# WOIGE OF THE FOOTHILLS THURSDAY, May 15, 2008 ESTABLISHED 1801 VOLUME 117 ISSUE NO. 20 "Big Sky" by Ken Young

# Commissioner's Court redesignates part of Teepee City road

By Carol Campbell

The Commissioner's Court met in regular session on May 12 to cover a 17-item agenda including the abandonment of a 3.5 mile stretch of road that once led to the former site of historic Teepee City in east Motley County.

In attendance was the full court consisting of Commissioners Donnie Turner, Russell Alexander, Franklin Jameson, Ronnie Davis, and Judge Ed D. Smith. Also in attendance were Deputy Clerk D'Anna Russell, County Attorney Tom Edwards, and Assistant to the Judge and County Attorney Carol Campbell.

Other guests of the court consisted of TxDOT employees Ben Kautz, Jack Cox, and Director of Maintenance Mark Hightower; Motley County Oversite Committee member Marisue Potts-Powell, Larry Vogt, Editor of the Motley County Tribune; and Matador Ranch General Manager Bob Kilmer and James Palmer, President of Koch-Ag.

A Matador Ranch request to close part of CR 247, a 3.5-mile stretch of road that once led to the former site of Teepee City, was tabled last month to accomplish legal research on the issue. The ranch proposed that

Refreshments will be served.

and the businesses here.

the county close part of the road on its private property due to trespassers, poaching, and trash accumulation. The Matador Ranch owns both sides of the unfenced road and the only adjacent landowner is at the end of the road. This owner is not opposed to having a locked gate with access, Kilmer said.

Following legal research by the County Attorney, Mr. Edwards said he had "discussed the issue at length with the best legal mind in the state on road closure law."

"The Court has the power to abandon the road, with a unanimous vote of the court," he said.

Mr. Edwards reported that he had talked to the only landowner affected by the closure, and that he was in full agreement to abandon the road. A marker to this historical site was moved to the roadside park on Highway 70, and a second marker with additional information about Motley County was erected in

"The road itself does not go to any historical sites," Mr. Kilmer said. "For anyone to go to the Teepee City proper or gravesites (by way of the designated road) they would have to trespass to get to them," Edwards added.

"The Commissioner's Court

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meeting which will be held at 7 p.m. at the Hotel. Amarillo since January.

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ing to the Chamber meeting to give us informa-

tion on how to advertise and promote our county

of Matador and graduated from Motley County

Janell is the daughter of Bob and Wanda Kilmer

can and does have the power to abandon this road; subject to change only by its own motion," he said, "without petition from anyone."

In a dissenting view, Commissioner Jameson said that under Section 80 of the County Road and Bridge Act, that the only way a new road or change in an existing road can be made is by presenting a petition to the court where eight landowners in the precinct have requested the change.

Mr. Edwards pointed out to the court that the Matador Ranch had "petitioned" the court, and that they are the only landowners affected by the closure, except for the landowner that had agreed to the closure.

A vote was called, and Commissioners Ronnie Davis and Russell Alexander; and Judge Ed D. Smith voted "for" the abandonment; and Commissioners Donnie Turner and Franklin Jameson voted "against."

In further action, Mr. Edwards announced to the court that he had been advised that "on motion, the Commissioner's Court can redesignate a public road as a private road."

This action does not require a unanimous vote of the court. A vote was called, and this action continued on page 7

ISD in 2000. She is married to Coby Turner, son

of Carol Ann and Johnny Turner who are also

from Motley County. Janell graduated from Tex-

as Tech in 2005 and has been with GO TEXAN in

GO TEXAN was created to promote the prod-

Cordero of the Texas Department of Agriculture,

Rural Economic Development, will also present

pointers on promoting and improving existing

businesses or starting new ones.

# City Council commends demolition crew

The City Council met in regular session May 8, commending city employees for the demolition of the Deaton house on Highway 70; and approving a purchase of a topcoat product for dirt roads that prevents erosion.

Present at the meeting were council members Pat Seigler, Shane Jones, Kay Bailey, Chuck Ream, Mayor Pat Smith, and City Secretary Debra Scott. Terry Simpson was absent; and Water Superintendent was attending school in Abilene.

City cleanup of abandoned and condemned sub-standard houses continues to be the focus of the Council. Councilwoman Kay Bailey, who ran on a ticket to "clean up" Matador, said, "I

am pleased to see the demolition of the Deaton house, we are slowly but surely, as time permits, getting the job done." The Council commended employees for the work accomplished.

Mayor Pat Smith made a presentation to the council on a product that is marketed for use as a topcoat for dirt roads. According to Smith, the clear coat of material prevents erosion and maintenance for up to five years. The city would have to mix and apply the treatment. Municipal funds are designated for road upkeep, and will be used to purchase the product, costing about \$500.00 to cover onemile of road. The City received \$640 in municipal fines for the month of April. The "one-mile"

purchase will be used to test the product. If successful, the City could save hundreds of dollars of road grader maintenance on dirt roads. The council voted unanimously to approve the purchase.

A meeting was called for May 15 to "canvas the vote" in the recent City Council elections. In a low turnout for the city race, Mayor Pat Smith, running unopposed, received 70 votes; incumbent council member Pat Seigler received 67 votes; Alvin Alexander earned 54 votes, securing the vacancy left by Terry Simpson; Danika Jameson earned 33 votes; and Mike Hackler received 32 votes.

# Motley County Fourth Graders Learn About Electrical Safety

LUBBOCK, Texas — Motley County fourth graders attended an electrical safety demonstration, sponsored by South Plains Electric Cooperative (SPEC), this month in Spur to promote May as electrical safety month. Other fourth graders from Spur, Patton Springs, Crosbyton, Jayton and Aspermont schools also

traveled to the Dickens Division office for a four-part program and lunch. SPEC made similar presentations in Childress and Lubbock reaching over 700 students with their electrical safety messages.

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cal residents. South Plains Electric Cooperative serves about 45,000 connected meters in 18 counties. When you see Touchstone Energy®, you know this is a locally owned, communityminded, electric cooperative providing high standards of service for customers large and small.



# THIS WEEK'S NEWS

## Matador

Sounds of a drum circle to be presented at Jail Star Party, June 7th at 7p.m. Free chili dog cookout with drinks.

## Flomot

Janell Kilmer Turner, with GO TEXAN, is com- ucts, culture and communities of Texas. Nancy

9th Annual Bluegrass Festival, May 15-17. Featuring eight bands from Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma.

# **Roaring Springs**

Goen & Goen, Inc. purchased the Long Insurance Agency and will maintain an office in Roaring Springs.

# School News

The MC Matadors attended the State Championship Press Conference in Austin and were honored by Gov. Perry.

## **™Coming Back Home**

"A little town like this is better than a large city," said Ellis Terry. "If you are looking for a place to retire, this is it."

# Foothill Country

Community, Diversity, Art

by Larry Vogt

Driving to Roaring Springs from Matador late in the morning on Tuesday I saw an animal crossing the road up ahead. I slowed and looked for it and saw that it was a young coyote. Every coyote I have seen both in Kentucky and here in Texas seemed mangy and skinny, almost like I was when I was a kid. I may have seemed a bit well groomed compared to the coyote but I sure was skinny. They called me "Slim" or "Skinhy" and it was a fact, I never weighed more than 125 pounds soaking wet and dirty and over six feet 1. I bought clothes in the

boys department in J C Penney and pants that would reach to my ankles were hard to find if they fitted my 27 inch waist.

I could not believe it when I started to gain weight at about age 45 and looked with disbelief as the weight seemed destined to gather in the wrong places. No big muscled arms and legs ever appeared and the destiny was mine to have long skinny arms and legs no matter what happened to my midsection.

So I wished the young coyote well and drove on, musing about the changes that befall us as we travel on.

By Laverne Zabielski

It's good to be back. Last week was hard work teaching 20 classes of elementary school kids how to make a hand made book. There were many tasks that needed to be accomplished; from folding and cutting to sewing and gluing, each with its own degree of difficulty. One task, however, that every student seemed to excel in was naming their book. The assignment was to look at their finished piece and think about what they saw and how it made them feel.

It's been six months now that we've been here in Motley County publishing the newspaper. One of the feelings that keeps coming up for me is the awareness of what the early settlers must have seen and felt; their courage, tenacity and fortitude to persevere. And how these same virtues are needed

# TRAIL DUST



**Matador Tribune** May 9, 1946

Patiently the day pressed dawn's cold, moist towel to the sky's cheeks and removed the tears of night. Young sparrows chattered like children unobserved by elders and two scissortails practiced spiral attacks. An ember of the sun had rolled through a hole in the gate of blue clouds. Time stood by holding the day and beaming, like a parent holding his first-born for the first time.

