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"West Salt Creek"

by Ken Young

MC delegate attends Texas State Republican Convention in Houston

The Texas State Republican Convention was held in Houston, June 12-14. Motley County sent one delegate, Pina Sturdivant.

Both Gov. Rick Perry and Lt. Gov. David Dewherst spoke at the first General Session on Thursday. Both are running for governor. Perry spoke for the Trans-Texas Corridor, while Dewherst opposed the creating of such toll roads. Both agreed on the need for voter identification. A number of others, including the Chief Justice of the Texas Supreme Court, spoke to the packed convention hall audience. Railroad Commission Chairman Michael Williams spoke on Thursday afternoon, June 12.

The Friday General Session speakers were former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich, Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, and former governor of Arkansas Mike Huckabee. Mr. Gingrich emphasized the need for minimizing government growth and interference, and pointed to the need for energy independence and the development of our own U.S. energy resources: "Drill here. Drill now. Pay less." Sen. Hutchison also spoke of moving toward energy independence, as well as the imperative for victory in Iraq and for tax cuts. Mr. Huckabee spoke on the importance of the institution of marriage and families and the sanctity of life at all stages.

The Texas State Senate District 28 caucus meetings were well at-

tended, as were the Texas House District 13 caucuses. Many were first time delegates, and a large number of young Republicans were involved. Several state officials made appearances and spoke briefly at the caucus meetings before and after business had been attended to.

The Party Platform remains much the same. Additions and/or area of modification included: No mandates without funding; Truth in sentencing; Removal of property taxes as funding for education; Opposition to Affirmative Action to restore equal opportunity as guaranteed in the Constitution; Term limits for public office holders; Family and defense of marriage - between a natural man and a natural woman, removal of tax penalty on married couples, upholding Sodomy laws, expansion of parental consent laws, expansion of the conscience clause; Education - abstinence-based sex education only, abolition of bilingual education as currently implemented, and a grading system to measure improvement rather than a flat standard; Right to carry law expanded; and Control of illegal immigration emphasized.

Gov. Rick Perry, former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich, and former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, who was the keynote speaker at the RPT banquet on Friday evening, held book signings.

MC Relay for Life raises over \$17,000

The Motley County 2nd Relay for Life was a huge success! Seven teams participated for the entire 12 hours. As the night raced on the purple cow, symbolizing the amount of money raised, began to fill with dots. Over \$17,000 was raised.

Forty five survivors, from three months to 25 years, were registered. Music and entertainment from Willy, the DJ, was enjoyed and Two Heros of Hope from the American Cancer Society, Dalyn Schwartz from Plainview, and Todd chambers from Brownfield spoke about their journey with

cancer and what the Relay meant to them.

Thirty four participants pledged to either stop smoking or help someone else stop smoking. This commitment demonstrated that the Motley County community has chosen to "Fight Back" against a disease that has taken many of their loved ones, family members, friends and neighbors.

During the Luminaria Ceremony the lights were turned off in the stadium and all participants walked a lap in honor of someone they loved while listening to An-

nette Hollinsworth sing "Amazing Grace." The words, HOPE and CURE, candlelit in luminaria bags in the stadium stands created a memorable moment.

A good time was had by all with fireworks at midnight, a watermelon eating contest, watermelon spitting contest, and an exciting game of Motley County football half way through the night.

The committee, consisting of co-chairs, Pam Newman and Kathy Blanco, and Andi Henzler, Rosalee Davis, Shonda Elliott, Brittany Moore, Annette Hollins-

worth, Lindy Ward, and Tammy Simpson, continues to strive to make Motley County aware of what services are available during times of need. Donations can still be made through the end of August by contacting a committee member.

Plans, with even more events, are already underway for next year. Everyone involved expressed a heartfelt thank you to Motley County for making one night memorable for all and for helping "Kick Cancer's Butt." Questions can be answered by calling 800-ACS-2345.



(Above) RELAY FOR LIFE participants, Geneva Wilson, Nelda Tomison and Joan Patton lead the relay carrying the banner. (Left) The three flags symbolizing the mission of the American Cancer Society Relay for Life, Remember, Celebrate, Fight Back.



THIS WEEK'S NEWS

Roaring Spring News

Save the date for July 4th celebration downtown beginning at 9 a.m. and ending at dark with fireworks.

Flomot News

Tri-Annual Homecoming, Saturday, July 5. Registration at 9 a.m. at the Community Center.

Panhandle News

Rural Texans from Roberts county to Jack county angry about plan for eminent domain.

Days Gone By

Meteorites, Mirages and Unsolved Mysteries, last part of a three part series from Motley County Round Up."

Coming Home

Jim Watson has traveled "every road in this here land," as Johnny Cash would say,

Foothill Country Connections

Community, Diversity, Art

By Larry Vogt

The first time I can remember buying gasoline was right after the rationing for WWII was lifted and it was more available. There was an older boy around the corner in my town who had a Model T Ford and he was willing to give me a ride if I would give him a quarter for gas. That twenty-five cents bought about a gallon and a half and gave me many a happy ride around the town. It was a touring car with the top down all the time and we put-putted along with the dogs chasing after us and the wind blowing our hats off.

Fast forward from 1946 to 2008 and \$4 a gallon gasoline. Now we in the USA are still paying

less than most people around the globe but it still puts us in petroshock every time we fill up the gas tank on our vehicles. The pressure on the economy is great because every thing we purchase has been hauled in by fuel driven machines whose operators are feeling the crunch big time. Then there is the issue of petro dependency in the agricultural fields that feed and clothe us.

No doubt about it, we are in for some severe adjustments in our thinking, our driving habits, and our eating habits. It may be a good time to downsize everything, our cars, our meals, our general consumption of gadgets and fluff. Good luck everybody, we are in this predicament together.



PAPA SPARROW WAITS. Upon returning to his nest, he finds it empty. His babies, gone. Eaten by larger predators. We sit on the porch and watch him wait.
photo by Larry Vogt

By Laverne Zabielski

Thanks, Pam Newman for bringing us lots of pictures of the Relay for Life! As gas prices soar, and we adjust our budget, our new office hours will be 9-5 on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. We will be relying more than ever on pictures you bring us of the events you attend.

As fuel increases, (some reports say it's \$9 in CA) trips to Lubbock become less frequent and shopping locally and in surrounding counties becomes more

economical.

Last night at dinner my mother expressed her concern at the thought of losing more businesses. "I wouldn't like it if I couldn't go to the bank in Matador," she said, "or shopping."

The Matador City Council faces tough decisions. If they choose to bank elsewhere because they can get a better interest rate, are they setting an example for local citizens to shop locally? Sometimes we have to pay a little more to keep businesses closer to home.

WRITING COMMUNITY

Mighty Polly Anna in Louisiana

By John Larry Markhalm

Near the swamp land in Louisiana Lives a woman named Polly Anna. They say she's the leanest, fastest, toughest, roughest woman in Louisiana. They call her Mighty Polly Anna.

Mighty Polly Anna does not care about being rich. She likes to hunt, skin, swim and fish. She catches big catfish with her bare hands. She eats raw crawfish. She never thought of putting them in a pan.

Mighty Polly Anna is just as lean, fast, tough and rough as any man.

That's just one reason she's known throughout Louisiana As the Mighty Polly Anna.

Mighty Polly Anna eats raw eggs, raw fish, mustard, turnips and turnip greens.

They say that's one reason she's so lean, fast, tough, rough and mean.

Mighty Polly Anna took a big catfish from an alligator mouth.

That's how wild that woman is from the south.

Mighty Polly Anna sure has know how. She sucks milk right from a big Jersey cow.

Mighty Polly Anna would not choose just any man to marry.

The other day she took Big John Larry by the hand. She said, "You're the man I choose to marry. They say your name is Big John Larry."

Big John Larry is a tall, lean, tough, rough son-of-a-gun.

He carries a big knife and big six gun. He wrestles big alligators just for fun.

He shot a hole right through the top of three men's hats. He told the law he was shooting at gnats and they just laughed and took it at that.

Everybody knows not to mess with Big John Larry. The man Mighty Polly Anna chose to marry.

