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Peacock's Windmill

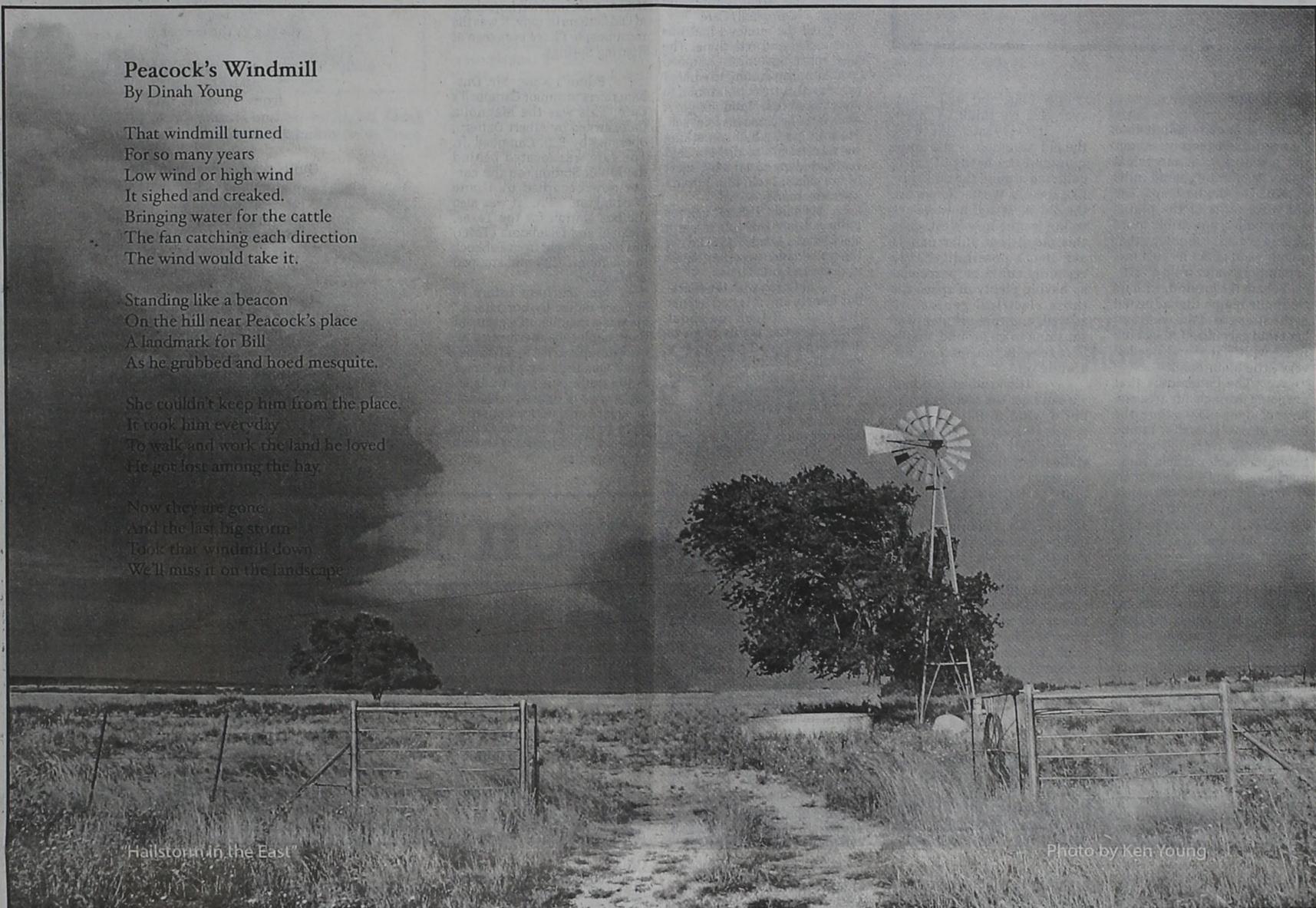
By Dinah Young

That windmill turned
For so many years
Low wind or high wind
It sighed and creaked.
Bringing water for the cattle
The fan catching each direction
The wind would take it.

Standing like a beacon
On the hill near Peacock's place
A landmark for Bill
As he grubbed and hoed mesquite.

She couldn't keep him from the place.
It took him every day
To walk and work the land he loved
He got lost among the hay.

Now they are gone
And the last big storm
Took that windmill down
We'll miss it on the landscape.



Hailstorm in the East

Photo by Ken Young

Quiltmaker creates patchwork quilts

Library to honor resident at reception on February 10

By Carol Campbell

Quiltmaker Algaree Jones doesn't own a fancy sewing machine or a quilting frame or other quilting notions that might make her craft easier. What she does have is an important connection to fabric, needle and thread. That is, focus and creativity just waiting to be expressed.

"I don't get hungry or sleepy when I quilt," Algaree says, adding, "and I don't have to think about anything, except the quilt," she said.

She primarily uses a patchwork quilting technique or sometimes a traditional Bow Tie block is assembled, all from scraps of material given to her by friends and family. Her work may combine an assortment of prints, plaids, florals or stripes. She is meticulous—small hand-stitched squares pieced together, forming the whole—a quilt her mother would definitely approve.

Completed quilt tops are then laid out on the bed, border strips added, batting and backing assembled. She only adds the borders and backing when she can afford to buy the material, she said. Currently she has six finished quilts, and at least six more quilt tops waiting to be finished.

Algaree, a longtime resident of Matador, is a self-taught quilter, picking up the hobby after her husband died in 1996. "I needed something to keep me busy, to keep me from thinking," she said. She found her passion in sewing squares together.

Algaree was one of six children of Lee and Oressie Harris. She was born in the Whiteflat community, but she is a lifelong resident of Matador, moving when she was about four-years-old with her parents and siblings. She has two brothers living, Charles Edward and Lorenzo Harris, Lubbock; and two sisters, Estelle James, San Antonio, and Shirley Hughes, Denver.

Algaree married Walter Jones in 1942. She worked as a housekeeper for the Traweek

family for 35 years, first for Dr. Albert Traweek and his family, then for Eleanor and Howard Traweek. Later she worked for Laverna (Johnston) and Frank Price, Grace Timmons, and June Keltz (Levell). She has been a member of the Macedonia Baptist Church since she was 8-years-old. Macedonia Baptist has been in existence in Matador since 1923. Algaree remembers the church in its former glory. Now there are only 10 faithful members remaining. The Rev. Tommy Wilson of Hale Center, comes to Matador each Sunday to inspire the flock, and keep the doors open.

"The only time I left Matador was when Walter went into the service," Algaree said. She stayed six months at Fort Benning (Georgia) (housing was a problem, she said) before coming back to Matador.

"This is my home, I'm comfortable here," she said. Walter was discharged from the Army in 1946. He came

back to Matador, and then, Algaree said, "Walter Jones worked, sometimes holding down three jobs at a time."

"He worked as a cook for Waybourn's Café, he was a part-time butcher at the Spot Cash Grocery and Billy Wason's Grocery Store; and then he would drive a tractor 'til dark," Algaree said.

Walter opened his own barbeque business in the late '70s, and became well-known for his "secret" barbeque sauce and barbecued meat he prepared for public affairs in this area. He was once photographed with television star, Dale Robertson (Wells Fargo, Death Valley Days), who was filming at the Lazy S Ranch in McAdoo. Walter was hired to provide meals for the filming crew.

Algaree is the only surviving member of her immediate family, having outlived her husband Walter; two daughters, Bobbie Cole and Evelyn Jones; and a son, George, who died in 1962 at 15 years from

an appendicitis attack. Evelyn was in the graduating Class of 1972, her first child to graduate following integration, she said.

There was no high school for black children in Matador before integration, Algaree said. "Bobbie stayed with Walter's sister in Amarillo and attended high school there. She attended one year at the Della Plains High School, Floydada," she said. "An elementary school teacher from the black community taught at the high school. He drove a little bus to take the children to Floydada."

Evelyn had the advantage of living at home and attending Matador High School and later business college. She worked for Texas Instruments (TI) in Lubbock for 25 years. After TI moved to Dallas, Evelyn was an assistant teacher for Roscoe Wilson Elementary School in Lubbock. She was a well-respected teacher at Roscoe, Algaree said. "When she died, the school and teachers gave me \$1,000 in her honor."

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photo by Kay Bailey

LONGTIME RESIDENT ALGAREE JONES, a self-taught quilter, has been creating her art since her husband died. She has a surplus of quilts, some for sale, others earmarked for family.

4A and 4B tax boards meet to elect officers

FFDC reports need for future collaboration

Two tax boards composed of citizens appointed by the city's governing body, met January 31, at City Hall to elect officers, review financial statements, and hear speakers.

The 4A Tax Board met at 5:00 p.m., followed by a 4B Tax Board meeting at 6:00 p.m.

The 4A Board consists of a five-member board, appointed to a term not to exceed six years.

Current board members are Ed D. Smith, President; Debra Scott, Secretary, Mike Hackler, Pat Seigler, and J.D. Russell.

Debra Scott gave a financial review, stating that the 4A had approximately \$67,000 in Certificates of Deposit.