When drought burns the soul of fields and dreams of men, irrigation furrows fend their small, courageous fronts from secret arsenals beneath the earth. Bright roses bloom in the face of the sun and watered acres of grain give to tides of the wind. Often only a fence separates the thirsty field where dead and dying wheat wilts and falls on caked soil. Should destiny, in hurried selection, have assisted my role to a grain of wheat, I think I know in which field I would have been planted. Perhaps the two fields are but a pattern to which all life

for those who choose to remain here, today.

This is a unique terrain. It is no surprise that the matador was chosen as the name of the ranch, eventually the town and previous newspapers. Aspiring matadors must have dedication and confidence in their ability if they are going to sustain difficulty and poverty like those who came and established Tee Pee City.

Marisue Potts Powell writes about their struggle in Days Gone By. There aren't many pictures from back then. But you don't need one. Just step out into the country anywhere in the county and you get the feeling.

Matador Tribune May 9, 1946

#### Chuckwagon **Rolls Off Texas Soil**

Rumbling along at 15 miles per day, the Matador Range Riders, and their chuck wagon, are now well into the Sooner state of Oklahoma. "Windy" Bill Wilson of Petersburg, "Rocky" Stark of Lubbock, and Norris Kreig of Tulia, who moved their "outfit" out of Matador on April 26 with New York City as their destination, were in Frederick, Oklahoma on May 6th. They expect to arrive in Oklahoma City by Sunday. They plan to remain in the Sooner capital long enough to secure a booking agent and thence to Tulsa.

In a special communication to the Tribune received yesterday, Wilson said they would follow Highway 66 from Oklahoma City to St. Louis and U. S. Highway 40 from St. Louis to Washington,

He said people along the route are constantly stopping and asking if they are the group from Matador. Wilson's wife will join him in Oklahoma City. The two "riders" with the "outfit" are mounted on good saddle horses and are riding typical stock saddles. All three are cowboy musicians. Mrs. Wilson is a singer.

# Writing Community

# Ve Lose So Much

By Monta Marshall

think we should follow our peers. What about ourselves? Hey, I wish I had had this wisdom at age. 13 when I wanted to fit in with the same clothes, ideas, etc., etc., etc.!

Myself needs time and a place to emerge. . . quiet time to ponder and wonder. . . . Quiet time to create!

Now when I dress, it is okay. I care not what others may be wearing to this or that function. When I was younger, I would have taken a poll and then de-

Age has it's advantages. Style? Who cares? Ah comfort, now that is the key. Cool cottons, well worn jeans, comfy shoes. Now days comfy shoes go everywhere with everything now. Ah, no more making toes almost the same length cramp into tiny pointy shoes with needle heels. Freedom to be myself and have

foreign original ideas; to march

to a different drummer. . .the one that beats to the cadence of We lose too much when we my own heart... not like anyone else. . . just the freedom to be me.

Freedom to have my house decorated to suit my fancy. To like what I have and arrange it the way that pleases me.

To have ideas of my own or they may be opinions now that I am older. I hope to share my ideas and opinions and not be pushy with them.

Maybe I have always been this way.... My senior year essay was on the Caste System of Roosevelt High School. A non-conformist in our little class of '56'.

I would like to be braver and brasher. I think I am losing a lot now. Braver to take more control. . . to say no more often but say it gently; to carve out more time to be creative.

Brasher to spread some of my ideas around.

There are so many trade offs during our lifetimes. Things lost; trading loneliness for marriage, for someone to do things with in more organized activities, meetings and places to go that are more important to my husband, Corky, than to me. We often laugh that God must have had a sense of humor putting two strong opposite personalities to-

My cousin and I used to plan to be hermits! Now I realize we all need each other to interact and share with. . . I would just like to be more choosy as to when and

Children lose so much being scheduled for constant activities. Why not have days to play in the dirt. . . to play circus. . . to build with scraps; to let their imaginations find their own destination? To learn to improvise, to 'make do with' what they have. . . imagine for instance a block of wood is a truck to push through the dirt with the accompanying noise; to mark off play house rooms with rocks and look for bits of broken dishes to imagine table settings for the dining room; to pick wildflowers to put in old bottles for

flower arrangements. An unhurried time to catch frogs, put them in a jar and study their colors; time to run with their gloriously free dogs; and time to catch lightening bugs.

I am sure my grandchildren will look back on their lives with a list of times they cherish that will be unlike my own. I live in a different generation; as my granddaughter asks "Memom, is it because you are old?" when I don't understand modern technology! Maybe time to have played computer games, Star Wars and to have gone to endless birthday parties that seem to get to be bigger and bigger extravaganzas will be what they feel like they lost in growing older!

\*This was one of the subjects we were to write on for 15 minutes in the Trail Dust Writing Group. The subject is chosen and we are to write whatever the topic brings to mind.

# We Lose too Much

by Dinah Young

Too much of our souls fall away are lost when we get so busy when we need to be noticed when we want to be known when we forget to seek quiet places. We lose too much of our souls when the computer owns us and we forget how to cook when our schedule pushes us to the ground and no where can our souls be found. Is it such a fleeting thing - our souls? When we believe what TV tells

as on the news - and become numb and accept it as though it were true. Seems so cruel how the rope us and have rings in orr nose - and care nothing for our soul. Silent cries of smiling faces atending all the right meetings and events and causes / as our ouls die and are lost in the louly red dust. When we don't see the black branch shadows descing with moon light behind them, smelling the darkness in w 's beauty. When we are not allowed to have anything green o wash our windows. When we dm't feel the cool slap of a starry right on the breast of our night gown deep within - we are walkng away from our souls into the wilderness of mundane necessary everydayness of death. I

long to hear a harp playing in the wind - laugh loudly at my breath blowing in the cold - hear the owls hooting - speaking soft spells to one another, cooing doves, chirping cardinals, blood red in my mimosa looking for a drink - play my alto flute in the silver moonlight. My soul cries softly for what it's lost - seeking so much in the world, drowning in stuff, dying in debt, meeting deadlines. Searching will bring me back to His love - God knows my soul. My soul will be found washed clean in a crystal pool with fishes nibbling my toes.

Perhaps I misplaced my soul in Greece in that blue-green "clean-as-dawn" water swimming off the cliff they called the "dog's tail" - climbing over rust colored grey rocks looking for my soul in the faces of those people in Greece whose lives seem so much simpler and less complicated than mine.

We lose too much wearing socks from China, hunting down coyotes, chasing our children to see what they are all about / rather than living our own lives gracefully. We lose too much watching television, cleaning house all day, staying out of the sunshine.

own socks - when we see covote droppings what if we honored the prey - instead of wanting it killed - we let the bobcats, and rattlers, and coyotes have some space too. We chase everything away that frightens us – a gated community perhaps? Our children have to fall down and make mistakes just like we did. They don't really want our advice. So we tell them Dr. Pepper is addictive and please don't let the little one drink all that soda. They will listen better if we leave them alone and let them come to us

Television screams at me sometimes. My friend in Nova Scotia had a sign in her living room "TV must be watched" yet she had no TV. I lose too much slouched in my easy chair. I know I am dying in that box. It's me in that scene losing my sanity realizing they don't really know. Am I all alone here?

My Mother had someone clean her house. "Cleanliness is next to Godliness" we heard but she was off at book reviews, and Republican meetings, and shopping. Actually cleaning house is probably a good one for me. I get exercise - It makes me peaceful afterward just looking at it. But oh no What if we tried knitting our - it has to be done all over again 

in a few days. I lose too much perhaps worrying a friend dropping by will notice it's not swept. That's really why Mother did it. Her Mom was a sloppy house keeper and it embarrassed her as a child for friends to come over a-ha / so here we are - still trying to please others and losing too much of ourselves.

How I love being outside but there's sun and mosquitoes to slap on stuff for / and watch out what's in that stuff you're slapping on. Thank God there's someone now that says sunshine is good for us - a reputable person. I mean not just my friend down the block in Lubbock who used to lay out 15 minutes naked everyday and taught pilates and changed her name from Deb to

All this losing too much must have something to do with the full moon - glaring thru the skylight of the yurt last night as I lay wide eyed watching it move thru the sky with my dogs and my husband snoring contentedly beside me. Perhaps I should have gotten up and gone out and danced in my new mowed grass with the iris.