THE FLOMOT SCHOOL ANNUALS WELCOME YOU TO MEMORYVILLE

By Earlyne Jameson

There is nothing like a stack of Flomot School annuals to bring back sweet memories of days gone by or hearing, "You haven't changed a bit," at the Flomot Tri-Annual Homecoming July 5, 2008.

The Flomot School received recognition from the State Department of Education in 1935. The Fairmont School merged with Flomot in 1936 and White Star, Folley and Montgomery Schools consolidated with Flomot in 1939. This created the Flomot Independent School District. Around 400 students attended school in those years, but with the loss of population since World War II the enrollment continued to drop.

The Flomot School did not have an annual or yearbook published until 1947. Mrs. J.C. Moss nee Inez Gilbert, class sponsor of 11 seniors, initiated the project of an annual. They named it the Longhorn after the Flomot football team. Total enrollment at the school was 120 students and eight faculty members. They had a photo of four school buses parked in front of the creamed colored two-story brick school building. Kenneth Baldwin was the first editor of a Flomot annual and it was dedicated to superintendent R.L. Tate. They had advertisements from Matador, Lockney, Floydada, Roaring Springs, Plainview, Turkey and

Flomot.

The football team of 1947 met with great success on the gridiron. They owed their success to coach Edwin Stewart and to co-captains, Frank Fisher and Calvin Monk. Those leading the cheering at games were Pep Leaders, Ava Nell Monk, Wanda Gilbert and Ruth Skinner.

In 1948, the basketball team won second place in the District Tournament. The following six boys were commended for their playing and good sportsmanship, Garland Cavitt, Barney Martin, Rex Tiffin, Walter Speer, Doyle Calvert and Bill D. Washington. Editor of the annual was Frank Fisher and dedicated to Edwin Stewart. This 1948 senior class had 14 members and will be celebrating their 60th class reunion at the Flomot Homecoming this year.

Flomot was noted for more outstanding football players than any other area its size in West Texas in 1952. A lighted field for the Longhorn team was built with the cost around \$2,500, which was raised by public subscription. The coach for all sports was Billy Wills. F.B. Hunt, the only graduating senior, was manager of the team. Co-captains were Max Bush and Raymond Speer. Barbara Calvert was editor of the 1952 annual and it was dedicated to Wilburn Martin.

The 1958 senior class had dwindled to just six and will celebrate their 50th class reunion this year at the Flomot Home-

coming. With only 32 students in high school, they continued classes as a testimony to commitment of its citizens of Flomot. June Ross was editor of the annual and it was dedicated to M.J. Schofield, superintendent of Flomot Schools.

The 40th class reunion will be held at the Flomot Homecoming this year for the 1968 senior class who had 12 members. Sherrlyn Calvert was editor of the annual and it was dedicated to the parents and sponsors of the senior class.

The last annual was in 1972 when the Flomot School closed its doors after 26 editions of the Longhorn annual. There were only 14 students in high school. Jackie Lynn Starkey was editor of the annual and the only graduating senior. Superintendent was Clarence McDaniel. They dedicated the annual to all of the students who attended Flomot Schools for 80 years.

Mrs. Lessie Gresham Pope who retired in 1972 after teaching 25 years on the Flomot School faculty was honored with a painting of the two story concrete school by Mrs. Christeen Gilbert, a memorial plaque with signatures made by Mrs. Annie B. Cloyd and an autographed quilt made by Mrs. Mary Jo Calvert.

Teachers that transferred to Motley County School in 1973 were Wilburn Martin, Mrs. Rita Groves, Mrs. Ala Gene Kingston and V.V. Scott.

EDITORS OF LONGHORN ANNUALS: Jane Jones, Ber-yl Monk, James Gowin, Clois Shorter, Anita Hunter, Jun Ross, Barbara Holland, Morris Degan, Donnie Rogers, Charles Whitaker, Alma Reed, Troy Bynam, Billy Green, Johnney Turner, Linda Gowin, David Cavitt, Sherrlyn Calvert, Waydie Martin, Aleta Netherlon, Barbara Calvert, Rosella Monk, Frank Fisher, Jean and Danny Green, Roy Pigg and Jackie Starkey.

LONGHORN ANNUAL DEDICATIONS: R.L. Tate, 1948; Edwin Stewart, 1949; H.M. Ellison, 1950; Pete Bromly, 1951; Wilburn Martin, 1952-53-55; Mrs. Frances Wise, 1956; Home Demonstration Club, 1957; M.J. Schofield, 1958; Roy Grundy, 1959; School board members, 1960-; Marvin Renfro, 1962; Lessie Pope, 1963; Marvin Dyke, 1964; Wayne Mackey, 1965; O.D. Calvert, 1966; Glynda Crowell, 1967; Senior class parents, 1968; Trula Martin, 1969; Rev. J.W. Wells, 1970; Community of Flomot, 1971.

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Roaring Springs 4th Celebration Started with Family Cookout

It all started with a drought and not much money for a vacation. The family of Herman Havis, who ran the West Texas Gin and lived in the Roaring Springs area, experienced the situation of drought, low crop yields, and no money for a vacation in 1953. So being the resourceful West Texans that they were, they stayed home and had a cookout.

From this beginning the annual event grew into a large all day family gathering at the Roaring Springs Ranch. Pretty soon, others joined in with food, assistance and by the 1980's J. N. Fletcher had assumed the role of the cook and was holding the event as a community breakfast which grew to be as large as 80 to 120 persons in attendance.

By 2001, the event was an all encompassing event sponsored by the Roaring Springs Community Volunteers. This year, the celebration starts with a memorial service at the park and continues with a fun filled array of activities for the whole family to enjoy. Fire up your patriotism and lawn mower and funny hat and join the fun!

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NOON	Fried Chicken Buffet at Hitchin' Post Cafe or picnic in the park
1:30 P.M.	Mini-Chopper races in downtown Roaring Springs
2:00 P.M.	Dog Style Show at Roaring Springs Community Center
3:00 P.M.	Riding Lawn Mower Races and Riding Lawn Mower Pull at OLD SETTLERS GROUNDS (across from Community Center)
4:30 P.M.	Hilarious Hat Contest at Community Center
6:00 P.M.	Bar-B-Q Supper (\$8.00 Adults, \$4.00 Children) at Community Center, or have a picnic in the park
8:00 P.M.	Homemade ice cream for all at Community Center
8:45 P.M.	Stick Horse Derby in age groups 2-3, 4-5, 6-7, open
9:00 P.M.	Steeplechase run in age groups 2-3, 4-5, 6-7, open
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I've been everywhere, man. I've been everywhere, man. Crossed the deserts bare, man. I've breathed the mountain air, man. Of travel I've had my share, man. I've been everywhere. --Johnny Cash Lyrics, "I've Been Everywhere."



JIM WATSON says there is no place like home "surrounded by friends."

By Carol Campbell

Johnny Cash might well have written those lyrics about our own Jim Watson, who says, "I've been to: Matador, Bakersfield, Casper, Cherry Point, Charleston, Elk Hills, Midland, Monterey, Norfolk, Dangerfield, Florida, Hueneme, Sargon, Matador, Atsugi, and Laramie. I've been everywhere, man. I've been everywhere."

And according to James Preston "Jim" Watson, there is no place like home, "surrounded by friends" in Matador, Texas.

His story reads like a resume in accomplishments and travel. He was born in the historic community of Whiteflat, Texas, to Dora and Alfred Watson. Alfred farmed, ran a service station, and worked for county.

He attended his first three grades at Whiteflat, before transferring to Matador where he graduated Matador High School in 1955. He earned a bachelor's degree in petroleum engineering from Texas Tech University in 1961; then entered the U.S. Navy Officer School in March, 1961.

In July, 1961, he married the love-of-his-life Jerry Anne Williams from Afton, and then they traveled. The late '60s and early '70s were spent in active duty with the Navy, following assignments all over the world.

Jerry was a "trooper" picking up, moving belongings, moving children, leaving friends, making new friends, and leaving again. Their assignments in the Navy Civil Engineer Corps took them to the far reaches of the world from Vietnam to Japan, and back again, moving to 12 different locations in 18 years.

"Most of my Navy time was in construction management," Jim said, adding, he was building new facilities and commanding a unit of Seabees. The Seabees are the Construction Battalions of the United States Navy, with a history building bases, bulldozing and paving thousands of miles of roadway and airstrips.