Mike Hackler spoke with the board about the possibility of hiring an Economic Development Director that could serve both the 4A and 4B tax boards.

It was also suggested that a volunteer position might be utilized, "to get the process going," Hackler said. "This action could be reviewed in six months," he said.

Further, a director could help compile and translate incentive packages to entice new businesses to the area.

A director could attend schools and research different ways to utilize the monies collected by both boards and serve as a contact person to companies wanting to locate in Matador, he said.

"A director would also be able to pursue companies—to be proactive, rather than reactive," Hackler said.

Hackler said he had researched incentive packages in the area, but it is up to the Board to develop their own incentive packages, he said.

The 4A Board tabled the appointment of an Economic Development director until input could be obtained from the 4B Tax Board.

The newly formed 4B Board met at 6:00 p.m. Board members, appointed by the city's governing body, are appointed to a 2-year term.

Present at the meeting were Kay Bailey, Debra Scott, Craig Turner, Roy Hobbs, D'Anna Russell and Judy Hobbs. Wes Day, also appointed for a 2-year term, was absent.

Carol Campbell spoke in open forum to inform the board that the county had received a grant of \$30,000 from the Texas Historical Commission.

The briefing was informational only, to inform the board of the dollar-for-dollar match challenge imposed by the state. While the jail project has raised about \$18,000 toward the cash match, the match is short about \$3,000.

Following open forum, the Board elected officers. Judy Renfro was elected as President of the Board and Debra Scott was elected unanimously as Secretary.

Ryan Martin, Chair of the Foothill Family Development Council (FFDC), provided a briefing to the 4B Board on the purposes of the newly formed council. Also attending from the Foothills group were Maryann Potts and Carol Campbell.

The Council is applying for non-profit status as a 501(c)3, Martin said.

The Council was formed to assist in obtaining grants for county-wide projects, for example, to improve the baseball field, park renovations, and building or renovating an existing building for a family and youth center.

While most grants have to be supplemented by matching funds, Martin said, the Council would be submitting a formal proposal to the board in the near future.

"When we apply for grants," Martin said, "we will need supportive matching funds."

In addition, most grants need collaboration and partnerships from other entities in the community, Martin said.

The 4B Board members expressed support for the Foothills group, an encouraged the group to submit a formal application for funds in the future.

FOOTHILL COUNTRY CONNECTIONS

by Larry Vogt

I have to admit that I have mixed feelings about the possibility of electrical power generating wind mills dominating the horizon. The old wind mills of the plains were smaller, a possibly more human scaled technology that quietly went about its business of pumping water from a vertical hole in the ground, with its rhythmic tempo that adjusted to the strength of the wind and kept that galvanized stock tank filled with water and needed very little maintenance.

The behemoths that are going through our area one large component at a time, the blade of one propeller taking up a whole oversized trailer behind a tractor truck, these machines are of a scale that almost seems beyond our sense of proportion. Yet, to be honest, there is a rather pleasing look about them after they are erected, as they also go about their business, reaping energy from the wind, which is rather plentiful hereabouts, and near as we can tell, much less dangerous and contaminating as some other methods of generating electricity, which, apparently we are not now willing to give up, with our lights, power tools, television, internet

by Laverne Zabielski

The propane bill was almost \$600 this month. Is it because we need better storm windows or that my mom keeps turning the heat up too high? She says she is cold and then cranks it up. I ask her to put a sweater on or wrap up in a blanket. She does, and then she forgets, and turns it up again. We will have to do some readjusting. I taped the bill to the wall so that we have to look at it every time we adjust the thermostat. It's the role reversal. I'm the heavy, now, instead of my mom. Actually, she never was. It was my dad.

"Do you think that I work for the electric company?" He would ask as he walked from room to room turning off lights. "Or that money grows on trees?"

Mom's trees were part of her gardening. She shed a tear as she watched the old tree leaning towards the house get cut down. An end of an era. Before she was the matriarch, the creator of her home, the cook, the gardener, the decorator, the seamstress, and the quilt maker.

Now she sleeps late under warm cozy covers on cold and dark mornings, then slowly saunters into the kitchen, prepares cereal and coffee and eats her breakfast at the dining room table while reading the Tribune. She watches less TV. Is that by choice? Or is it because the remote to the new satellite is too complicated to work?

Less TV is not a bad idea. It would be at the top of my "to do list" regarding improving our children's education. Gov. Perry expresses his education concerns this week in an opinion editorial. Maybe it's not so much about changing the educational system as it is about improving our culture. How can any parent or teacher compete with the media?

Maybe we can't do much about the whole world or the entire country, however we can focus on our own community, especially via the 4A and 4B taxes designated specifically for local commerce and cultural improvements.

connections, and well, whatever else we think we need.

It is very satisfying to see the old Aeromotors still spinning and the herds of cattle gathered around the tank, just like the old West. So we are the old West and now we are trying for the new West, does this mean that solar panels are also a possibility? We certainly could be perceived as having plenty of space for those electrical generators as well, and there is plenty of sunshine to go around, and it isn't going to run out for quite a while yet.

It's kind of too bad we can't get the factories that build wind mills and solar panels to locate closer to the areas where they will be installed, but first we need the electrical transmission capability to warrant putting up the mills or laying out the solar panels. And then again, maybe we don't want all that growth, after all, will we lose our uniqueness? Will our wide open spaces become cluttered and we will be sorry for asking for all that economic growth? Hard questions, difficult choices, and that's where we stand. Maybe as the old cowboy said, danged if we do and danged if we don't.

I have to admit I was a little taken aback the first time I had to figure out the 8.25% sales tax. That's a lot of money. I'm relieved to discover that 2% of that goes right back into the Matador community. 4A and 4B board meetings should be the biggest event in town. The more input citizens have regarding disbursement of these funds, the more we improve our culture and our children become better educated. The more ways for tourists to spend money here, the more money we have to disburse.

This week I'm thrilled to learn about the 4-H programs, the Boy Scouts and the events at the library and look forward to Algaree's exhibit of quilts.

February is Black History month. According to Elissa Haney, "Americans have recognized black history annually since 1926, first as 'Negro History Week' and later as 'Black History Month.' What you might not know is that black history had barely begun to be studied or even documented when the tradition originated. Although blacks have been in America at least as far back as colonial times, it was not until the 20th century that they gained a respectable presence in the history books. We owe the celebration of Black History Month, and more importantly, the study of black history, to Dr. Carter G. Woodson."

After the Civil War, many African American women went to work in households as domestics while others helped out on small farms. Quilts were made for everyday use out of necessity. As quilters draw from a common history one cannot look at a quilt and easily identify the cultural background of the artist. To add to the confusion, economic status usually determined the kinds of quilts made by women regardless of their cultural heritage. Poorer women have always had to make do with scraps and discarded clothing. White and black women alike found quilting to be an efficient way to use this fabric.

If you have stories to share please send them to us. March is Woman's History month. Who are the woman you remember from Motley County's history?

WRITING COMMUNITY

By Slim Durham

It was in the late 1930s. I was just out of 7th grade when I came to Matador looking to get work with the Matador Ranch. I was about 13 or 14 years old. I got there by catching rides. It was late in the day when I got to Matador. Mr. (Maurice J.) Reilly (Superintendent of Matador Ranch, 1923-1946) was out of town, so I spent the night around the Mobil Station and Junior's (Campbell) Café.

All the money I had was one nickel and one dime. The next morning Junior Campbell sent Simpson around to where I was to tell me to come around to his café. At first, I did not go. A little later he came his (sic) self. He told me he had something he wanted me to do. He said he wanted me to eat a big stack of hot cakes. I told him I didn't have any money.

He said, "I didn't ask for money. I just ask you to eat a stack of pan cakes." So I did eat that meal; and two other meals in three and a half days.

I got a job with the Matador Ranch, and it lasted twenty two years. It took me about three days and nights to go to Spur (Texas) and back with a bed roll and saddle and everything else I had. The job paid \$30.00 a month plus eats.

On the 22nd day of January, I'll be 86 years old. I still take care of my small ranch and cattle. I hope to see all the

good people in and around Matador a little later this year. I live by myself.

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P.S. I like to read about the old times. In the late '40s and early '50s about sixteen of us had square dances on horseback; eight men and eight ladies. I got married horseback at Old Settlers in 1952. It was the most people I have ever seen at Roaring Springs.

Editor's Note: Mr. Durham refers to Junior Campbell's Café. This was the Magnolia Café, owned by Albert Daffern, operated by R.E. Campbell Jr. The café was located behind the Mobil Station, on the corner now occupied by Diane Washington, CPA. It was also the bus station for the Texas, Mexico, and Oklahoma (TMO) bus line that went from Lubbock to Oklahoma City and stopped in Matador.

Mr. Durham refers to "square dance by horseback." He was a member of a group of four couples that performed an historic equestrian form of quadrille. Quadrille was a precursor to the traditional square dancing, a style of dance performed in square shaped formations—from paired horses to paired dancers. (Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia).