# **nkind** work begins at the jail

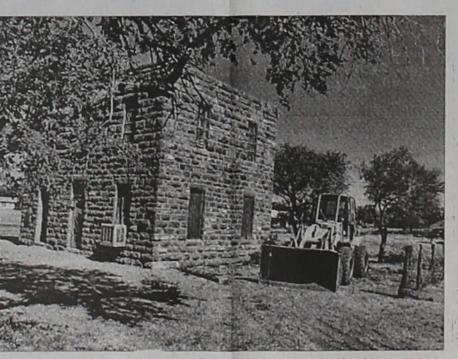
By Carol Campbell

The Motley County Road Hands began the in-kind work at the jail, removing fences and trees; and a non-historic outbuilding. The county donated equipment and labor.

Seven trees were removed, opening up the space to the street; cutting down damaged and diseased trees; and leveling the ground around the building in preparation of the roofing and masonry restoration teams.

Removing non-historic fencing opened up the space at the jail, enabling the mortar crews to set up scaffolding for the repair of the mortar around the stone.

Cleanup was accomplished with county road hands David Taylor, Precinct 1; Richard Thomas, Precinct 3; and Dean Osborn, Precinct 4; and Courthouse Maintenance Supervisor, Larry Markham. In-kind work consisted to date of 24 hours of donated time, equipment, and





# Letter to the Editors

Dear Editors,

The Texas Department of Transportation supports state and local law mobilization during the "Click It or Ticket" campaign, as law enforcement agencies have stepped up enforcement of the state's safety belt and child safety seat laws by issuing citations to unbelted drivers and occupants.

This campaign is of great value to the community, since safety belts can help prevent countless tragedies. In fact, safety belts prevented 15,700 fatalities in 2005, as well as saving \$67 billion in associated economic

"Click It or Ticket" messages and mobilizations will boldly remind vehicle occupants to make the conscious decision to buckle up each time they step into a vehicle, whether as the driver or a passenger. For those drivers who choose not to wear a safety belt during this intensified enforcement period, being cited may result in an unwelcome fine, but it's better than paying with their life. Traffic crashes are the leading cause of death for Americans ages four through 34, but wearing a safety belt is the simplest and least expensive way to reduce deaths and serious injuries.

Unfortunately, one in five people still do not buckle up, and in the U.S. a traffic accident occurs every five seconds! Across the nation young males, nighttime drivers and passengers, rural residents, teens, and pickup truck drivers suffer the most injuries and fatalities because they are less likely to use safety belts, although they are the nation's highest risk drivers.

While it's imperative to buckle up because it's the law, it is also important to be a positive influence on family and friends in the community. Use a safety belt every time you get into a vehicle "whether to drive across the state or only a few miles" day or night, Click It or Ticket.

Barbara Seal.

Public Information Officer Texas Department of Transportation, Childress District



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# You can come home again!

Keep the home fires burning, while your hearts are yearning, though your lads are far away, they dream of home. Lena Guilbert Ford (1870-1916)

By Carol Campbell

Some people never leave home, no matter how far they roam. Ellis Terry is like that. He left home to join the army, traversed the Philippine Islands, fought in World War II, raised a family, and spent a whole adult career on the West Coast. But he never forgot his roots.

"I clearly remember my first date with Leona Martin," he said. The year was 1938, and he was 16 years old; 46 years later he married his hometown sweetheart and moved back to Matador.

Ellis was born in 1922 in Clarksville, Texas, an only child, "and spoiled rotten" according to his wife. He laughs about this notion, but it doesn't take much to amuse this cheerful octogenarian. Ellis likes to laugh.

His Matador story begins in 1927 when his parents moved to join the ranks of settlers, farmers, and ranchers of the foothills of the Plains. He almost completed Matador High School, he said, lacking three months to graduation. He cooked and waited tables for Junior (R.E.) Campbell at the Magnolia Cafe "for eats," and worked for local ranches, including the Matador Ranch and Curtis Martin ranch west of Matador. Leona Martin was born on that ranch.

He joined the army in 1942 when he was 18-years-old, and

served in the "real war" (WWII) in the 710th Tank Battalion, 81st Infantry. Ellis was a Tank Commander, stationed in the Philippines. His battalion was "combat loaded, and ready to invade Japan when the atomic bomb was dropped, and suddenly, the war ended," he said. "We got our beer allotment early, and that's how we knew the war was over."

He was discharged from the army in December, 1945, and went to work in civil service in Oceanside, California. He worked in heavy equipment for six years; moved to Long Beach, where he worked for Standard Oil Company for nine years: and finally for J.C. Penny in the automotive department. He took early retirement from J.C. Penny after 10 years, in 1984. That was the year Leona Martin Cox came back into his life and captured his heart for a second time.

Leona never left Motley County; she grew up here, along with her two siblings: Curtis Ewell and Joyce "Joy." The Martin's have deep roots in the foothills of west Texas; her father lived and ranched this land for more than 60 years. And who could leave this beautiful place? Eleanor Traweek describes the setting in Of Such As These:

"The land eight miles west of Matador which is owned by the Curtis Martin family is in the foothills. It is one of the natural.

unspoiled beauty spots of Motley County with springs, native grape vines and plum thickets, and with hackberry, oak and walnut trees along the creek. Antelopes roam in the hills and wild turkeys roost in the cottonwoods just below the Martin home." Leona's sister, Joy, and her husband Leo Archer still live on the old home place.

While Leona and Ellis went their separate ways, just "first date" friends, he said, little did they know that their paths would cross again, almost one-half century later. They lived their other lives, raising their families, until fate brought them together

In the interim, Leona married L.M. Cox in 1947, and they raised their family here in Matador. He died in 1977. They had two sons, Ronnie and Don; both boys played football in high school for Matador, earning many honors. Ronnie married Shelly Stevens, and they live here in Matador. Don moved to Andrews, Texas. He and his wife, Dee, have two girls. She has four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

While Leona was playing golf, working, and raising her family in Matador, Ellis was on the West Coastdoingthesamething. Hehas two sons and a daughter. Harold lives in Lancaster, California, and Kenneth lives in Metford, Oregon. His daughter, Sandra, lives in Bellvue, California. Ellis has seven grandchildren.

After her husband died, Leona initiated a correspondence with Ellis, sending him an old photo her sister Joy had found in her saved treasures. Ellis, 16, was pictured in boots standing on an ice pond on the Martin home place. "We got reacquainted by mail," Ellis said.

True love can never be denied. they say. Leona made a trip to Anaheim and they married in January, 1984. Ellis took early retirement; picked up and moved back to Texas. The rest is history.

"The only thing I was required to do was to learn to play golf," Ellis said. He now plays nine holes of golf about three times a week, he said. "I would be lost without golf; there's not much to do in Matador," he adds.

You can often find the Terry's at the Senior Citizen's for lunch. They are big supporters of the community focal point for seniors. Ellis is a "people person," he likes to help, he likes to visit, and he likes to meet people, he said. He volunteers at the Senior Citizens, and said he wanted to give the Center a "plug."

"This (Senior Citizen's Center) is a great place," he said. Ellis is the "go-to" guy when the chips are down at the Center. He cooks, waits tables, and all with a big, healthy smile on his face. Some people just make you feel better to be around them. Ellis fits that and we have good medical care; bill.

His advice to anyone thinking about retiring back to Matador?: "A little town like this is better than a large city," he said. "If you are looking for a place to retire, to live, this is it.

We have a good EMS system,

we have good people."

Lyndon Baines Johnson (1908-1973) said: "There is comfort in knowing you're gonna (sic) go full circle, end up where you started out." Ellis and Leona Terry couldn't agree more.

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We will be hosting a breakfast at First Baptist Church, Matador for Relay for Life Survivors on May 24th at 9 a.m. Donations accepted.

Questions, call Pam Newman, Relay for Life Chairman, 806.348.7074

# Sounds of a drum circle to be presented at Jail Star Party

It's something that Motley County could hardly have envisioned: the beat of African drums, echoing throughout all of Matador.

7:00 p.m. you can take part in the rhythmic sounds of a drum circle. Quanah High School Band Director John Marsh will give the presentation using drums owned by the Three Rivers Foundation for the Arts and Sciences. Congas, bongos, timbales, djembes and other percussion accessories instruments will be demonstrated, according to Carolyn Wilson, 3rf Director of the Arts, in Quanah.

