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*"The Road Crew is In"*

*by Ken Young*

## City Superintendent reports progress on sidewalk and water grants; Council enforces back-flow prevention inspections

By Carol Campbell

Following a called session of the 4B Development Board, the City Council met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 12.

A full quorum was present, consisting of Mayor Pat Smith, City Secretary Debra Scott, City Superintendent Steve Barton, and Council members Kay Bailey, Chuck Ream, Alvin Alexander, Pat Seigler, and Shane Jones. Also attending were Carol Campbell and Larry Vogt. The Council welcomed new council member Alvin Alexander.

City Superintendent Steve Barton said progress on the sidewalk and water grants were "taking shape, and looking good," adding, that he hoped the public would "bear with us" during the sidewalk demolition stage. He said the contractor will be pouring concrete in the heavy traffic areas first, reporting that they should be able to start in front of the Matador Variety Store by Monday, June 16. He also reported that the water line had now progressed underneath the highway, and that "all we have to do now is dig a ditch and lay the line."

Items listed for action on the agenda included a discussion on the abolishment of the 4A Tax Account, a Hotel Occupancy Tax, the announcement of de-

pository bids for city funds, and the investment of public funds in an investment pool.

Mayor Pat Smith said the presentation on May 28 in the District Courtroom by Russell Gallahan, Economic Development and Local Government Assistance, State Comptroller's Office, on 4A and 4B Tax Board guidelines was "really enlightening." He said he learned that the City could dissolve the 4A Tax Account after a public hearing and voter approval and utilize the funds in a different way, for example, "the city could place part of the funds in a Street Maintenance account, or put one-half of the funds in the 4B Tax Funds Account," he said, adding, 4B funds have more flexibility. Currently, the 4A Tax Fund has about \$75,000 and the 4B Fund has about \$30,000.

According to Texas Comptroller's Office, the 4A sales tax is primarily intended for manufacturing and industrial development, but can be used to acquire land, buildings, and equipment for purposes related to manufacturing and industrial facilities. The 4B sales tax provides cities with a wider range of uses for the tax revenues because it is intended to give communities an opportunity to undertake a project for "quality of life improvements," includ-

ing economic development that will attract and retain primary employers.

Councilman Pat Seigler said the "downside" of abolishing the 4A Tax Fund Account is that it was passed by the voters to provide for economic development. On the other hand, the 4A Tax Fund doesn't have enough money to support a large economic development project for the city, he said.

"If a large request comes in for economic development, like Quail Pipe or a once-in-a-decade large project that employs 20 people, it would probably take more money than is currently in the 4A," he said. Mayor Pat Smith said there are obviously "pros and cons," to this issue, but asked the council to consider the issue to be addressed at a later date.

Mayor Pat Smith said that other area banks had expressed an interest in bidding for city funds. Texas Local Government Code states "before awarding a depository services contract to a depository, the governing body of a municipality shall receive applications for the performance of depository services from one or more banks, credit unions or savings association." Applications for Depository for Public Funds will be sent to area banks, and then this item will

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## Superintendent asks school board to consider "Where are we now, and what do we have to do to get better?"

At the MCISD board meeting on June 19, 2008 the board was given the teacher, support staff, parent and senior surveys from last year to consider in preparation for making plans for next year. When reviewing the surveys Brown suggested asking the question, "Where are we now, and what do we have to do to get better?"

Attending were Don Baxter, Lewis Drum, David Stafford, Tina Brooks, J.D. Russell, Mark Seigler, Superintendent Randy Brown, Principal William Cochran, Business administrator, Denise Ford, and Laverne Zabielski, Motley County Tribune. The board elected new officers. David Stafford, President; Lewis

Drum, Vice President; and Tina Brooks, secretary and approved the Chemical Hygiene Plan that designates steps to be taken to insure the safety of students if they are exposed to hazardous chemicals such as those used in the science class.

Denise Ford reported that while every effort has been made to conserve energy and natural resources, because of some of the outdated equipment at the school, it will be difficult for MCISD to reach its goal of a 5% reduction in energy expenses so far this year.

On March 24, 2008, in response to requirements in Senate Bill 12 and House Bill 3693,

signed by the Governor in June 2007 and effective as of September 1, 2007, MCISD established a resolution to reduce annual electric consumption by five percent (5%) each state fiscal year for the next six (6) years.

Specific efforts included in the plan were: 1. Efficient Lighting Systems; 2. Efficient Appliance Purchases; 3. Vending Machine Operating Controls; 4. General Maintenance and Operations Revisions; 5. Reduction in Hours of Operation of HVAC.

The Mission Statement for the MCISD Energy Consumption Reduction Plan stated:

Recognizing our responsibility as Trustees of Motley County,

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## Roaring Springs City Council accepts donation of RS Volunteers' Community Center

The Roaring Springs City Council met June 9, 2008 at the City Hall conference room. In attendance were Mayor Corky Marshall, Mayor Pro Tem Alex Crowder, Council members Timmy Brooks, Patricia Green, Kelly Keltz, James McCleskey, water manager Robert Osborn, city secretary Zella Palmer, and guest J. N. Fletcher.

J. N. Fletcher, president of the Roaring Springs Volunteers, spoke concerning the Commu-

nity Center building. He said the organization was unable to keep up the building and had discussed giving it to the city. After some discussion concerning the need for such a building in the community, a motion was made and unanimously approved to accept the Community Center Building.

Robert Osborn reported on the possibility of a Boon Docker race in November. There were concerns about the disruption of

church services and the council voted to have Robert get more information about the races.

The council also approved a motion to repair the entrance to the High School Gym. A report on the test hole for a water well was discussed and since more information was needed to comply with TCEQ regulations, the discussions were tabled until the next meeting. The meeting was adjourned after these discussions.

## THIS WEEK'S NEWS

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City Council and 4B Tax board recommend use of money for jail restoration project.

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### Opinion Editorial

One more wind company interested in Motley County; citizens reminded to contact PUC about transmission lines.

### Days Gone By

Meteorites, Mirages and Unsolved Mysteries, part 2 of 3 in series from "Motley County Round Up."

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After 100 degrees plus heat and relentless winds make a rough start for high plains cotton.

# Foothill Country

## Connections

Community, Diversity, Art

By Larry Vogt

That was a pretty spectacular storm Monday night. Some folks in the county were without power, some had various sizes of hailstones, some had blowing rain, there were fires started by lightning, pretty much you name it, we had it.

When I was a kid the lightning storms in South Dakota were fierce. My dog, Butch, shivered and went under the bed and could not be coaxed out until the storm had passed over. My mother tried to act calm, but somehow I picked up on the fear and grew up with a fascination with lightning and thunder mixed with a little adrenalin rush as the

storms moved across our area.

Lightning has damaged computer and electronic gear in houses where I have resided which has me jumpy and pulling out plugs from the wall receptacle at the first sign of thunder. Power strips, even expensive ones, don't give your equipment much protection since the power spike can come in through the electrical wiring in the house or the phone line.

There is nothing like a big sky country lightning storm with its variations of light patterns, crackling thunder, and powerful wind, rain, and hail episodes. Don't mind me if I start shivering and crawl under the bed, I will be back after the storm.

# WRITING COMMUNITY

## Every Where

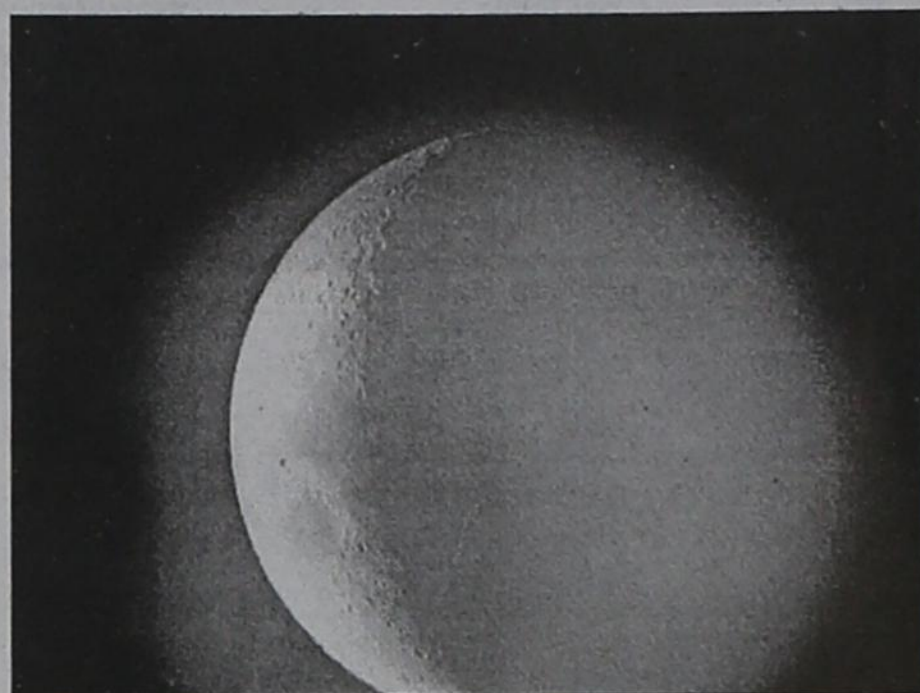
By Allison McCoy, 11 yrs.