The Craft of Writing

by Laverne Zabielski

The quilt my mother made sent in the mail lays on my bed a legacy handmade by Grace 1990 the tag in the corner says

The craft of quilting she learned all by herself from *Woman's Day* and *Family Circle* and *The Ladies Home Journal*

Quilts seen in designer homes dreamed in her own directions cut from magazines saved scraps of fabric sewn

Mine is cotton cool cotton red and white circles and squares the red, a dotted swiss the white, muslin

Slowly stitched together the hand moves words across the page spreading blue on white.

Opinion Editorial

Keeping Texas Competitive

by Gov. Rick Perry

Growing up in Paint Creek, a farming town in West Texas, my likely competition for jobs, income or college admission was the 100 or so students in our district. Over the last few decades, the notion of competing on a local basis like this has become obsolete. Whether you credit the World Wide Web, cell phones or the ease of international flights, our world has become much smaller, and the competition our students face much fiercer. When my children graduated from an Austin public high school a few years ago, they were not just competing with students in their town like I did. Instead they were entering the arena with students across Texas, New York and even Singapore. Today's fast-moving technology, improved telecommunications and increasing education levels around the world are placing our children in direct competition with students across the globe.

This scenario is not just playing out in schools, it's happening to just about anyone holding down a job in Texas. We no longer just compete with the machine shop across town or the software developer in the

next state. Instead, we're going head-to-head with companies in Germany, Japan and China.

The steady emergence of new technologies with prefixes like bio, nano and aero reminds us that technology will continue to leap with lightening speed and ripple changes through the global market. Although I am proud that, considered alone, our economy would rank as the eighth largest in the world, I'm concerned we won't retain that status if we don't fight for it.

That's why I recently invited leaders from state government, education and the private sector to form a Competitiveness Council. I challenged them to design a game plan that will keep the Texas economy competitive in the future. This group of 29 visionaries will start by identifying obstacles in state government that keep Texas from high-performance in the global marketplace. This could be regulations that no longer make sense or bulky approval processes that don't incorporate modern technologies. I expect them to also recommend sensible fixes for the problems.

We need fixes that better mesh the many gears of state government with the needs of industry. Our state's various commissions and regulatory agencies unfortunately sometimes produce counter-productive regulations and must deal with outdated laws, and short-sighted policies that can stifle our economy. We need to fill the gap between millions of research dollars and a final marketable product. One great university stepping forward to fill in that gap is Texas A&M University. It recently added the commercialization of a product as part of its tenure track for professors.

We must also ensure our hard-working educators teach knowledge and skills that match the needs of a technology-based, 21st Century economy. It's a travesty that so many U.S. high school graduates are unprepared for that next step, whether that be a college course, the military or the workplace. Consider the fact that, although engineers are in high demand, U.S. colleges last year conferred more

degrees in sports exercise than electrical engineering, according to Newsweek. And according to the same source, universities in China and India cranked out more than 10 times the technical experts than U.S. schools did in the same timeframe. Those disparities demonstrate why we need an educational system that produces young Texans qualified for jobs in the global marketplace.

Although Texas created one million net new jobs in the past four years, we must do better. The Competitiveness Council forms a new nexus of Texas leaders who have the wisdom to target government glitches and produce solutions to keep the Texas economy going and the rising generation of Texans employed. By reforming our economic climate, making it friendlier to investment, innovation and job creation, we will position our state to compete locally, nationally and globally. We must do what it takes to guarantee Texas stays on the cutting edge of competition.

Longtime resident and quiltmaker to be honored at library reception

By Suzanne Abbott

Algaree Jones, longtime Matador resident and skilled quilter, will be honored at a reception Sunday, February 10, from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the Library Annex.

Mrs. Jones' quilts will be on display for two weeks, beginning Sunday, February 10, through Thursday, February 21.

The reception and exhibition are sponsored by the Friends of the Library. There is no charge for this event and refreshments will be served by the Friends of the Library.

Everyone is invited to see Mrs. Jones' beautiful quilts. After Sunday, the quilts may be viewed by entering the library during the regular hours of operation.

Attention Exes Addresses needed 2008 Homecoming

Plans are about to get underway for the Matador/Motley County High School Homecoming Reunion which will be held next fall. The first step is to update our Ex-Student's addresses in order to make sure everyone gets the mail outs and vital information. If you, or any of your family members have moved to a new address within the last ten years, please send us a current address.

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Quiltmaker



QUILTMAKER ALGAREE JONES primarily uses a patchwork quilting technique. All quilts are hand stitched; assembled by hand.

of time, the community and the church dwindled," Algaree said. "The kids graduated, they left home, they moved away to find another life," she said.

Algaree's life is simple, but complete, she said. "I'm not one to visit around much," she said. But she has her hobby, quilting keeps her busy, that, and sports. She likes the Dallas Cowboys, and Dallas Mavericks, and also keeps up with the local football talent, recently attending the barbeque dinner for the state champs. "People still come up to me at barbeque events and say something to me about Walter's barbeque. As far as I know, he never wrote his sauce recipe down," she said.

Editor's Note: Walter Jones, husband of Algaree, now deceased, catered many functions in Motley County for more than 20 years. His wife said as far as she knows, he never wrote down his barbeque sauce recipe. County Judge Ed D. Smith asked Walter for his "secret" recipe. Algaree gave her permission for it to be printed. Enjoy!

Walter Jones "Secret" Barbeque Sauce

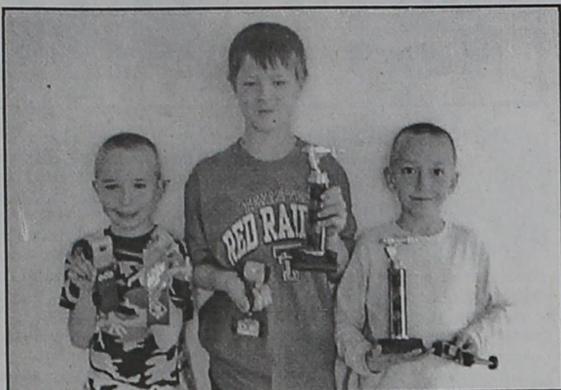
- 1/2 Cup Coffee
- 2 Beef Bouillion Cubes
- Worcestershire
- Soy Sauce or Teriyaki Sauce
- Garlic Powder
- Drop of Liquid Smoke
- Dab of margarine
- Fill cup with water

The more you read, the better you get at it, the better you get at it, the more you like it; and the more you like it, the more you do it and the more you read, the more you know, and the more you know, the smarter you grow.

Book Suggestions

- Sweet Clara and the Freedom Quilt
- Texas Star
- Sam Johnson and the Blue Ribbon Quilt

Boy Scouts race in Pine Wood Derby



PINE WOOD DERBY participants (Left to Right) Jacob Kendall, Blayne Young, and Jere Kendall from Boy Scout Troop 274 show off their ribbons and trophies.

By Carol Campbell

Whether by luck or skill, Jere Kendall, 9, and Blayne Young, 10, both of Flomot, are winners, placing third in their respective divisions in the Pine Wood Derby last Saturday. Pine Wood Derby is a competitive sport, involving a race with tiny, five-ounce cars on tracks.

"The cars come in a kit with four nails and four cut-out pieces," Scout Master Tim Kendall explains. The proper "weighting" and alignment of the car may give a car just the edge it needs to win. Weighting is accomplished by drilling out part of the car and pouring in melted lead. But it can't weigh more than five ounces, he said. Cars are personalized by the driver, using their favorite color, racing stripes, or lucky numbers.

Six of the eleven scouts in Troop 274 were in competition at the Ollie Liner Community Center in Plainview, competing with troops over the South Plains area. Jere clutches a Webelos 2008, 3rd Place trophy.

"Webelos stands for We Be Loyal Scouts," he said. Jere won eight races in the competition, losing the last two heats, earning a 3rd place trophy.

"I won one race purely by luck," he said. "My car hit a dot of glue, jumped lanes, and still won, purely by accident."

Ten-year-old Blayne Young won 3rd place in the Outlaw Division. Races are placed in divisions according to age and status. The Tiger Cubs are first grade competitors; Wolf Cubs, 2nd grade; Bear Cubs, 3rd grade; Webelos, 4-5th grades, and then there is the Outlaw Class.

This class is reserved for sisters, brothers, parents of the scout. That way, everyone gets in on the act, and everyone has fun. Jere's brother, Jacob Kendall, 7, also raced his car in competition. "This is my second year to race," he said, proudly holding his blue ribbon. Everybody wins.

Blayne, Jere, and Jacob all attend Valley Elementary School in the Turkey-Quitauque ISD. Blayne is the son of Cally Sperry, Flomot, and Jody Young, Spur; and Jere and Jacob Kendall's parents are Tim and Melissa Kendall, Flomot.

What makes a Pine Wood Derby winner? "Alignment, how well the wheels are polished, and how round the wheels are," Tim Kendall said. What could be more fun than racing little 5-ounce cars? "I am considering a Soap Box Derby," Tim said.

Livestock and crop disaster program extended

The eligibility criteria for 2007 livestock and crop year losses has been expanded, for farmers and ranchers who suffered recent livestock and/or crop losses caused by natural disasters, announced Amy Hackler, Executive Director for the Motley County Farm Service Agency (FSA).

