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Mayor and council members sworn in for new terms

Council approves new city engineer for water grant

By Carol Campbell

Matador City Council met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. May 13, 2010, at City Hall, covering seven action items, including the swearing-in of the mayor and two council members.

In the recent city election, Pat Smith earned his third 2-year term as Mayor with 51 votes, and Councilman Alvin Alexander garnered 58 votes for another 2-year term. Nathan Shannon was seated with 61 votes, replacing Pat Seigler who retired after serving the city six years in the '70s, and seven consecutive years from 2003-2010.

Attending the meeting were Councilmen Nathan Shannon, Alvin Alexander, Shane Jones, Kay Bailey, Chuck Ream; and Mayor Pat Smith, City Superintendent Steve Barton and Debra Scott, City Secretary. No one spoke in open forum.

Engineering firms were asked to submit proposals to the council to represent the city on a grant available through the South Plains Council of Governments (SPAG) to finance water line replacement. According to Water Superintendent Steve Barton the city is losing about 20 percent of its water through damaged transmission lines in south Matador.

While seven proposals were received following the advertised bid proposal, only three of the engineering firms made presentations to the council, consisting of Cory Dulin, Lubbock, and Leslie Bruce, Childress, representing AMD Engineering; John T. Hamilton and Leonard Nail,

both of Lubbock, representing Parkhill Smith & Cooper; and Clayton Scales, Amarillo, KSA Engineers. Following a discussion, the council voted unanimously to consult with KSA Engineers on the water project.

KSA Engineer Clayton Scales said he was very familiar with the water project, and had helped the city identify what sections were causing the most problems. "We have been studying this since August last year," he said.

Councilman Alexander said

the city has had problems with projects in the past where "once the plans were done, the engineers become scarce," he said. "We don't have the resources to do inspections," he added.

"My goal is to give you what you need -- evaluate the bids, prepare documents, hold a pre-construction conference, and answer questions," Scales said. "We like to be involved in the construction phase," he said, reassuring the council that he would be onsite during

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Roaring Springs Memorial Day Program Set

J. Q. Warnick, Jr., former U.S. Magistrate Judge, U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas (1984-1998) will be the featured speaker for the Memorial Day Program set for May 31 at 11:00 a.m. Judge Warnick is also a U.S. Naval Reserve veteran as well as an U.S. Air Force veteran.

The Memorial Day Program will be held in the Roaring Springs Memorial Park. If you have been missing this, it is a worth-while activity to honor our veterans and the men who are serving in our military forces at the present time. Our nation needs to be reminded of where we came from and where we are going and Memorial Day does just that.

If you would like to have

your family member who is currently serving in the armed forces name read during the service; you need to call Alex Crowder at 348-3336 or Monta Marshall at 348-7000 to update the list. Some were disappointed last year because their family member wasn't mentioned. If we have their name sent in by you, they will be remembered and mentioned. Please help make this the best Memorial Day service by letting us know your service person's name and then being present to show your patriotism for your country and fighting men.

If you call and we are out, leave your message and we will call you back. We don't want to overlook anyone who is bravely serving our country.

Running R Ranch, Mott Creek Ranch and Matador Ranch Win Lone Star Land Steward Awards



Lone Star Steward awards will be presented in Austin on May 26th. L to R: Gilbert Guerrero - Wolfcreek Camp Manager, John Martin - Hunting Division, J.D. Russell - Assistant Manager, Matador Ranch; Janie Campbell - Office Manager, Tim Washington - Russellville Camp Manager, Shane Taylor - Hunting Division, Wendy Bumpus - Hunting Lodge Manager, Les Woolsey - Assistant Hunting Coordinator, Mickey Beshirs - Lucky Knob Camp Manager, Kris Wilson - Headquarters Camp Manager, Bob Kilmer - Ranch Manager - Hunting and Cattle, Bobby Buntyn - Wildlife Biologist.

AUSTIN — When Mother Nature shines as she's done this spring, it makes anyone with a plot of dirt look good. But, it's those times when the rains don't come and the heat turns most of Texas brown and crunchy that a landowner's mettle is put to the test. Those who can keep habitat conditions going in tough times as well as good are true conservation heroes.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Lone Star Land Steward Awards program recognizes those private landowners for excellence

in habitat management and wildlife conservation on their lands. The awards also seek to publicize the best examples of sound natural resource management practices and promote long-term conservation of unique natural and cultural resources.

This year's crop of award winners represents broad and sometimes unique conservation goals, from traditional wildlife management alongside livestock operations to conservation missionaries who've taken to the Internet to share their gospel.

The Running R Ranch, located in the sandhills of Bailey County, provides habitat for a diversity of wildlife, including bobwhite and scaled quail, pheasant, and mule deer. The ranch participates in the NRCS special EQIP area for Lesser Prairie Chickens and is working with TPWD in the Managed Lands Deer Program for mule deer. Habitat improvements include cross fencing for grazing management and installation of water lines and guzzlers to provide water for livestock and wild

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Relay For Life receives \$640 from Roaring Springs Lions



The Roaring Springs Lions present Kathy Blanco, Chairperson of Relay For Life with a check for \$640.00 which included, diamond ring ticket sales, tee shirt sales and donation from Buzz Thacker in memory of the late LaVoe Thacker, and a donation from Red Ball Gin Co. in memory of Gyretta Clinton.

Matador Ranch Hosts TSCRA Ranch Gathering

Last Thursday approximately 140 members and supporters of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) gathered at the Matador Ranch Headquarters tabernacle for an evening highlighted by a barbecue beef dinner and presentations by Matador Ranch Manager Bob Kilmer, TSCRA Special Ranger Region 1 and 3 Supervisor Scott Williamson, and the organization's Executive Vice President and CEO, Eldon White.

District 68 Texas State Representative Rick Hardcastle of Vernon also attended and spoke briefly to the crowd.

"These ranch gatherings are a great way for folks in the community to get together, and it's not just for TSCRA members. Anyone who would like to come out and enjoy the evening is invited," TSCRA President Dave Scott said.

Kilmer welcomed attendees and gave a brief history of the historic ranch, tracing it from

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New TSCRA District 1 Special Ranger Harold Dempsey (right) talks with Flomot rancher Darrell Cruse at the recent Ranch Gathering at the Matador Ranch. Ranger Dempsey is a Motley County native who graduated from Matador High School in 1978. He recently retired as Detective Sergeant for the robbery division of the Amarillo Police Department after 30 years of service.

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Connections

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

It has been brought to our attention that the Texas Department of Transportation plans to close and remove several roadside parks, picnic areas and rest stops along Texas Highways across the Texas Panhandle. The Panhandle Tourism Marketing Council, an organization that works to promote tourism across the Texas Panhandle is very concerned about these closures for several reasons. We feel that these closures will impact our area in a negative way for several reasons.

For starters in the rural areas sometimes it is considerable miles between towns and so the rest areas and roadside parks help give travelers a place to stop in between towns to rest, stretch or just get off the road. Also these areas give travelers that have roadside emergencies a safe place to pull off the road. There may not always be a roadside park when you need one, but they are a safer alternative to the shoulder of the road when you need to stop.

Also, many of these areas serve as travel information centers with historical markers and area information for travelers. It is our hope that in the future we could use these existing areas to further assist travelers with local tourism information, by hosting message boards with maps and other information.

This idea came about over a letter that was received a couple of years back regarding a traveler to the area that was very disappointed in the location of the travel center in

Amarillo. The letter pointed to the fact that because the visitors center was in Amarillo, the traveler missed out on seeing several things because they didn't learn about them until they stopped at the center in Amarillo.