"3RF purchased the drums for educational purposes and for community involvement," Wilson said. "John Marsh has been directing the drum circles," she said, adding, "he is very knowledgeable regarding music and has volunteered to lead the educational programs for 3RF

involving the drums." Wilson invited everyone to bring their lawn chairs and enjoy the Saturday evening Motley County drum circle, at the old historic Motley County Jail, on the north side of the county courthouse. She said Marsh would show everyone how to play the drums and invite the audience to try them out. "It's not just about listening or watching someone else play

these drums, it's about a hands on experience, getting people involved and participating."

For those unfamiliar with some of the drums, the djembes, On Saturday, June 7th at for example, pronounced JEMbay, according to Wikipedia, originated in West Africa. It is an integral part of the region's musical tradition and culture, but now popular all over the world. The large goblet-shaped drums are meant to be played with bare hands.

There will be everything from the djembes and bongos, to cowbells and shakers. "We encourage everyone to join in the fun," Wilson said.

Friends of the Historic Motley County Jail will provide a free

chili dog cookout with drinks on June 7, beginning at 7:00 p.m. followed by the drum circle and an orientation to the night sky by representatives from 3RF. The night of star gazing will begin about 8:30 p.m. This unique educational experience will include four high-powered telescopes.

"Mark your calendars, bring a lawn chair, and get ready to experience a night in Matador like no other," Carol Campbell said. "I am excited about the collaboration between the Three Rivers organization and our Friends organization. This will be a night to remember in historic downtown Matador."



# **LOOKING FOR** GOD?

The story is told of a little boy in bombed-out London during
World War II. The boy was looking longingly into a candy store
window. A soldier came by, and
realizing what was happening,
went into the store and emerged

with a sack of candy for the boy. The boy looked at the candy and then up at the soldier, and asked, "Sir, are you God?" That soldier seemed to embody what God was like to that small boy. The little boy thought that he had finally seen

We live in a society that is looking for God. Many people may not realze it or admit it, but the truth is that thousands are looking for a god of some kind, something they can believe in. Some will trust in the stock market until it shudders and falls. Some will look to society's heros until we discover that they are drug users. Others will look to national leaders until they are found to be involved in scandal.

This longing to look for God and to know what He is like is nothing new. Throughout the ages people have wondered, speculated and sometimes even cringed in terror concerning the Creator of this world. To be sure, God has revealed Himself in the creation and through specific acts in history, but this leaves us unsatisfied.

In the Gospel of John, the writer tells us that Jesus has made known God to humanity. Jesus demonstrated for us that God's power controls this physical world and through the cross He can bring us to the knowledge of God.

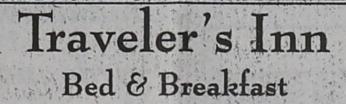
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# News Around the County

# Roaring Springs News By Monta Marshall

Eugene Daniell's fiancée, Cherry Tumulak arrived in Roarings Springs from Cagayan de Oro City, Philipines, on Friday May 2. Eugene and Cherry were married May 8 in Lubbock at the Faith Free Will Baptist Church where the Daniell's have attended for many years.

Glennard Danniel gave the bride away. Dale Daniell served as his brother's best man. Anna Daniel was bride's maid. Brother Jackie Farmer preformed the ceremony. Others attending were: the groom's mother, Edith Daniell, Eugene's sister, Karen Lamar, Alyssa Daniell and daughters Alexis and Autumn Daniell of Plainview; and Karen's granddaughter Izra Fridenstine of California. A family reception followed the wedding.

Kenneth and Suzanne Abbott just returned from a week at the beach on Galveston Island. Joining the Abbotts were three of Suzanne's high-school friends and their husbands. They spent their time catching up on each other's families, beach combing, feeding the gulls and sight seeing. One brave soul in the group swam every day. Several went wading. They enjoyed the Moody Gardens; the ferry ride; eating at Gaido's and many other points of interest.

About 50 bike riders riding in the Tour de 9 Zero started their race in Roaring Springs on Saturday, May 3. Their goal was to raise awareness and funds for the Parenting Cottage in Lubbock. Several campers stayed overnight at the Roaring Springs er, Pearl Patten, were Buddy Community Volunteers' campground. A rest stop with drinks and energy food bars were furnished for the bikers by the Roaring Springs Lions Club.

My grandson, Sean Miller sick list. participated with the Floydada High School Science Team in the State UIL finals in Austin on May 2. They won first place. This is the third year Sean has qualified to go with the team to the state finals and the second year that they have placed first. The year before last they placed third.

We are proud of the Patton per. Springs Drama Club; they placed fourth in the state UIL finals.

Erin and Sean Braselton, children of Jeff and Debbie Braselton of Roaring Springs were part of the group. Erin acted and Sean was on the lighting and props team. Keeley and Tori Simpson, daughters of Bobby and LaKenna Simpson, also were actresses in the play. Congratulations for a job well done!

Pat and Kathy Groves returned to their home in California on Saturday, May 2, after being here several days. Pat came on Monday to continue the process of going through his mother's (Rita Groves) things deciding what to keep, etc. Kathy had been vacationing in Australia and joined him on Thursday. Sunday was their 34th wedding Congratulations anniversary. Pat and Kathy!

Billy Ray Martin returned home on Monday, May 5, from the hospital. Billy Ray did not have another heart attack and he is feeling much better.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Swim for Mother's Day were their sons and daughters-in-laws: J. R. and Stella Swim of Abilene; Sam and Reba Swim of Lubbock and their granddaughter, Dr. Emily Redding. Imogene visited with her sister, Donalita Hawkins from North Carolina, by telephone to celebrate her day.

Glennard Daniell's sister Billie Ruth Clark was taken by ambulance to the hospital in Wichita Fall Saturday. She suffered a light stroke.

Coming to honor their moth-Allen of Pampa, Willeta Burkes of Paducah, Tommy and Nancy Palmer of Lubbock, Joann Reagan and Bryce of Quitaque.

Joy Beeson is still on the

Visiting Zella Palmer on Mother's Day were Johnny and Tammy Palmer of Lubbock; Miranda and Tinley Slover of Lubbock; Bob, Tricia, Shelby and Shanna Spikes of Rotan and James and Pat Palmer of Eureka,

# Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

A PLEDGE: I pledge allegiance to the children of the United States of America, and to their future for which I stand, and resolve that this nation, caring and just, shall reach the potential in every child, with freedom and opportunity for all. Congratulations to the graduating seniors!

Mrs. Kathy Shorter was honored on her birthday Friday night with all the birthday trimmings. Attending were weekend guests, Christi, Emily and Haley Milam of Petersburg, Kevin, Keri and Brian Sehon of Ropesville and Chad, Cindy and Cade Calvert of Washington, D.C. Others attending were Beverly and Louis Shorter of Fort Worth, Jennifer, Allison, Matthew and Braden Moncrief of Matador and Mrs. Geneva Martin, L.E. Shorter and her husband, Clois Shorter of Flomot.

Mrs. Cally Sperry, Savannah, Blayne, Cash and Gage and friend, Hayden Meyers of Quitaque celebrated Blayne's 11th birthday Saturday at the Chunky Cheese in Lubbock. His aunts, Scarlett and Brianne Sperry of Lubbock escorted Blayne and Hayden to Play Laser Tag for a fun filled time. Cally and family visited overnight Saturday with her brother and wife, Kip and Joy Pool; and also visited her grandmother, Mrs. Sue Pool in Lubbock.

Guests of Shonda and Roger Lee Mother's Day were Mr. and Mrs. Rex Davey and Mrs. Martha Taylor of Plainview, Denny and Bud Taylor of Floydada and Ruth and Orville Lee of Flomot.

Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton was a luncheon guest of Mother's Day of Mrs. Judy Renfro in Matador. Other gusts were her daughters and families, Mrs. Rachelle Davis, Bryer and Reagan of Turkey and Frank and Renee Mzyk, Madison and Morgan of Flower Mound, Texas.

Wilburn Martin visited the weekend in Borger with daughter and husband, Marilee and Fred Cooper. He also visited Bob Coo-

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tiful cake and Shonda Lee for

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who made it a wonderful day of

rations. It was a great time. I will always remember all of you

Thank you to all who

The Tour de Nine Zero

Alvia Joe Calvert of Dumas, Ashley Calvert of Amarillo, Mrs. Gwen Mandrell and Peyton of Lubbock visited Mother's Day with their family, Mary Jo and Doyle Calvert and Glen Calvert.