Jim left active duty in 1979, entered the Naval Reserve, retiring in 1991 as a Captain. He worked for the Civil Service with the US Department of Energy for three years, exchanging his sea legs for a home base in Casper, Wyoming, where he and Jerry

raised their two sons, Chris and Darren.

In his Civil Service job, he was the Officer in Charge of the Naval Petroleum and Oil Shale Reserves in Colorado, Wyoming, and Utah for one year; and Director of the Laramie Energy Technology Center for two years. He served as Vice President and General Manager for John Brown Engineering and Construction for six years.

He moved his family again to operate the Teapot Dome Oilfield as President of Bechtel Petroleum Operations, in Bakersfield, California, for nine years. The Elk Hills Oilfield in California was the largest oilfield in the Continental United States, producing about 150,000 barrels a day of oil, Jim said.

He finally landed back in Texas as the Project Manager for the Bechtel Corporation, Houston, working on an off-shore platform in the Bay of Compeche.

Long before Jim and Jerry considered retirement in Matador, they had bought a home here. "We bought the old Claude Harp home in Matador in 1994, and my mother (Dora Watson) lived in it until 1998," he said.

Retirement and family brought them home in 1999, with a brand new motor home and the intentions to travel the US, Jim said.

He leaped into community service on his return. He started teaching the Friendship Sunday School class at the First Baptist Church in 1999, and is still teach-

ing this class almost 10 years later. He was appointed to the City Council, led an effort to establish meal service at the Senior Center, and was named "Man of the Year" by the Chamber of Commerce in 2001. He served two years as president of the Matador Lions Club; two years as the Commander of the American Legion; and was instrumental in obtaining Hackberry Creek Care Center, where he now serves as a Board Member. His mother Dora and sister Alverna both live at Hackberry, where Jim volunteers in his spare time.

In 2001, his beloved wife Jerry was diagnosed with an incurable disease, relegating community service to the back seat while the Watson's waged a determined war against cancer. "Jerry was diagnosed with cancer in May, 2001, and died in January, 2004," Jim said.

"The best thing about moving back to Matador was the love and support of friends during Jerry's illness," he said.

Jim is still volunteering in the community. His deep faith that sustained him through the death of his wife and beyond, has been translated into service and dedication of a different kind: he currently serves as Chairman of the Deacons at First Baptist Church; and participated in a mission trip to Brazil in 2007. He still teaches Sunday School, sings in the Choir, and rarely misses a chance to serve in the little rock church on Main Street -- a steadfast

presence, leading by example.

Matador is home. "We moved home from big cities, where you may or may not know people living on either side of you, to a community where you start off knowing everyone," he said.

The Watson's have two sons, Chris, married to Tami, lives in San Diego; they have two boys and one girl. Darren lives in Lub-

bock, he has three daughters that live in Oklahoma City.

Jim occasionally takes road trips to visit family in Texas, California, and Oklahoma; or friends in Thailand and Japan. He has traveled "every road in this here land," as Johnny would say, but one thing is for sure: there is no place like home for this native son.



JIM AND JERRY WATSON married in 1961 and traveled the world, returning home after a 40-plus year absence.

TRAIL DUST



By DOUGLAS MEADOR
Matador Tribune
June 26, 1958

The past passes stubbornly, with our customs, traditions and habits showing through the cellophane garments of a modern world. A concrete dugout is located conveniently close to the Ace Motel in Aspermont, and it is probably one of the few motels in the world offering cyclone protection to customers in event of a storm.

Twilight has ceased to be a tranquil hour with doves playing chicken in front of speeding automobiles on the highway.

Regardless of the obstacles, deciding on a definite course is more difficult than following it.

RETRO NEWS

Matador Tribune
June 26, 1958

First 'Norther' Causes Mercury to Nosedive

History is obliged to record the first "Norther" of the summer of 1958 struck when the season was only four days old. Citizens here yesterday clad in summer apparel shivered under cloudy skies and a strong north wind.

The shift of the wind early yesterday morning brought a record mercury drop of more than 40 degrees. Amarillo reported 52 degrees Wednesday morning. The previous afternoon the temperature had been in the neighborhood of 100 degrees.

Landowners angry about eminent domain plan

Ogallala Critical Source of Water for Panhandle and West Texas

by Sen. Robert Duncan and Sen. Kel Seliger

Many angry landowners have contacted us about a plan that, contrary to good public policy, will negatively impact property rights of rural Texans from Roberts to Jack County. The brand new Roberts County Fresh Water Supply District No. 1, acting as an alter ego of businessman T. Boone Pickens and Mesa Power Pampa, LLC, has launched a private venture that may force landowners across 11 counties to submit to the power of eminent domain so they can pump water from the shrinking Ogallala Aquifer and sell wind-generated electricity. This new governmental entity is composed of only five people, all employees or associates of Mr. Pickens. Mesa is Mr. Pickens' private company - he controls the various corporate shells identified with this project in filings with the Public Utility Commission.

Mr. Pickens' plan is to sell 200,000 acre feet of the Ogallala each year to the Metroplex, even

though the plan has not been embraced by water policy planners as an economically viable solution to the Metroplex's future water needs. Such an extensive extraction of water from this area of the Ogallala Aquifer will have a negative effect on natural spring flows and on the Panhandle and West Texas communities that rely on this resource for their future existence.

Enabling the wind part of this project is a last-minute House amendment last year that allows a fresh water supply district to host transmission lines from wind energy projects on its rights-of-way or easements. This amendment lets Mr. Pickens' personal fresh water supply district develop right-of-way to build the transmission lines for wind-generated energy he intends to sell. This component of the plan also taps the emotions of those who support development of wind energy resources in the Panhandle (as we do).

Many believe that if they oppose Mr. Pickens' supply district's Ogallala-to-Metroplex water project, they will miss out on wind energy opportunities. That is not true.

The fact is, Mr. Pickens isn't the only one seeking to develop wind energy. He's just the only one who personally owns a governmental entity (a new freshwater supply district) to obtain the right-of-way for him.

There is an undeniable demand growing for renewable energy. Wind power is coming to Texas and it will be developed in the Panhandle and West Texas, regardless of whether Mr. Pickens' latest venture succeeds. To transport the much-needed renewable energy to the rest of the state and nation, companies will construct transmission lines. Mesa Power is proposing one transmission line, but it isn't the only proposal.

Within the next few weeks, the PUC will complete its Competitive Renewable Energy Zones (CREZs) proceeding, consistent with the public policy priority of efficient and orderly development of wind energy. A transmission route will be selected to carry wind energy to the state's energy grid. Since this process began in 2006, more than a hundred people have filed comments with the PUC, and 85 parties, Mesa among them, have partici-

pated in this process.

The Panhandle and West Texas have a long history of helping our neighbors. Our cotton, grain, beef and oil have clothed, fed and moved Texans for generations, and we're proud of that heritage. While we look forward to developing renewable energy to be purchased by our neighbors, we cannot give up an important future source of water for our region - nor are we required to do so. The Ogallala is not "surplus" water; it is a critical source of water for future generations who choose to settle and raise their families in the Panhandle and West Texas.

We are working with our colleagues in the Legislature to develop long term solutions for water and wind resources. We intend to address the issues raised by this poorly conceived project. Water is not like oil; it is like blood -- life-sustaining.

Senator Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, serves 46 Panhandle and West Texas counties in the Texas Senate. Senator Kel Seliger, R-Amarillo, represents 26 counties from the Panhandle to the Permian Basin.



FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION

Both of my grandfathers have been dead for many years. They lived in a world of horse-drawn vehicles and homes which were illuminated with candles and kerosene lamps. They served their generation and passed from

this life. They would find it difficult to function in today's world, or to relate to and understand the perplexing problems of the nuclear age.

Reason and Biblical understanding compels me to acknowledge that I, too, will serve my generation and then pass from this life. Already I feel a bit uncomfortable with the digital computerized world around me. This generation will be served far better by my children than by me. I find it difficult not to frown over their shoulder each time they do something differently than I would do it.

There is a sense in which my life and my faith will continue on in the lives of my children and my children's children, but there is also a very real sense in which I will need to pass away. Not only will my body be worn out but my capacity to adapt will also wither like a leaf in late fall.