The night is so pretty  
I like to look at the stars  
They are so pretty  
and so is the moon

When I look at them.  
I feel that they are smiling at me  
They are shining so bright  
through my telescope at night.

If I was a moon or a star  
I would say I love being this bright  
and I love being this high

I wish that I could fly that high  
so I could see the moon  
and the stars smiling at me.



RAINBOW VOGT takes this photo of the moon through one of the 3RF telescopes on June 7, 2008.

By Sabra Pope, 13 yrs.

Trees are blooming, beautiful, wonderful flowers.  
Pink and blue, orange and yellow.  
What a wonderful spring!  
Ferns and lilies, dandelions and babies breath.  
Bushes are green like a maple tree's leaf.  
Young children playing and running around.

Today is a wonderful day!  
Nights are shorter. Days are longer.  
Now, it is summer once more.  
Enjoyable nights. Hot summer days.  
Cheerleading camps and church camps, too.  
This is going to be a long summer.



DRUMMERS, (L-R) Allison McCoy, Sabra Pope and Laura Burns participate in the drum circle on June 7, 2008

photo by Hanaba Munn Welch

### Editorial wins Lone Star Award from Houston Press Club

By Laverne Zabielski

On June 6, 2008 I received a second place award for an editorial I wrote on December 20, 2007 after the Matadors won the State Championship. It was about pride and support and is as relevant today as it was then. I wrote that "At first I viewed support as going to every game and cheering. Then I realized support is also about raising the funds necessary for sports equipment, academic supplies and everything necessary for the school and team to exist."

As citizens, Motley County and the city join together in the restoration of the historic jail, we are again manifesting pride and support for our community, hence our schools and teams. As we tear down abandoned buildings we are manifesting pride. As we put in new side walks we are manifesting pride. Such pride is what ultimately attracts tourism, today. People don't come to see places. They come to experience pride. Cities of all sizes seek tourism dollars and in order to do so they must ask the same questions we must ask, "What makes us unique?" We answered that question

when Mayor Pat Smith signed a Proclamation for Pride and Support Week after winning the state title. We can never turn back. Pride is not something we can have one week when our team wins and not have the next week.

We support our local economy when we do what's necessary to visually demonstrate pride. The New York Times just named Texas Hill Country as the number one destination to visit. I know that we are not Hill Country. We are fortunate, however, to be on the Texas Plains Trail. We didn't ask to be on it. We just are. And every person that visits the Texas Heritage web site will have the option to explore all ten of the heritage regions. And when they decide to visit us, we must put our best foot forward.

When I came to visit my grandmother in Whiteflat in the fifties and sixties, Stella Tilson would never let us come to Matador with out dressing up. "We may be poor," she said. "But we don't have to look like it." The same is true for Motley county. We may be one of the poorest counties in the state, however, we don't have to look like it.

### Letter to the Friends of the Historic Motley County Jail

Dear Carol,

Those of us who were able to attend the wonderful day last Saturday were so fortunate, and I know that our family is still talking about it and will be for quite some time. It will always be a very special memory for each of us. I felt honored and very much a part of the Matador community.

You planned and orchestrated a perfect day, and I want to thank everyone: Judge Smith, the Friends of the Historic Motley County Jail, the Motley County Historical Society, the Motley County Tribune, and of course, the Russell family for the lovely reception and the opportunity of staying in the beautifully restored Hotel Matador. Next trip I do look forward to visiting the Matador Ranch.

Gwen Gage and I are already planning a time that we might return in the fall for another night at Hotel Matador with a side visit

to Roaring Springs.

The cheeseburger at Main Street Café was delicious and we thank you for hosting us.

The framed photo of the jail will always be a lovely remembrance. It is hanging in my office so I constantly see it.

I think the best way I can express my gratitude is with the enclosed.

Warm regards to all,  
Lou (Dunn Diekemper)

Editors Note: Enclosed with this gracious letter was \$10,000 toward the repair and renovation of the historic Motley County jail. This brings the total Diekemper donation to this project to about \$28,000. With this donation, the project can now look toward providing the asbestos abatement that was projected to cost about \$10,000; thereby moving the project into the next phase.

by Pauline House

How am I doing?  
I can talk about Joe without crying,  
so I guess that is a good sign.

I boxed up his things and will look through them  
someday when I'm ready to.  
Out here in the country there is so much to do,  
and I really miss him doing his part.

It's just not the same anymore  
and it never will be  
and this hurts.

To think that things you had before  
will never be again.  
My life, his presence, our sharing together.  
He won't be needing all these things he left behind.

### Aftermath

The scent of his bathrobe is comforting.  
The remains of what was, but will be no more.

It's the little things through the day,  
like watching the kittens play  
as we sat on the swing outside. . . talking about our fruit trees  
and wondering if maybe we will get fruit this year. . . discussing  
what new project we want to do  
because there was a job coming up all the time.  
Now, it doesn't matter.

There has to be new dreams for just one of us to make.

Life goes on no matter what.  
I feel like the poem, "Footprints In The Sand."  
God is carrying me right now and I'm letting Him.  
I need the comfort He gives me.  
He's taking me on this journey for a purpose.  
I don't understand, but I will trust Him  
because He knows what's best for me.

### Opinion Editorial

## One more wind company interested in Motley County; Citizens reminded to contact PUC about transmission lines

by Fred Risser,

Last Friday morning, June 13, 2008, a meeting of local landowners was held with the purpose of introducing a new wind company that is interested in leasing land west of Roaring Springs for a wind farm. GreenHunter Energy of Grapevine, Texas was represented by Rich Saunders and Matt Mooney.

GreenHunter is pursuing renewable energy projects and has recently opened a BioDiesel plant in Houston that will produce 105 million gallons annually. Mr. Saunders stated that the proposed Motley County project would more than likely take five or six years to be built because the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) has not yet made the decision of where new transmission lines are to be built.

While this decision may be made in July, it may be at least a year before a final decision is announced. Once that decision has been announced, construction can begin. It is estimated that it will take two to three years for the upgraded transmission lines to be operational.

Mr. Saunders said that the Dallas and Houston areas, among others, are paying ten times as much for electricity as West Texas is able to sell its electricity for, due to the lack of adequate transmission lines to get West Texas electricity to the high population areas. Even though West Texas has the second best wind resources in the United States, without a way to get this electricity to these population centers these projects

won't be built.

One of the reasons GreenHunter is interested in this small area of the county, besides its wind potential, is that a group of landowners have worked together to get some companies interested in building a project in this area. Most of the landowners do not have enough acres of their own to get the attention of the wind companies. The fact that these landowners have worked together as a group and not as individuals has paid off with a better offer. This group has also used one lawyer to communicate with the companies; all other attorneys voice their concerns and suggestions to this one attorney.

There are already several wind farm projects in Motley County. PPM has leased land in the southern part of the county. GE has leased land in the western part of the county. Skyward is trying to lease land in the eastern and northeastern part of the county. Gamesa and Babcock & Brown have each been given a tour of areas of Motley County that are potential sites for wind farms. Another group of landowners is working on a proposed project south of Matador. Other companies have also expressed interest in the county. However, all of these companies are waiting on the PUC to make its decision.

Motley County is one of the poorest counties in the state and has little to offer in the way of economic incentives to entice businesses to locate here. However, with tremendous winds available, Motley County stands to gain much. While the county

is based on an agricultural economy, and is likely to remain that way. The establishment of a wind farm could create some new jobs, increase the population, and raise tax revenues.

The additional tax revenue generated by a wind farm can easily double the county's tax revenues, and that would lead to a reduction in property taxes in the county. The school and hospital districts also stand to gain considerable revenues. Each separate wind farm would add additional tax revenues. If Motley County were fortunate enough to have a major transmission line placed in it, then additional tax revenue would come from that also.

Each wind farm will need about one employee for every ten turbines. These employees will have to be trained, and the lease contract should include a provision that the companies hire and train local citizens for some of the jobs.

Although all of this sounds promising, there is a problem. This area has to have a major improvement in transmission lines in order for these projects to be built. The decision of where these lines are to be routed will be made by the Public Utility Commission, and although it may take up to a year for the decision to be made, it could possibly be made in the next 30 days.

The citizens of Motley County are encouraged to communicate to the PUC commissioners how important it is for a major transmission line to be built within 30 to 50 miles of Matador. This

would be close enough for wind farms in this area to interconnect and transport the electricity produced by the winds in this county to areas of the state that need it. This electricity could also be exported out of Texas to population centers in other states.

Letters and emails sent to the PUC commissioners are read by the commissioners and must be filed in the Competitive Renewable Energy Zones (CREZ) docket. Interested parties may read the letters by accessing the file, as detailed below. Most writers receive responses from the commissioners.

Motley County citizens can influence these state officials as long as the citizens let their voices be heard. This was made evident in the effectiveness of communications from Motley County citizens that made an impact on the selection of the area to be included in the final CREZ selections. Motley County was not originally selected as part of the final CREZ 2, but Commissioner Barry Smitherman recommended that it be included, and it was.