The Panhandle Tourism Marketing Council received a copy of this letter and thought it might be a good idea to be able to display information at some of the roadside parks around the area. This would give travelers a chance to stop and learn about things to see and do before they missed them. At the time, Mark Tomlinson, was the District Engineer for the Amarillo District, that we visited with regarding this idea. Part of our idea included having TXDOT to post signs at locations were the message boards were located so travelers knew there was visitors information at the particular road side park or rest area. At the time Mr. Tomlinson was very supportive of the idea and wanted to work with us on the project. Funding for the message boards was the only thing that kept the Panhandle Tourism Marketing Council from moving forward with the project. This would be done as funds are available through PTMC to purchase message boards or if local supporting agencies have the funds locally. The location for the message board will depend on who in the area is willing to maintain the sign and it's information. Dalhart is the only community that has been able to start making

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WRITING COMMUNITY

Caught with the Fire of Love and The Passion of the Word of our Lord

By Laverne Zabielski

Part three of four parts

Gabriella placed the letter on the dresser under her photograph, the one from her graduation. "Come with me," Andrews words hovered. She slipped on her scarf and looked for Joe in the barn.

"Take me to the revival, Joe. I have something to tell Brother Andrew." Joe gathered the horses and buggy.

Andrew was standing at the front of the tent talking with a young child. He caught Gabriella's eyes as she slowly walked in. He knew she was coming. He patted the child on the head turned and walked toward her, his tall legs carrying him in fast strides, his long hair slicked back, his wide smile growing wider as he approached her.

"Are you coming with me? Are you really coming with me?"

She whispered, "yes." They left and were married in the next town. Andrew kissed her gently. They rode the train, west with some of the roughest men she'd ever seen. Stayed in a box shack hotel. Andrew kissed her tenderly. She was caught with the fire of love.

Next morning they rode the train across Oklahoma with her linen and china, books and coverlet tucked away in her trunk. They rode in a wagon up over the hill, saw the tepees in the valley and a chill ran through her body, the Indians under blankets, the light dusting of snow on the ground, the women wrapped in shawls. "Is this it, Andrew? Is this what we've come to do, to live here with these people? Are these the children of the Lord we've come to teach?"

"These are the savage children of the Lord," Andrew said and he pulled her closer to him.

She carried his child with-in and gathered mementoes

she'd brought around her and birthed their first child on a cold fall night in an Indian tepee. She was fired up. They had a sweet daughter and he spoke eloquently to the Indians while she nursed her babe at her breast, took slow walks to recover and cooked food over the fire. An Indian woman helped her and he spoke eloquently to the Indians and she birthed another sweet baby daughter and nursed her at her breast as her sister played and cried and an Indian woman helped.

Gabriella was tired and lonely for her mother and Sallie and soft grass and the warm bed of her childhood. She missed her home, her big beautiful bedroom and fluffy pillow. Her body grew and bled, her nipples became sore and cracked, her belly full and she cried for help and love and understanding as he spoke eloquently to the Indians. She tore rags in long strips, cut them in shorter lengths, folded them and placed them into piles. Her supply was running low, yet her flow was still heavy.

"You be a man's wife, he give you babies, maybe two or three, it's not so easy to come back." Sallie's words lingered.

Don't even think such thoughts, Gabriella said to herself instead. She soaked the blood stained rags; the red stained, turned brown, and dark rags. Rinsed them, then soaked them again in cold water in a pail all night, poured out the red water then placed the rags back in the pail to soak some more, boiled hot water and washed them 'til the water ran clear then hung them, still stained, on the line to dry. Her heavy flow used them up fast, used her up fast.

They stayed in the parsonage next to the Methodist Church. It had three rooms, three bare rooms. "How will I ever make this place homey? Gabriella said staring at the

rough walls, remembering the table set with china and Sallie's flowers. "Who will help me with this place?" She asked as she glanced around the rooms, the rough walls, dirty, needing cleaning the floor, dirt. "Who will help me?"

"You can do it, honey you can make a nice place here."

The wagons came down to the mission school. Gabriella stood at the front of the classroom and watched each child walk slowly in, different ones everyday. The soldiers sat proud on their horses after having escorted the children to the school. They had rounded up the first ones they could get their hands on. Gabriella takes one child's hand, smiles and looks into the sad face, his afraid eyes. She begins the lesson, not knowing what really to teach. She washed hands, feeling anxiety in the pit of her stomach as she began to understand. Why has this happened she asked herself expecting an answer from someone, from Andrew, or a soldier, or from God, he certainly saw.

Stella, her first born, stood on the steps to the school, watched the wagon come in the gate, the wagon covered with chicken wire.

"Mother, why do they have chicken wire on the wagon?" she asked.

"To keep the Indians in," Gabriella answered with regret.

"Don't they want to come to school?"

"Some do, the ones that know we are kind and good. Others are still afraid."

"Why?"

"They have been hurt and have been taken away from their families. Some have lost their father and mother. It's sad what has been done."

"Is that why they are so sad?"

"I'm sure they must want it the way it used to be, but the soldiers say we must teach them our ways, we must teach them English and to dress like us so that they will be better able to live with the white man's way. It is very sad, Stella, that this has happened, but there is nothing that I can do. I cannot set them free. I am only a missionary's wife, my work is to help your daddy teach the work of our Lord. Go get your tablet so you can practice your letters."

Stella listened and learned. She listened to her father's words and she listened to her mother's and as she grew she read the Bible faithfully.

Gabriella watched Andrew feed the fire, flames flaring up, cinders scattering, wishing she could remember the way it used to be. There was so little time now, to remember, her daughters, Anna and Stella took all her time and the children and school took were a handful. She watched him stoke the fire trying to remember when they last just sat and talked. They never dreamed anymore like they dreamed the house out west and the children to fill it. They were in that house now, and the children did fill it.

Last night they were up all night moving buckets to catch the dripping water from the leaking roof. Water dripped on the dresser where she kept the photographs of the family she left behind to come out to what she now called God forsaken land.

She wrote in her journal. They read the Bible.

I don't understand. This feels so shallow. There is so much more to be done. Tears fill my eyes. I can only be with the ones they bring me. How do I make Stella understand? How will I teach her also?