The Christian understands that "unless a grain of wheat die it would abide alone." Through Jesus Christ the sting of death has been taken away. The Christian can go to the grave with the confident assurance that the truths which we have taught and lived will remain firmly intact. Truth will never die! The Word of God will stand forever.

Michael G. Crowley, Sr.

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NEWS AROUND MOTLEY COUNTY

Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

Our hearts were saddened at the death of Charlie Long. Charlie had been ill for about 19 months. This past April he was diagnosed with a rare disease that affects the victim's blood vessels much the same way Rheumatoid Arthritis affects the body. The blood vessels become inflamed and cannot carry on their vital functions which in turn caused vital organs to be affected. It seemed that the cause of his condition was not found as quickly as it should have been. The mortality in Charlie's age group is high. Though he spent much time in doctors' offices and in the hospital the cause was not found for so long. We will miss Charlie.

The Sedgewick Reunion was held on the 14th and 15th of June. Pearl Patten reported that there were 60 people present. Florine Jones of Lubbock was given a corsage for being the eldest family member attending. Candles were lit in honor of three family members who had died: Alvin Caruthers of Dickens; Louise Lindsey of Spur; and Joe Smith of Ada, Oklahoma.

Kay Osborn, granddaughter of Loraine Jordan traveled the farthest coming from Birmingham, Alabama. The Sedgewicks plan to have another reunion next year on the third weekend of June here in Roaring Springs at the Community Center.

The Long Family was served lunch at the First Baptist Church following the memorial service. There were about 90 family members present. The ladies of the First Baptist Church would like to thank all those in the community who brought food and helped.

Next Sunday being fifth Sunday, the First United Methodist Church will join the FBC for a potluck dinner. Everyone is invited to come.

I had a nice surprise Saturday morning. I was working to get the grass out of the flower beds surrounding the Veterans Memorial and Larry Vogt stopped and helped me with that odious chore. Corky edged the lawn around the memorial. Larry mentioned that perhaps others

would like to volunteer to help keep the memorial in top shape. Plants were set out earlier but they had not been cultivated or the beds kept clean. They were only watered and the grass that had been dug out in early June was back in full force. This time some Roundup was used and some fertilizer worked in around the plants.

There are some who would provide plants and other needed things to keep those beds looking beautiful to honor our servicemen if the work could be kept up so that the plants would not be wasted. What better way to say to all who pass by that we care about all those who have fought and are fighting to keep our country safe than a well kept memorial?

The family of late Luster and Agnes Meredith combined with the Ashley family for a reunion on the 21st and 22nd of June. Some 60 family members were present. On Saturday they enjoyed going to Roaring Springs Ranch Club swimming pool. In the evening a hamburger cookout was the main event. On Sunday, Roger Ashley brought the lesson at the family worship service. They enjoyed a cousin that brought the music. Out of town family members came from Ruidosa and Almogordo, New Mexico, San Angelo and Temple, Texas. Angelica and Jonah Meredith will be staying here with their grandparents, Joe Glenn and Joyce Meredith for the rest of the summer.

The Fourth of July Celebration is coming soon. Many preparations are being made this week to get ready. Don't forget to attend the memorial in the park at 9:00 a.m. and participate in the parade. Now is your chance to do something fun and be in the parade. Make a hilarious hat, dress up your dog or just show off his tricks; all children will want to come and have fun riding the stick horses seeing fireworks, eating ice cream! Think about it, all countries aren't free to celebrate 232 years of independence. Thanks to our founding fathers and our veterans we are able to Celebrate!

WTAMU Awards Diplomas to Spring Graduates

CANYON, Texas - Clinton J. Cooper was officially conferred a Bachelor of Science degree in Wildlife Biology from West Texas A&M University during spring commencements exercises May 10 at the First United Bank Center. The University awarded 599 baccalaureate and 131 master's degrees.

Cooper was recognized Cum Laude with an overall grade

point average of 3.50 or higher. Honor graduates wore gold honor cords. The WTAMU Class of 2008 included 42 graduates with Summa Cum Laude honors, 65 students with Magna Cum Laude honors and 52 with Cum Laude honors.

The graduating class represented 17 states and 115 Texas cities and towns.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

"Honey," a woman asked her husband, "I don't look 40, do I?" "No," he replied, "But you used to."

There will be a Clean Up Day, Friday, June 27 at the Community Center in Flomot in preparation for the Flomot Homecoming, July 5. Everyone in the community is asked to be there at 8:00 a.m. to help with this needed project.

Mrs. Beverly Vinson visited in Santa Ana, CA from May 27 to June 10 with her sister and husband, Betty and Bud Schroeder. They attended the wedding ceremony of the Schroeder's grandson held at the beautiful historical Spanish Mission Inn in Riverside, CA.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gray of Fort Worth visited from Saturday until Monday with daughter and family, Melissa and Tim Kendall, Jere and Jacob.

Nada and Jack Starkey were in Amarillo, Thursday for her cardiac medical examination. Joining them was daughter, Mrs. Jackie Lynn Davis of Fritch. En route home, they visited in Canyon with son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Starkey.

Mrs. Nola Long of Wynnewood, Oklahoma is visiting her brother, Johnie Starkey. They have visited in Lubbock with nephew, Monty George and with sister, Mrs. Margie Cypert of Lockney, a

Flomot Tri-Annual Homecoming to be Saturday, July 5, 2008

The Tri-Annual Flomot Homecoming will have the red carpet ready to welcome you at the Flomot Community Center, Saturday, July 5, 2008.

Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m. The Do Gooders' Club will have a concession stand from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. serving Taco soup, sandwiches, desserts, soft drinks, iced tea and coffee. From 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. class reunions and visiting are planned.

At 5:30 p.m. there will be a program at the Center, the crowning of the Homecoming Queen and election of Homecoming Association officers. The winner of

the Do Gooders' Club quilt will be announced at the end of program. Following the program, a catered supper will be served. At 9:00 p.m. a Homecoming dance will be held for those attending and their guests.

President Bill Shannon announced since the Homecoming Association does not have membership dues or charge for the catered meal or dance tickets, donations to help defray expenses would be appreciated.

Come share this happy reunion with ex-FHS students and residents of Flomot!

Chad and Cindy Calvert and son, Cade, who enplaned to Istanbul, Turkey, last Monday, called her parents, Kathy and Clois Shorter Wednesday letting them know they made the trip just fine.

Orville Lee reported that crops ruined by hail northeast of Flomot had already had a crop insurance adjuster out looking things over.

Mrs. Aleda Ross visited overnight Tuesday in Lubbock with daughter and husband, Elisa and Stan Wigley. Aleda and Elisa were in San Antonio Wednesday for Elisa to attend to business. They visited in Castroville, Thursday with grandchildren and nieces, Megan, Cheyenne, Ciara, Anjoli, Elisa Ann and Aleda Elaine Ross. En route home, they enjoyed tourist attractions in Austin, Kileen and Temple. They returned to their respective homes Sunday.

RHN earns Gold Seal

Regence Health Network, Inc. (RHN) continues to demonstrate the highest level of excellence in the provision of patient health care services.

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cal and dental services, evaluated RHN against a rigorous set of 150 national standards of excellence.

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Matador News

Shannon and Bertha Jameson of Santa Fe, N.M. visited Sunday and Monday with his parents, Earlyne and Skeet Jameson. They were a "God Send" helping them after the flooding rain, golf to-baseball-sized hail and

hurricane winds Thursday, June 19, that did extensive damage to the interior and exterior of their home east of Whiteflat. The crops are a complete disaster in the Whiteflat area.

Lynn 47th annual family reunion held in Matador

The children of the late Lonzo and Elsie Lynn met on Friday and Saturday for their annual family reunion. Tom and Deanie Edwards were hosts this year.

Part of the early arrivals ate lunch Friday at the Sr. Citizens and had a great time getting to see some of their old friends. Friday evening, Tom and Deanie hosted a hamburger cookout at their home. Lots of food, fun and visiting. Some of the younger group were introduced to the game of Ladder Ball. Later that evening people gathered at the Hunter's lodge for more visiting and games.

Saturday morning some family members joined others staying at the Hotel Matador for a great breakfast and tour of the hotel. Out of town guests were very impressed with the hotel. It is quite an asset for Matador.