Mrs. Beverly Vinson and Mr. and Mrs. Roger Vinson were luncheon guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Shannon Vinson, Kaitlyn, Morgan and Bubba of Lubbock. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Dana Vinson, Allison and Elise and Mrs. Mildred Cantrell of Lubbock. They attended the morning church services at the First Christian Church where mothers with new babies were honored.

Mothers Day gusts of Mrs. Erma Washington were Lance Barclay, Kayla and Colton, Mr. and Mrs. Cory Franks, Madison and Hudson of Lubbock, Cary Franks of Idalou, Clint Cowart of Post, Mrs. Sandra Barclay, Cara Franks and Mr. and Mrs. Coy Franks of Flomot.

Visiting during the Mother's Day holidays with Janice and Butch Hughes were sons and families, Bengie and J.J. Hughes and Kate of Royce City, Rickey Hughes, Kendel and Kason, Roger Hughes, Reagan and Brody of Floydada.

Mother's Day visitors of Jack and Nada Starkey were Michael Starkey and Ben of Canyon and Mrs. Jackie Lynn Davis of Fritch.

Visitors Mother's Day of Mr. and Mrs. Darrell cruse were Leah Cruse of Canyon and a surprise visitor, son, Derrick Cruse of Casper, Wyoming.

Mrs. B. Rogers and Donnie Rogers were in Lubbock, Satur-'day, to be with family members at the Covenant Medical Center. Kolt McDaniel, baby son of Jimmy and Shae McDaniel of Sundown was in ICU until Friday. Joining them there were Stanley and Donna Sue Degan of Kalgary, Shawa and Jake Abernathy and Allie of Abilene. bottoment RRW

Weekend visitors of Jerry and Sandra Barclay were Mr. and Mrs. Lance Barclay, Kayla and Colton of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Ty Barclay, Tylee, Trent and Trevor of Matador and Cody Barclay of Borger.

# Thank You

A big thank you to all the citizens of Matador who donated blood in April. United Blood Services was able to collect 18 units of blood. That is an outstanding accomplishment.

We are able to provide life saving transfusions to our area patients because of the giving nature of our donors. We can't do this without you. Thanks to everyone that is a part of our life saving mission.

Sincerely, Johanna Pevey **Donor Recruitment Director** 

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# County Agent's News



by Ryan Martin, Agri LIFE EXTENSION Agent

West Nile Virus

With the recent rains and the warmer weather, West Nile Virus activity may begin soon in our area. Some reports have already come in from Harris County that West Nile Virus activity has already been detected. To prevent West Nile Virus, vaccinate horses, mules, and donkeys annually. Also, if you are planning on going outside, use a repellent.

Repellents are an important tool to assist people in protecting themselves from mosquito-borne diseases. There are several repellents on the market today. However, products that do not contain DEET offer protection for a short period of time. If you are planning on being outside for a long period of time and possibly perspire a lot, a product with higher concentrations of DEET is recommended.

EPA recommends the following precautions when using insect repel-

Apply repellents only to exposed skin and/or clothing (as directed on the product label.) Do not use repellents under clothing.

Never use repellents over cuts, wounds or irritated skin.

Do not apply to eyes or mouth, and apply sparingly around ears. When using sprays, do not spray directly on face-spray on hands first and then apply to face.

Do not allow children to handle the product. When using on children, apply to your own hands first and then put it on the child. You may not want to apply to children's hands.

Use just enough repellent to cover

exposed skin and/or clothing. Heavy application and saturation are generally unnecessary for effectiveness. If biting insects do not respond to a thin film of repellent, then apply a bit

After returning indoors, wash treated skin with soap and water or bathe. This is particularly important when repellents are used repeatedly in a day or on consecutive days. Also, wash treated clothing before wearing it again. (This precaution may vary with different repellents-check the product label.)

If you or your child get a rash or other bad reaction from an insect repellent, stop using the repellent, wash the repellent off with mild soap and water, and call a local poison control center for further guidance. If you go to a doctor because of the repellent, take the repellent with you to show the doctor.

#### Clover Country CD's For Sale

The Motley 4-H Club is selling CD's that include songs from famous 4-H Alumni. The CD "Clover Country" is for sale for \$20 each. This CD includes songs from Sugarland, Dolly Parton, Reba McEntire, Martina McBride, Faith Hill, Vince Gill, Johnny Cash, Alabama and others, all of which are 4-H alumni. A portion of the proceeds from the sale of this CD will be used by the National 4-H Council to further its support of the 4-H Youth and Development Program. To get your copy of "Clover Country" see D'anna Russell or call the Extension Office at 806-347-2733.

#### MATADOR NEWS

The Red Hatters met Monday, May 5, at the Library Annex to plan a picnic at Caprock Canyons State Park. The picnic is planned for May 21, 2008.

Attending the meeting were Beverly Vinson, Marihelen Wason, Grace Evelyn Garrison, Norma Marrs, Joan Patton, Joyce Campbell, and Winifred

The Red Hatters are open for new membership. For information please call Joyce Campbell at 347-2793.

Visiting Saturday with Mr. visit overnight Saturday.

and Mrs. H.R. "Skeet" Jameson was son, Lance Jameson and friend, Vickie Fennel of Vernon.

Guests of Mrs. Marihelen Wason Saturday were children and families, Charla and Bennie Marracle of Snyder, Shahala and Allen Holsher and Kinley of Sweetwater, Kaycee and Ian Schafer and Mark Wason of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Cruse of Flomot, Mr. and Mrs. Keane Cruse and Reese of Turkey and Leah Cruse of Canyon. Charla and Bennie remained to

#### **ARTS AND CRAFTS** By Winifred Darsey

Motley County Arts and Crafts Club met May 5 at the Senior Citizens Center. The Club President, Joyce Archer, held a lengthy business meeting to plan programs and activities for the future. Future programs will have many interesting and attractive workshops.

Vee Gordon was instructor for the workshop of the day, consisting of a class of working with wood. A holder for drying plastic bags was constructed out of small wooden dowels, set into a base of wood. The finished holders were very beautiful with the favorite color of the student. All agreed that the adage "history does repeat

itself" applied to the project. The club has a very informative program each meeting -- hats off to our teachers!

The club dined with the Seniors at noon. The food was wonderful! Loretta Thompson was welcomed as a new member, bringing new talent to the club. Members present were: Nova Dale Turner, Joyce Archer, Bonnie Vandiver, Buffy Crutchley, Joyce Meredith, Dorothy Knight, Vee Gordon, Loretta Thompson, and Winifred Darsey.

Nova Dale Turner will be the teacher for the June 2 program.

See you there!

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# Do Gooders' Club speed along on Flomot homecoming quilt

Another pair of hands and friendly conversations not only make quilting go much faster it can make a long job seem downright pleasant as was experienced at the Do Gooders' Club meeting Tuesday Afternoon, May 5, at the Community Center in Flomot.

Mrs. Brenda Browning conducted the business meeting and to help speed along the Club's Flomot Homecoming quilt members will meet at 1 p.m. on Wednesdays at the Community Center until the quilt is completed. They voted to sell chances at a \$1.00 each or six chances for \$5.00 between now and July 5th when the winner will be announced. It is a colorful red, white and blue designed queen-sized, pieced as a courtesy by Mrs. Mary Ann Browning of Rising Star. They discussed other Flomot Homecoming projects including a concession stand.

Hostess, Mrs. Anna Beth Clay presided at crystal and a family heirloom china service. The table was laid with a lace cloth and centered with a hydrangea plant with large showy clusters of blue flowers. Refreshments were fruit, vegetables and chips with assorted dips, 7-up pound cake and peach tea.

Those attending were Mesdames Cally Sperry, Geneva Martin, Kathy Shorter, Brenda Browning, B. Rogers, Suzie Shannon, Anna Beth Clay and Tommie Jo Cruse.

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# Chamber **News & Views**

By Marie-Louise Liebe-Harkort

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If that is true, then Motley County is the ideal tourist destination. All that has to be done is to get the word out to prospective tourists....

It does seem possible, however, that there is more to it than that, so Janell Kilmer Turner, formerly of Motley County, now with GO TEXAN, is coming to town to give all interested parties more information on what GO-TEXAN can do to help promote their business.

Nancy Cordero of the Texas Department of Agriculture, Rural Economic Development, is coming, too, with pointers on promoting and improving existing businesses or starting new ones.

The event is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 20, at the Matador Hotel.

