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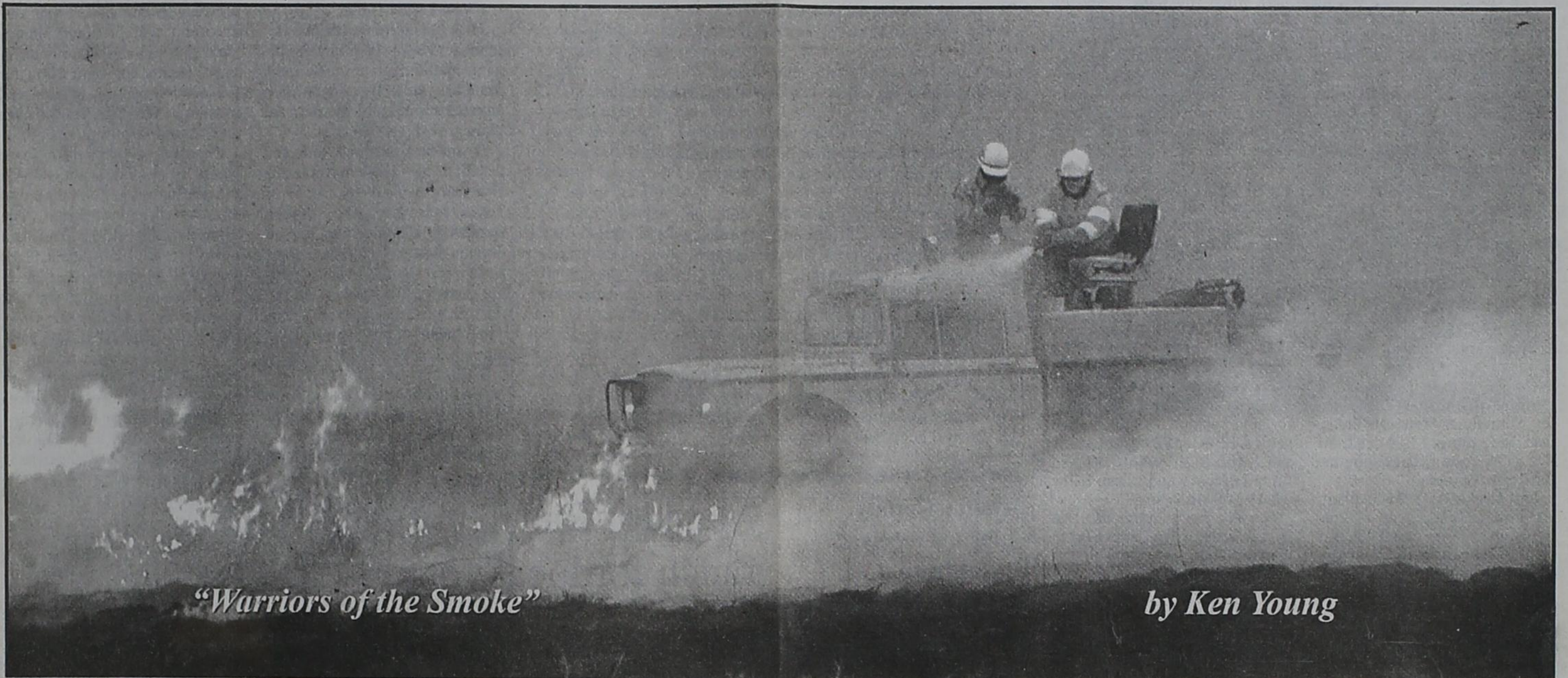
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"Warriors of the Smoke"

by Ken Young

Matador Fire Department responds to fire and vehicle accidents

The Matador Fire Department was busy last week with multiple incidents. It all began on Tuesday the 15th with a fire of origin at the McAdoo Wind Energy Project.

The fire quickly spread through the Collier Ranch and onto the Matador Ranch. With winds gusting to the 40 mph mark, relative humidity less than 10% and the terrain very rough, the fire was potentially set for a large amount of damage and devastation. With the fire beginning in Dickens county, McAdoo Fire Department was first on the scene and with the fire spreading rapidly into Motley County, additional help was called quickly.

The Matador Fire Department

was assisted by Roaring Springs VFD, Dickens VFD, Spur VFD, Dougherty VFD, Floydada VFD, Crosbyton VFD, Texas Forest Service, Texas Department of Transportation, Motley and Dickens Sheriffs Office, Matador Ranch and other individuals.

The fire which started early Monday afternoon was deemed 100% under control at 1:30 pm Wednesday afternoon. According to a GPS survey the fire burned approximately 2600 acres. Later Wednesday afternoon the Matador Fire Department was again called to Dickens to assist with a fire at East Afton. This fire was under control within about three hours and damage was minimal.