The PUC Commissioners' email addresses are Barry.Smitherman@puc.state.tx.us; Julie.parsley@puc.state.tx.us, and Paul.hudson@puc.state.tx.us. Or letters may be mailed to: The Honorable Barry T. Smitherman, Chairman, Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. Commissioners Julie Parsons and Paul Hudson may be addressed in the same manner.

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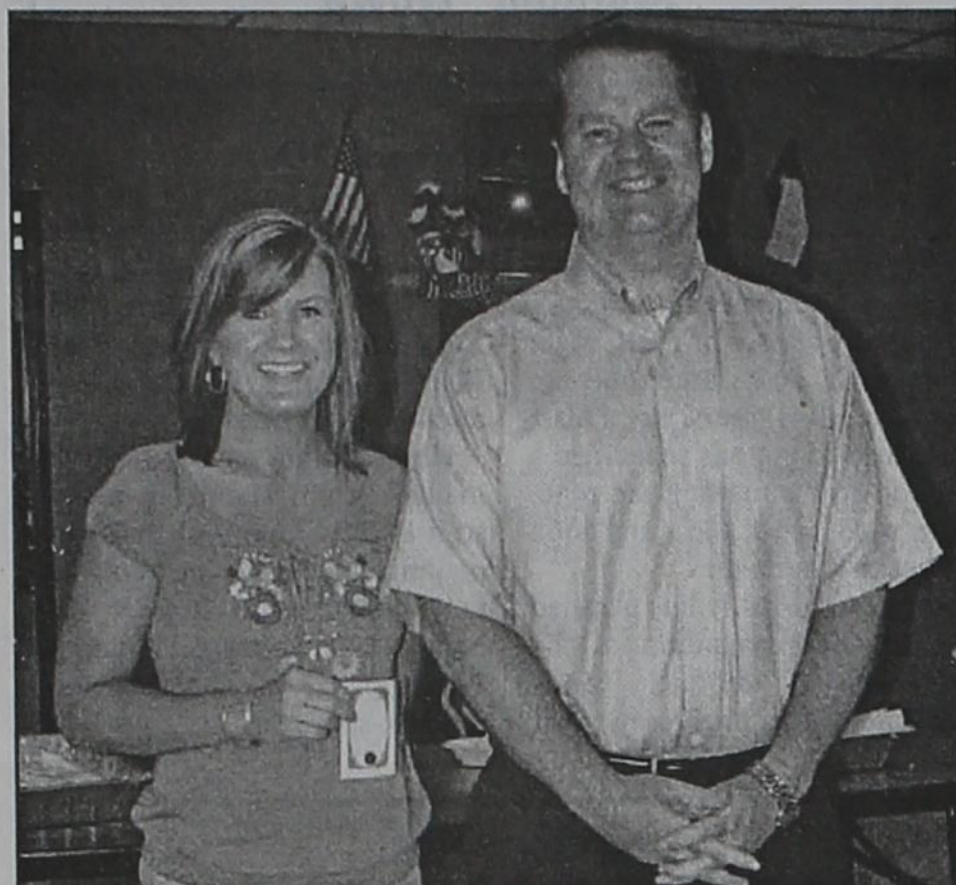
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# Taylor, Gillespie, Cox and Givens receive service award pins



TONYA GIVENS receives her 10 Years of Service pin from Rolling Plains Coop.



SHELLEY COX receives her 15 Years of Service pin from Motley County ISD.



SUPERINTENDENT RANDY BROWN proudly awards Walter Taylor and Kathy Gillespie 20 Years of Service pins from Motley County ISD.

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## City Council enforces back-flow prevention inspections

be placed on a future agenda, he said.

In other business, Smith initiated a discussion with the Council on a local Hotel Occupancy Tax. "I feel it's a good thing, and I recommend it," he said. "This is a tax that is levied on people out of town; and it goes directly to the City."

The tax levied amount may be a tax up to 7-percent of the price paid for a room in a hotel on every person who pays for the use of a room that is ordinarily used for sleeping. Discussion included benefits that the city might enjoy if an occupancy tax was levied, including the production of a brochure on the Matador area, in collaboration with the Texas Plains Regional Trails group, highlighting tourist destinations like the

jail and Bob's Oil Well. The Council voted unanimously to have legal counsel pursue the issue of an occupancy tax for hotels and motels.

Following a brief discussion, the Council voted to table action on investing municipal funds in a pool that pays 2.49 percent interest on the dollar, compared to a local bank that pays 1- or 1.25-percent. It was agreed that more investigation of the advantages and disadvantages needed to be made before action on this issue.

According to the City Secretary, mandatory back-flow prevention testing will be enforced in the near future. The state mandates a test every three years to prevent contamination of the public water supply. City Superinten-

dent Steve Barton explained that underground sprinkler systems or basements with plumbing require back-flow meters, or "double check valves" to keep the water and other contaminants from backing-up into the water system. It is the customer's responsibility to pay for the inspection of "back flow meters" at a cost of \$75.00. Twenty-seven residents were called regarding the mandated inspection, and all but two residents agreed to comply. "People can get sick because of back-flow problems," Barton said. The Council required no action on this issue since the inspections are mandated through initial service agreements with customers.

**READ TO YOUR KIDS EVERYDAY**

## 4 B Tax Board recommends use of money for jail restoration project

The 4 B Tax Board met on June 12, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. in the meeting room of the Matador City Hall and approved a proposal to allocate \$5,000 from the 4 B tax monies to make up a projected budget shortfall for the Jail restoration project. There were four members of the board present which constituted a quorum for the meeting to go forward. The four members present were Kay Bailey, Roy Hobbs, Debra Scott, and Judy Renfro.

Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved. No one spoke during open forum and the meeting moved forward with a presentation by Carol Campbell concerning the Historic Motley County Jail Restoration Project. The presentation showed a projected budget shortfall due to over-pro-

jection of in-kind contributions from the County and the City. The proposal was to recommend that \$5,000 from 4 B tax monies be used to make up the projected shortfall.

After some discussion, which centered around the fact that the jail is the one of the oldest buildings in the county, a motion was made and seconded to recommend to the City Council the use of 4 B monies to help with the Jail project. The motion was passed with Kay Bailey and Roy Hobbs abstaining from the vote because they are on the Friends of the Historic Jail board. Debra Scott and Judy Renfro voted yes on the motion.

There being no further business for the board, the meeting was adjourned.

## Matador City Council votes to Expend Funds from 4 B

The Matador City Council met in special session at 5:00 p. m. June 16, 2008 in the City Hall conference room. All five members were present with the city secretary Debra Scott. Guests were Carol Campbell and Larry Vogt. In the absence of Mayor Pat Smith, the meeting was chaired by Chuck Ream.

Minutes from the last meeting were read and approved, and a motion was passed to pay the City bills. Carol Campbell then presented a proposal for the council

to approve the expenditure of 4 B monies to help with the Jail project. Discussion concerning the project and possible funding for future work as well as the historical value of the building preceded a motion to use 4 B money for the projected budget shortfall. The vote was four members voting yes with one abstention due to involvement with the Friends of the Historic Motley County Jail. Since there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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## "Where are we now, and what do we have to do to get better?"

Independent School District, we believe that every effort should be made to conserve energy and natural resources. We also believe that energy efficient operations will reduce operating costs and is in the best interest of the district. As a result, we have resolved to create this Energy Consumption Reduction Plan that is to be implemented within our facilities. It is desired, through this policy, to produce a safe and productive environment for our students, while simultaneously providing prudent management of our financial and energy resources.

In an effort to insure reaching its goal the board passed a motion to sign Energy for Schools Interlocal Electricity Procurement Agreement.

In the principal's report William Cochran stated that 12 students in the second to eighth grades participated in summer school that will end on June 26.

In the Superintendent's report Randy Brown reminded the board that as a result of Ted Dav-ey's resignation last month, the board has 180 days to appoint a replacement. During the next meeting on July 21, the board will meet in closed session to consider possibilities. There will also be a board training on school finance at 6pm prior to the meeting. Of significant concern will be the fact that while revenue remains the same, costs have risen and significant adjustments will need to be made to next year's budget. Brown did express the intention, however, to keep cafeteria prices the same.

At this point there are no qualified applicants for the program with the Amarillo Senior Citizens. The board is still seeking qualified senior citizens who would like to work approximately 20 hours per week at the school. Brown reported that the new roof on the old school is project-

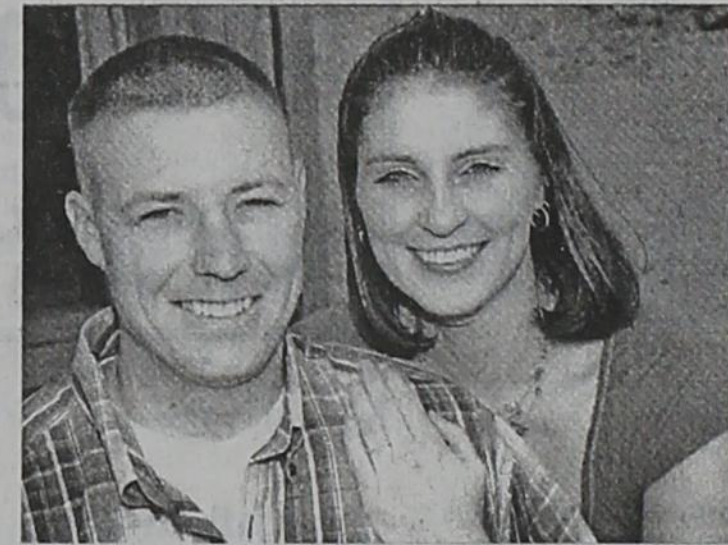
ed to be completed in June and that MCISD received a superior rating from FIRST, the Financial, Integrity, and Rating System of Texas.

