dry conditions continued, raising the risk of wildfire throughout the area. Soil moisture was mostly very short. Wheat was in very poor to fair condition, with most counties reporting poor. Farmers continued to prepare land for spring plantings. Most producers were irrigating corn and cotton ground as heavily as possible, hoping to raise soil-moisture levels enough to get the crops started. Rangeland was mostly in poor condition. Cattle were in good condition with continued supplemental feeding. There were reports of increased numbers of mites, Russian aphids and greenbugs in area wheat fields.

COWPOKES

By Ace Reid



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Be it man or a woman, none cannot make themselves to be righteous in the sight of God. In speaking of this the Bible says in Romans 3: 10, "There is none righteous, no, not one." That being so, then where can we find the righteousness we need? For the Bible tells us that without it we will not see God.

The blood of Jesus is where righteousness is found for us. Sometimes we are inclined to forget such a thing. We often get very busy doing church work and start feeling that after all we are pretty good people and maybe we are. But our justification in God's eyes, comes through our relationship with Jesus. No matter how long we may have been Christians or how much good we may have done on this earth, it is not going to impress God. See Luke 17: 10.

God is impressed with only one thing. That is our close and enduring relationship with His Son. We are justified by God's grace through faith in Jesus. Therefore, let us be obedient to our Lord and submit ourselves to His will. Justified. The word has a nice sound to it.

Roaring Springs Church of Christ

Michael G. Crowley, Sr.

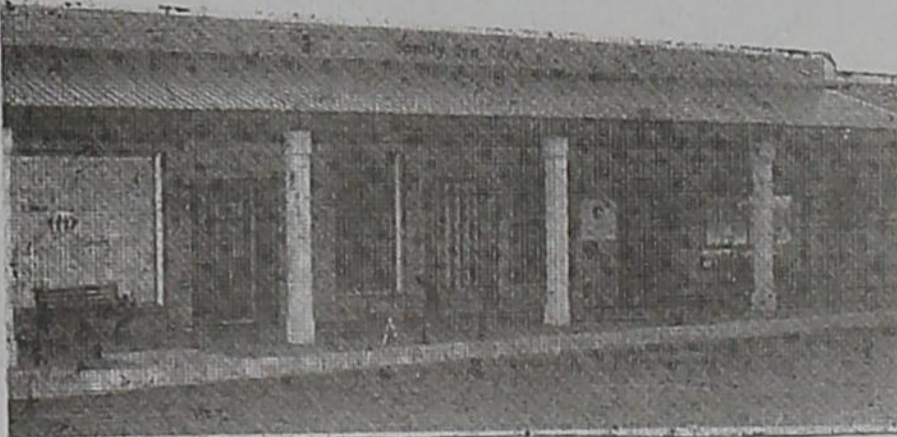
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EVENTS CALENDAR

- April**
- 19 Matador Lions
 - 20 **Private Applicator Training**, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. (or completion of testing), Library Annex Building. For more information contact: Motley County Extension Office (806) 347-2733. Individuals with disabilities who require an auxiliary aid, service, or accommodation in order to participate in this meeting, please contact the Motley County Extension Office by April 18.
 - 21 Matador Masonic Lodge, 6:30 pm
 - 22 Good Friday Service at 7:00 p.m., First United Methodist Church, Matador.
 - 24 Easter
 - 28-30 40th Bob Wills Day festival in Turkey.
- May**
- 1 4-H Horse Validation Due in State Office
 - 3 Matador Lions
 - 4 District 4-H Roundup
 - 4 Kids Praise
 - 5 Friends of the Library Meeting, 3:00 pm
 - 5 Roaring Springs Lions
 - 7 Texas Highway 70 Association 70 mile garage sale

SALES

Texas Highway 70
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Easter Bake Sale, Saturday April 23rd at 9 am in front of Lowes Grocery Store

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. ctf

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 ctf

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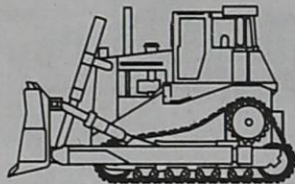
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