On Dec. 26, 2007, President George W. Bush signed the Department of State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2008 (2008 Act). The 2008 Act amended the previous Feb. 28, 2007, date and now allows for crops planted for harvest prior to Dec. 31, 2007, to be included for loss purposes under the Crop Disaster Program (CDP). Similarly, under the Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) and the Livestock Compensation Program (LCP), the 2008 Act extends the date livestock and livestock feed losses could have occurred in a primary or contiguous county named in a Secretary or Presidential disaster declaration to Dec. 31, 2007.

"This date change does not make 2008 crops planted in 2007 eligible for CDP, however it does benefit farmers in that it expands the eligibility criteria to include crops planted in 2007 that were intended for harvest in the same crop year, and it adds 10 months to the amount of eligible time livestock losses can be considered for the new programs," said Hackler.

Producers should visit their local USDA Farm Service Agency office to apply for benefits under these new disaster assistance programs, added Hackler.

Sign-up for livestock disaster assistance under LCP and LIP began Sept. 10, 2007. Sign-up for crop disaster assistance under CDP began Oct. 15, 2007, and applies to farmers who suffered quantity losses to their crops. Ending dates for the sign-up period have not yet been determined.

For more information about LCP, LIP and CDP, contact the Motley County FSA at 806-347-2263 or online at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>; under "Disaster Assistance Programs."

Gov. Perry Commends the Valor and Prestige of the Boy Scouts

AUSTIN – Gov. Rick Perry today spoke to Texas Boy Scouts at their Annual Report to State, where troops from throughout Texas convene at the Capitol to present their area's status of scouting to state officials.

"Whenever I see Scout on a young man's resume, his job application rises to the top of the stack because I know he has been tested, I know he has character, and I know he is loyal," Gov. Perry told the scouts. "The mark of a Scout is more than a fleur de lis tagged on a man's lapel. It is a testament to an individual's commitment to a power larger than self, and perseverance to defend what is right regardless of the difficulties that may lie ahead."

For one day each year, downtown Austin becomes a sea of Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturers, Sea Scouts from across Texas. The troops and their families march down Congress Avenue to the Capitol. From there, Scout delegates from each council go to the floor of the

House of Representatives and report to state leaders on scouting activities from the past year, and plans for the future.

"As today's culture increasingly tells young people to 'look out for number one,' that 'moral values are relative,' that 'a person can be their own God,' attacks have come in waves against the values and institutions we hold dear," said Gov. Perry. "Yet the Boy Scouts have stood strong, unwavering in their conviction. And for that, I am as proud as ever to be an Eagle Scout."

Gov. Perry recently authored a book on the Boy Scouts titled *On My Honor*. The book draws from the governor's own experiences growing up in Paint Creek – a small community north of Abilene, Texas – where he witnessed the central role scouting played in shaping young boys into men. The governor is an Eagle Scout in Troop 48. His son, Griffin, is also an Eagle Scout.

Non-insured Crop Assistance Program deadline set to apply for coverage

Closing date set for March 15

Producers in need of insurance coverage for Spring planted crops under the Noninsured Crop Assistance Program (NAP) have until March 15 to apply for coverage on certain crops for which the catastrophic level of insurance is not regularly available, said Amy Hackler, Executive Director for the Motley County Farm Service Agency (FSA).

"Crop insurance is an important risk management tool for producers, but it's not available for all crops. That's why NAP is so important," said Hackler.

NAP is a federally funded program that provides financial assistance to producers of noninsurable crops when low yields, loss of inventory or prevented planting occurs because of natural disasters.

"Producers must apply for coverage before disaster strikes," said Hackler. "Like regular crop insurance, once an application period closes, the opportunity to obtain coverage is gone."

NAP applications for coverage on the following crops must be filed and service fees paid, by March 15, 2008, the application closing date: Forage Sorghum and other non-insurable crops.

NAP coverage requires a service fee of \$100 per crop, per producer with a \$300 cap per county. Out-of-pocket expenses will not exceed \$900 for any producer, even if production occurs in multiple counties. Service fees may be waived for eligible limited resource producers.

Crops eligible for NAP coverage are those for which standard crop insurance is not available, and include fruits and vegetables, aquaculture, pecans, turfgrass and forage crops.

Application closing dates vary by crop, and producers should contact the Motley County FSA office at 806-347-2263 for details. More information on NAP and other disaster assistance programs is available online at: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

Students participate in Ft. Worth Stock Show and Rodeo

Motley County 5th graders and 4-H members, Cassidy Turner and Seth Baxter, attended the 112th Annual Ft. Worth Stock Show and Rodeo. The animals left early on January 24th with the student's dads, Craig Turner and Don Baxter, Co. Agent, Ryan Martin and family, Jamie, Colton and Cade, to travel to Ft. Worth and get in line to check-in with hundreds of other goats and lambs.

The kids left on Thursday after school so that they wouldn't miss too much learning in the classroom and traveled to Ft. Worth with their moms, Cathy Turner and Colleen Baxter along with little sister, Carley Turner. They got there in plenty of time to help check their animals in as the dads and agent were still waiting in line.

On Friday, January 25th the kid's animals were weighed in by noon and the Motley County group was able to go look around at the exhibits and booths of the 112th Annual Stock Show.

Cassidy Turner showed her meat goat on Saturday morning and Seth Baxter showed his lamb on Sunday. These two Matador kids did an excellent job with their animals but unfortunately got the gate.

You can see these kids as well as many others Saturday February 23, 2007 at the Motley County Junior Livestock Show where they hope hard work and effort pay off.

The Motley County bunched returned home Sunday night and were back in school and back at work on Monday. Great Job Kids and Parents!



4-H Members Cassidy Turner, with her meat goat, and Seth Baxter, with his lamb, attend 112th Annual Ft. Worth Stock Show.

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Church of Christ

Highway 70, Matador
Sunday
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Wednesday Evening 7:00

Assembly Of God

910 Bundy, Matador
Sunday
School 10:00, Worship 10:50, Evening 6:00
Wednesday Evening 6:00

Macedonia Baptist Church

230 Hunter, Matador
Sunday
School 9:45, Worship 11:00

Flomot Baptist Church

Flomot, Tx
Sunday
School 10:00, Worship 11:00, Evening 6:30

Flomot Church of Christ

Flomot, Tx
Sunday
Worship 10:30
Wednesday Evening 7:00

Roaring Springs Full Gospel Church

603 2nd St., Roaring Springs
Sunday
School 9:30, Worship 10:30, Evening 6:00
Wednesday Evening 7:00

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Sunday, 9:30

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School 9:30, Worship 10:45, Evening 6:00
Wednesday Evening 6:00

Church of Christ

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Matador First Baptist Church

1401 Main
Sunday
School 10:00, Worship 11:00, Evening 7:00
Wednesday Evening 7:00

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church

701 Bundy, Matador
Sunday
Mass 9:45



Too Late

Thomas Carlyle, (1795-1881) loved his wife. She loved to help her husband in his writing career. But she became ill with cancer and was confined to bed. Though he loved her dearly, Carlyle was so busy writing that he rarely found time to stay at her bedside.

The day of her burial it rained and the mud was deep. After the funeral, according to Victor Knowles, Carlyle returned home, deeply shaken. He went into his wife's bedroom, sat down on a chair beside her bed, realizing he had not spent enough time with her in her illness.

From the bedside table, he picked up her diary and began to read. One line thrilled his heart: "Yesterday he spent an hour with me and it was like being in heaven. I love him so." He turned the page and this time his heart was broken, for she had written, "I have listened all day to hear his steps in the hall, but now it is late and I guess he won't come today."

Carlyle threw the diary to the floor and rushed back to the cemetery in the rain. Friends found him face down in the mud at the newly made grave. He was weeping, saying over and over, "If I had only known! If I had only known!"

Good people, fathers in particular, what is our career, job, bills that need to be paid, in light of the value of our families, our wives, our children. Where are we truly needed?

"Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men, but as wise, making the most of your time, because the days are evil" Ephesians 4:15-16.

Michael G. Crowley, Sr.

Roaring Springs Church of Christ

Michael G. Crowley, Sr.

BIBLE STUDY - 10:00 A.M. WORSHIP - 9:00 A.M.

News Around the County

Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

Glimpses: It is fun to get to know someone better and get a glimpse of their personality through conversation. That is how we relate to people, measuring their experiences and ideas with ours, seeing if we have interests in common. These writing groups are fun partly because of getting to know others in the group and exchange ideas but also because it stretches our minds. I am amazed when I hear what they have written and see another facet of their personality; likely something I would have never known had I not been in the writing group with them. The talent that is uncovered is exciting. I wonder what we can become and also wonder had we been encouraged early in life to write what we might have done with our talents. Maybe we write now because we are older and have had more life experiences!