Brown also reported on the new website for the school which is being developed by Wes Mason. Parents will be able to sign up for updates and have them emailed to them as they are made. Parents will also be able to receive the Newsletter by email and read it on the web site. Highlights and achievements of students and staff will be posted regularly.

Brown reported on the resignation of Ashley Washington, Reading Interventionist. Since the Reading First grant was funded with reduced funds, this position will not be refilled.

The next board meeting will be July 21, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. Citizens are invited to speak for up to five minutes during open forum.

## Engagement Announcement



Billy and Terree Donaldson of Lubbock formerly of Matador would like to announce the engagement of their daughter, Brittany Nicole Donaldson, to John Franklin Radle, son of Darrell and Susan Radle of Lubbock, formerly of Post, Texas. The wedding will be held on August 9, 2008 at the Lakeridge Baptist Church in Lubbock. Brittany is a 2003 graduate of Motley County High School and John is a 2000 graduate of Post High School. Both attended South Plains College. Brittany is currently employed by American Bank of Commerce in Lubbock and John is currently in Law Enforcement.



## CHOICES WE MAKE

Today you and I will make many choices. My father is right who has taught me and others from the old adage that "decisions determine destiny." It is important that we make the

right choices. Look through the Bible and see that over and over God's people who made the right choices were blessed by it and were a blessing.

Mary chose what was better and as a result she kept it forever. Moses, by faith, "chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a short time" (Heb. 11:26) And then there are the records of those who chose not to, like Demas.

Remember the words to the songs, "I Have Decided" and "I Have Decided To Follow Jesus"? Go look them up again and be reminded of your promise to Jesus. Ask the Lord to help you realize that life is full of choices, but that you want to make the ones that will bring Him the most glory.

Determine now to make the choices that you can live with today, tomorrow, and always.

Michael G. Crowley, Sr.

## Roaring Springs Church of Christ

Michael G. Crowley, Sr.

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are looking for people 55 and older who are  
looking for a part-time job and meet eligibility  
requirements.

For more information contact  
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Randy Brown at (806) 347-2676  
extension 2401.

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# NEWS AROUND MOTLEY COUNTY

## Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

Summer storms are all around us. We did get one half of an inch of rain on Saturday evening. That was a blessing! I just talked with a friend at Childress. They live just outside of town maybe a couple of miles. They did get a little hail and one of her son's house had roof damage but they weren't in the hardest hit area.

Did you see the huge cloud on Friday evening? It was spectacular right after sunset. It was to the south and east of us. Somehow the setting sun's rays had the top lit up in brilliant white and the sky a deep blue, after dark the lightning was clearly visible in the upper cloud. There was a rainbow of colors displayed in the lightning. From here I couldn't tell if the lightning was just up in the clouds or was forking to the ground. It was awesome but I would have been likely ready to go to the cellar had it been over us.

We are busy getting ready for the Fourth of July. A big day with all the usual attractions is planned. The Roaring Springs Community Volunteers are accepting donations for the fireworks display and would like to encourage anyone who can to bring a freezer of homemade ice cream for the ice cream supper prior to the fireworks. Last year we ran short. There will be a brisket fund raising supper too.

Think about decorating your riding lawn mower, bicycle, motor cycle or even yourself to be in the parade; making a hilarious hat for the contest or bringing your doggie for the dog show. Get the little ones fixed up with a stick horse for the steeple chase and other horse events! Home-grown fun is cheap and doesn't take much gasoline to attend so close to home.

Mr... and Mrs. Bennie D. Dilard, and Mr. and Mrs. Ross Graham attended the wedding of Dana's son, Joel Rieger and Miranda in Dallas on Saturday.

Charlie Long is not doing very well. His family members are taking care of him.

The Sedgewick Reunion was

## TRAIL DUST

By DOUGLAS MEADOR



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The highway of compassion is paved with the first stones that were never thrown.

Wisdom may need the ingredient of experience to provide a substance strong enough to withstand the abrasion of a lifetime.

Where the springs of wisdom flow at a distance from the river of general knowledge, there is shade for repose and silence for meditation.

The Republicans are still experimenting if they believe they can give the public more than it wants.

held on Sunday. Nona Long reported that there were 50 present and a good time was had by all.

On Saturday evening, the First Baptist Choir traveled to Quitique to an old time singing at the First United Methodist Church. Nine members of the choir went and Ken Young played the violin for us. Those going were: Ken and Dinah Young; J. N. Fletcher; Vonda, Leland and Tucker Brendle; Laura Long and her grandsons, Kameryn and Coy; R. E. and Joyce Hunter; Corky and Monta Marshall.

The Roaring Springs writing group enjoyed a writing session in Ken and Dinah Young's orchard on Saturday morning. We wrote outside in the shade of the beautiful trees among Dinah's flowers and also enjoyed a picnic lunch out there too. Those attending were; Laverne Zabielski; Pauline House, Genetta Ameijede, Monta Marshall and hostess, Dinah Young. We meant to write from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. but the heat caused us to quit earlier.

Corky Marshall was honored with a Father's Day cookout Sunday evening at the home of Ken and Mary Marshall in Matador. All of his children, grandchildren, their spouses and the nine great grandchildren were present. Also attending was Steven Webb. Hamburgers and all the trimmings were served outside on the new patio. It was a lovely evening.

J. T. Swim returned home on Thursday after a stay in the Heart Hospital in Lubbock. He is doing well and has the assistance of Home Health to speed his recovery.

Bill Hand remains with his daughter, Kim Watson in Lubbock. Mozelle has been visiting with her daughter in Granbury, Texas.

Pauline House's daughter, Cindy House and granddaughter, Christina have been with Pauline.

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## Northfield Road Paving Complete

Paving on the last 11 miles of the FM road to Northfield has been completed and it is now possible to drive the entire distance on all weather surface.

O. V. Johnson of Quitaque, State Highway Engineer on the job, said the final shooting of asphalt was completed last week. The highway markers have not been placed but otherwise the project has been finished.

A dedication ceremony celebrating the completion of the new road has been discussed this week.

## Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

### OVERHEARD

Would Susan B. Anthony be embarrassed by the fate of her dollar?

Wilburn Martin, his sister and family, Nita and Ervin Merritt and son, Tom Merritt of Granbury joined Waydetta and Ronald Clay in San Antonio Friday to attend the wedding ceremony of the Clay's grandson, Jonathan Clay Arrington and Taylor Allison Weltzel.

The couple exchanged their wedding vows at 7:00 p.m., Friday, June 13, in the courtyard of the historical renovated church next to the River Walk in San Antonio. The ceremony was followed by a dinner and dance. Jonathan Clay of Fort Worth is the son of Debbie and Mike Arrington of Canadian.

Wilburn visited from Thursday until Sunday in Granbury with the Merritt family.

Father's Day luncheon guests of Darrell and Brenda Cruse were children, Leah Cruse of Canyon and Keane. Lacy and Reese Cruse of Turkey. Other guests were Mrs. Marihelen Wason of Matador, Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse of Turkey, Mrs. Judy Cruse and son Roegan of Flomot.

James Gwinn, brother, Charles "Chig" Gwinn of Matador and sister, Aly Gwinn of Lubbock attended the funeral of their cousin, Howard Gwinn held Saturday morning in Levelland.

Visiting Father's Day with Doyle and Mary Jo Calvert and Glen Calvert were Mrs. Gwen Mandrell and daughter, Peyton of Lubbock.

Mrs. Elisa Wigley of Lubbock visited overnight recently with her mother, Mrs. Aleda Ross.

Father's Day guests of Coy and Connie Franks were children and families, Cory, Amy, Hudson and Madison Franks and Cary Franks of Idalou, Cara Franks and Mrs. Erma Washington of Flomot.

Janice and Butch Hughes enjoyed a birthday luncheon and party Saturday, June 14 in Floydada given for their grandson, Kason Hughes in the home of his parents, Ricky and Tasha Hughes. He blew out his two candles on a John Deere tractor decorated cake. Family and friends attended the happy occasion.

Nada and Jack Starkey were in Amarillo, Tuesday, for her medical tests. En route home, they visited in Canyon with son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Starkey.

Celebrating a pre-Father's Day in Lubbock, Saturday were Clois and Kathy Shorter and their children, Keri, Kevin and Brian Sehon of Ropesville, Christi, Emily and Haley Milam of Petersburg, Cindy, Chad and Cade Calvert who have been houseguests of the Shorters. Cindy and Chad and son, Cade explained to Istanbul, Turkey, Monday where he will be employed by the US government the next two years.