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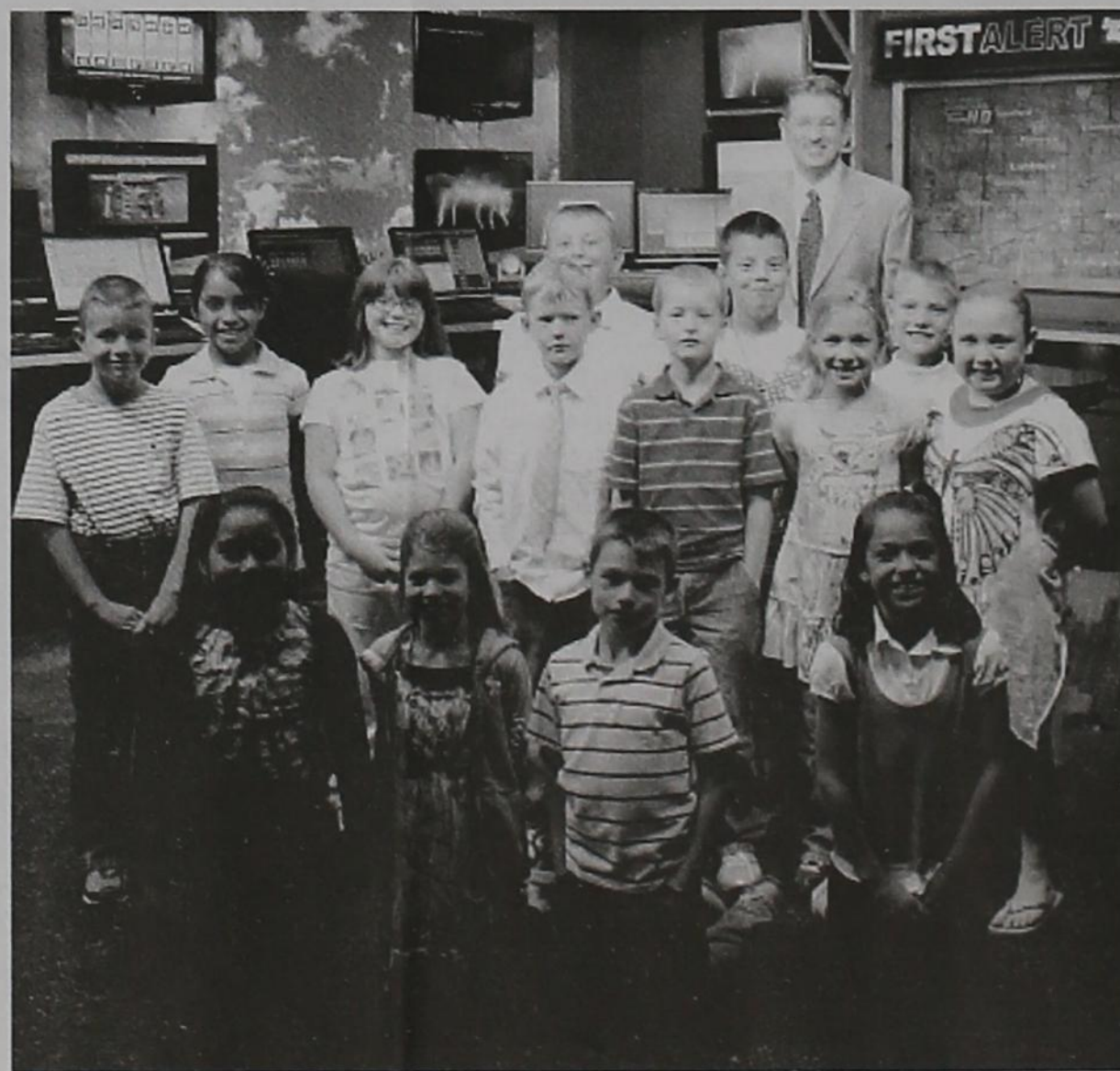
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Motley County Shining Stars



The Motley County third grade class took a field trip on Thursday, May 13th, to KCBD, News Channel 11, in Lubbock. While there, students were first taken on a tour of the building. They were able to see the news room, the production room, and eventually, the studio. During the noon news, the class had a front row seat behind the cameras.

After the news was over, they were able to talk with Sharon Maines and Steve Divine. This was a very memorable and informative field trip!



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Matador Ranch Hosts TSCRA Ranch Gathering

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the early days in the 1800's to the current operations under Koch Industries.

"If you had told me 10 years ago that we would be involved in the targeted breeding of white tail deer, I would never have believed it," said Kilmer as he explained the ranch's work to diversify and to optimize not only its cattle and horse production, but also its hunting operation.

"Many of you will remember the tense situations cowboys would get into when working the old-time Hereford cattle, but you haven't seen anything until you get a white tail cornered in tight quarters," Kilmer laughed.

Special Ranger Williamson spoke on "Protecting Your Property from Theft." He said that even the smallest measures may be enough to turn a thief from your property to search for an easier target. Positioning pens out of sight from the road and keeping a lock on gates are definite deterrents, as is placing the TSCRA membership "Posted" sign on the gate.

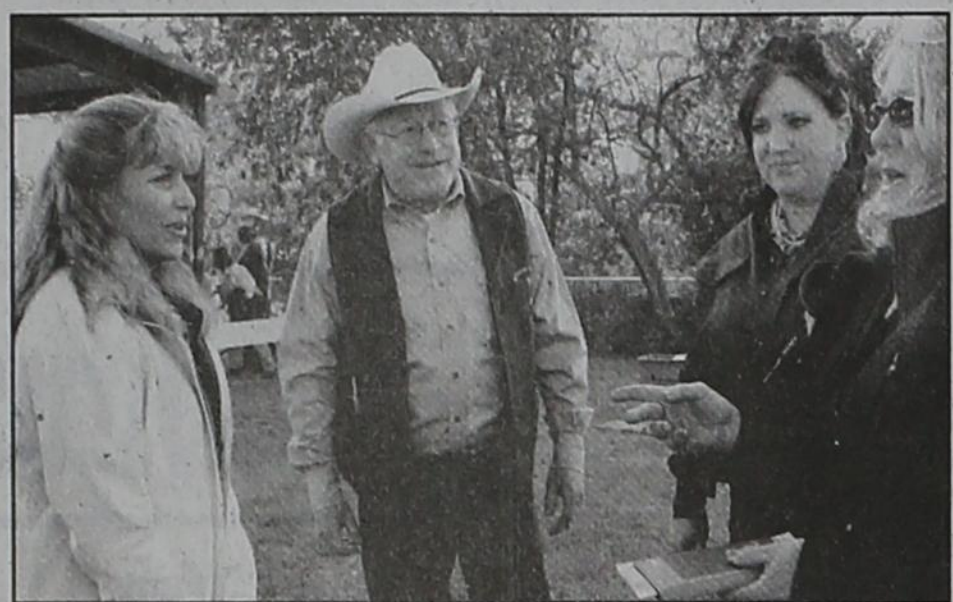
Criminals have admitted to looking for places without the recognizable blue and white sign, knowing full well the investigative power and reputation of TSCRA Special Rangers to whom members have access when crimes occur.

CEO White updated attendees on current and potential legislative issues of importance to the agriculture industry. Issues such as protecting landowners' private property rights to groundwater ownership are continually researched and monitored by TSCRA. Organization executives are watchdogs and advocates for the state's landowners and ranchers in the political arenas of Austin and Washington, DC.

White urged Ranch Gathering guests to become and stay educated on issues affecting the livestock industry, privacy rights, land ownership, and



TSCRA Special Ranger Supervisor Scott Williamson talks with area rancher Dude Barton at the Ranch Gathering last Thursday evening.



Leslie Baxter, Bob Kilmer, Wendy Bumpus, and Ruth Lowrance (from left) visit after a barbecue dinner at the TSCRA Ranch Gathering last week.

resource stewardship—and to vote.

Door prizes were donated by the Matador Ranch, Moore Makers, Matador Motor and Hardware, Helena Chemical, and TSCRA. Sponsors of the event were Texas Range Minerals, Inc., Helena Chemical, Novartis Animal Health, Matador Ranch, Ag Works Insurance, Matlock and Associates, and Bayer Animal Health. The meal was prepared by Clinton Lewis of Novartis and Perry Church of Merial.

The Texas and Southwestern

Cattle Raisers Association is a 133-year-old organization that represents more than 15,000 beef cattle producers, ranchers, and businesses that manage approximately 4 million head of cattle on 51.5 million acres of range and pasture land, primarily in Texas and Oklahoma.

TSCRA provides law enforcement and livestock inspection services, legislative and regulatory advocacy, industry news and information, insurance services, and educational opportunities for its members and the industry.

Foothill Country Connections

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this project a reality for their area. The message board has been purchased, they are just waiting for the go ahead from TxDot.

We are very much appreciative of the work that the Texas Department of Transportation does to help make travel safer and more efficient across the Texas Panhandle for everyone and help promote tourism across the area. Not many states have the support that we do to promote tourism across our area.

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BY CARLA MEADOR, MARKETING DIRECTOR

Did you know that Hackberry Creek Care Center is a 5-star Nursing Home? According to the Gilbert Guide and Health Grades, which are rating systems for care centers, Hackberry rates among the best! The Gilbert Guide and Health Grades compile information from state inspections and complaint investigations and compares to other Nursing Home scores in the state to come up with their ratings. Only 3 out of 10 nursing homes in each state receive a 5-star rating. The top 30% of Nursing Homes in the state are awarded 5 stars. Hackberry's State Inspection score is 0, which is a perfect score. There are only 12 out of every 100 nursing homes with a perfect score.