The afternoon coffee drinkers that meet at the Traveler's Inn hosted a "get acquainted dinner" for Buzz and Tince Thacker at the Traveler's Inn on Friday evening. Edith Daniell and Rhonda Long prepared a delicious meal. Those attending in addition to the Thackers were Chig and Polly Guinn; Benny D. and Devonne Dillard; Alex and Jo Crowder; Kenneth and Suzanne Abbott; J. N. and Darleen Fletcher; Johnny and Connie Morris and Corky and Monta Marshall. Don and Billie Stuckey were out of town and could not attend.

Bill Hand is now at home for good. He is glad to be at home and I hear that he is doing very well and has made progress since coming home.

Jo Crowder spent a couple of days in Lubbock with their son, Buddy Crowder. Buddy was hospitalized last week. Because of his chemo treatments he was very ill and dehydrated from the stomach virus. He plans to go back to his teaching job today.

Several here have been ill with upper respiratory infections as well as the stomach bug. Dinah Young was unable to have the writing group meet at her home on Saturday or to attend church on Sunday.

The First Untied Methodist Church of Roaring Springs is busy collecting and addressing valentines for the veterans in the V. A. Hospital in Big Spring, TX.

Kaitlyn Keltz had her tonsils out at UMC in Lubbock last Thursday. Kaitlyn is the daughter of Kevin and Lesa Keltz. She is doing well.

It was good to see Christie Ward back at the Hitchin' Post. She broke her wrist last week. She is doing a good job one handed waiting on customers.

Kenneth and Suzanne Abbott took advantage of the beautiful weather and took a tour on their motorcycle Sunday after church. First they lunched in Dickens and then rode to the new wind turbine site SE of McAdoo. Suzanne reported that one wind turbine looked complete with the blades installed. Another had the head house on and at five others that were partially up.

They counted at least 60 other units still on the ground. They traveled through Patton Springs, East Afton and on to Guthrie where they viewed the beautiful horses on the 6666 Ranch. They headed north to Paducah and then to Matador and back home. Suzanne said they just beat the wind and dust that began later in the afternoon.

Genneta Ameijide and Suzanne Abbott attended the writing class in Matador on Friday. Pauline House and Laverne Zabielski met at the home of Monta for writing class in Roaring Springs on Saturday morning.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD
A fellow breathlessly dashed into the airport. He dropped three pieces of baggage and said, "I'd like a ticket to Denver... and I'd like to check this bag to Dallas, this one to San Francisco and this one to New York, please."
"I'm very sorry, but we can't do that," the attendant said.

"What happened?" the traveler asked, "You did it last week!"

BOY SCOUT TROOP COMPETES IN PINE WOOD DERBY

Scout Master Tim Kendall and his Boy Scout Troop 274 were in Plainview, Saturday and competed in the Pine Wood Derby. It was held at the Ollie Linder Center and many Boy Scout troops across the South Plains entered this Derby.

Jere Kendall won third place in the Wendelos division and Blayne Young won third place in the Outlaw Class.

BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATED

Savannah Young celebrated her ninth birthday Saturday with a fun filled day in Lubbock. Her mother Mrs. Cally Sperry and friend, Syndee Meyers of Quitada enjoyed *Alvin and Chipmunks* movie, shopping and restaurant meals. They visited overnight in Lubbock and returned to their respective homes Sunday.

Kathy and Clois Shorter, Mrs. Geneva Martin and Everett Shorter celebrated the birthday of their grandson and great grandson, Brian Sehon of Ropesville with a bowling party Saturday in Lubbock. A decorated cake with eight glowing candles and all the trimmings added to the enjoyment of his many friends attending. Brian is the son of Keri and Kevin Sehon of Ropesville.

Janice and Butch Hughes attended the Fort Worth Stock Show Wednesday. Their granddaughter, Kendal Hughes of Floydada had her Floydada Stock Show grand champion steer in the lineup. Janice and Butch continued to Royce City and visited son and family, Bengie and J.J. Hughes and Kaitlyn until Saturday.

Jay and Gay Henderson of Plainview, Keane and Lacy Cruse and Reese of Turkey were luncheon guests, Sunday of Brenda and Darrell Cruse. Mr. Henderson was the guest speaker at the Church of Christ services in Flomot, Sunday.

Mrs. Sherry McKay of Quitaque visited Mrs. B. Rogers, Monday. Donnie Rogers was in Lockney, Tuesday for medical treatment for congested lungs.

Mrs. Marilee Cooper of Borger visited Sunday with her father, Wilburn Martin. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter and Mrs. Geneva Martin. Doyle Calvert has been moved from Covenant Medical Center to a rehabilitation unit in Lubbock. His wife, Mary Jo has been at his bedside since January 2.

Visiting during the weekend with Mrs. Erma Washington were Tim and Dena Washington, Matt and Ashley Washington, Brazos and Blu of Roaring Springs; Lacy and Conway Clary, Mickey, Caleb and Kenzie of Matador; Connie and Coy Franks and their houseguests, Cory and Amy Franks, Hudson and Madison and Anissa Huckert of Lubbock and Cary Franks of Idalou. Clois Shorter attended to business in Amarillo, Friday. He and wife, Kathy accompanied her mother, Mrs. Geneva Martin to Lubbock Tuesday for more bi-opsy medical tests.

Ruth and Orville Lee were in Lubbock, Monday for Orville and optical medical appointment.

Anna Beth and Joe Ike Clay were in Panhandle Tuesday to enjoy the girls Panhandle High School basketball game against Frith. They won and their granddaughter, Kelsey Clay is a PHS team member. They traveled to Canadian Friday night when the PHS basketball team defeated the Canadian girls team. The Panhandle girls basketball team is undefeated in all of their district games!

COLD, DRY, AND GUSTING WINDS IN JANUARY

After a cold dry month with gusting winds, the month of January exited with a quick blowing snow on Thursday, January 31, in Motley County.

Low temperatures in the 20s and 30s prevailed and dipped to seven degrees on January 19. Winds of 47 to 54 mph were registered January 28-30 with sand causing zero visibility.

Tarp-covered modules still dot the landscape and gins continued to run to catch up. Winter wheat is in poor condition in need of moisture. Field activity was at a stand-still in January; pastures and ranges in fair condition. Cattle conditions were mostly good with feeding of supplements continuing.

Total rainfall for January, 2008, recorded by the Motley County National Weather Service Volunteers:

Buzz Thacker, Roaring Springs, .02; Betty Simpson, Northfield, 0; Ronnie Bailey, Matador, 0; Lawrence Allen, Whiteflat, 0; and Clois Shorter, Flomot, 0.

County Agent's News

by Ryan Martin, Extension Agent



The 100-Year-Old Four Leaf Clover

By U.S. Sen. John Cornyn

One hundred years ago, the beginnings of 4-H in Texas started sprouting in Jack County, the idea of an extension agent named Thomas Marks. 4-H clubs have been thriving ever since, helping convey to young people the values that have made our state great.

Marks had been trying to promote new agricultural techniques to area farmers. Frustrated with the response, he declared, "Next year I will work with the pups." He founded the Jack County Boy's Corn Club in 1908 to teach 25 young men about modern uses of the land and traditional values.

Within a short time, inspired volunteers founded pig clubs and beef calf clubs in Coleman County, girls' tomato clubs in Milam County, and a vegetable garden and poultry club for black youth in Waller County. It all eventually became 4-H, a phenomenal four-leaf clover that today counts more than 625,000 members statewide and some 40,000 adult volunteers. The Texas program is the largest in the United States.

This centennial year is a good time to highlight the contributions and transformation of Texas 4-H. The 4-H Pledge spells out each of the H's in its clover emblem: "I pledge my Heart to greater loyalty, my Hands to larger service, my Health to better living. For my club, my community, my country, and my world."

In 4-H, young people across Texas learn practical lessons that help make them successful in life, including leadership skills, communication and public speaking. More importantly, the clubs stress values that are the foundation of good citizenship—honesty, hard work, individual responsibility and service to the community. In competitions, 4-Hers learn to lose—and win—with grace. The organization builds character, the most important lesson of all.

At first, 4-H was mostly about farm life. Just eight years after the first club started, according to 4-H history, the "Texas Farm Boys' 4-H Special, an eight-car train, traveled 5,000 miles in 16 days carrying 125 farm boys through the best agricultural sections of the United States and Canada for a thorough study of agriculture."

As Texas has changed and become more urban, so has 4-H. The organization prides itself on adapting to the evolving interests and needs of young Texans.

All of Texas' 254 counties have 4-H programs. Two of our most populous counties, Harris (Houston) and Bexar (San Antonio), each have more than twenty 4-H clubs.

About 70 percent of 4-H members now live in cities, suburbs and towns; 23 percent live in smaller towns or non-farm areas; and seven percent live on farms. More than half of the members are female.

High school programs remain popular, but 4-H starts early. More than 62,000 Texas kindergartners are enrolled in 4-H programs. Operation Military Kids reaches an important part of our state, more than 14,000 young people.

Today more than half a million 4-Hers participate in science, engineering and technology projects. Members of the 4-H statewide Tech Team, for example, use satellite technology to map walking trails, historical sites and, in coastal areas, evacuation routes. Young people in the 4-H "Kidz with Biz Ideas" program learn workplace skills and even start small businesses.