Donnie Rogers and mother, Mrs. B. Rogers were in Williamsburg, VA from Friday until Sunday. They attended the Lafayette High School graduation of daughter and granddaughter Brooke Rogers.

## Flomot Homecoming July 5

### WEATHER REPORT

Rain Saturday night, June 14, in Flomot varied by 0.10 to 1.00 inch of rain accompanied by strong gusting winds. They had several hours of electrical outage. Whiteflat also had gusting winds, but reported an inch of rain and no electrical outages. Less rain was reported west of Whiteflat. East and North East of Flomot

marble to golf ball sized hail and rain was reported on Monday, June 16. South West of White Flat pea to marble sized hail covered the ground. East of White Flat, strong winds and rain toppled utility poles with electrical outage from 8:30 p.m. to 4:00 a.m. Tuesday morning.

## Fairways and Rough

by Tammy Simpson

### Scramble

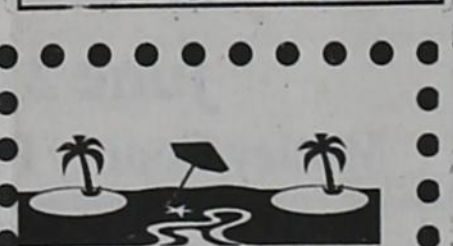
June 10

First, with a score of 28, Brandon Moore, Kyle Moore, Ken Marshall and Jim Watson. Second, with a score of 29, Kenny Barton, Liv Barton, Tommye Keith and Mike Silar. Others playing were Terry

Simpson, Tammy Simpson, David Taylor, Alan Bingham, Kyla Simpson, Jonathon Osborn, Robert Osborn, Olivia Osborn, Timmy Brooks, Christian Brooks, Reagan Elliott and Pat Warren.

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## Matador News

### Homecoming 2008

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Some of the festivities planned will be the recognition of the championship football teams from the 1950's on Friday night

at the football game. Teams to be recognized are the 1954, 1955, 1957, and 1959 Matadors. The 1954 Regional Champions from Roaring Springs High School will also be recognized.

Homecoming flyers will be mailed out in about six weeks, so it is very important that your mailing address is current. If not, please write Ron & Kay Bailey, P.O. Box 256, Matador, Texas 79244, or email kayron@caprock-spur.com

### Northfield News

Billy Paul Simpson began chemotherapy in Amarillo on June 12 and will continue every two weeks for six months. Betty and

Billy Paul attended their granddaughter, Amy Multer's, high school graduation on May 30, 2008 in Garden City, Texas.

## Amy Multer graduates as salutatorian



Amy Multer is the daughter of Warren and Tanya Simpson Multer of Garden City, Texas. She is the granddaughter of Billy Paul and Betty Simpson of Northfield, and Alfred and Mary Lou Multer of Ballinger, Texas. Amy is the 2008 salutatorian of Garden City High School with a grade point average of 97.43. She was a member of the National Honor Society, Beta Club, student council, and Business Professionals of America. She participated in UIL, accounting and one act play, as well as BPA competitions. Athletically, she was a member of the golf, track, basketball, and cross country teams. Amy received a \$21,000 merit scholarship from Texas Tech University, \$15,000 4-H scholarship from the Houston Rodeo, and a \$4,000 scholarship from the Glasscock County Bank. She plans to attend Texas Tech University and major in mathematics.

## Lynn reunion to be held June 20 and 21 in Matador

The children of Lonzo and Elsie Lynn will meet for their annual family reunion in Matador on Friday and Saturday, June 20 and 21. The family will gather at Tom and Deanie's for a family cookout on Friday evening. They will gather at the Senior Citizen's building Saturday evening around 5 p.m. for visiting, family auction and a fish fry later.

The family would like to invite friends of the family to come by for a visit at this time. It will be nice to see old friends and classmates. Clay and Melinda Jameson will be doing the cooking and preparation for the fish fry. Clay has been a longtime friend of the Lynn family.

## Thank You

The McFall family would like to thank everyone who was so gracious to them during Sid's illness and since his death.

Your cards, calls, prayers, visits, floral arrangements, food and other loving acts meant so much to each of us.

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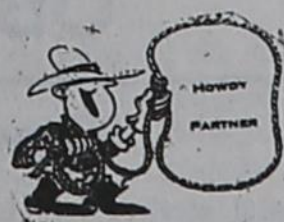
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# Chamber News & Views

By Marie-Louise Liebe-Harkort



**Consider:**

Small opportunities are often the beginning of great enterprises.

--Demosthenes  
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There is a small opportunity coming up next week that could be the beginning of a great enterprise, so here are the facts.

Next Thursday, Friday and Saturday, that's June 26th, 27th, and 28th, there will be the First Ever Real Rural Tourism Symposium.

The organizers have seen some rural communities that have ignited a rural renaissance with tourism, featuring nature, culture, history, or who knows what, and they have succeeded in saving the place they love for future generations. Sadly, they have also seen other rural communities that, though they may seem to have all the advantages going for them, are simply dying out.

The organizers of this symposium asked themselves what made the difference, and they have developed this symposium to address this question. The format they have chosen is one that includes visiting different places, and learning from the people who have the experience to tell you about what to do and what to avoid to make a success of rural tourism.

Motley County has the infrastructure to make a go of tourism--there are places to spend the night, and restaurants where visitors can get a good meal and meet the locals. There are shops to explore and a museum that tells about local history. Of

course, there are more events that could be offered for tourists, and that is what this symposium is about, but the basics are already in place.

The program on Thursday, beginning at 4 p.m., will focus on real success stories, and finding out what others in the area are doing and what could be done together.

The daytime session on Friday will focus on using what you have and where you are. The group will visit Knox City, Monday, Miller's Creek, Goree, Vera, Rhineland and Benjamin. The Friday evening session will center on pinpointing what can be done with the unique natural setting and history of each participant's home territory.

The title of the session on Saturday is "Sell Your Hometown Without Selling Your Soul! Real Success in Real Tourism", and will help generate ideas for developing and marketing each participant's hometown.

The cost for all 3 days includes meals and all events, and is \$50, or you can sign up for just one tour for \$20. But the organizers need to know you are coming, so they ask that you pre-register. You can find out more at [www.thescoopofknoxprairie.blogspot.com](http://www.thescoopofknoxprairie.blogspot.com) or by e-mailing [remellefarar@sbcglobal.net](mailto:remellefarar@sbcglobal.net).

So if you want to find some ideas for improving tourism in Motley County and spend a few days in Benjamin, Texas, sign up for this symposium, and come back with ideas that will help the whole county. Who knows, it could be the beginning of a great enterprise.

# Notes from the Library

By Buffy Crutchley



Our Big Blue Book Drop had to be carried inside this week so that we could allow construction to begin on the library's portion of the new sidewalks. This has caused some confusion, and I would like to avoid any further mess ups. Unfortunately now, all books must be returned during business hours until the sidewalks are finished. If you need to renew your books to allow for time to get by the library, just give me a call. 347.2717.

I've had some folks curious about additional copies of the new Caprock Telephone Book. The additional copies have finally arrived. So if you find yourself in need of an extra copy, stop by the library today.

The summer reading program for children K-2nd grade comes to a close next week, Tuesday, June 24th. But we've got something special to celebrate. The Friends of the Library was kind enough to get a magician to come visit us. From 10-11 a.m. on Tues-

day there will be a magic show in the library annex. Children of all ages are invited to attend. We will serve refreshments when the show is over. For those of you playing the Reading Bingo, don't worry. That game will continue through July, with all cards needing to be turned in by July 30th to be eligible for the Grand prize drawing.

Thank you to all the kind folks who gave memorial donations to the library this past week. Donations were made by Marihelen Wason, Ken and Suzanne Abbott, and Tex and Eva Barkley in honor of Keith Patton. A donation in honor of Rhonda Norrell was made by Max and Mikila Rausch. We received donations from Tex and Eva Barkley and Opal and Charley Johnson in memory of Donnie Cruse, and a donation from Larry and Donna Hoyle in memory of Micky Hurt. Thank you again to these wonderful people.

# Storm damage in Childress; tornado reported

## Five residents from Childress nursing home evacuated to Hackberry

According to the *Times Record News*, Wichita Falls, a storm with winds up to 80 mph containing at least one tornado caused damage and knocked out power and telephone service in Childress Sunday night. Minor injuries were reported, and the Childress hospital also reported damage.

Responders from Matador included three fire truck units, and about 10 people, said Rodney Williams, Fire Chief. In addition, three EMS responders from Matador and Sheriff Michael Crutchley answered the call. Ambulances from about eight surrounding towns responded, EMS worker D'Anna Russell said. Five residents from Turner Nursing Home were evacuated to Hackberry Creek Care Center in Matador.

"The main damage was electrical, and infrastructure damage," Williams said, adding, the southeast side of town got the

most damage, at the intersections of Highway 83 and 287. According to Russell, "numerous power lines were down, one restaurant severely damaged, and a lot of windows were gone," she said. "The whole town was blacked out," she added.