Some other important points about Hackberry's rating is the Nursing rating, which is 1.04 per resident per day. The national average is 0.8. Also, the total number of licensed staff hours per resident per day at Hackberry is 1.39 compared to 1.3 for the national average.

These ratings are very important factors to consider when choosing a nursing home, which is one of the hardest decisions you will ever make. When your spouse, parent or another loved one needs care that assisted living or home health care simply cannot provide, it is time to choose a nursing home. At Hackberry we understand that this is a difficult and emotional task. We understand that even with the very best nursing homes, this transition can be wrenching for the entire family.

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Paying for a nursing home is another huge source of stress. Most families have questions about Medicare, Medicaid, long-term care insurance and private pay. At Hackberry we can answer your questions and set your mind at ease concerning this part of the difficult task of placing your loved

one in a care center.

We welcome you to stop by for a visit to Hackberry. If you would like to schedule a tour of our facility, please give us a call and we will be glad to set up a time to your convenience. After a visit to our center, we are sure you will understand why Hackberry truly is "a place to call home."

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Sr. Health Tips

GET A LONG AND HEALTHY LIFE!

Everyone wants to be healthy and vigorous throughout their life. But more so being healthy in old age is just a like a boon. Since old age brings with itself many health problems and if you are not taking complete care of yourself then these diseases become hard to cure and manage in old age. Here are some useful health tips for old age:

Drink enough water: It cleanses your body machinery and helps your heart in functioning well. Drinking of enough water will keep away chances of kidney stone and urine problems. It will also keep you looking young and active along with natural glow on your face.

Exercise regularly: Inclusion of regular exercise in your daily life is the best health tip for old age. Exercising will not only help in promoting brain regeneration but also obviate decline in body parts. Practice any form of exercise depending on what you and your body can manage. Talk to your health care provider on what exercise you should undertake in your old age. Seniors can also use yoga which generates flexibility and bal-

ance in their body.

Well balanced diet: A well balanced diet plays a very important part in keeping you healthy in old age. Avoid eating rich foods like sweets, stuffed and fried. As it will leave an impact on your liver and may result in damaging it. You should eat a calcium rich diet as it will strengthen your bones. In old age teeth become weak, so diet should also be soft cooked so that intake is easier. Add fruits, vegetables and greens in your daily diet to maintain your health in old age. Proper nutritional food keeps many diseases away and also save you from common problems of aging. Addition of nutritional food can save you from problems like obesity, cardiovascular diseases, diabetes and osteoporosis as these are generally prevalent nutrition related health problems which occur in old age.

Be happy and engage in recreational activities: During old age, factors like social isolation, low income and depression affect health in old age. Loneliness is a common problem in old age and leads to related problems. During this time, it becomes all the more important for seniors to take on some activity which occupy their time. Take part in social activities and indulge in pursuing your hobbies in spare time. Make friends and make use of their company to keep yourself active and happy.

Be happy and visit your doctor regularly: During old age, seniors should take special care of their health. This includes a regular visit to a health care professional. You should visit and consult your doctor regularly and try to implement all the suggestions and precautions given by your doctor.

Health in old age is not that hard to have and maintain. All you need is to follow some simple steps which can be easily included in your daily life without much effort. Most likely you know them already but now is the time to get started.

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TRAIL DUST

By
DOUGLAS MEADOR

**Matador Tribune
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Together we walked through the fragrance of an orchard blooming under moonlight where fresh dew touched the grossamer tents of flowering trees like mist drifting above the spires of lofty castles. Our words came as hammer blows upon an anvil in that enchanted silence which lay as talus under the cliffs of life. It was a fragile moment suspended like the note of a flute on the silvery web of dreams and white blossoms of the apricot trees brushed her cheek as we passed. We looked back at the hill and orchard as the gates of beauty closed; two fugitives from Arcadia.

RETRO NEWS

**Matador Tribune
March 10, 1938**

Record Crowd Expected At Firemen Play

A record attendance is expected to witness the Matador Volunteer Fire Department's play, "The Red Spider," which will be presented in the Matador High School auditorium tomorrow evening, according to Fire Chief Clay Gilbert, who is directing the three-act mystery-drama.

Chief Gilbert declared that the cast, which has been in regular rehearsal for the past two weeks, is prepared to give entertainment seekers more than their money's worth. He said that every detail of action has been mastered until he feels that his characters will prove themselves as real thespians when the final curtain is lowered tomorrow night.

TxDot

**Please don't close the
rest areas. It will make
traveling much more
difficult!**

NEWS AROUND MOTLEY COUNTY

Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

On a personnel note . . .

Forgetting to take my allergy shot for four months is a sign that I am not hitting on all four cylinders and here I thought I was at least a six cylinder model. I can't seem to get all my ducks in a row or all my medications adjusted. Surely it isn't just old age! I am still having problems with my health and it is very frustrating.

I want to fly with the eagles but here I am down with the emus or ostriches whose eyes are larger than their brains! Now I heard of 'eyes being larger than my stomach' often when I was a little girl; but, eyes bigger than a brain! That is scary.

Speaking of sayings, it seems children aren't cautioned about the things we were. Of course this is a different day; I'll bet we had less hazardous things to be careful about though.

In the community . . .

On Wednesday, May 12, Glennard and Edith Daniell celebrated their 54th anniversary with a surprise cake and ice cream during the 3:00 p.m. Coffee Drinkers Club meeting. Ken and Suzanne Abbott furnished a beautifully decorated all-white anniversary cake. Buzz and Tince Thacker brought the ice cream. Attending were the honorees, the Daniells, Ken and Suzanne Abbott, Buzz and Tince Thacker, Don and Billy Stuckey, Alex and Jo Crowder, Donna Kennedy, J. N. Fletcher, Floyd Carter, and Corky and Monta Marshall.

Barbara and John Alexander hosted their 5th annual barbeque and pot luck lunch for their church family. Attending the cook-out at their new home was: Walter and Jo Trammell, Ken and Dinah Young and their granddaughter, Jena; Nancy Long, Steve Byrd, J. N. Fletcher, Corky Marshall and interim Pastor Kelly Warren of Plainview. Brisket, ribs, sausage, chicken and pinto beans were prepared by the Alexander's with others bringing side dishes.

Kelly and Pennie Keltz participated in the Walk For Cystic Fibrosis on Saturday at Lubbock Christian University track. Their team raised \$2400.00. Their grandson, Kagen Keltz is a cystic fibrosis patient.

The Relay For Life drawing for the barbeque grill, patio set and the Wii Interactive Nintendo was postponed due to the late start on getting the

items to raffle and a death in one of the Relay For Life Committee Member's family. The drawing will be held at 4:00 p.m. at New to You on Friday, May 28, 2010.

Jo Scott's son, Johnny Scott, will have surgery again Monday, May 17, 2010.

The Roaring Springs Volunteers meeting was cancelled last Tuesday, May 11, because many of the members were out of town and could not attend. Their next meeting will be June 8 at the Roaring Springs Community Center. The meeting will be a re-organizational meeting. Also plans will be made for the July 4th happenings. Deanne and Perry Gullede are recruiting new members and Deanne has a sign-up sheet for those who can and will bring homemade ice cream for the 4th of July event.

Remember the Roaring Springs High School reunion is set for June 19 at the Roaring Springs Community Center.

Summer is reunion time. Several other reunions are planned in June at the RS Community Center. They are: the Parks family on June 5; the Sedgewick reunion on June 12; and the Gage reunion is planned for June 26.