If you haven't seen the new hotel, this would be a wonderful opportunity to come and see it, enjoy the refreshments, and find out more about things that can be done to improve Motley County.

Tuesday, May 20, is, by no coincidence, the third Tuesday of the month, and thus the date of the Chamber of Commerce meeting. So you could come to the Chamber meeting at 5:30, and simply stay to collect some new ideas on matching funds for agricultural products, GO TEXAN promotions, and marketing sup- means "Refreshments Served port, or you can just come for the Very Promptly."

presentations at 7 p.m.

Tourists enjoy events like the Flomot Bluegrass Festival, coming up this weekend, and they help make Motley County known. Motley County does not have an opera house, but the great outdoors does provide a breathtaking background to the music, played by a variety of groups. You sit out in the field in your folding chair under the trees, where the birds chirp their music while the musicians play theirs, and watch the sun go down in the West. It is truly hard living.

Thursday evening, May 15, will feature a supper at 6:00 p.m., followed by gospel music. Friday's music also starts at 6:00 p.m., while things get under way on Saturday at 1:00 p.m. If rain threatens the proceedings, everyone will simply move indoors, but the outdoor setting is so beautiful that perhaps the rain will wait until after the Festival is over.

This year, as an added treat, there will be the Hardin & Turner Western Trade Day on Saturday, May 17, where you can buy, sell or trade tack and all manner of things related to ranch living, including horses.

So mark your calendar: The Bluegrass Festival takes place on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, May 15 to 17, in Flomot, and then on Tuesday, May 20, there is the Chamber of Commerce meeting at 5:30 p.m. at the Matador Hotel, followed by the informational evening featuring GO TEXAN and Rural Economic Development. R.S.V.P. which, of course,

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#### Flomot Homecoming **Association meeting**

The Flomot Homecoming Association will meet at 7:30 p.m., Monday, May 19, at the Community Center in Flomot. Donnie Cruse, president resigned due to medical problems and Bill Shannon, vice president will be in charge. They will announce chairmen of committees for Homecoming activities. Everyone is urged to attend this important meeting.

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# **Notes from the Library Buffy Crutchley**

Congratulations to Penny Kline of Roaring Springs for having the winning ticket in the Mother's Day raffle sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Penny won a set of three framed Texas State Capitol ornaments. I want to say thank you to everyone who participated, and thank you to Marcus Ortiz for helping me draw the winning ticket.

I also want to let everyone know that the Friends of the Library semi-annual Paperback Book Sale is going on now. We're doing it a little bit early this year because we had so many wonderful books to offer. This sale would not be possible if it weren't for all the generous people who donate their books throughout the year, so thank you to all of you that do! Be sure to shop early for the best selection. The books are only

Just a reminder, we will be having our book discussion on "A Buffalo In The House" Tuesday, May 20, at 7:00 p.m. You're welcome to attend even if you didn't read it. There's sure to be some lively discussion!

I've gotten into several conversations lately with folks that don't realize just how busy the library is. Because of this, I am going to start sharing with you a few of the "vital stats" that reflect how much of an impact the library has on Motley County.

Last month, the library had an average of 25 visitors a day. We checked out a total of 415 items. This includes adult & children's fiction and non-fiction, paperback novels, magazines, audio books, movies and music.

The Internet was used a total of 148 hours by 176 people. The library was used for six meetings, with a total of 137 people attending. And to top it all off, we issued six new library cards. I personally find these statistics astonishing for an organization that is only open 23 hours a week. If you're one of the few that don't take advantage of the services we offer, I invite you to come in and see what you're missing out on.

# Gamma Eta meeting in Matador

Gamma Eta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met Monday night, May 7, at First United Methodist Church in Matador for their regular meeting. A delicious meal of brisket, beans, potato salad, broccoli, corn bread and coconut-pecan cake was served by the hostesses, Lindy Stafford, Chelsea Read, Marlene Wellman, Elisha Reese, and Jean

Twenty three members and two guests, Christi Arnold, scholarship recipient, and Shalon Inmon, Area Coordinator, enjoyed the ice-breaker, "Fifteen Things you will not hear a Teacher Say" written and presented by Karen Wynn of Guthrie. Gamma Eta also presented a scholarship to Drew Humphreys of Spur.

The Founders Day program was presented by Pat Hightower. Jean Williams and Pat presented eight members with roses for perfect attendance. These were: Donna Anderson, Marci Bateman, Mani Foster Pat Hightower, Cheryl Hind-

man, Michele Jones, Sharon McDougle, and Brenda Karr. The drawing among the twenty members who had worn their pin to every meeting was won by Linda Hicks, and Marci Bateman. Chelsea Read was presented a certificate and rose honoring her for twenty-five years of membership.

Shalon Inmon, Area Coordinator for Area XII, installed the new officers who will serve for 2008-2010. These were: President, Cheryl Hindman, Crosbyton; 1st Vice-President, Donna Anderson, Patton Springs; Second Vice-President, Marci Bateman, Spur; Recording Secretary, Janie Wigley, Crosbyton; Corresponding Secretary, Elisha Reese, Lubbock; Parliamentarian, Jean Williams, Lubbock; Past President, Rhea Melton, Spur. Shalon presented each officer with a kaleidoscope reflecting the state President's theme.

The meeting closed with the singing of the Delta Kappa Gamma song.

# Fairways and Rough by Tammy Simpson

Ladies Playday, May 8 18 hole players were Dartha Westbrook, Liv Barton and Geneva Wilson. Dartha won ball most 2 putts. 9 hole players were Frances Hobbs, Nell Berryman, Tommye Keith, Tammy Simpson, Olivia Osborn and Jan Martin. Jan won ball - most 2 putts

Scramble, May 13 First, with a score of 29, Rob-

ert Osborn, Olivia Osborn, Terry Simpson and Tammy Simpson.

Second, with a score of 30, Conway Clary, Shane Taylor and David Taylor. Others playing were Randy

Martin, Alvin Martin, Jan Martin, Darrell Cruse, Ken Marshall, Kyle Moore and Ray Martin. Closest to the pin - Robert

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# The Ninth Annual Washington Cattle Co. Bluegrass Festival at Flomot May 15-17

Once again Flomot, Texas will be alive with the sound of bluegrass music on May 15, 16 and 17, 2008. The Ninth Annual Washington Cattle Co. Bluegrass Festival will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 15 with gospel music and barbeque. Friday night the stage music starts at 6:00 p.m. and will continue until 10:30 p.m. On 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.

Eight 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, Music Mountain from Seymour, Harvesters from Lubbock, Wichita Mountain Bluegrass from Oklahoma, and Triple L from Portales, New Mexico.

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.

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Brenda Browning will have a food concession open Friday and Saturday. Everyone is invited to come to Flomot and listen to great music and eat with Brenda.

An added event this year is the Flomot version of Hardin & Turner Western Trade Day on Saturday May 17. This event specializes in tack and other things found around the ranch. Everyone is welcome to come to buy, sale or trade.

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.

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# The Wild and Wooly Outpost of TeePee City

# From Motley County Roundup by Marisue Potts

The wide-open but short-lived buffalo hunters' outpost called TeePee City was named for the teepee poles found there after the Comanches had left the area. Huddled forlornly on the prairie flat, the tiny settlement consisted of a row of tents, dugouts, and picket houses. The squat houses were created by setting posts in the ground, chinking the spaces with mud plaster, then crowning the modest living quarters with a roof of brush and sod.

TeePee City was the scene of shooting sprees, drunken brawls, and robberies. Such activities often warranted the attention of G.W. Arrington's contingent of Texas Rangers based at Camp Roberts in Blanco Canyon. From "Teepe" City on November 29, 1880, the ranger reported to Captain Neal Caldwell:

Arrived here yesterday with 20 men. The weather is very cold and cloudy, has the appearance of snow. I think we will have a long and severe winter and the stock that remains here will need hay as the grass is very short and very little of it, owing to the large number of cattle that have been driven in on the creek. . . I find that the fellow Cowper who keeps the whiskey has rev license but no State of Co license and I wish to ask Gen Jones if he is not liable to arrest. I want to break it up. Cowper has put up, or rather made a large "dugout" for a gambling "hall" and is now off after whiskey. If Cowper can be handled for not having a license, I would be pleased to know how to act. The "boys" made it lively here soon after you and the Gen passed. I will return to camp as soon as I get things straightened

Four months later in March of 1881, Captain Arrington reported to General Jones in Austin:

The detachment at Tepee (sic) as well as men at this place have had a hard time of it this winter, and at least 8 men are now unfit for duty on account of having had the mumps. Our horses look very bad but will soon be in good condition as the grass has begun to grow in the Canyon. No raids have been made through this section during the winter. The people out here are very uneasy for fear we will not be retained in the field, for they say this section will again fill up with thieves. We have had but two mails since 1st Jan and no prospect for a line to be established soon.