The organization benefits from its status as the youth development program of the Texas AgriLife Extension Service under Texas A&M and Prairie View A&M Universities.

Through the years, as 4-H has helped young people achieve their goals and become better citizens, the entire state of Texas has been the beneficiary. The next time you see a Texas 4-H member or one of their adult volunteers, tell them to keep up their great work. Let's make certain the second 100 years of 4-H is as successful as the first.

Katherine Grace White



Katherine Grace White was born to Jessica and Danny White of McKinney at 11:39 a.m., Wednesday, January 9, 2008. She weighed 6 pounds, 11 ounces and was 19 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Caron and Jesse Perkins of Odessa. Paternal grandparents

are Darryl and Rhonda White of San Marcos, and Pam White, also of San Marcos.

Great-grandparents are Dorothy Russell and the late John M. (Sonny) Russell of Matador, the late Boyd and Eileen Perkins, originally of Matador, Curt and Dolly White of Uvalde, and Wanda Cates and the late Karl Cates of San Marcos.

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Dean and Nova Turner, Craig and Cathy Turner, Laren and Louis Drum, Barbara Parks, Lacey Rankin and Linda and Steve Hess went to Lubbock to see the Little Dribblers (PiPs) perform at halftime at the Lady Raider's basketball game on Saturday.

In celebration of Ed D. Smith's birthday, a group of well-wishers met at the JJJ Chop-house for dinner and attended The Fabulous 50s Nostalgia Night at the Cactus Theater in Lubbock. In addition to the guest of honor and his wife Pat, also attending were: Carolyn and Howard Limmer of Snyder; Deanie and Tom Edwards, Kay and Ronnie Bailey, Francis and Roy Hobbs, and Carol Campbell, all of Matador.

John and Jana Thacker of Abilene spent the night with her mother, Mary Jones, last Friday. They attended the funeral service for Wade Berryman on Saturday before returning home.

The Red Hat Club met January 29 at the Traveler's Inn in Roaring Springs. Enjoying lunch were members: Joyce Campbell, Joan Patton, Dorothy Knight, Evelyn Garrison, Lucretia Campbell, Winifred Darsey, June Levell, Norma Marrs, Ray Baxter, Marihelen Wason, Suzanne Abbott, Betty Henry, and Mary Jones.

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UNSUNG HEROES

By Marisue Potts Powell

A very special lady in my life, an unsung heroine, is Joyce Campbell. Joyce has been a wonderful friend and helper in many endeavors. She put together the three rooms of medical history for the museum with a warm and personal touch.

Each year, as a library fund raiser, she opens her home to treat young ladies to Granny's Tea Party where they dress up in their grandmother's or mother's styles of yesteryear and practice their finest manners.

Joyce reigns over the Red Hats as Queen Mother in the finest tradition of Motley County royalty, all tongue-in-cheek and with good humor.

She is an active volunteer at several nursing homes and is often in charge of putting together gift baskets. At Hackberry Creek Care Center she and her sister ironed all the curtains and then climbed the ladder to hang them.

For a boys' home she keeps a list of boys and matches them with sponsors to remem-



ber the boys' birthdays and other special days. Joyce is family oriented, "the best grandmother ever," I've been told, and will be hosting a family reunion this year, as well as keeping the treasury as always.

For many years her smile greeted and lightened the load of many a sick person as they registered at the South Plains Health Provider clinic.

Last, but probably first in Joyce's book, she loves the Lord and is very active in her church, Church of Christ in Matador. A warm and loving person that I am proud to call my friend.



Notes from the Library by Buffy Crutchley

For our younger readers, I just got in the complete set of books from the "Spiderwick Chronicles." There is a movie hitting theaters next week based on these books, so if you want to get a head start on what's going to happen, come check 'em out.

For those of you interested in our book discussion of Alice Sebold's "The Lovely Bones," now's the time to start reading it. We will be choosing a time to hold the discussion when we have our Friends of the Library meeting Thursday the 7th. I had read this book before,

but picked it up last night to refresh myself. I forgot how great it is! I sure hope you'll join us. It will be my first library book discussion, and I'm not sure what to expect.

On Sunday, February 10th the library will be hosting an event to honor Algaree Jones and her fabulous quilts. We will be in the Library Annex from 2:00p.m.-3:00p.m. This will be a wonderful chance to see Algaree, and have a look at her beautiful work. The Friends of the Library will also be serving refreshments. I do hope you'll join us in celebrating such a wonderfully talented woman.

Summer nutrition programs

AUSTIN - Federally funded school breakfasts and lunches help millions of low-income children in Texas get nutritious meals during the school year. The Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) is looking for organizations to sponsor the summer nutrition programs so those children do

not go hungry and continue a healthy diet when school is not in session.

For more information about the TDA's nutrition programs call the Food and Nutrition Division office at (877) TEX-MEAL, 877-839-6325 or visit www.squaremeals and www.snpTexas.org

Chamber News & Views

By Marie-Louise Liebe-Harkort



Consider:

Success always comes when preparation meets opportunity.

--Henry Hartman

The Highway 70 70-Mile Garage Sale is coming up. It will be on the first Saturday in May, which is May 3rd. Why in the world is an event scheduled in May the topic in an article in February? There are several reasons.

One reason is because of the link between success and preparation, given the appropriate opportunity. And this is one big opportunity, so an early "heads up" can help with success.

This is the 6th year that the Highway 70 association is sponsoring this event, and every year it has gotten bigger and better. People find out about it through the advertising and through word of mouth, and they come from as far away as Oklahoma to drive the 70 miles from Spur to Turkey hunting bargains.

So think about what you have around that you no longer need and what could bring in cash from the caravan of people driving up and down Highway 70 on May 3rd. Maybe you could get together with others and have a two- or three-family sale. You can share the \$10 registration fee--a fee that has not gone up, despite the fact that the price of almost everything else has.

RS Volunteers plan party for newcomers

The Roaring Springs Volunteers will host a party to welcome all the newcomers to the area at their next meeting on February 12th at 6:30 pm. Punch, coffee and cake will be served. Following the celebration there will be a brief meeting to discuss suggestions offered regarding projects the volunteers might pursue. Most specifically the possibility of a collaboration with the exes regarding establishing a display of photographs of exes to be exhibited at the Community Center.

Another reason is that, along with the Boondockers Grand Prix race on March 16th, this is a good opportunity for groups and organizations to raise funds for their projects. Several groups have already solicited donations of items in years past, and have raised tidy sums of cash. Think about your group joining them this year, and start getting the word out that you are looking for items to sell.

And yet another reason has to do with the bicycle tours that will be held on the same date again this year. The 3rd Annual Tour de Nine-Zero, sponsored by the Parenting Cottage in Lubbock to raise awareness about Fetal

Alcohol Syndrome, will set up several routes around the county, and anyone interested in a bicycle ride around the county is encouraged to join in.

A representative from the Parenting Cottage will come to the February 7th meeting of the Roaring Springs Lion's Club, held at 11:30 at the Hitchin' Post in Roaring Springs, to talk about the details. If you get your newspaper early, and read this early, you still have time to get to the meeting this Thursday noon, and you are warmly invited to attend.

So mark down Saturday, May 3rd, in your calendar, and plan to participate, as a seller, as a buyer, or as a bicycle rider.

Motley County football players commit to WT

Two Motley County football players, Isiah Archer and Bradley Brown, signed agreements Wednesday, February 6 to attend West Texas A&M, according to Motley County head football coach Mike Bigham. An official signing ceremony will be held in the school gym on Friday, February 15th at 8:00 a.m.

PARLIAMENTARY TEAM COMPETES AT FFA DISTRICT CONTEST

The Motley County FFA Jr. Chapter Conducting team recently competed at the Greenbelt FFA District contest held at Valley High School. The team members were:

Kyla Simpson - President; Leanne Jameson - Vice President; Dayne Butler - Secretary; Colby McCluskey - Treasurer; Alyx Smith - Reporter; Hailey Blanco - Sentinel; and Andrew Martin - Advisor. The team finished 2nd in the contest.

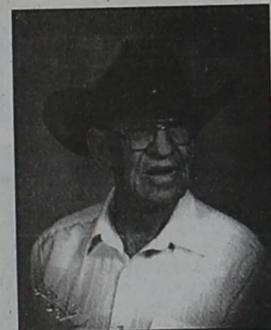
The Chapter Conducting contest tests each member's knowledge of parliamentary law, and as a team they conduct a meeting using parliamentary procedure techniques and answer questions posed by the judges that concern proper parliamentary conduct.

This contest requires many hours of study and practice to master proper parliamentary procedure techniques, and members of the Motley County FFA Chapter have been very competitive in this contest for many years.

The skills learned by these members are life skills that will serve them well in whatever endeavors they choose in their futures. Congratulations to the Motley County FFA Chapter Conducting Team!



PARLIAMENTARY TEAM MEMBERS, are (left to right) Dayne Butler, Hailey Blanco, Alyx Smith, Leanne Jameson, Kyla Simpson, Colby McCluskey, Andrew Martin



Former resident, Slim Durham, featured this week in the Writing Community



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Matador Tribune,
February 7, 1946

Travel shapes our thoughts like adroit hands that give character to soft clay. The past loses its familiar fears with the swiftness of darkness fading before the rose light of dawn; the present becomes a breathing thing, strong enough to house a restless soul.