If you haven't called to update the armed services personnel list in your family, please do so that they will be recognized at the Memorial Day Service planned in the Roaring Springs Park on Monday, May 31 at 11:00 a.m. Please call as soon as possible so that they will be on the list. We would like to have their names, rank, branch of the armed services and where they are stationed. Call Alex Crowder or Monta Marshall to update the list; phone numbers are 348-3336 and 348-7000, respectively. Leave a message if we are out and we will call you back. My e-mail address is: mars3337@caprock-spur.com if you would rather send the information by e-mail.

Louis and Beverly Shorter have finished remodeling their week-end house here. It really makes our town look well kept when owners do some updating. It seems we need to paint and do some work in our houses as well.

The swearing-in ceremony for the new council member Perry Gullede and mayor Corky Marshall, and council member James McCleskey will be at 10:00 a.m. Monday, May 17.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

Overheard .

Your faith and belief are the very scales upon which the portions of what you want will be weighed out to you. Congratulations to the 2010 graduating seniors.

Kathy and Clois Shorter were in Midland Friday night and enjoyed the Collingsworth Family Southern Gospel Concert held at the Bellview Baptist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Moon of Fritch visited Thursday and Friday with his sister and husband, Nada and Jack Starkey. They attended the Blue Grass Festival.

Donnie Rogers, accompanied his daughter Brook Rogers, student at Texas University in Austin, from Lubbock Airport Monday. She came to visit here this week. She will also visit her grandmother, Mrs. B. Rogers.

Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton attended the Cattleman's Association Observance held at the Matador Ranch, Thursday. Joining her there to attend and visit were Marisue and Ralph Powell of Mott Creek Ranch. The Texas Parks and Wildlife

Department awarded the Star Land Steward Award to the Mott Creek Ranch recently.

L.T. Starkey of Ralls visited Friday and Saturday with his brother, Johnie Starkey. They attended the Blue Grass Festival.

Ruth and Orville Lee attended the Blue Grass Festival Saturday. Joey and Brenda Lee of Clarendon visited Sunday with his parents, Ruth and Orville.

Wilburn Martin had a medical appointment in Amarillo, Thursday, May 13.

Anna Beth and Joe Ike Clay visited in Clifton Tuesday, May 11, and Wednesday with daughter and family, Lori and Kevon Kleibrink, Kyler and Karlee. They attended Kyler's Clifton High School Band Concert Tuesday night. Their band placed second in State competition.

Donnie Rogers and daughter, Brook Rogers of Austin accompanied his mother, Mrs. B. Rogers to Amarillo, Wednesday, May 19 for a medical checkup. She is reported to be recovering just fine.

Matador News

Deanie Edwards spent the Mother's Day weekend in Dalhart with her son and family, Stephen, Lori and Haley Davis.

On Friday she stopped in Amarillo at a nursery and nearly froze. People were wearing earmuffs and gloves. She endured high winds the whole weekend.

Her sister, Glenda Martin, came from Dumas on Saturday and spent the afternoon visiting her. Deanie enjoyed going to church on Sunday and visiting old friends and former students. She was not happy driving back from Plainview to Matador in a blinding dirt storm. Very scary at times.

Mrs. Wilda Dixon, presi-

dent of the Caprock District of Texas Federation of Women's Club was in Lorenzo Wednesday, May 12, to install the new officers of the Women's Study Club of Lorenzo for 2010-2012. It was held at the United Methodist Church fellowship hall. On May 18, she was in Tulia and installed the new officers for 2010-2012 of the Progressive Study Club of Tulia.

James Earl Jackson came on Saturday to visit his mother, Evelyn Jackson for Mother's Day. He had to go back to his home in Norman, Oklahoma, on Tuesday due to the tornado that struck the town only two blocks from his home.

Obituaries

San Juana Lozano Zarate

Funeral Mass for San Juana Lozano Zarate, 77, of Dickens, was held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, May 13, 2010, at the Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Matador. Interment followed in the Dickens Cemetery under the direction of Shannon Funeral Home of Matador.

Mrs. Zarate died in Lubbock on Monday, May 10, 2010. San Juana was a homemaker and a member of the Catholic Church. She was married to Jesus Flores Zarate on April 18, 1949. She was preceded in the death by her parents David and Isabel Lozano; and by one son, Samuel Zarate.

She is survived by her children: Benita Moreno, Matador, Texas; Isabel Julian, Jesus L. Zarate, Andy Zarate, Patricia Franklin, Stephen Zarate, Yolanda Kautz, all of Dickens, Texas; Mary Lou Burks, San Antonio, Texas; Alicia Jacobs, San Antonio, Texas; Esther Palma of Waldorf, Maryland, Melinda Lederman, Johnson, Kansas; 25 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were: Armando Barrera, Michael Zarate, Andy Justin Zarate, Samuel Zarate, Gary Hudson, Keyan Kautz, Jesus Zarate, Jr., David Zarate, and Eric Kautz.

Thank You

We would like to thank everyone for the prayers, food, cards, and words of comfort that you gave all us. My mother left a legacy to our family that will live on forever. Her life was enriched by the presence of so many great friends. Friends she left behind to help our family through this very difficult time. We would like to express our heartfelt thanks and gratitude to all of you. Each of you had such a special place in her heart and now she lives on in all of our hearts. Once again, thank you for your kindness and sympathy. It was deeply appreciated.

The San Juana Zarate Family

Arts & Crafts

By Winifred Darsey

Motley County Arts and Crafts Club met May 3, at the Senior Center for its regular meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Joyce Archer presided due to the absence of Nova Dale Turner. Club Secretary Vee Gordon read the minutes of the previous meeting.

The business was discussed, including plans on programs for the ensuring year; the bazaar this November 20, and other items of interest.

Joy was the teacher for the class on painting with oil or acrylics. The painting is a landscape; the focal point was an old wooden windmill on a picturesque setting with mountains, trees, a rural scene for the back ground -- a beautiful scene.

The results were very well painted; the class was well prepared with all students having a copy and supplies to use.

Joyce is an efficient teacher and artist and shows how to overcome many obstacles.

The members dined at noon with the seniors -- good food, a pleasant hour for all.

Members present were Jo Trammell, Vee Gordon, Joy Archer, Ray Baxter, Jane Neal, Joyce Meredith and Winifred Darsey.

Jo Trammell will be the instructor for the June 7th meeting on watercolors. Bring your watercolor supplies.

See you there!

Palo Duro Basin Oil and Gas Update

In Motley County, Momentum Operating Company, Inc. of Albany, has received a drilling permit for the Stearns Lease, Well Number 1X, Roaring Springs (Permo-Penn) Field.

Well number 1X will be located 1,028 feet from the North Line and 1,023 feet from the West Line of Section Nine, Abstract-366, Block O-4, Waxahachie Tap Railroad Company Survey, six miles east of Roaring Springs.

Momentum Operating Company, Inc. has stated they

are not taking over operation of the Gilmore Oil and Gas, W.A. Stearns Lease(11632), Abandoned Wells Numbers one, two and three which are currently located on Section Nine, Block O-4. The W. A. Stearns Lease (11632) was originally drilled in August, 1957, and last produced oil in July, 1992.

The Momentum Operating Company, Inc., Stearns Lease Well Number 1X, will be located 761 feet southeast of the Gilmore Oil and Gas, W.A. Stearns Lease (11632), Well Number One location.

Dessie Mae (Townsend) Eisenhauer

Dessie Mae (Townsend) Eisenhauer, former resident of Matador, died suddenly May 6, 2010, in New Braunfels, Texas, at the age of 86. She was preceded in death by her parents, Amon and Retta Townsend, her beloved husband Alvin Eisenhauer, brothers J.D. and Watson Townsend, sister-in-law Mrs. Watson (Celia) Townsend (all former residents of Matador). Survivors include her

daughter, Marian, and son-in-law John VanAusdall of Spring Branch, Texas; brother Donald Townsend and wife Norma of Lubbock; and numerous nieces and nephews. Funeral services were Monday, May 10, in San Antonio, Texas.