In fact, TeePee City was considered such a bad influence by the management of the Matador Land & Cattle Company, Ltd., that it was declared off-limits to its cowboys, who were notorious for detouring great distances during work assignments to check on the action. When the opportunity arose in 1879, ranch manager H.H. Campbell bought the saloon from John Lemmond and closed down the sin den.

Located at the junction of the Middle Pease River and TeePee Creek in southeastern Motley County, TeePee City began as a trading post for buffalo hunters and survey parties.

In the fall of 1876, Charley Rath and Robert Wright teamed up with Dodge City sutlers (merchants who followed the army and sold provisions), Lee and Reynolds, to buy hides and supply hunters in the southern buffalo territory. Rath's fifty-one oxdrawn freight wagons, some with hind wheels as tall as seven feet.

joined with fifty wagons belonging to hunting outfits. Together they snaked their way down the trail to Mobeetie near Ft. Elliott, then Ridge Springs Camp, and on to TeePee. The cargo included guns, lead, kegs of black powder and patch paper, whiskey, and supplies, along with the profitable gaming tables and dance

After dropping off hide dealers, Ludlum Armstrong and An

Not just any suit, but a \$25 suit hard earned by slaughtering buffalo and hauling their hides to Sherman. "I don't know what in thunder I bought it for, for I didn't have any place to wear it," he mused in an interview.

store and stole my suit."

When Samuel Lazarus, agent for Galveston jobbers Leon and H. Blum, arrived at TeePee City in 1877, he found a small pox epidemic raging with many settlers

TeePee City had one or two saloons, a dance hall, and a gambling hall in connection with the saloons, a little hotel, one or two eating houses, several other small establishments. Most of the population lived in dugouts or tents.

drew Sharp, at the old Comanche campgrounds, Rath continued southward to establish his headquarters on the Double Mountain Fork of the Brazos. At TeePee City Armstrong acted as postmaster, agent, innkeeper, and barman of a two-room building, a hotel on one side and, on the other, a saloon with dance hall girls.

One of the earliest hunters in the area was Dick Bussell, who camped at Three Hole on the Quitaque for three years while killing thousands of buffalo up and down the Pease Creek. He recalled visiting The Tepee (sic) Buffalo Supply Store: "One day about 15 of us hunters were up at the store on Tepee (sic) when some horse thieves came up with some horses. We were unarmed at the time. They robbed the suffering from the sickness....

"When my folks came out here," Jim Cooper recalled of his parents, the A.B. Coopers who pulled into TeePee City in 1879 just after the R.V. Fields family, "they met wagon after wagon loaded down with buffalo hides. After they came to TeePee City to live, there wasn't but three buffalo killed near the town from then on."

According to postal records, the postoffice was established in 1879 with Armstrong as postmaster, followed in 1880 briefly by Andrew Sharp and then Arthur B. Cooper; Luther Dawson in 1885; and Mrs. Emma Henderson in 1886. The service was transferred to Northfield in

The 1880 Census taker enumerated twelve residents at the

tiny village: Arthur Cooper, postmaster, and wife Anna; Nels Risenchrist, stonemason; Elija Williams, surveyor, his wife Emma, and daughter Alma; Isiah Boren, farmer; William Emory, cook, and his wife Eva, and daughter Nellie; Ludlim Armstrong, merchant, and Andrew Sharp.

Arthur B. Cooper freighted supplies from Dallas or Ft. Worth. He and Mrs. Cooper ran the general store, first from a dugout and later from a one-room half dugout. Their daughter Nora, born in a dugout in 1882, was said to be the first white girl born in what was to become Motley County.

In July of 1879 a group of prospectors on their way to Cripple Creek, Colorado, camped near TeePee City where they were jumped by rustlers. When a Mr. Anderson tried to run from the desperados, he was shot in the heel. Though it was a prank, lockjaw set in and finished him off. He was buried at TeePee City, but his remains were later removed to Dallas.

When elderly Mrs. Council, who was staying at Joe Browning's Ballard Springs camp, became entangled in a rope tied to a wild yearling, she was fatally injured. Since no lumber was available for a casket, the goods boxes from TeePee City had to suffice, even though they were not quite adequate. Mrs. Council, it was said, was buried with her feet protruding.

Saloon keeper Armstrong died in 1884. While awaiting the construction of a coffin, his cronies laid him out on the only available bier, a poker table which had a broken leg. Since Armstrong had a wooden leg and they needed a table leg, a match was made. After an all-night poker party and wake, which conveniently consumed the deceased merchant's wet goods, the group started to the gravesite on a sandy knoll on the west side of Tee Pee Creek. Halfway there, the funeral procession was halted while someone went back to fetch the wooden leg. Once it was strapped back on the funeral march was completed.

TeePee City School, the third one in the territory, met from 1895 until 1902 when most of the settlers except the Coopers had either starved out or moved on.

Little evidence of the rip-roaring settlement remains, just the trunk of a dead cottonwood laced with bullets and the rock walls of the old school and corrals. As part of a statewide marker program during the Centennial celebration of 1936, a Texas Historical Marker was placed near the site. (This marker was moved in 2002 to the roadside park on U.S. Highway 70 by request of the landowners, the Matador Cattle Company.)

On a sandy knoll of the west side of the sluggish creek, the grave of Armstrong faces the sunrise. On the opposite side, looking toward the creek and the sunset, are the sagebrush-dotted graves of two Cooper children, James Motley and Nellie Elizabeth, and their great aunt from Sweden, Mrs. A.S. Johnson, testifying that a family once lived, loved, laughed, cried, and died

Now as then, a gentle wind rustles the leaves of the cottonwoods and a lonely bobwhite whistles for his mate.

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FRIDAY, May 16: Grilled sirloin, baked potatoes, green beans, tossed salad, apple crisp.

MONDAY, May 19: Smothered steak, Au gratin potatoes, broccoli, wheat bread, cake.

TUESDAY, May 20: BBQ chicken, broccoli, poatao salad, bread & pickles, baked apples. WEDNESDAY, May 21: Cheese-

burger, lettuce, tomato, onion, baked beans, oven fries, fruit of the day.

## School Menu

Thursday, May 15

Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, or cereal, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: Pizza, salad, pineapple

chunks, vanilla wafers, milk. Friday, NO SCHOOL Monday, May 19

Breakfast: Pancake, sausage, or cereal, toast, fruit, milk.

Lunch: Chicken patty/bun, lettuce, tomato, pickle slices, potato chips, cake, mixed fruit, milk.

Tuesday, May 20 Breakfast: Cereal, toast, juice,

Lunch: Fajita chicken salad, beans, tortilla chips, crackers, sherbet, milk.

Wednesday, May 21 Breakfast: Breakfast bagel, or cereal, toast, sliced pears, milk. Lunch: Soft taco, salad, corn, tortilla chips, dessert, milk.

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passed with three votes "for" and two votes "against." Matador Ranch will maintain the road, lock the gates, and allow access to the other landowner, Edwards said.

In further business, Mr. Edwards speaking as a private citizen informed the court that the Public Utility Commission (PUC) had "rolled back the target date for placement and location of power lines to July 17, 2008."

"There is a big uproar, hue and cry, around the state on the recently published ERCOT Optimization Study," Edwards said. ERCOT laid out multiple scenarios of sizing and placement of transmission lines. According to Edwards, the estimated cost on the two highest scenarios was \$9 billion.

"This has become extremely political," he said. "Final judgment will most likely come in the next legislative session, and this is vital to Motley County's economic development."

A letter-writing campaign is now in order, Edwards said. Edwards asked the court to authorize Judge Ed D. Smith to send the PUC chairman and members a letter requesting that serious consideration be given to Motley County for new transmission

"The county is in the westernmost edge of ERCOT, and is calculated to have excellent wind for wind power development; and substantial leasing has occurred. However, usable transmission lines are non-existent," he said.

Edwards said we need to urge citizens in the community to submit letters to: The Honorable Barry Smitherman, Chairman, PUC of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, TX 78711-3326; and the letters will be in the public re-

"Location of transmission lines is not "written in stone," he said. "But in most cases Motley County gets bypassed." The court voted unanimously to give the judge permission to submit the letter requesting consideration for Motley County.