After lunch all family members and guests went to the swimming pool in Roaring Springs. Some of the grandchildren had never been there and said they would remember it forever after getting in the cold water. Lots of fun and swimming and playing. Later in the day the family toured the museum and the old historic jail.

Saturday evening the group met at Sr. Citizen's building for their fish fry catered by Clay and Melinda Jameson. Jason Jameson also helped with the cooking. The fish and trimmings were very good as a few of us went back for seconds and maybe some third trips. Joyce and Deanie did the auctioneering for the family auc-

tion. Great fun and a little twisting of some arms to up the bids.

After the fish fry, some family members retired and some went to the Lodge for more games and visiting.

The group met Sunday morning for coffee and photos before everyone had to depart for home. Carlene (Lynn) Colwell will host the reunion next year in Fort Worth, Texas.

Family members in attendance were Carlene Colwell and son, Lacy of Fort Worth; Lonnie and Marianne Lynn of Childress; Michelle Saucedo and children, Alex, Alexa and Amber of Childress; Connie and Chris Imhoff of Lubbock; Alvin Lynn of Amarillo; Joyce and Bob Morton of Cleveland, Texas; Traci and Phillip Cameron and children, Mindi, Heath and Ethan of Cleveland, Tx.; Jerry Felhker of Cleveland, Tx.; Tom and Deanie Edwards, Matador; Stephen, Lori and Haley Davis of Dalhart, Texas; Glenda Martin of Dumas; Becky Cox of Amarillo; Gail and Larry Noland of Gainesville, Texas; Jennifer and Kevin Mansker and children, Hunter and Abby Gail of Abilene, Tx., Cousin, LeGay and Jerry James of Plainview, Tx.

A special guest of the family for the cookout and fish fry was Evelyn Garrison, longtime neighbor of the family from Whiteflat and Matador.

Other guest were Charlie and Opal Johnson, Ronald Bailey, Brenda Cruse, Barbara Armstrong, Joan Patton, and Samantha Jameson.

Arts and Crafts

by Winifred Darsey

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Arts and Crafts Club enjoyed the program planned for June 9th.

Nova Dale was instructor and taught a class on painting clay flowerpots.

Club President Joy Archer presided over the 10:00 a.m. business meeting. She reviewed the programs that are made for the ensuing year. They are well planned for all forms of art and will be a pleasure to all who participate. New items for the Fall Bazaar are beginning to evolve and discussed, showing the ingenuity of the members.

The finished clay pots were pretty and well made, decorated with flowers, butterflies, birds and will add beauty to home or

garden. Watch for these at the bazaar.

The members enjoyed the excellent lunch. It's nice to dine with the Senior Citizens.

Members present were: Lorene Lancaster, Vee Gordon, Joy Archer, Nova Dale Turner, Ray Baxter, Joyce Meredith, Bonnie Vandiver, Jo Trammell, Dorothy Knight, and Winifred Darsey.

The members of Arts and Crafts Club are pleased to welcome our new members, Buffy Crutchley, Bonnie Vandiver, and Loretta Thompson. All are talented in arts and crafts.

A Tole Painting workshop will be the program for July. It will be taught by Ray Baxter and Vee Gordon.

See you there!

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Chamber News & Views

By Marie-Louise Liebe-Markort



Consider:

History is a guide to navigation in perilous times. History is who we are and why we are the way we are.

—David C. McCullough

Finding out who we are and why we are the way we are can best be done where we are. So the history of the area in which we find ourselves is relevant to that search.

Not only that, but given the high price of traveling to anywhere else, spending some holiday time close to home seems like an idea whose time has come.

That is where the Texas Heritage Trails program comes in. Motley County is on the Texas Plains Trail, which traverses 52 counties in West Texas, and runs down Highway 70 from Turkey through to Crosbyton.

The point of the Texas Plains Trails program is to give people a focus for finding out about this area, its people, culture and history. You can find out more about it at the website at www.texasplainstrail.com.

And you can find out even more about it, since there will be a meeting of the Texas Plains Trail on Thursday, July 10th, right here in Motley County.

It will be held at the Hotel Matador on Main Street, beginning at 11:00 a.m. with a talk by Carol Campbell on the historic jail in Matador.

Lunch will be served at 12:00

noon, at a cost of \$10.00 per person, and it is understandable that the organizers need to know who will be coming, so you are asked to respond to txplainstrail@yahoo.com or call (806) 237-0920 and let them know how many will be attending.

After the lunch, the main meeting will take place from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. The Texas Plains Trail Regional Board meetings are public meetings that are held in different parts of the 52 county area, so it is a good opportunity to find out more about the group now that they are holding their meeting in our county.

The Board says they "welcome and encourage visitors", so this unique chance should not go unnoticed.

The yearly strategic planning meeting will be held on August 21st in Plainview, where Sue Shore from the Texas Historical Commission will attend.

Plainview is not that far away as to make attendance a problem, so you can start by coming to the meeting here in Matador in two weeks, and then attend the August meeting in Plainview.

You can pick up a brochure on the Texas Plains Trail at the Museum (open Wednesday afternoons) if you want to find out more about the trail. It makes for a nice weekend trip to travel part or all of it. Then come to the meeting on July 10th, and get involved with an organization dedicated to helping us attract more visitors.

Notes from the Library

By Buffy Crutchley



RUSSELL SCOGGIN, a Magician from Lubbock, put on a show at the Library on Tuesday as a part of their Summer Reading Program. Samantha Quilimaco, of Matador, was able to assist him with one of his tricks. The event was sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Kwahadi Dancers perform in Amarillo

The Kwahadi Dancers present twelve performances of "Song of the Eagle" on June 20, 21, 27, 28, July 4, 5, 7, 11, 12, 18, 19, and August 7, 2008.

Dinner is at 6:30 p.m., and the performance is at 7:30 p.m. in the Plaza Theater, Kwahadi Kiva In-

dian Museum and Sybil B. Harrington Event Center. 9151 I-40 E, Amarillo, Texas.

Treat your family to the fine art and artifacts of the museum. For information and reservations call the museum gift shop: 806-335-3175.

County Agent's News



by Ryan Martin, Agri LIFE EXTENSION Agent

State 4-H Horse Show Booked for Another Five Years at Abilene

ABILENE – The Texas State 4-H Horse Show, one of the nation's largest horse events for young riders, recently signed an agreement with the Taylor County Expo Center in Abilene for another 5 years, according to a show official with Texas AgriLife Extension Service.

The annual week-long event draws more than 2,100 4-H'ers, family members and agency staff, and 1,100 horses. It also pumps an estimated \$2 million into Abilene's economy, according to Dr. Pete Gibbs, AgriLife Extension Horse Specialist, and the show's co-manager.

"We've been in Abilene now for 24 years, and have always renewed our contract there for a three-year term," Gibbs said. "The big news is that Abilene will now host the show for another five years, beginning with this year's July 19-26 show."

"That decision was based on several factors, not the least of which is the city of Abilene and the Expo Center's continued sterling hospitality," he said. "For the show's entire stay here, they have never failed to roll out the red carpet for everybody involved with the event."

Gibbs said other reasons include Abilene's location within the state, motel accommodations and the facility's continued horse-friendly growth.

"However, the bottom line is economics, and the proposal from

Abilene, and the Expo Center was very competitive," Gibbs said.

"Abilene is one of several cities considered that offer a somewhat central location," Gibbs said. "A major consideration for securing the show is being able to provide top facilities in a setting that is affordable and family-friendly, he said."

"Site determination is paramount to the ultimate success of the show. With support from the Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation, proposals undergo careful review by a committee familiar with the needs of the show. This time those proposals won't have to be reviewed nearly as quickly with the show now locked in for five more years in Abilene."

It takes a large facility with over 800 stalls and three arenas to successfully produce the show, according to Brett Scott, another co-manager. Over the years, the horse specialist said the Expo Center has added a large cover over their outdoor arena and built permanent stalls to replace the temporary tent-covered ones once used.

As the Expo Center has grown, so has the show which now uses all three of the Expo's arenas simultaneously during several days of the seven-day show.