These words are written in Memphis with the mighty Mississippi sleeping on its doorstep. Here is an old city that has at the same time, the dead leaves of the past seasons, full leaves of the present and new buds of the future. Worn stones on streets leading to river piers bear mute testimony of silent generations. Bare feet of the burden-laden Negroes, the light feet of lovers, the slow feet of foolish dreamers have passed the trackless paths. They are gone now, having passed with the same futility that is the destiny of man, leaving nothing more than evidence of wear on stones. The mension and Negro shanty are in the same block; beauty and squalor are as close as laughter and tears. Memphis is a sister to other old and gentle cities that lie in uneasy beds while progress serves as a clumsy midwife. There is more ease at night when darkness pulls its blankets snugly up to chins of light and covers the pain of dirty streets, of worn-out buildings and the pasty ash of burned-up dreams. Bright neon signs swing from unseen hooks in the thick sky and the future makes its shadow over the sleeping past.

RETRO NEWS

INTEREST CENTERS ON IRON LUNG

Matador Tribune
February 7, 1946

Display of the recently purchased iron lung through the efforts of the Matador Lions Club for the county, highlighted the regular weekly meeting of the organization held Tuesday noon in the basement of the Methodist Church.

Program sponsor Lion O.V. Johnson introduced two members of the Matador Boy Scout Troop, Don Bradley and Charles Herbert Sanders, who gave brief talks. Scout Bradley told of a Scout camp in New Mexico, while young Sanders discussed the origin, use and treatment of flags in general and of the American flag in particular.

School Menu

- Thursday, February 7**
Breakfast: Cereal, toast, juice, milk.
Lunch: Steak fingers, creamed potatoes, green beans, hot roll, honey, milk.
- Friday, February 8**
Breakfast: French toast sticks, or cereal, toast, applesauce, milk.
Lunch: Pork patty/bun, lettuce, tomato, pickle slices, potato chips, applesauce, milk.
- Monday, February 11**
Breakfast: Egg/cheese omelet, toast, or cereal, toast, sliced pears, milk.
Lunch: Popcorn chicken, french fries, salad, gravy, sliced peaches, milk.
- Tuesday, February 12**
Breakfast: Cereal, toast, juice, milk.
Lunch: Macho/nacho, refried beans, salad, sherbet, milk.
- Wednesday, February 13**
Breakfast: Biscuit, sausage, gravy, or cereal, toast, juice, milk.
Lunch: Pizza, salad, pineapple chunks, vanilla wafers, milk.

New Brady scorecard shows Texas lacks common sense gun restrictions

Washington, D.C. — Officials in Texas have done little to keep criminals and other dangerous people from easily obtaining guns, according to the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence. The new redesigned scorecards are being released for all 50 states. Texas earned just nine points out of a total of 100.

"Texas is doing virtually nothing to protect its citizens against gun violence and is allowing dangerous people to have easy access to guns," said Marsha McCartney, President of the Texas Chapters of the Brady Campaign. The state has yet to pass any gun trafficking laws, such as mandatory background checks on all gun purchases and limits on bulk purchases of handguns.

The Brady Scorecards are designed so that states can score up to 100 points across five major categories of laws: Curbing Firearm Trafficking; Strengthening Brady Background Checks; Child Safety; Banning Military-style Assault Weapons; and making it harder to carry Guns In Public Places. The national state-by-state scores are available in complete category-by-category detail at www.bradycampaign.org.

"It is deeply troubling that Texas could receive such a low score on protecting families and children in our state from gun violence," said McCartney. "We can do better than this, and I sincerely hope that Texas's elected officials will take action to improve our failing score during the 2009 session."

Although Texas has no legislative session this year, advocates will be continuing to work toward future passage of important legislation to fight illegal gun trafficking, requiring background checks on all firearm purchases at gun shows and to stop large volume

sales of handguns by limiting purchases to one per month.

"We make it too easy for dangerous people to get dangerous weapons. Our gun laws are so weak that, in most states, there are few or no laws to prevent gun violence," says Paul Helmke, President of the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence. "This is true at the federal level as well. We need effective gun laws to curb gun violence and illegal gun trafficking."

The Brady Campaign scorecards provide a new and redesigned analysis of whether states are enacting the laws needed to protect citizens from gun violence. The new scorecards also show states how their gun laws can be strengthened and their scores improved.

The categories covered by the Texas 2007 scorecard are as follows:

- States can earn up to 35 points by taking all measures needed to "Curb Firearm Trafficking." States can fully regulate the gun dealers within their borders, limit bulk purchases of handguns, provide police certain technology to identify crime guns, and require lost or stolen guns to be reported to the police. Texas scored zero points in this category.

- States can earn up to 25 points by "Strengthening Brady Background Checks." This involves requiring background checks on all gun sales and requiring a permit in order to purchase firearms. Short of universal background checks, states can also close the gun show loophole, at least requiring background checks for all gun show sales. Texas scored zero points in this category.

- States can earn up to 20 points by "Protecting Child Safety" when it comes to guns.

States can require that only childproof handguns be

sold within their borders, require child safety locks to be sold with each handgun, hold adults accountable for keeping guns away from kids and teens, and require handgun purchasers to be at least 21 years of age. Texas scored only five points in this category.

- States can earn up to 10 points by "Banning Military-style Assault Weapons," as well as banning high-capacity ammunition magazines. Texas scored zero points in this category.

- States can earn up to 10 points by making it harder to carry "Guns In Public Places" (except for trained law enforcement and security) and by allowing localities to "Preserve Local Control" over municipal gun laws. This includes keeping guns out of workplaces and college campuses, not forcing law enforcement to issue concealed handgun permits on demand, not permitting "shoot first" expansions in self-defense laws, and not preventing municipalities from passing their own gun laws. Texas scored only four points in this category.

We acknowledge the research of Legal Community Against Violence on state gun laws. Their publication, "Regulating Guns in America," and website served as a basis for our analysis. For more information about Legal Community Against Violence, see www.lcav.org.

As the nation's largest, non-partisan, grassroots organization leading the fight to prevent gun violence, the Brady Campaign, with its dedicated network of Million Mom March Chapters, works to enact and enforce sensible gun laws, regulations and public policies. The Brady Campaign is devoted to creating an America free from gun violence, where all Americans are safe at home, at school, at work, and in our communities.

OBITUARIES

Wade Berryman

Wade Berryman passed away Jan. 31, 2008 in Matador. Wade worked at a number of occupations during his lifetime, including Water Well Drilling, movie theater operator, delinting plant operator, and more recently a Farmer/Stockman. He was a member of the American Legion, Masonic Lodge, and the First Baptist Church of Matador.

Mr. Berryman was a long-time resident of Matador and had lived in Meade, Kansas and Paducah, Texas for a short pe-

riod of time. He was preceded in death by his wife Hoy Nan Lacy, son, Mike Berryman, daughter, Sharlene Rattan, two brothers, Al and Hardy Berryman, and sister, Tommie Berryman.

Wade married Nell Webb on April 21, 1981.

He is survived by his wife, Nell of Matador, Texas, son, Jeff Berryman and wife Becky of Meade, Kansas, sister, Nancy Harcrow of Hughson, California, grandchildren, Thomas Wade, J. Edward Berryman and Dax Rattan.

Antonio Martinez

Funeral Mass for Antonio Martinez, 68, of Flomot was held at 2:00 P.M. on Monday Feb. 4, 2008 at the Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Matador. Interment followed in Flomot Memorial Park Cemetery under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home of Matador. Mr. Martinez passed away Jan. 31, 2008 in Lubbock.

Mr. Martinez had been a resident of Flomot since 1962 and had been employed by De-gan Ginning in Flomot.

He is survived by his sister, Maria Moreno of Flomot,

Texas, brother-in-law, Teodoro Moreno of Flomot, Texas, nieces, Gloria Moreno Rodriguez of Plainview, Texas, Dora Moreno Cruz of Crosbyton, Texas, and Vicky Moreno Cruz of Tulia, Texas, nephews, Fidenicio Moreno of Tulia, Texas, and Roy Moreno of Matador, Texas.

Pallbearers were, Fidenicio Moreno, Johnny Lee Rodriguez, Ted Cruz, Brent Cruz, Brad Cruz, and Roy Moreno. After the service a meal was provided by the Flomot Baptist Ladies.

OIL & GAS REPORT

BY THOMAS MUSSER



BRISCOE COUNTY:
Leasing Activity is Ongoing in the Arch around Quitaque.

FLOYD COUNTY:
The Work on the PetroGlobe Energy U.S.A. Ltd. McIntosh Lease Well #176 has concluded for now.

FLOYD COUNTY:
The Texcel Exploration, Inc. Bill Sherman Lease Well #1 Drilling Permit Expired on 06 February, 2008 without the Wellbore being Drilled. The Bill Sherman #1 was to be located 660 feet from the North Line and 1600 feet from the West Line of Section 26, Block B4, Adams, Beaty and Moulton Survey, 11 miles North of Lockney.