You are welcome to contact her daughter, Marian VanAusdall, 1898 Rittimann Road, Spring Branch, Texas 78070.

"A GOOD THING!"



It is easy to become so disheartened with some trends of our society that we forget the good positive qualities of our nation with so many freedoms. This might be a good time to remember the words from the Apostle Paul in I Timothy 2: 1-3, "I exhort therefore that, first

of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men: for kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and a peaceful life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior. Even with our problems and faults, we are blessed to be able to live and work in America in 2010. That's a positive! It is a good thing!

Growing up in America with our freedom to seek the Lord has been such a blessing. Would it not be a good idea for us adults to share some memories from our past? Those early memories of our religious training could be of great benefit? In sharing them, it might be a way to show our appreciation for those who have meant so much to us now and who had such a great part in shaping our lives. That early training was then and remains today, a positive thing. Again, it's a good thing!

Roaring Springs Church of Christ
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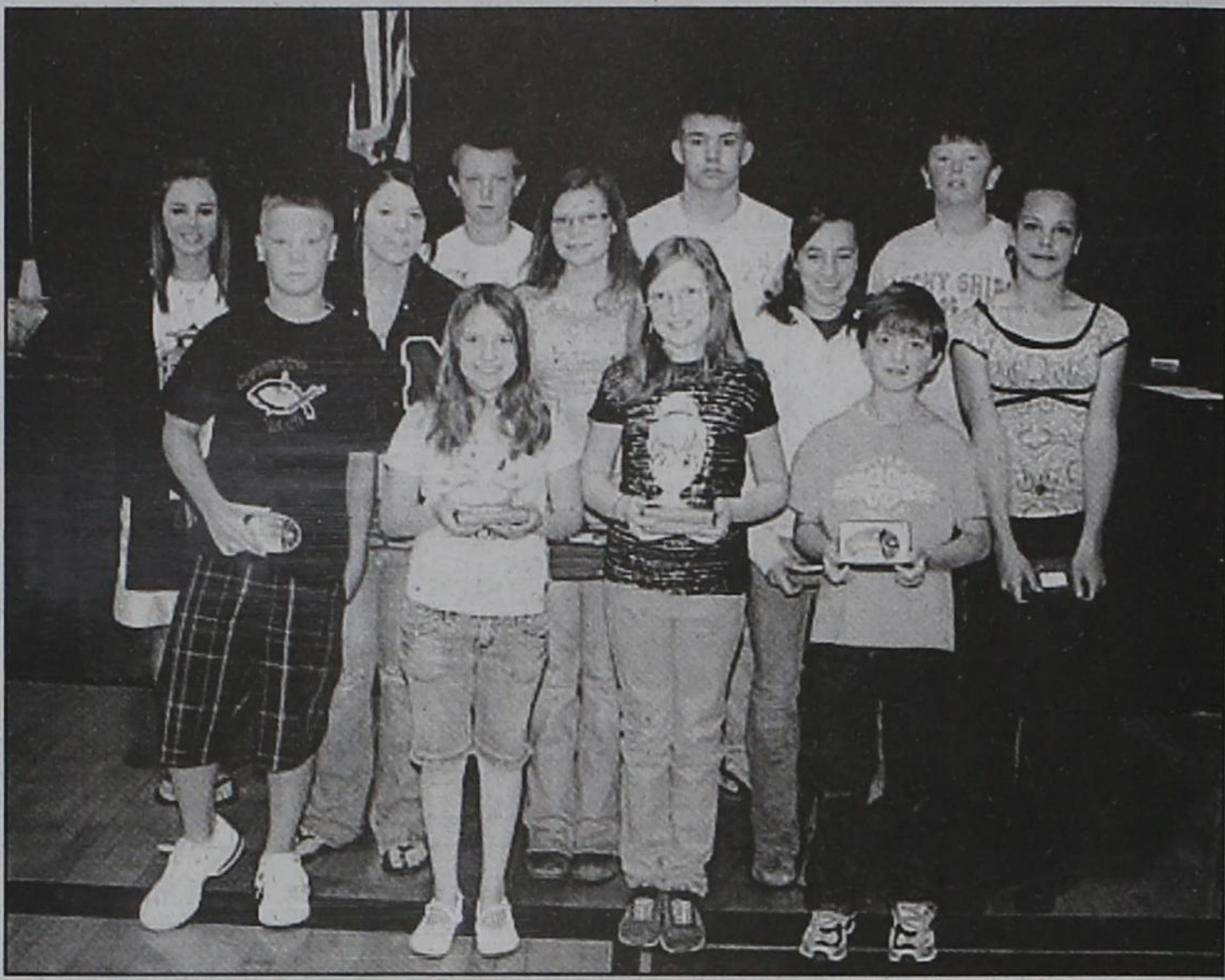
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Motley County Stock Show winners receive their buckles for the 2010 show. 1st row L-R Braden Bigham, Dodi Gleghorn, Caitlin Seigrist, Gage Baker. 2nd row Kyla Simpson, Danielle Gwinn, Cassidy Turner, Catherine Ward, Mattie Brooks. Back row Korbyn Simpson, Austin Taylor, Seth Baxter.

Summer baseball season announced

It is time again to prepare for the 2010 summer baseball season. Children, ages 4-12 (as of May 1st), may participate in this youth program, including any children visiting for the summer.

The Motley County Youth Organization has sent out forms with students that includes all information. The deadline to turn the entry forms in is Thursday, May 20, at 4:00 p.m. The forms can be returned to your child's teacher or to Cynthia Stafford. No late entries will be accepted. If you have any questions or need to obtain an entry form, please call Cynthia at (806)689-2290.

There will be a clean-up day Saturday, June 5, 2010, at 9:00 a.m. If your child or children are participating, please volunteer to get the field and facilities ready.

MCISD to offer ESL

Motley County ISD will offer an ESL program for LEP (Limited English Proficient) students during the summer of 2010. This summer program will be offered in English and Spanish for students who will be eligible for admission to kindergarten or first grade at the beginning of the next school year.

Please let school officials know if you know of any other families with eligible children who are thinking of moving into Motley County.

Transportation and meals will not be provided.

For more information, please contact Yolanda Kautz, ESL Coordinator, at 806-347-2676 ext: 2422.

Pre-K Registration for 2010-2011

Registration for Pre-K students will be May 25th. at 2:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Parents must bring the following documents when they register their child for school:

- * Up to date Immunization Record
- * Student's Social Security Card
- * Student's Birth Certificate
- * Identification of parent or legal guardian and/or custody papers

Copies of these documents will be made at the time of registration and originals will be given back to parents or guardian.

Early Dismissals for Last Week of School
Motley County ISD will have three early dismissals during the last week of school which is May 24th - 28th. On Wednesday and Thursday, school will be dismissed at 2:00. On Friday, school will be dismissed at 12:20

Running R Ranch, Mott Creek Ranch and Matador Ranch Win Lone Star Land Steward Awards

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life. A leader in the community of Muleshoe, Dr. Robert Lepard has opened his ranch for landowner field days, to graduate students at Texas Tech University, and to local high school students seeking summer employment. Stewardship and continuous learning is the goal and the commitment of the Running R Ranch.

Mott Creek Ranch is committed to conserving natural resources while balancing the needs of people, cattle and wildlife. Forage production, plant diversity, fawning and nesting cover have improved due to flexible stocking rates, rotational grazing, water development, and brush management. The ranch participates in the TPWD Managed Lands Deer Program for White-tailed and Mule Deer and has enhanced quail habitat and riparian areas through the NRCS EQIP program. Habitat management for wildlife works hand-in-hand with cattle raising, nature tourism and preservation of cultural sites. The ranch has hosted trail rides, educational seminars and archeological excavation as well as mule deer research. According to Marisue Potts Powell, "Conservation makes sense monetarily, aesthetically and morally. It is the right thing to do".