"The State 4-H Horse Committee and the Management Team have added classes such as team penning and cow horse classes, because of the interest in such events, and because the facility can easily accommodate classes involving cattle," Gibbs said. *continued on page 7*

CAMPBELL-PFEIFFER NUPTIALS

Blue skies and a gentle breeze along with the beautiful Matador Ranch countryside was the setting for the union of marriage of Cassie Jane Campbell and Russ Edward Pfeiffer Saturday, May 31, 2008 at 11:00 in the morning. The brides parents are Douglas and Janie Campbell of Matador. Bill and Iris Pinchak and Ed and Becky Pfeiffer, all of Vernon are parents of the groom.

Guests were greeted Texas style with cowboys on horseback directing the cars to reserved parking. Kyler Grisham, nephew of the bride and Tanner Fischer, cousin of the bride gave guests a ride in motorized mules to the east porch where guests were registered by Brenda Gillespie, longtime friend and classmate of Cassie. The porch was decorated with a wicker loveseat filled with pillows and a wicker table held the brides book. A large wicker plant stand held an elaborately designed bouquet of wild flowers.

Just beyond the registry was a large bridal portrait taken by Ken Young. Stepping from the porch one could see a large triple metal arch built just for the couple by Cassie's father which had the brides' Double C brand over the left arch and the grooms Rafter P brand on the right. In the middle of the center arch was a cross made from horseshoes. Shiny strands of turquoise beads and tulle woven through the metal made for a fairy tale look. Just behind the center arch was a large compote filled with an abundance of wild flowers, turkey and pheasant feathers and peacock plumes designed by Deana Washington.



Grandparents of the bride, Dan and Nancy Hagood of Lubbock and Joyce Campbell of Matador were seated by Matt Vance, friend of the bride, and Britt Paul Campbell, cousin of the bride, both of Lubbock. Brad King, long-time friend of the groom of Wichita Falls escorted Ms. Gerrie Protz, the grooms paternal grandmother.

The brides dress was an Alfred Angelo white strapless Princess line dress with re-embroidered lace on net with pearl and crystal beading covering the entire dress. The front hemline was just below the knee which showed the turquoise boots she wore. The back hem just touched the ground.

Maid of Honor was Miss Kitten Campbell, sister of the bride currently residing in Brewster, NY for a summer internship. Other attendants were Cassie's older sister, Memori Grisham of Irving, TX, Cousin JoBeth Camp-

bell of Lubbock and Aunt Kelly Ann Fischer of Lubbock.

Dresses were all fashioned by the bride's paternal grandmother, Joyce Campbell. The fabric was a shimmery satin turquoise color intertwined with a light brown thread. The strapless smocked bodice was fitted to the waistline and attached to the full circular skirt accented with a copper brown ribbon belt with a large bow in the back. They each carried a bouquet of mixed wildflowers.

The groom's tuxedo was a chocolate colored, two button, single breasted style with a non-vented back, tailored in luxurious tone-on-tone, subtle stripe fabric. Notch lapel, double-breasted pockets and satin covered buttons completed the attire. Attending the groom was best man, Wes Pfeiffer of Vernon, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were Chad Carter of Vernon, Kyle Pe-

erson of Wichita Falls, and Rick Ramsey of Frisco. They are all long-time friends of the groom. Their tuxedos matched that of the groom.

The bride, escorted by her father, entered from the south porch of the ranch headquarters to the guitar music provided by Matthew Coffman and Carrie Rucker playing Have a Little Faith in Me. Other songs played during the ceremony were: Could I Have This Dance and The Feather. The sweet ceremony was presided by minister and close friend of the family, Rance Young of Silverton.

Concluding the ceremony, the newly married couple departed to the instrumental music of I Can Only Imagine.

The reception guest tables were scattered on the lawn and porch area. They were covered with turquoise colored cloths tied at the corners with brown satin ribbon. The centerpieces were concrete vases pressed with a rose design and highlighted with turquoise color.

Hanging from the porch ceiling and trees around the ranch were various sized glittered balls adding glimmer to the already beautiful setting. A large wax leaf wreath bearing the couples glittered initials hung under the porch. Next to the large brass bowl holding bottles of bubbles for the guests was a table with a crystal urn filled with champagne punch.

Inside the ranch office the brides table held a 3 tiered tur-

quoise cake with brown icing resembling tooled leather. The outstanding cake was a gift made by friend and former employer Susan Ball of San Angelo owner of City Café & Bakery. The tables were covered with layers of different types of fabrics and a large cow hide. An antique floral bowl belonging to the brides' maternal great grandmother, Bernice Buchanan, of Lubbock held the crystal and black beaded toasting glasses. Nuts, mints, and punch were served along with the raspberry amaretto cake by college friends, Renn Rudasill, Ashley Bone, and Jamie Nichols all of San Angelo. Also adorning the table was a vase holding the bridal bouquet. Amanda Sands, longtime friend was the videographer. Wedding coordinator was special friend Janell Kilmer Turner of Claude, Texas.

For something old Cassie wore her Great Grandmother's wedding band. Something new was her turquoise tooled boots given as a gift from the groom. Something borrowed was her Great Grandmother's strand of pearls. Something blue was the traditional garter which was made with pieces of lace or buttons from her mothers, grandmothers, and great grandmothers wedding dresses. For luck, a six pence was worn in her boot, a gift from Rita Bacon, a friend of the grooms family.

The couple departed for their honeymoon to Playa del Carmen in Mexico where they vacationed for a week. The couple will reside

in San Angelo to complete their education.

The rehearsal dinner was held under the pavilion at the Matador Ranch. Tables were covered and decorated with wooden farm animals and vases. Hay bales and authentic chuck wagon were part of the décor. Steaks, potatoes, and broccoli/cauliflower salad were served along with fresh lemonade mixed up in an old Tom's peanut jar. Dessert choices were creamy peanut patties, cupcakes, lemon pound cake and cheesecake. While enjoying the meal, music was provided by Mike Porter of Afton. It was a beautiful and relaxing view under the cottonwood trees listening to the cattle and turkeys call.

A Miscellaneous Gift Shower honoring Cassie Campbell, bride elect of Russ Pfeiffer was held in the home of Wanda Kilmer of Matador on March 22, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. Wonderful refreshments of finger foods and sweets were served by hostesses Carolyn Ewing, Darla Gwinn, Janell Turner, Di-Ann Campbell, Nova Dale Turner, Cathey Turner, Colleen Baxter, JoEtta Bumgardner, Judy Cooper, Terree Donaldson, Debbie Favor, Kathy Gillespie, Susan Jameson, Shane Jones, Ronda Miller, Deana Washington, and D'Anna Russell.

Their gift to the couple was a KitchenAid Mixer. A spring bouquet centerpiece was also a gift from the hostesses.

There were also courtesies held in Vernon.

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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 3 of 3

In November of 1957, "Northern lights," aurora borealis, illuminated the winter sky. The north and eastern half of the night sky glowed in a brilliant crimson tinge that at times was laced with wide bars of white light similar to powerful searchlights. Crimson lights appeared and disappeared almost as if they were controlled by an electric switch. This was believed to be the most dramatic appearance of northern lights in history of area.

At Amarillo the lights were described as a pale green hue, while red was dominant in other areas. The lights had been seen on the Plains for the fourth time in the past six weeks.

Dr. J.S. Stanley sighted an object in sky as he returned home

from Paducah. Appeared to be a large plane about a mile south of the highway. Looking again he noticed the object was apparently suspended in air at what he estimated to be 1,000 feet. The object was very long and narrow and had what appeared to be cross beams at each end, dark gray in color. Morning sky was clear and the object sharply outlined. He watched it for several miles and it appeared to be motionless. "It might have been some type lighter than air craft but it was not a helicopter because it apparently had no propellers or engines."

At Levelland a few weeks later a "fiery object" put out the lights and stopped the motors of at least three autos which approached it on the highway. Sighted by THP, sheriff, others. Air Defense Command at Reese AFB started an investigation of the reports of the huge, egg-shaped "thing" that terrified motorists near Levelland.

Red Sputnik III, a Russian

satellite the size of an automobile, was seen hurtling through the skies in July of 1958. The manmade moon, clearly visible, circled the earth in 106 minutes. Rays bounced off the satellite as it tumbled end over end, giving it the effect of flashing on and off.