In other business, TxDOT representatives Ben Kautz, Jack Cox, and Mark Hightower met with the court to discuss the recent radio tower inspection conducted by a tower service company out of Amarillo. The inspection showed numerous weaknesses and needed repairs on the anchors to the tower. The tower is located east of the historic jail. The cost of the repair was \$6,595.19.

Mr. Kautz proposed a plan whereby TxDOT would repair the tower at their own expense, in exchange for free service. The county has a contract with Tx-DOT for tower use for \$125.00 per month. TxDOT would get credit for what they have already spent, up to the proposed cost of the repairs. This proposal was accepted by the court by unanimous vote.

Judge Ed D. Smith reported to the court that a proposed timeline to get a county road map expires on August 31, 2009. The county would be required to have notices in the tax bills two times before the expiration. The county road map initiative was put on hold until the legislative session which may "extend" the timeline, allowing the county to

go forward.

In another agenda item, the judge reported that the in-kind work on the jail had gone forward, and that some trees, nonhistorical fencing, and an old outbuilding had been removed to prepare the site for the mortar scaffolding and roof work. It was also reported that the Texas Historical Commission (THC) had declined the request by the architect to replace the windows rather than perform an expensive abatement process of minute traces of asbestos in the glazing of the windows. Carol Campbell reported that architect Hugh Welch will meet with her and the judge on Tuesday, May 13, to discuss a strategy for the windows. Judge Smith also announced to the court that the Friends of the Historic Motley County Jail were planning a fundraiser for June 7. A free hotdog cookout and a star gazing venue will be presented, in collaboration with Three Rivers Foundation for the Arts and Sciences. The function will be held at the old jail.

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# **OBITUARY**

# Rhonda Voy Norrell

Rhonda Voy Norrell of Matador left this life to begin a new one with our Lord on Sunday, May 11, 2008, Mother's Day. Rhonda was born in Matador on April 28, 1964 to Hollis Alvis Stephens and Myrna Voy Moore Stephens. She attended and graduated from Motley County in 1982 and West Texas State University with a B.S. in Education in 1986.

Rhonda taught in Spur, Amherst, and Patton Springs. She married Michael Wayne Norrell on New Year's Eve, December 31, 1988. They were blessed with two beautiful children, daughter Taelor Voy, 16, and son Tanner Wayne, 14.

Although Rhonda was very fond of animals, sports, long afternoon naps, dancing with the stars, and People magazine cross-word, her family was her life. She loved her kids fiercely and adored her time with Mike and the kids, especially during the summer. Rhonda was an inspiration to many because of the way she refused to let her illness dictate her life and her positive approach to living each and every day to the fullest!

Rhonda is preceded in death by her father, H.A. Stephens, maternal grandfather Foy Moore, and paternal grandparents Hollis Alvis Stephens, Sr. and Cordelia Stephens Dixon.

Rhonda is also survived by her mother Myrna of Matador, brothers James Stephens, his wife Ruthie, and their sons Jared and Kenesaw of Roaring Springs, Chad Stephens and his wife Cheryl and daughter, Lillie of Idalou, her grandmother Bertha Moore of Matador, and mother and father-in-law and God Parents Wayne and Rita Norrell of

Rhonda will be missed by her extended families at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Matador and at Patton Springs and the countless students she has touched through the years.

The Rosary for Rhonda was held at Our Lady of Guadalupe in Matador. The Funeral Mass was said Wednesday, May 14, at the Patton Springs New Gym in Afton, Texas, with Father Jose Relente, officiating. Interment was at East Mound Cemetery in Matador under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home of Matador. The family request any memorials to be made in her name at the Hackberry Creek Care Center P.O. Box 651 Matador,

# **Vernard Alexander**

Texas 79244.

Vernard Alexander of Midland died Tuesday, May 6, 2008. He was born June 16, 1924 in Commerce, Texas to Bertie L. Alexander and Nora Belle Treadwell Alexander. He graduated from Commerce High School and joined the Coast Guard in September, 1942. He was a seaman first class on the destroyer, USS Richey during World War II sailing as convoy escorts many times across the Atlantic Ocean. After his honorable discharge in April, 1946 he enrolled at East Texas State (Texas A&M-Commerce) where he graduated in 1949 with a Bachelor of Science degree. He later earned a Masters in Education. While attending college he played football and ran track.

He coached for the Lubbock schools for six years and was coaching there when the Lubbock Westerners won two state championships. His passion was coaching and developing young men. His favorite quote was "I would coach for nothing!"

He met Patti Pipkin at Lubbock High and they were married August 18, 1956 at Matador, Texas. They have four daughters; Leslie and her husband Laynce Nix of Midland, Linda and her husband Ross Williams of Austin, Heather and her husband Sam Davis of Colorado Springs, Colorado, and Michelle Alexander of Midland. They have six grandchildren; Laynce, Jayson, and Lyndsay Nix, Eryn and Tanner Williams, and Taylor Davis.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, De-Witt Alexander.

Vernard coached at Morton, Post, Pecos, Vernon, and Brazosport besides Lubbock. After coaching he was an assistant principal at Freeport Intermediate before becoming a principal with the Windham School Dis-



trict at the Texas Department of Corrections for eleven years before retirement.

Vernard was a loving husband, father, and grandfather who was devoted to and so proud of all his family. He was an avid golfer who enjoyed playing with his family. He loved playing in the mountains of Ruidoso and vacationing there.

The family received friends at Ellis Funeral Home on May 8, 2008. Graveside services were held May 9, 2008 at Resthaven Memorial Park. A memorial service was held at the Glass chapel at First United Methodist Church on May 9, 2008 with Rev. John Rech officiating and Rev. Jan

Reed assisting. The family wishes to thank all the nurses, doctors, and caregivers who have done so much take care of Vernard. In-Home Care, Select Specialty, and Hospice of Midland's support has been priceless.

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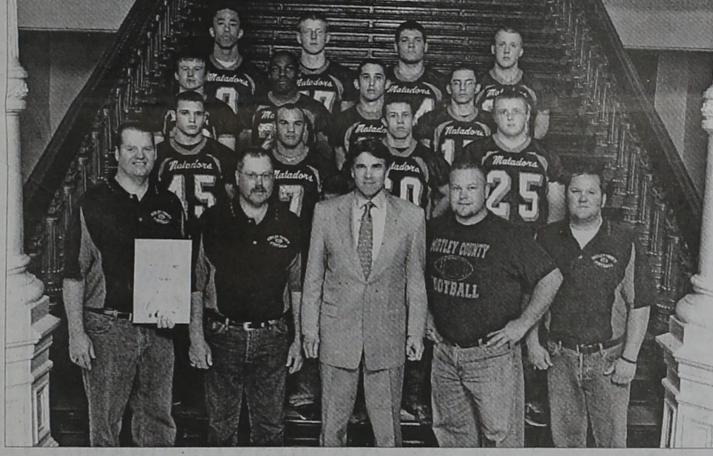
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- 15-16-17 Flomot Bluegrass Festival
- 15 Matador Masonic Lodge, 6:30 p.m.
- 15 Matador City Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 16 Snow Day, No School
- 16-17 FFA Convention, Amarillo
- 16 Writing Workshop, Library, noon
- 17 Hardin & Turner Western Trade Day, Flomot
- 17 Relay For Life Mini Olympic, grd 6 and below
- 17 Writing Workshop Roaring Springs at Dinah Young's 10-2pm. Bring a sack lunch
- 19 MCPC Meeting Cafeteria, 5:30 p.m.
- 19 School Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- 20 Matador Lions, Methodist Church, 12:30 p.m.
- 20 FFA Cookout 7 p.m.
- 20 Chamber Meeting, GO TEXAN, 7 p.m.
- 20 Friends of the Library book discussion, 7 p.m.
- 21 Do-Gooders Club quilting at Flomot Community Center, 1 p.m.
- 21 Guild, RS Methodist Fellowship, 3:30
- 21 Gymnastics Program, 10 a.m.
- 22 Matador Eastern Star, 6:30 p.m.
- 25 Baccalaureate, 7p.m., FBCM
- 25 Senior Supper, Matador Hotel, TBA
- 27 Senior Breakfast, Methodist Church, 8 a.m.
- 27 Elementary Joyland Field Trip
- 28 Do-Gooders Club quilting at Flomot Community Center, 1 p.m.
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- 29 Elementary Awards Program
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