According to Debbie Fowler, business office manager at Hackberry Creek Care Center, they received five patients from Turner Nursing Home due to the tornadic winds that blew out at least 80 percent of their windows. The nursing home lost electric, and then the generators went out as well, Fowler said.

"It was initially a little hectic getting this influx of new residents, but everything is running smooth now," she said. "We welcome all newcomers to the Center, even under these circumstances." The new residents will be at Hackberry at least three to four weeks, she said.

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# MC Delegates to Texas Democratic convention inspired by invocation

**Editors Note.** When C.W. Moore and J.N. Fletcher attended the 2008 Texas Democratic Party State Convention, they were both moved by the invocation delivered by Monya Stubbs who joined the faculty of Austin Seminary in 2004.

This is her prayer:

Peace be with you.  
Let us pray.

Gracious, merciful, just and righteous God, from time unto memorial human beings have lived by the principle that self-preservation is the first law of life. But that is a false assumption. Sacred text and sacred traditions tell us that other-preservation is the first law of life, precisely because we cannot preserve self without being concerned with preserving other-self.

The universe is so structured that things go awry if people are not diligent in their cultivation of other regarding dimensions and therefore, God, as the leaders and representatives gather... to elect delegates to the national convention and to formally nominate statewide democratic candidates, and to deliberate about the public positions and policies that can move both Texas and the nation forward keep us mindful, God, that we must discern and mea-

sure the correctness of our judgments based on our motivation to secure life giving relationships and life giving conditions of existence with our fellow citizens and for our fellow citizens.

God keep us mindful that, at this momentous and restorative time in our nation's history and within this partnership, we must nurture our unity and embrace our diversity as an expression of our understanding between legislatures and religious organizations, civic organizations, educational institutions, and individual citizens, God, that we are in a partnership formed with the fundamental point of view that it is the right and privilege of all citizens to attain lives that they have reason to value.

God, keep us mindful that, at this momentous and restorative time in our history, and within this partnership, individuals develop their gifts and realize their potential, not in isolation but in cooperation.

God keep us mindful that within this partnership individuals are able to maximize their abilities not by themselves, not merely for themselves, but in community and for the good of the community.

Oh, and as a consequence, God, we understand that mutu-

ality, interdependence and the common good represent the core ideals inherent in the change and restoration we desire for our country.

So Gracious God, as we proceed with the formal duties of electing delegates and nominating candidates, pricking at our hearts are the deeper and broader issues with which we are struggling: An unstable economy, immigration, appropriate, adequate, educational funding and resources, how to negotiate and navigate wars and rumors of wars, how to insure adequate health care for all our citizens, how to secure clean and renewable energy for our world, and how to seek out and recognize and develop business opportunities that foster significant and sustainable growth for our citizens.

With such great challenges, God, we realize we are being afforded a very precious opportunity. Therefore, God, guide our minds so that we might deliberate and measure every situation that comes under our consideration with the intent to create the conditions that nurture the competitive and creative genius of each of our citizens within each segment of our society. This momentous and restorative time in our history affords us the opportunity to

promote social visions and pursue public policies that empower each of our citizens within each segment of our society to move from a state of dependency to full participation.

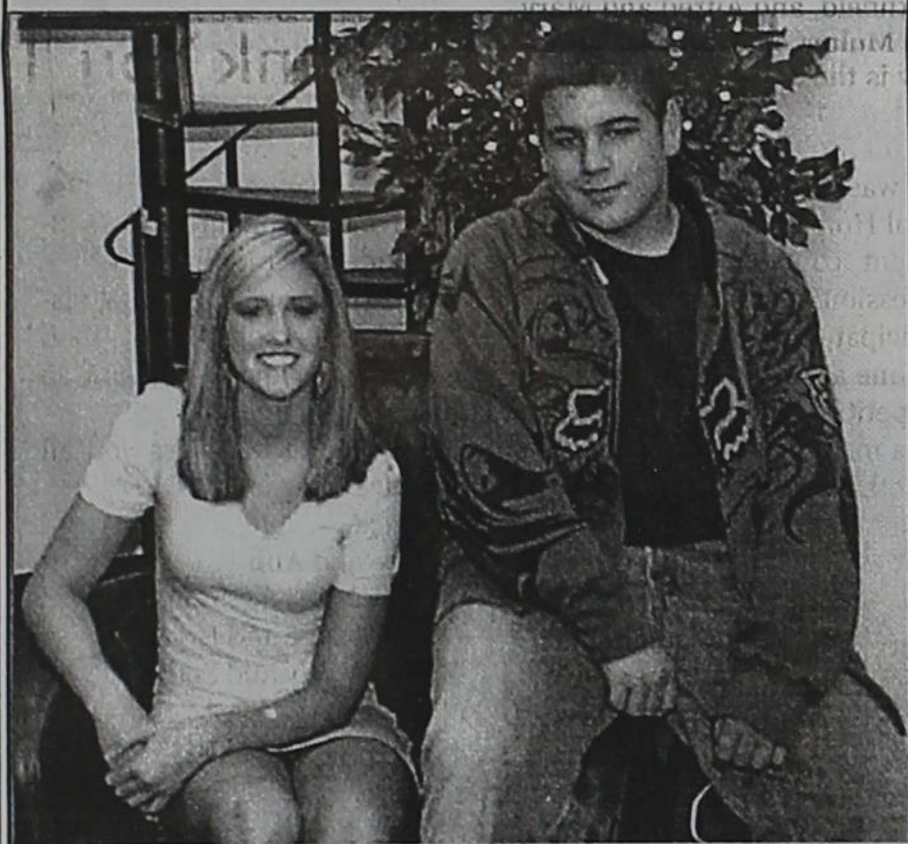
God, ultimately, regardless of our party affiliation individually and collectively, help us to consider our willingness to affect qualitative and purposeful change in the life of Texas citizens, American citizens and world citizens.

God, we know, at this momentous time in our nation's history, your divine grace invites each of us to walk in integrity, to scorn the petty, to avoid sloppy thinking, bickering and mediocrity.

God, we know, at this restorative time in our nation's history, your divine grace invites us to confront the challenges and embrace the opportunities of our state and our nation with concentration and seriousness so that we might better equip and empower the people of Texas and the people of this marvelous nation to flourish in their gifts and thrive in their talents.

This is the weight that presses upon our faith and moves us to action. God, may your peace that surpasses all understanding forever guard and guide our hearts and minds. Amen

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# DAYS GONE BY

## Meteorites, Mirages, and Unsolved Mysteries

From Motley County Roundup c. 1991 by Marisue Potts

(The Star Gazing Party brought these stories to mind. Most accounts were compiled from clippings from the Matador Tribune, some undated. I didn't make these up, honestly. Marisue)

### Part 2 of 3

#### Mirages

An eerie and wondrous phenomenon common to the plains or llanos are mirages. Real life objects, bizarrely distorted, elevated, magnified, or even turned upside down, are most associated with the visual distortions created by draws, canyons, playa lakes or "dips" in the horizon.

"In the early morning, one could see horses and cattle eight or ten miles away and distinguish one from the other—then a little later not see them at all," wrote Duff Green about the natural phenomena that deluded the mind and filled a sane man with doubt. As heat waves writhed upon the horizon, lakes would appear to deceive the thirsty traveler. A knee-high weed might loom into vision looking like a tree forty feet high. Green recalled the Hank Smith rock house that stands under the west bluff of Blanco canyon, between

100 and 200 feet below the plains, appeared raised into the air and was seen by people miles west of its location.

On a clear frosty morning in the spring of 1890, Rolie Burns, an IOA cowboy, saw Estacado which was twenty-two miles and a ridge away from the ranch headquarters. The settlement appeared so clearly that he could have counted the panes in the windows of the courthouse. In front of the stores and blacksmith shop, he saw horses tied to the hitching posts with people walking about.

In the fall of that same year Burns and his roundup outfit were camped eight miles from Yellow House Canyon where they "beheld the perfect mirage," a vision of the bottom of the Canyon where Hackberry trees lined the running creek, and cattle grazed along the sides of the canyon.

"Winter Mirages," by bending light downward toward the curve of the earth, made it possible in the 'fifties for people to see the lights of Hobbs, New Mexico, from Lubbock, 100 miles away, a possible explanation for the much publicized "Lubbock Lights" which were identified by some as "Extra-terrestrial."

Two bright objects in the autumn night resembling red moons were seen by Mr. and Mrs. M.R. Trulock, who live on the L.B. Turner Ranch almost at the base of Quitaque Peaks, four miles from Flomot. The objects had a fluorescent cast and passed and repassed each other for about twenty minutes in the southwest sky as the Trulocks and Turners watched until the objects were obscured by cloud cover. Mr. and Mrs. Mike Hoyle spotted a similar phenomenon near Roaring Springs.

The reflection of two powerful searchlights operated at a carnival in Plainview was a possible explanation. Upon striking the high strata of frozen air, the lights could have caused the reflections seen along the edge of the Caprock, though the source was over 50 miles away.