Strange lights in a fixed pattern were reported playing around the rim of Blanco Canyon at the TM Bar Ranch for at least thirty minutes. A weird object sailed swiftly and silently over the J.S. Hale place on the south side of the Canyon in the early morning hours of November 21, 1958. Q.D. Williams, a former brush pilot who manages the TM Bar Ranch, told an Air Force investigation team that the "light" or "whatever it was" seemed to be traveling at a high rate of speed when he spotted it. Williams awakened the Roy Fawver and J.S. Hale families to report the strange occurrence.

Fawver rushed toward the scene in his pickup but when he approached, "it" took off west

rapidly, "just as though the object knew someone was coming too close."

Hale revealed to a Floyd County Hesperian reporter that not only did the "lights, space ship, or whatever it was" play around toward his place, but it actually sailed over him as he lay on the ground under the fence near his irrigation well. "It was the worst scare of my life," said the ex-aimer who found a swath cut through giant cottonwood trees. When Hale first saw the fallen trees, a path was cut through the freshly-broken limbs. He expected to find a plane some few hundred yards up the creek. It appeared that something like a low-flying bomber had flown too close to the ground and sheared off the big tree growth. No plane wreckage was found and no reports came through about a missing plane. "Could the strange visitor," asked reporter Kenneth Rimmer of his readers, "have cut the path through the valley of the canyon?"

OBITUARIES

Charlie R. Long

Memorial Services for Charlie R. Long, 71, lifelong resident of Roaring Springs were held Friday June 20, 2008 at the Roaring Springs First Baptist Church with Rev. Johnny Morris and Rev. Jim Ritter officiating. Cremation is under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home of Matador.

Mr. Long passed away June 17, 2008 at his residence. Charlie was the owner for 45 years of Long Insurance Agency in Roaring Springs until his retirement this year. He married Nancy Gage on March 28, 1966 in Roaring Springs. Charlie served as the city secretary and mayor for a number of years.

He was active in community affairs including: Lions Club, Vice President of the Roaring Springs Ranch Club, Director of the Plains Baptist Assembly Youth Camp, and was the Democratic County Chairman for many years. He was involved in many

sports, coached several including baseball, and was an avid golfer. Mr. Long was Treasurer of the First Baptist Church of Roaring Springs where he was a Deacon and had taught Sunday School classes for over 40 years.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy of Roaring Springs; two daughters, Jellene Timmins and husband Rick of Ackerly, Texas and Janeile Eddleman and husband Blaine of Leander, Texas; one son, Jerry Long of Roaring Springs; three brothers, Carly 'PeeWee' Long of Waxahachie, Texas, Boyd Long of Roaring Springs, and Rodney Long of Roaring Springs; nine grandchildren, Mike, Jamie, Nikki, Brady, Monty, Ashley, Dalton, Dayton, and Avery; eight great-grandchildren, and 14 nieces and nephews.

Ann Smith

Ann Smith, 74, a lifetime Paducah resident, passed away Monday June 23, 2008 at a Vernon care facility.

Funeral services were held June 25th at the First Baptist Church of Paducah with Pastor Ronnie Lambert officiating. Interment followed at the Paducah Garden of Memories Cemetery under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home.

Ann was born Sept 13, 1933 in Matador TX to John Delaney and Annie Cartwright. Ann married Billy Smith in 1950 at Buck Creek, Texas and graduated from Paducah High School in 1951. During her working years she was a hospital administrator, and a co-owner and clerk of the Smith

Department Store of Paducah. She also was a member of the Delphian Study Club, The Baptist Women's Sunday School Class and delivered Meals on Wheels for many years.

Ann was a member of the First Baptist Church and a very dedicated wife, mother, and homemaker. She loved her family, cooking, gardening, and doing needlepoint.

She is survived by her husband of 58 years, Billy Smith; two sons, Rodney Smith of New Braunfels and Rudy Smith of Vernon; one brother, Billy Lane Cartwright of Paducah; two sisters, Juanita Woods and Winona Welch, both of Big Spring; six grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

RS hosts 66 Greenbelt Golfers

On June 17th Roaring Springs was the destination of Greenbelt Golf. Due to storms in the area there were only 66 golfers. Motley County Golfers were Bryson, Shelby and Reagan Elliott, Mickey and Caleb Clary, Mattie and Christian Brooks, Mathew Faulks and Courtney Alexander, Bryant and Austin Taylor, Seth Baxter, Korbyn and Kayla Simpson, Britt Simpson and Jonathan Osborn.

Motley County did well on their home course. K-3rd boys, Micky Clary, got gold. Fourth and 5th boys, Bryant Taylor, placed 1st, and Korbyn Simpson placed 3rd. Sixth, 7th and 8th boys, Christian Brooks placed 1st, Jonathon Osborn placed 2nd, and Austin Taylor placed 4th. Ninth and up girls, Courtney Alexander brought home 2nd place.

On June 23rd twelve Motley County golfers traveled to Wellington where 101 golfers came to play. Traveling to Wellington were Mickey and Caleb Clary,

Mattie and Christian Brooks, Matthew Faulks, Bryant and Austin Taylor, Seth Baxter, Korbyn and Kayla Simpson, Jonathan Osborn, Coby Cochran and Britt Simpson. Mattie Brooks brought home 4th in the 4th and 5th girls. Micky Clary brought home gold in the k-3rd boys. For 4th and 5th grade boys it was a Motley Sweep; 1st Bryant Taylor, 2nd Seth Baxter, 3rd Caleb Clary and 4th Korbyn Simpson. For 6th, 7th and 8th grade boys, Jonathon Osborn won 1st, Austin Taylor 3rd and Christian Brooks 4th.

Motley County golfers will travel to Memphis Friday, June 27 for the last tournament of the year. Trophies will be awarded to the top three golfers in each division. Each and every Motley County golfer has done well this year improving their own game and there is sure to be a lot of trophies coming home from Memphis.

RECALLING AUTOGRAPHS

By Earlyne Jameson

When Flomot students signed autographs in the back of their annuals at the end of a school year, they used clever ways of saying how long they planned to be your friend. Here is recalling a few.

Yours till Sitting Bull stands up. Yours till Niagra Falls. Yours till the kitchen sinks. Yours till the calf of your leg eats the corn on your toe. Yours till Germany get Hungary, fries Turkey in Greece and eats it on China, then Russians off to work.

We will continue to share some old autograph sayings. This batch should loosen some memories and evoke a few chuckles.

I hope you sit on the tack of success and rise rapidly.

I'm not a southern beauty, I'm not an Eastern rose, I'm just a little western girl with freckles on her nose.

I like pumpkins, I like squash, I like you, I do by gosh!

I'm not Joe Penair, I'm not Mae West, but I'd love to be the one that you love best!

Down in the meadow, carved on a rock, three little words FORGET ME NOT.

When you were little and had no sense, you milked a cow with a monkey wrench.

When you get old and have no teeth, call on me to chew your beef.

The higher the mountain, the colder the breeze, the younger the couple, the tighter the squeeze.

There were sentimental autographs especially to their teachers, but some couldn't resist comical autographs to friends. Maybe you too can remember some of your autographs at the Flomot Homecoming July 5th.

SHOP AT HOME!



CREWS are busy replacing water lines in Matador.

COMBINED NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

June 26, 2008
Motley County
P.O. Box 719
Matador, TX 79244
(806) 762-8721, Elena Quintanilla, South Plains Association of Governments

REQUFST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about July 9, 2008, the Motley County Judge will submit a request to the Office of Rural Community Affairs for the release of Community Development Block Grant funds under Section 104(f) of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as amended, to undertake a project known as Flomot Water System Replacement Project for the purpose of replacing the existing tank with a new 2000-gallon tank and installing one chlorine feeder, one holding tank, one meter pump and a nitrate treatment system.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Motley County has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the Motley County Courthouse located at 701 Dundee Street and may be examined or copied weekdays 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., closed from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. for lunch.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to the Motley County Judge. All comments received by July 9, 2008 will be considered by the Motley County Judge prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Commentors should specify which part of this Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Motley County Judge certifies to the Office of Rural Community Affairs that Ed D. Smith in his capacity as County Judge consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The Office's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the community of Flomot to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Office of Rural Community Affairs will consider objections to its release of funds and the Motley County Judge, Ed D. Smith, certification received by July 29, 2008 or a period of fifteen days from its receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer or other officer of Motley County approved by the Office; (b) the (RE) has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the project have committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by the Office; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to the Office of Rural Community Affairs at P.O. Box 12877, Austin, Texas 78711. Potential objectors should contact the Office to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Ed. D. Smith, County Judge



SURVIVORS attend Relay for Life breakfast held on May 24, 2008 at First Baptist Church in Matador. Front L to R) Rosalie Davis, Vee Gordon, Geneva Wilson, Joan Patton, Lorine Jordan, Annette Hollinsworth. (Back L to R) R.C. Gieske. Marihelen Watson, Callie Gieske, Joetta Bumgardener, Shane Newman, Dorothy Day.