Covering 129,000 acres in five counties, the Matador Ranch has employed all the tools of range and wildlife management to continuously improve the long term health and productivity of its land and water resources. Their goal is to profitably sustain domestic livestock and wildlife in an optimal balance. Rest-rotational grazing systems that control seasonal use, duration, and stock density are used to manage for increased quality and quantity of desirable forage. Strategic brush management has improved riparian areas, enhanced natural springs, and improved nesting cover for turkeys and quail. White-tailed and mule

deer are surveyed annually along with quail, feral hogs, javelina, coyotes and turkeys.

Again this year the Lone Star Land Steward Awards are benefiting from a partnership with Sand County Foundation, an international non-profit organization devoted to private lands conservation. The Leopold Conservation Award recipient will be honored this year's award banquet, set for May 26, 2010 at the Austin Airport Marriott South Hotel, and will receive \$10,000 and the Leopold crystal award.

The Leopold Conservation Award honors the legacy of Aldo Leopold (1887-1948), who is considered the father of wildlife ecology. His collection of essays, "A Sand County Almanac," remains one of the world's best-selling natural history books. Leopold's godson, Reed Coleman, formed Sand County Foundation in 1965 to protect the Leopold farm from encroaching lot development along the Wisconsin River.

The Lone Star Land Steward Awards are sponsored by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program, H. Yturria Land and Cattle, Texas Wildlife Association, U.S.D.A. Natural Resources Conservation Service, Lower Colorado River Authority, Texas Farm Bureau, Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, Texas Agricultural Land Trust and Llano Springs Ranch, Ltd.

This year's ecoregion winners characterize the unique cultural and natural heritage of Texas. Landowners restoring degraded habitats while conserving flora and fauna are a common thread. Following are summaries of stewardship highlights for each of the ecoregion and category recipients.

2010 Lone Star Land Steward Regional Award Winners

Blackland Prairie — Quebe Farm, Brenham, Washington County; Charlotte von Rosenberg, Owner/Operator

Cross Timbers and Prairies — Rocosa Ridge Ranch, Meridian, Bosque County; Bruce Berg, Owner/Operator

Edwards Plateau — Flagler Ranch, Edwards/Real Counties; George G. Matthews, Owner; Louis Scherer III, Operator

Gulf Coast Prairies and Marshes — Lone Oak Ranch, Anahuac, Chambers County; Dave Wilcox and Oliver Smart, Owners/Operators

High Plains — Running R Ranch, Muleshoe, Bailey County; Dr. Robert Lepard, Owner; Reggie Johnson, Operator

Pineywoods — Ewing Mound, Lufkin, Angelina County; Simon W. Henderson III, Owner/Operator

Rolling Plains — Mott Creek Ranch, Matador, Motley County; Marisue Potts Powell, Owner/Operator

South Texas Plains — Duval County Ranch, Duval/Webb Counties; David Killam, Owner; David Kitner, Operator

Trans Pecos — Brite Ranch, Valentine, Presidio County; Jane Brite, White Trust, Owner; Jim White, III, Operator

Wildlife Management Association — Edwards Plateau Prescribed Burning Association, Inc., 20 counties; Dr. Charles A. Taylor, Administrator

Corporation — Matador Ranch, Matador, Motley, Dickens, Cottle, Crosby and Floyd Counties; The Matador Cattle Company, Koch Companies Public Sector, LLC; Bob Kilmer, Operator

Special Recognition — Fort Sam Houston/Camp Bullis Training Site, U.S. Army, Bexar County; Colonel Mary Garr, Commander; Lucas Cooksey, Biologist

Special Recognition — Education and Outreach — Bear Springs Blossom, Pipe Creek (Bandera), Bandera County; Peter and Marianne Bonen-

Area Citizens Unite to Oppose Arizona-Style Immigration Legislation continued from page 5

¡CIUDAD! Purpose Statement

¡CIUDAD! acknowledges the need for immigration reform but denounces tactics used by Arizona Governor Jan Brewer. The new law makes being in the state without proper immigration paperwork a state crime and mandates that police check the immigration status of people they suspect to be undocumented. We do not agree that local law enforcement should be permitted to question the legal status of an individual. Contrary to what HB2162 states, we believe this will lead to profiling resulting in illegal detainment, false arrest, denial of services and the alienation of many U.S. citizens.

¡CIUDAD! will work toward the reversal of all such discriminatory legislation. We will secure a promise from our civic, state and national leaders that no law or statute be passed that violates the rights of American citizens in the name of immigration reform.

Sunday, May 16, 2010 2:00 p.m.
Lexi Osborn, Christian Brooks, and Jaci Zingerman will be presenting "Get Your Buckle On" Motley County Library Annex. Come join us!

Baccalaureate Services Honoring Motley County ISD Seniors

Sunday, May 23, 2010, 6 pm
Faith Fellowship Church
Johnny Morris, pastor
The church is located at 902 Bundy, Matador (the former Assembly of God church in Matador)

Motley County ISD Graduation

Saturday, May 29, 2010
The commencement will begin at 7 pm and will be held in the gymnasium.

8th Grade Graduation
Friday, May 28, 7 pm
in the gymnasium

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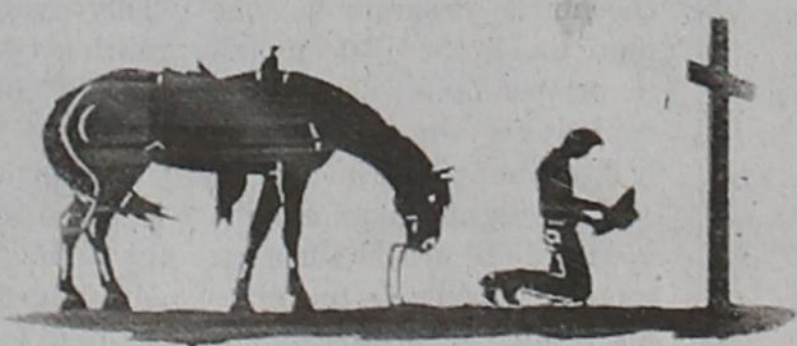
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Mayor and council members sworn in for new terms

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all phases of the project. In the Superintendent's report, Barton said a 30-yard container has now been located at the landfill for all metals, including old refrigerators. Barton said during a recent inspection the city landfill was "written up" for chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs), a class of chemical compounds that depletes ozone. Many CFCs have been widely used as refrigerants, propellants (in aerosol applications), and solvents. With the new container, the CFCs will be disposed of properly, eliminating future violations.

City Secretary Debra Scott reported that in order to qualify for assistance through the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality regional solid waste grant program, the city was required to contact active

households that have meters (265) to establish the number of people in the average household and the median income for residents of the city. Two hundred forty-four households responded to the survey. "I want to commend the town for their cooperation in obtaining this information," Scott said.

In other business, the Council voted to use the hotel/motel occupancy tax to pay for the Motley County Chamber of Commerce web site. The cost of the web site was \$890.00 to Huey Productions, Fredricksburg. The web site can be viewed at www.motleycountychamber.org.

Two new members were appointed to the Market Matador board, replacing resigning members Nancy Marshall and Craig Turner. Appointed by

unanimous vote were Misty Jones and Linda Roy. Other members of the Market Matador board are Roy Hobbs, Bobby Williams, and Charlie Johnson.

About a year ago, the city began to collect a 7-percent hotel-motel occupancy tax on establishments inside the city limits. Mayor Smith recently spoke with the Commissioner's Court about using the tax to remodel and re-open the restrooms on the north lawn of the courthouse. The city has limited public restroom facilities and this project would benefit the citizens of Matador and visitors to the community, Mayor Smith said. The Council voted unanimously to pursue the bathroom renovation project with the county.