A large silver object passed almost directly in front of a car crossing the highway from west to east at a slow rate of speed near R.E. Campbell Jr.'s residence on Hwy. 70. Mrs. Tom Tilson, daughter Mrs. M.G. Bethard, and five year old granddaughter, Nolene were astonished to see the object which appeared "probably not more than 200 feet away.

The craft was wingless and had no propellers, shaped something like a helicopter," declared Mrs. Bethard whose husband was serving in Korea at the time.

The trio watched the silent craft circle over the Campbell field and head northeast over the ranch land, rapidly gaining altitude and speed, a gleaming object soon lost in the hot midday sky. The little girl wondered if "Superman" was at the controls of the craft. The women reported to the Tribune that they saw something on the side of the craft that might have been a door or a port hole. The craft was about the size of a commercial airliner but "pear-shaped." Though on their way home to prepare Mr. Tilson's lunch, they rushed back to town to report the strange object.

The Lubbock Avalanche Journal received dozens of reports about strange objects seen in the sky on Friday night. Seen all over Lubbock, the objects, some flying in formation, were declared to be traveling at a speed exceeding jet planes. The Air Force Base said no jet planes were in the area at the time.

## Heat and relentless winds make rough start for high plains cotton

By J.T. Smith

Day after day of 100-plus degree temperatures and raging, relentless wind that ushered in the first week of June, made for a rough start for High Plains' cotton growers and prospects for the 2008 crop at this point.

"The end of the 2008 planting season arrived on the heels of conditions more reminiscent of being trapped in a blast furnace than 'springtime' in West Texas," laments Shawn Wade of Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., in Lubbock.

Winds, often up to 50 mph. combined with the extreme heat, made for terrible conditions in the world's largest cotton patch surrounding Lubbock.

Wade says the hardest hit have been the dryland cotton fields in every part of the region. Nevertheless, the irrigated cotton ground hasn't gone unscathed as blowing sand from dryland corners in fields, and neighboring fields, has beaten up on tender, young cotton plants.

"Young plants are having

a hard time staying alive," he notes.

The National Weather Service's Pan Evaporation rate data showed that during the first week of June, evaporation rates exceeded more than 1-inch per day on several occasions.

Meanwhile, the Rolling Plains—although a region that can replant cotton later than the High Plains—was also pounded mercilessly day after day by heat and high winds, and storms.

June 5 storms ripped Vernon and Quanah with major damage that left some without electricity for several days. Oklahoma also faced many days of howling wind. Crowell and Quanah reached 108 degrees on June 3, and Childress, in an area where skip-row cotton is popular, hit 110 degrees.

If rain-rich and mild 2007 represented almost the perfect growing season for cotton, year 2008 has gotten off on just the opposite foot.

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## Matador Lions hear speaker from Parent Adolescent Center

Matador Lions held their regular meeting on June 17, 2008 at the Matador Methodist Church. There were 13 Lions and five guests including the guest speaker, Reba Moore, from the Parent Adolescent Center in Floydada. After a short business meeting in which new committees for the upcoming year were designated, the speaker was introduced by Judge Ed D. Smith.

Ms. Moore gave a brief overview of the Center and explained that it was a program administered by the probation office of the 110th Judicial District. The Center has evolved from a day-treatment program to a full 24/7 residence program for children from about age 10 through age 17. It is a facility that is non-secure, which means the doors are only locked at night.

The Parent Adolescent Center has educational classes for the residents as well as classes for parents that give information on parental skill improvements. The

Center has a capacity for 24 children and currently accepts children from 23 different counties. Many children come to the facility for various reasons including substance abuse, (themselves or abuse in the home) sexual abuse, and different mental and physical health issues.

Among the methods for treatment include accountability programs for behavior modification, substance abuse rehabilitation, mentoring, and educational classes. The programs at the Center are designed to make a different impact on the lives of the children and their parents before they get involved with more serious offenses and have to go into the penal system. Ms. Moore mentioned that anyone can get involved with the Center on a volunteer mentoring basis and welcomed anyone who was interested to visit the Center.

At the conclusion of Reba Moore's remarks the meeting was adjourned.

## OBITUARY

### Howard Gwinn

Funeral services for Howard Gwinn, 78, of Lubbock, Texas and formerly of Levelland, Texas, were held Saturday, June 14, 2008 at First Assembly of God Church, Levelland with Rev. John Murdoch, pastor of Christian Life Assembly of God Church, Lubbock, Texas and Rev. Tom Lakey, pastor of First Assembly of God Church, Lubbock, Texas, officiating. Burial will be in City of Levelland Cemetery under direction of George Price Funeral Home, Levelland, Texas. He died Thursday, June 12, 2008.



He was a member of First Assembly of God Church, Levelland, Texas.

Survivors include his sons, Steve Gwinn and his wife, Beth, of Lubbock, Texas, and Dannie Gwinn and his wife Carrie of Seymour, Texas; his daughter, Judy Hempel and her husband, Bob also of Lubbock, Texas, his sisters, Gloria Lee of Spur, Texas and Dorothy Bailey of Lockney, Texas, five grandchildren and fourteen great grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the Alzheimer's Association, 4687 N. Mesa, El Paso, TX 79912.

Born on July 21, 1929 in Roaring Spring, Texas, he graduated from Roaring Springs High School, Roaring Springs, Texas and Draughton's Business School in Lubbock, Texas. He started his banking career with the First State Bank in Matador, Texas. In 1967, he moved to Levelland, Texas and went to work at First National Bank as Vice President and Cashier.

Following his retirement, he went to work with Coldwell Banker-Paxton Real Estate and worked there until moving to Lubbock in 2001.

He married Oleta Holt in January 1948 in Matador. She preceded him in death in 1997.

### Ida May Simpson Sims

Ida May Simpson Sims, 68, went to be with her Lord on Wednesday, June 11, 2008. Graveside services were held Saturday, June 14, 2008 at Northfield Cemetery in Northfield with Pastor S.W. Keeton officiating.

She was born to parents A.B. and Una May Simpson on October 17, 1939 in Matador. She graduated from Childress High School in 1958. Ida married her high school sweetheart, Leo Sims on August 17, 1957 in her parents' home in Northfield. They were married 50 years, nine months, and 25 days. She adored her family, and her family adored her. She cherished the time she had with both of her grandchildren. Her daughter feels Ida was her best friend.

Survivors include husband, Leo Sims; daughter, Melody Campbell and husband Steve; two grandchildren, Kristen Kinnannon and Parker Campbell;



sister, Yvonna Bentz and husband Alan of Poteet; brother, A.B. Simpson, Jr. of Dallas; one niece; one nephew; and several brothers-in-law.

She was preceded in death by both parents, and a brother, Benny Jack Simpson.

Ida was loved and cherished by many.

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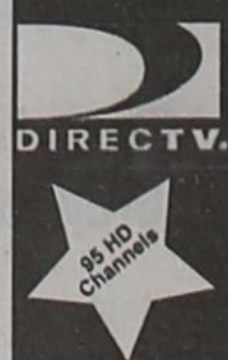
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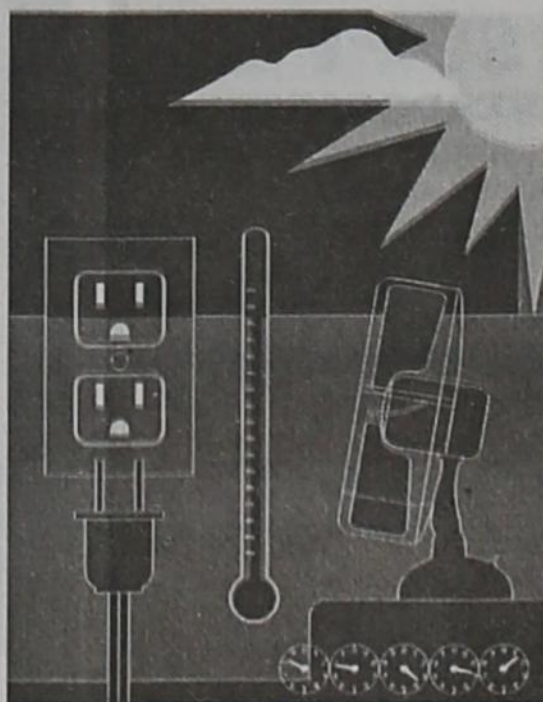


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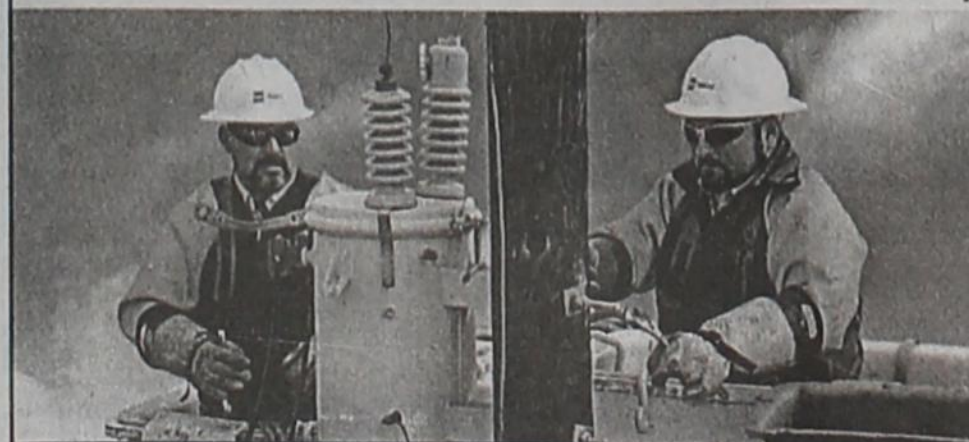
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# Earth Talk

DEET is commonly known as the king of mosquito repellents, though not everyone is keen to slather it on their skin. A study conducted in the late 1980s on Everglades National Park employees to determine the effects of DEET found that a full one-quarter of the subjects studied experienced negative health effects that they blamed on exposure to the chemical. Effects included rashes, skin irritation, numb or burning lips, nausea, headaches, dizziness and difficulty concentrating.