On Thursday night the depart-

ment was called to assist the Motley Co. Sheriff's office and Motley EMS to the scene of a truck rollover. This accident occurred at the curve and bridge just north of Roaring Springs. The driver of the vehicle refused EMS assistance.

Friday afternoon the department was again called to a vehicle roll over 11 miles east of Matador. Fire, EMS, and Sheriff's department were all on the scene. One patient was transported to Lubbock.

The fire department would like to remind all residents that conditions are still very dry and even though the burn ban has been lifted we would ask that burning be very limited.

Kenneth and Suzanne Abbott, of Roaring Springs, receive Community Builder Award

Kenneth and Suzanne Abbott, Roaring Springs, received the Community Builder Award from the Masonic Grand Lodge of Texas for service projects in Motley County.

They were honored at the Community Builder Award banquet held in the Roaring Springs Community Center Saturday, April 19. About 30 people attended the hamburger supper.

The awardees will be recorded in Grand Lodge in Waco, Wes Campbell said. "There were several individuals in the running. Most of the time we give individual awards, but occasionally we give joint awards, to very deserving couples," Campbell said.

The masons wanted to find an award that would be recognizable to a lot of people. The award itself is a replica of the Washington Monument. "George Washington was a mason," he said.

Campbell and Michael Crutchley presented the award jointly. "The reason this is a big deal for us is that this is the highest award that a Masonic lodge can bestow on a non-mason," Crutchley said. "The Abbotts do so much for the community. They are very deserving."

Following the award ceremony, the Matador Masonic Lodge, No. 824, held a drawing for the lodge's 100-year anniversary.

Attendees receiving a d Coin was Grace Zabielski, Pearl Patton, and Steve Bird, all of Roaring Springs.

The contributions of the Abbotts to Motley County are extensive: Suzanne was selected to represent the West Texas Library System in Austin to address our

state representatives. The Library System consists of 34 libraries from the communities surrounding Lubbock.

She has applied for numerous grants for the library, including new shelves for the entire library, new furniture, book carts, *continued on page 3*



KENNETH AND SUZANNE ABBOTT received the Community Builder Award from the Masonic Grand Lodge of Texas.



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TRUCK TRACTOR trailer from Hugo, OK carrying a load of crushed cars traveling south on Hwy 70 overturned and rolled down a 20' embankment.

70-Mile Garage Sale set for Saturday, May 3 Location map deadline is April 30

The annual 70-mile garage sale from Spur to Turkey is set for Saturday, May 3. "We look forward to a good sale this year," organizer Alex Crowder said.

The event is sponsored by the Texas Highway 70 Association and features 70 miles of sales along State Highway 70, including the communities of Spur, Dickens, Roaring Springs, Matador, and Turkey.

"We are trying to get our vendors (Roaring Springs) at the City Park this year," Crowder said. "Dickens spreads out at the Dickens Courthouse, and Spur and Matador do individual sales around town," he said. Turkey is doing something in conjunction with Bob Wills Day this year, Crowder said.

All vendors are encouraged

to register with Alex Crowder in Roaring Springs at 348-7336; Shane Jones, Matador, at 347-2820; Martha Bradshaw in Turkey at 423-1349; and Jim and Jewell Holder, Dickens and Spur, at 271-3940.

There is a \$10 fee for the advertising costs of the event, Crowder said. If you haven't seen the slick little yellow brochure advertising the event, come by the news office for one. "The brochure reads: 'Follow the Road Runners down Highway 70.' They are placed in the information offices at the borders of the state.

"The idea is to get more traffic, more visitors through here," Crowder said.

The third annual Tour de Nine-Zero Cycling Tour will also get underway on Saturday, May 3. "We

usually have people from all over at the sale," Crowder said. "Last year we tried to register people at the Roaring Springs sale, and counted 28 different towns represented." Cycling support fans shop while their partners ride the scenic byways.

According to Diane Washington, Chamber of Commerce president, Matador, the brochures were handed out at a Civic Center function in Lubbock last week. There is a lot of interest in the garage sale this year, Washington said, and it looks like we are going to have good weather.

"If you want to get on the location map, get your information to Shane Jones at Matador Variety Store," she said, adding, "April 30 is the deadline to get on the location map."

Foothill Country

Connections

Community, Diversity, Art

By Larry Vogt

Thinking about one of those alarm clocks that wakes you up "naturally." This device has a light that acts like the sunrise, it has a lamp that has the correct light configurations to match daylight and comes on gradually, like the sunrise. Then the sound it has, well, you can choose between ocean, mountain, maybe certain birds, etc.

Around here, just open your window before you go to sleep and, lo and behold, you have "natural." This is the perfect time of year for natural: breezes that rustle the trees and maybe

the curtains, bird songs galore, and, of course, the sunrise. Never mind the winter, when it is still dark when you want to get up, that requires a different attitude.

During this time of year, you can enjoy natural, natural, natural. These last few days have been as close to perfect as I want to get, any closer and I might be confusing this life with the here-after.