GOP senators challenge Vilsack on local foods focus

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., and two Republicans on the Senate agriculture committee say the Obama administration's local-foods initiative is diverting money from rural areas that need it to promote "locavore niche" food markets for well-to-do city dwellers.

"Unfortunately, this spending doesn't appear geared toward conventional farmers who produce the vast majority of our nation's food supply, but is instead aimed at small, hobbyist and organic producers whose customers generally consist of affluent patrons at urban farmers markets," the senators wrote in a letter to Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack.

Besides McCain, the other senators signing the letter were Saxby Chambliss of Georgia, the senior Republican on the Senate agriculture committee, and Pat Roberts of Kansas.

Vilsack told the senators that rural areas will benefit

from the "Know Your Farmer, Know Your Food" initiative (known as KYF2 for those who want to keep up with the lingo) and that the USDA has been careful to stay within its legal authority for how money can be distributed under the programs. "I believe cultivating these new markets - not replacing old ones - is critical to revitalizing rural America by preserving wealth, increasing farm income, and reminding us all of the hard work and values that sustain those communities and our Nation," Vilsack wrote. He attached to his letter, dated Friday, 90 pages itemizing funding awards that the USDA has made.

The senators took exception in particular to a recent memo to agency chiefs from the USDA's deputy secretary, Kathleen Merrigan, urging them to use funding for projects such as community cooking classes or refrigeration systems in urban areas. The senators also said Mer-

rigan is directing money from the 2009 stimulus package to loans and grants for local food systems.

"American families and rural farmers are hurting in today's economy, and it's unclear to us how propping up the urban locavore markets addresses their concerns," the senators went on.

The letter echoes complaints that have been made some conventional grain and produce growers. Vilsack says that boosting the number and profitability of smaller scale farms will help rural communities and increase public support for farm programs.

This the same McCain who as a presidential candidate was criticized by some large Midwest corn growers because of his opposition to ethanol subsidies.

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Promises, Promises:

Rich farmers get most cash

By MARY CLARE JALONICK (AP) WASHINGTON - Lawmakers crafting a sweeping farm bill in 2008 promised it would cut government payments to wealthy farmers. Two years later, little appears to have changed.

Data being made public Wednesday shows that the wealthiest farmers in the country are still receiving the bulk of government cash, despite claims from lawmakers that reforms in the bill would put more money in the hands of smaller farms. At the same time, a series of exemptions written into the bill has made it more difficult for the public to find out who is receiving what.

Lawmakers writing the \$290 billion bill included several provisions aimed at cutting down on government subsidies to the wealthiest farmers. They sought to eliminate a loophole that allowed farmers to collect higher payments and they set income limits for those who received subsidies. Though those new laws may have cut down on payments to some farmers, others have been able to find ways around them.

Such subsidies to the nation's largest farms are a mainstay of congressional politics and an eternal frustration to those who want to eliminate them. A powerful coalition of farm-state members of Congress have successfully defended their constituents' interests in farm bill after farm bill.

"They are well dug in," says Ken Cook, head of the Environmental Working Group, a Washington advocacy group that has long pushed for more equitable distribution of farm subsidies. "They have a strong interest in defending the status quo."

Cook's organization publishes a database every several years based on a series of Freedom of Information Act requests to the Agriculture Department, which collects data on subsidies but doesn't orga-

nize it for the public to search. The group's most recent database, released Wednesday, shows just 10 percent of farmers received 62 percent of federal farm payments in 2009, roughly the same amount as in 2007 and 2008, before the farm bill was enacted.

One reason for this may be that some farmers have found ways around the new rules. Those who exceed the income limits, established with the aim of eliminating subsidies for millionaires, could speed up purchases of equipment or otherwise alter their accounting to adjust their income. They may also add family members to their farm corporations to qualify for higher payments.

Randolph Rogers, a Hartsville, S.C., farmer who saw his subsidy payments drop after the 2008 farm bill eliminated a loophole that allowed him to collect more money, said he recouped some of the money by adding his children and his wife to his farm corporation, called Rogers Bros.

"The rules have changed and we have to change with them," said Rogers, who grows cotton, soybeans, peanuts, corn and wheat. "We don't have a lot of choice."

According to the Environmental Working Group's database, Rogers Bros. received \$807,299 in federal subsidies last year, placing the company 56th on the list of top recipients. But Rogers says those who want to change the way payments are made don't understand the high cost of farming.

"Everybody just acts like we just put our money in our pockets," he said. "But it takes that money to operate."

Just how much the government is paying the individual members of Rogers Bros. and companies like it has become harder to figure out, according to the Environmental Working Group. While the Agriculture Department previously re-

leased data that showed which individuals received subsidies through business entities and how much they received, the group was not able to get that information this time after Congress wrote a series of data exemptions in the farm law.

Whether all of that information will be available again is unclear. Lawmakers writing the farm bill directed the USDA to track that information in a different way with the stated purpose of improving the transparency of who is receiving what, while also prohibiting the release of some data due to privacy concerns for farmers.

Members of Congress declined to talk about how their bill has performed. House Agriculture Chairman Collin Peterson, D-Minn., and former Senate Agriculture Chairman Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, the two lead negotiators of the 2008 farm bill, were unavailable for comment, according to their spokesmen. Current Senate Agriculture Chairwoman Blanche Lincoln, D-Ark., would say only that the bill "made great strides to improving farm programs."

Harkin has long pushed to lower the limit on what an individual farmer can receive so smaller farms could share in more of the money. Spokesman Grant Gustafson said, however, there was "strong resistance to reducing substantially the actual limitations on payments."

Much of this resistance often comes from Southern members of Congress who represent cotton and rice farmers. Those crops are more expensive to grow, and Southern lawmakers have for decades defended higher farm subsidies.

On the Net: Environmental Working Group: <http://www.ewg.org/>

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Thank you.

Stanley McDonough died on April 15, 2010, and we miss him. We appreciate all of you thinking about us and praying for us. The letters and cards are all stacked all over our homes. The flowers and plants made the service attractive. There were so many people who visited the chapel in Happy and the house too. The memorials in his name to the Happy Cemetery Association, the Happy Volunteer Fire Department, 4-H scholarships, FBC scholarships and others were something that'd make him proud.

A special thank you to his graduating class of 1955 and other Matador friends for being at the service.

He was a big, happy, opinionated man. If you knew him you'd know what I mean. Please accept our thanks for everything. Please continue to support us as we grieve.

Thank you.

Nell McDonough, Mike and Debbie Criswell and kids, and Hal and Paula McDonough and kids.

Matador resident graduates from Clarendon College

Clarendon College held commencement ceremonies for the 106th graduating class on Friday, May 3, with a total of 203 students honored.

A total of 136 students were awarded associate's degrees, 23 students were awarded certificates of technology, and 44 students were awarded certificates of completion.

William Benny Butler of Matador, received a Ranch and Feedlot Operations - Certificate of Completion

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 - 17 MCISD School Board, 7:30pm
 - 18 Matador Lions
 - 20 Matador Masonic Lodge, 6:30 pm
 - 20 Honors Banquet at 6:30 p.m.
 - 21 **Going Away Party** stop by the office to say farewell to Amy Hackler,
 - 23 Baccalaureate and Senior Supper at Hotel Matador
 - 23 Safety Belt Awareness Program, Library Annex at 2:00 p.m.
 - 26 Senior Breakfast at First Methodist Church
 - 28 School out at 12:30 p.m.
 - 28 American Legion Post 337 will place flags on veteran's graves at Motley County cemeteries. We will meet at 5:00 PM at Matador Cemetery.
 - 28 Junior High Graduation

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