The Texcel Exploration, Inc. Bill Sherman Lease Well #1 is the Tenth Floyd County Drilling Permit to Expire without being Drilling during this Current Palo Duro Basin Oil and Gas Activity. (2005-2008)

MOTLEY COUNTY
The work on the Bankers Petroleum (US) Inc. Cogdell "64" Lease Well #1 has concluded for now.

With the Slow-Down of Oil and Gas Exploration and Development Activity within the Six counties of the Palo Duro Basin, the Oil and Gas Update will be Changed from a Weekly Update to a Monthly Update. When the Palo Duro Basin Field Activity Increases Again We will Return to a Weekly Update.

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Floodplains and Wetlands Early Public Notice

The City of Roaring Springs is considering implementation of a Water & Sewer System Improvements project in the community of Roaring Springs, Texas. This project is funded by the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program for non-entitlement cities and counties. The City of Roaring Springs proposes to install 25 manholes, 3 new cleanouts and associates appurtenances and drill a water well with approximately 300 linear feet of piping and associated appurtenances. Construction will take place in the following locations: along 3rd St from Forest to Poplar; 2nd St from Forest to Poplar; Broadway from 5th St to 4th St; 4th St from Walnut to Locust; Magnolia from 3rd St to 1st St (sewer); water well near intersection of FM3203 and Forest Ave. Since portions of the construction zone, (approximately less than 1 acre), are located in the 100-year floodplain, the City of Roaring Springs is interested in receiving comment on the alternatives to this project, securing public perceptions of possible adverse impacts that could result from the project, and possible measures to minimize any adverse impacts. Please contact The Honorable Corky Marshall, Mayor, City of Roaring Springs at (806) 348-7231 for more information between the hours of 8AM to 5PM, Monday through Friday. Please direct any written comments to The Office of the Mayor, P.O. Box 247, Roaring Springs, TX, 79256-0247. Comments will be received until February 25, 2008.

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Vote online for new license plates

AUSTIN — For the first time in the Lone Star state's history, Texans can vote online for a new general-issue license plate. From noon Monday, February 4, until noon the following Monday, February 11, Texans can go to www.txdot.gov to vote for one of four new license plate designs or to keep the current general-issue plate.

All of the plates feature the state name on the top and "The Lone Star State" on the bottom. They are divided into four categories, a representation of how Texans see the state:

Traditional Texas. The plate features blue highlights with a gold Lone Star, and bold, red "TEXAS."

Lone Star Texas. A white Lone Star stands out in the top, left-hand corner of the plate. Wide brushes of red and blue punctuate the Texas sky on the top half of the plate along with a low-lying mountain range on the bottom.

Natural Texas. The entire plate is covered with wildflowers.

New Texas. This red, white and blue plate features a composite of modern landmark buildings from several Texas cities.

My Texas. This is the current general-issue license plate that was introduced in 2000. It features icons of the state, including a horse, space shuttle, and oil derrick.

All of the plate designs were created by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT).

"We're excited that the internet makes it possible for Texans to help choose the next general-issue license plate," said Rebecca Davio, director of Vehicle Titles and Registration, the TxDOT division that oversees the manufacturing of the state's license plates.

Even if Texans choose the current plate design, they will see something new in early 2009 when the state changes to seven-character, alphanumeric plate patterns.

"By the end of this year, we will be out of license plate combinations for the three letters and three numbers that we currently put on the general-issue plate," Davio said. "Because we need to change the plate, we thought it was the perfect time to invite Texans to participate in a design selection."

By law, the Texas Transportation Commission must give final approval to any new general-issue plate design. If Texans select the current plate design, no further action is needed by the commission.

For more information, contact Kim Sue Lia Perkes at (512) 302-2076, or kperkes@dot.state.tx.us.

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Students celebrate 100 days

In an effort to increase awareness of the importance of education and creativity, Motley County students were asked to participate in the celebration of 100 days of learning by creating something to wear that had 100 objects attached to it. Each student's challenge was to envision something no one else would think of.

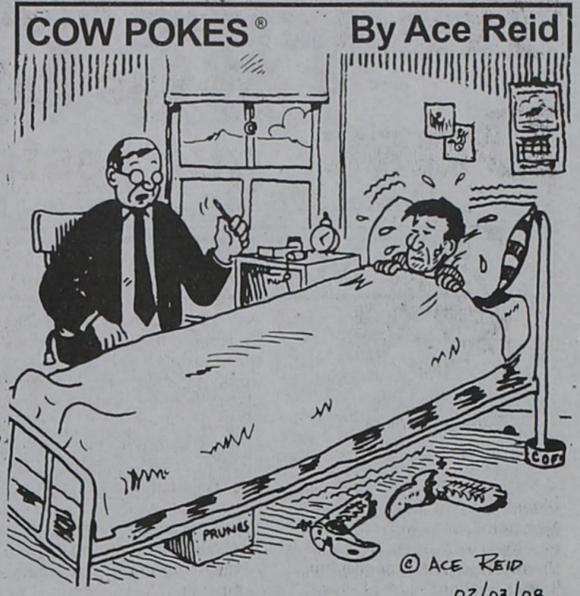
When attaching these elements to their clothing students were able to address some of the fundamental principles of design which are harmony, variety, balance, proportion, movement, economy and dominance.

On February 1, the students displayed their wardrobes adorned with an assortment of buttons, beads, flowers and fabric in a parade following an assembly announcing the winners.

Certificates were awarded to ten students who designed the most creative wearable art.



PARLIAMENTARY TEAM MEMBERS, are (left to right) Dayne Butler, Hailey Blanco, Alyx Smith, Leanne Jameson, Kyla Simpson, Colby McCluskey, Andrew Martin



"Wul, that flu shot I gave you last week worked you have the flu!"



FIRST GRADE participants of the Celebrate 100 Days of Learning, (back row, left to right) are Jonathan Flores, Rivers Marshall, Kenzie Martin, Ethan Mason, Kyler Degan and Carley Turner; (front row, left to right) Zane Gary and Zachary Brown.



KINDERGARTEN participants of the Celebrate 100 Days of Learning, (back row, left to right) are Caleb Martin, Tatum Guerrero, Emma Hackler, Nellie Shannon; (front row, left to right) Chris Flores, Zachary Ashby and Dominick Pardo.



FOURTH GRADE participants of the Celebrate 100 Days of Learning, (back row, left to right) are Lauren Bohn, Autumn Woolsey, Chloe Gleghorn, and Sage Guerrero; (front row, left to right) Mickey Clary and Grant Potts.



FIFTH GRADE participants of the Celebrate 100 Days of Learning, (back row, left to right) are Cassidy Turner and Gabby Silva; (front row, left to right) Talon Pollard, Hannah Mason, Meagan Ford and Allison McCoy.

FBC hosts Salad Luncheon

All women of the area are reminded about the upcoming Ladies' Salad Luncheon to be held at First Baptist Church, Matador, this Saturday, February 9, at 12:00 noon.

Special guest Debbie Skinner, "the Bible teacher with a paintbrush," will present a paint/talk on "A Masterpiece in the Making."

The meal, hosted by Women on Mission of the church's WMU, will be a salad luncheon. Guests who would like to bring a salad are encouraged to do so, but this is not required. Also, women attending as a group are asked to bring one salad for every two or three women in the group. For more information, call Doris Moore (347-2875).

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Events Calendar

February

- 6 Kids Praise, First Baptist Church, 5pm
- 7 RS Lions, Hitchin' Post 11:30
- 7 Friends of the Library, 3pm
- 9 First Baptist Church Annual Ladies Salad Luncheon, noon
- 10 Algaree Jones Quilt Exhibit Reception, Library, 2pm
- 11 Commissioners' Court, 9:30am Courthouse
- 11 RS City Council, City Hall, 6:30pm
- 11 MCPC Meeting (Cafeteria) 5pm
- 11 FCA @ RS Full Gospel, 6:30
- 12 RS Volunteers, Community Center, 7pm
- 14 Matador City Council, 6:30pm
- 18 MC ISD School Board Meeting, 7:30pm
- 18 MC Girls Golf, Childress
- 19 MC Boys Golf, Childress
- 19 Matador Lions, Methodist Church, 12:30
- 19 Chamber of Commerce, Library, 5:30
- 21 Matador Masonic Lodge, 6:30pm
- 23 Motley County Jr. Livestock Show
- 25 MC Girls Golf, Wellington
- 26 MC Boys Golf, Wellington
- 26 MC JR HS Track, Guthrie, There, TBA
- 28 Matador Eastern Star, 6:30pm
- 28 Caprock Plains Wind Energy Asso Mtg, Motley County Courthouse, 7pm

March

- 3 MC Girls & Boys Golf, Clarendon
- 4 Matador Lions, Methodist Church, 12:30

RS City Council to discuss personal wind energy

The Roaring Springs City Council will host Tim Daniel with Whisper Energy at their next meeting on Monday, February 11, at 6:30 at City Hall. Mr. Daniel will talk about personal use of wind energy and the possibility of grant funding to assist with financing.

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