In 2005, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) granted approval to two healthier alternatives to DEET—picaridin and oil of lemon eucalyptus—for protection from mosquitoes. Picaridin, long used to repel mosquitoes in other parts of the world, is now available in the U.S. under the Cutter Advanced brand name. Oil of lemon eucalyptus, which is derived from eucalyptus leaves and is the only plant-based active ingredient for insect repellents approved by the CDC, is available in several different forms, including Repel Lemon Eucalyptus, OFF! Botanicals, and Fight Bite Plant-Based Insect Repellent.

Some other good choices, according to the nonprofit National

Coalition against the Misuse of Pesticides, include products containing geraniol (MosquitoGuard or Bite Stop), citronella (Natrappel), herbal extracts (Beat It Bug Buster) or essential oils (All Terrain). The group also gives high marks to oil of lemon eucalyptus, such as that found in Repel's Lemon Eucalyptus Insect Repellent.

Another leading nonprofit, Pesticide Action Network North America (PANNA), likes Herbal Armor, Buzz Away and Green Ban, each containing citronella and peppermint as well as various essential oils (cedar wood, lemongrass, etc.). PANNA also lauds Bite Blocker, a blend of soybeans and coconut oils that provides four to eight hours of protection and, unlike many other brands, is safe to use on kids.

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DEET se conoce comúnmente como el rey de los repelentes de mosquito, aunque no todo el mundo está contento aplicándolo por todos lados en su piel. Un estudio completado a fines de los '80 con empleados del Everglades National Park para determinar los efectos de DEET encontró que un cuarto de las personas estudiadas experimentaron efectos de salud negativos derivados de contacto con el producto químico. Los efectos incluyeron erupciones, irritación de piel, labios entumecidos o afebrados, náusea, dolores de cabeza, vértigos y dificultad concentrándose.

En 2005, los Centros de Control de Enfermedades de los EE.UU. (CDC) dieron aprobación a dos alternativas más sanas que el DEET: picaridin y aceite de eucalipto limón para la protección contra mosquitos. Picaridin, usado por mucho tiempo para rechazar mosquitos en otras partes del mundo, está disponible ahora en los EE.UU. bajo la marca Cutter Advanced. El aceite de eucalipto limón, que se deriva de las hojas del eucalipto y es el único ingrediente activo vegetal para repelente de insectos aprobado por la CDC, está disponible en diversas formas, incluyendo Repel Lemon Eucalyptus, OFF! Botanicals, y Fight Bite Plant-Based Insect Repellent.

Algunas otras buenas opciones, según la National Coalition against the Misuse of Pesti-

cides (Coalición Nacional Contra el Abuso de Pesticidas), incluyen productos que contienen geraniol (MosquitoGuard o BiteStop), citronela (Natrappel), extractos herbarios (Beat It Bug Buster) o aceites esenciales (All Terrain). El grupo también da buenas notas al aceite de eucalipto limón, tal como el que se ve en Repel's Lemon Eucalyptus Insect Repellent.

Otro grupo no lucrativo importante, el Pesticide Action Network North America (PANNA), es partidario de Herbal Armor, Buzz Away y Green Ban, cada uno de ellos con citronela y hierbabuena, así como varios aceites esenciales (madera de cedro, limoncillo, etc.). PANNA también alaba a Bite Blocker, una mezcla de sojas y aceites de coco que proporciona cuatro a ocho horas de protección y, que, a diferencia de muchas otras marcas, es seguro para utilizar con los niños chicos.

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## COW POKES

By Ace Reid



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### June

- 18 - 21 District 3, 4-H Horse Show
- 19 Matador Masonic Lodge, 6:30 pm
- 21-22 Relay For Life, 7pm to 7 am
- 23 Motley 4-H Club Meeting
- 23 11 County Camp Registration Due
- 26 Matador Eastern Star, 6:30 p.m.
- 30 11 County Camp - Roaring Springs

### July

- 1 Matador Lions, Methodist Church, 12:30pm
- 3 Roaring Springs Lions, Hitchin Post, 11:30am
- 4 4th of July celebration, Roaring Springs
- 5 Men's Breakfast, MFBC, 7 am
- 5 Flomot Homecoming
- 8 Motley Jr. Rodeo Cleanup Day
- 8 Roaring Springs Volunteers, Community Center 7 pm
- 10 4 B Public Hearing, Matador City Hall, 6 pm
- 10 Matador City Council, City Hall, 6:30 pm
- 14 Motley Co. Commissioners Court 9:30 am
- 14 Roaring Springs City Council, 6:30 pm
- 15 Matador Lions Club, Methodist Church 12:30 pm
- 17 Matador Masonic Lodge, 6:30 pm
- 24 Matador Eastern Star, 6:30 pm

- HOME COMING & REUNIONS**
- August Old Settlers Reunion, Roaring Springs
- September 12 & 13 Matador/Motley County Homecoming
- October 4 Northfield Homecoming

## PALO DURO BASIN OIL & GAS UPDATE

FLOYD COUNTY:

A Workover Unit is rigged-up on the PetroGlobe Energy USA Ltd. Cox Lease Well #1013 to Test and Evaluate the Wolfcamp Formation. This Information was released by Mr. Bill Powers, Chairman of the Board of Directors of PetroGlobe, Inc. The Cox Lease Well #1013 is located in Section 13, Block D-5, Denison & Pacific Railroad Company Survey, 2 1/2 miles Northwest of Aiken.

## SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

- THURSDAY, June 19:** Chicken strips, cream gravy, black eyed peas, mashed potatoes, salad, banana pudding.
- FRIDAY, June 20:** Fried fish, red beans, coleslaw, hush puppies, oranges.
- MONDAY, June 23:** Polish sausage, steamed cabbage, vegetable of the day, roll, blonde brownies.
- TUESDAY, June 24:** Broccoli & cheese, stuffed potato, tossed salad, banana split dessert.
- WEDNESDAY, June 25:** Vegetable beef stew, cornbread, pea salad, peach cobbler.

## SPC students named to Dean's Honor Lists

LEVELLAND - South Plains College recognized students achieving academic excellence by naming them to the President's and Dean's Honor Lists for the spring 2008 semester.

"Obtaining such a high grade point average is a great accomplishment, and it is very exciting and rewarding to see so many students accomplish this honor," said Darrell Grimes, vice president of academic affairs.

Students named to the Dean's Honor List earned at least a 3.25 grade point average with no failing grades while carrying at least 12 credit hours.

The Matador student receiving this honor is Kasandra Beshirs.

## Thank You

I would like to thank the numerous volunteers that made this past weekend in Matador truly a special occasion. The reception at Hotel Matador for Lou Diekemper was First Class, without a doubt. The food was exquisite, service outstanding, and the Diekemper's were full of praise for our community, especially for the gracious hospitality they received at Hotel Matador. I was bursting with pride on the fine attendance. I want the community to know that the Russell's donated not only the beautiful invitations for this event, but also the food and presentation. It was truly an over-and-beyond gesture, and I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

I would like to thank Beetle Bailey and his volunteers for the work that was done to present the childidoo cook at Pioneer Park. Beetle shops, and prepares almost single handedly, and I know for a fact that he loaded a trailer for two days to get it all to the park. Ed D. Smith was instrumental in helping me clean up the disposing of limbs after tree trimming at the jail, and for help he provided at the event. Ed D. does

a lot of work behind the scenes to "make things happen," and I truly appreciate his cheerful and helpful nature. Carolyn Pohl Limmer sat at the donation and membership table all evening, and hubby Howard helped the cooks. Thank you.

Ken Marshall donated time and expertise in helping us identify street lights that might interfere with the "dark sky" Star Party, thank you Ken; and a big thanks to Chris Spence, the new Deputy Sheriff, who donated time and expertise to get the electric panel hooked up so Beetle could heat the chili.

And finally, Matador residents thank you for supporting this event for the jail restoration project. I know everyone is busy, but you took the time to share part of an evening with me under the stars in beautiful downtown Matador. I know I have left someone out, but if you worked, I will find out. This is notice: you are great!

Carol Campbell, Chair  
 Friends of the Historic Motley County Jail



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