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Paranormal research team investigates historic jail

By Carol Campbell

Is the ghost of Joseph P. Beckham, the first sheriff of Motley County, haunting the old jail? Did Beckham burn down the first courthouse built in 1891 to obscure evidence that he misused county funds? Beckham, killed by Texas Rangers in 1893, was reportedly buried, exhumed to prove he was dead, and buried again. And where was he buried?

The Texas Spirit Seekers, a paranormal research team from the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex, came to Matador to seek friendly spirits roaming the confines of the historic jail. Five team members set up night vision cameras and an electronic voice phenomenon (EVP) "Mini-box" in an attempt to capture paranormal evidence at the historic Motley County jail on Saturday, June 21. Team members consisted of James Leslie, Chris Travis, Charlotte Mason, David McMahon, and Lead Investigator Lance Brooks.

James Leslie's grandparents, David and Pat Womack lived in Matador, where his grandmother died in the late '90s. He remembers visiting them when he was a child and he always had a "fascination with the old jail." His fascination with occurrences removed from the ordinary led him to Texas Spirit Seekers. He has been with the group now since its inception in November, 2007.

Leslie contacted the county and asked if his research team could set up in the old jail over the weekend to "check for any paranormal activity." They had another investigation locally that drew them to Matador, but the opportunity to investigate a 117-year-old structure was just too intriguing to pass up. Confidentiality policies keep the group from divulging the identity of the Matador spirit seeker.

Lead investigator, Dr. Lance Brooks, says he is a biologist by

very noticeable. The remainder of our teams sweep went without incidence. Before we ended the investigation we decided to conduct a Mini-Box session. As we were asking questions and collecting data James was slapped on the back, he thought it was one of the other team members but was from an unknown source. I tried provoking the entity and was promptly pinched and scratched on the back. Photos were taken of the inflamed area of my back and we proceeded with the session."

The team will have a report on their Motley County jail experiences in about a week, James Leslie said, adding, "We had a really good night." The group will write up an oral history, explain the experiences of each team member, and basically, "give you a book report on what we found that is relevant to the jail," he said. The group will then sit down with an interested group to go over the report and evidence. "Hopefully, we will be able to do a follow-up investigation in the future," Leslie said.

"Before my team went into the basement," Brooks said, "James (Leslie) and I went in to make some initial thermal sweeps and to check on an IR (infrared) light that was having some issues. I picked up the unit and tried to fix it while James was looking into the symbols that were on the walls, door, and cross beams. As he was talking to me I felt as though something was surrounding me, just outside of (my) comfort zone and very oppressive in nature. The feeling was so strong that I was unable to hear him talk as I was focused on the feeling that I was surrounded by. I had the urge to leave the basement and go topside so we left and informed our team it was time to start. James also felt as though there was something there although we were unsure what it might be."

"Some of the team members felt some cold spots but nothing

held in eight different cities. With the size of the event, which includes a 100-member management team of AgriLife Extension personnel and volunteers, Gibbs said it became important to select a facility that could host the show for a minimum of three consecutive years. The event moved to Abilene in 1986, and has been there since.

The show has always been produced by the Texas AgriLife Extension Service, a part of the Texas A&M System.

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State 4-H Horse Show

"This year the growth continues with our first-ever stock horse trail class. All told, we feature almost 40 different classes now. Some classes may have as many as 150 participants."

For 45 years, Texas 4-H'ers have been going to District 4-H horse shows across the state to prepare and qualify for the state show, which Gibbs said is sometimes referred to as the State 4-H Finals. At its start in 1963, the show lasted only about a day and a half, he said.

Until 1985, the show had been

held in eight different cities. With the size of the event, which includes a 100-member management team of AgriLife Extension personnel and volunteers, Gibbs said it became important to select a facility that could host the show for a minimum of three consecutive years. The event moved to Abilene in 1986, and has been there since.

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JAMES LESLIE, member of the Texas Spirit Seekers, takes a tour of the old jail with Judge Ed D. Smith. Leslie and five TSS investigators spent the night in the jail on June 21.

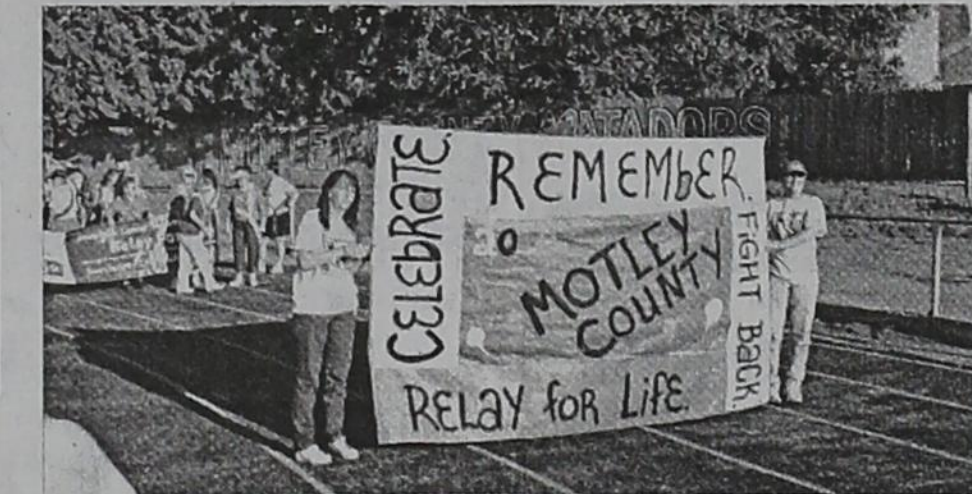
Palo Duro Basin Oil and Gas Update

FLOYD COUNTY:

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MOTLEY COUNTY:

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By Ace Reid



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Events Calendar

- June**
- 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 Flomot Homecoming
 - 8 Motley Jr. Rodeo Cleanup Day
 - 8 Roaring Springs Volunteers, Community Center 7 pm
 - 10 Texas Plains Trail Regional Board meeting, Hotel Matador 11:00 am
 - 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
- August**
- 2 Men's Breakfast, Methodist Church, 7:00 am
 - 5 Matador Lions, Methodist Church, 12:30 pm
 - 7 Roaring Springs Lions, Hitchin Post, 11:30 am
 - 11 Commissioners Court, 9:30 am
- HOME COMING & REUNIONS**
- August Old Settlers Reunion, Roaring Springs
 - September 12 & 13 Matador/Motley County Homecoming
 - October 4 Northfield Homecoming

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email mctribune@gmail.com

Fairways and Rough

by Tammy Simpson

Scramble

Ladies Playday
June 12

18 hole players were Jean Hoover, June Moss and Geneva Wilson. Geneva and June won the ball - longest drive on #2.

9 hole players were Frances Hobbs, Nell Berryman, Tommie Keith, Pat Warren, Tammy Simpson and Jessica Ballard. Tammy won the ball - longest drive on #2

Scramble

Tuesday,
June 17

First, with a score of 30, Devin Ballard, Jessica Ballard, Robert Osborn and Olivia Osborn.

Second, with a score of 31, (playoff on card) Tammy Simpson, David Taylor, Shane Taylor and Roy Gene Stephens.

Others playing were Ronnie Vandiver, Ralph Perkin, Alan Bingham, Pat Warren, Conway Clary, Kenny Barton, Liv Barton, Paul Westbrook, Jim Watson, Alvin Martin, Jan Martin, Randy Martin, William Cochran and Ray Martin.

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