Watching the trees leaf out, the flowers come into bloom, the activity of the birds, just forget about the oncoming summer heat and enjoy what's left of the somewhat short springtime.

By Laverne Zabielski

I've been thinking about we lose and what we gain as life goes on. Sometimes Mom eats breakfast three times. "I don't think I've eaten," she says seeking her third bowl of cereal.

Last weekend we finally planted flowers and peppers and tomatoes. Mom watched as I planted Petunias in the front garden. Kneeling on the sidewalk, I smoothed the soil around each flower as I went from one to the other. "I can't do that any more," Mom said. "My knees."

Later at dinner on the front porch Larry began a story which was interrupted by Mom negotiating her chair into a more comfortable position. Finally, when settled in to eat her guacamole salad with fresh carrot juice she turned to Larry and asked, "Now, what were you saying?"

It was a frozen moment. Not only was she paying attention to his story, she was aware that it had been interrupted and wanted it to continue.

"It'll be your job to water the flowers," he said. She smiled.

Writing Community

TOM CAT

By Jo Scott

I looked up to see, what was looking at me!
My Cat was in a tall tree.
He was washing his paws, as if to tell me,
Watch out below or I'll pounce on you.
With a glance and a smirk, he sat in the tree.

Out of my reach, but able to jump on me.
He was curling his whiskers, and swishing his tail,

Ready to attack a brown bushy tail squirrel.
The squirrel did not squeal as he did pounce,
As Tom did leap, he missed the squirrel
By just a small squeak.

His pride was in agony, but nothing would do,
He'd watch for the squirrel, and get the chance,
To chase him and scamper all over the patch,
Because nothing will stop him, for he's my Cat.

HE LOOKED AT ME WITH A CUNNING GRIN,
As if to say, "That's all right, I'll get that
Busy tail squirrel and I'll EAT him."
The squirrel scampered away, and was soon out of sight.
Tom sharpened his claws, getting ready to fight,
The bushy tail squirrel would be back before night,
He was still in his tree as I passed below,

Motley County Library receives grant from the Texas Book Festival

The Texas Book Festival has awarded the Motley County Library a book grant of \$2,499. The grant will be used to add additional titles to our Texas Collection, along with a few audio books, and some more up to date craft and "how-to" books.

"We are extremely grateful to receive this grant," said Buffy Crutchley, Library Director. "The funds will allow us to purchase many more wonderful books for the Library. A majority of our patrons enjoy reading about Texas history, and will greatly benefit from new items being added to the collection. We also have quite a few patrons that have listened to every audio book that we offer. I am excited to be able to add more current titles to the selection. And being a crafter myself, I see how outdated our current craft books are. I want to be able to entice the next generation of scrapbookers, quilters and general craft enthusiasts into the library."

Every year public libraries across Texas apply to the Texas Book Festival to receive grant funds. The grants are intended to help initiate or continue innovative literacy programs, integrate new technology, and compliment existing book collections. This year, the Texas Book Festival is distributing more than \$200,000 in grants to 72 public libraries across the state. Since 1996 the Festival has contributed more than \$2 million in grants to Texas public libraries.

County Garden Forum

Don't forget to stop by the library one more time this Friday, 10:00 to noon if you have plants to share or want plants for your garden.

Nell Raines, Certified Texas Master Gardener
Part Two

2. Soil analysis & Preparation
Let's begin with Soil; -- Dirt as we West Texans call it.

That geological weathered material, made up of minerals, organic matter of plants and animal remains. It is the plants main support system and the base for plant growth.

If you have not had your soil tested, do so. The extension service near you can help. Our West Texas soils are good, though somewhat alkaline, and low in organic matter. To increase plant health and increase water holding capacity, we need to amend the soil. As a rule of thumb, till in 4 to 6 inches of peat, compost, or manure- compost blend. Start by breaking up the compacted soil with a tiller. Next spread fertilizer if needed, according to the soil test and then the soil conditioner, or compost and incorporate all together.

3. Appropriate plant selection
When choosing plants, do some research first. Select trees, shrubs, and groundcovers based upon your soil, the microclimate of your yard and the plants adaptability. to the region. Not all plants will grow in our soils. Texas has lots of native and adapted plants and many are on the Texas Super Star web site. Most use less water, and have fewer disease and pest problems. Plants need soil, sun and water to grow, but selecting the right plant for the location that it is to be placed in is important, - as are the zone and altitude requirements.

Choosing water-wise, xeric plants is an important step in conserving water. Look for labels that say drought tolerant. The cultural needs of the plant are shown on the plant label. Place like need- plants together in an area, such as planting drought tolerant varieties together, without mixing in water thirsty varieties. Plant in zones according to water needs, placing thirsty plants closer to the water source, moderate water use hardy perennial farther out in the landscape and the Xeric plants at the perimeter of the landscape.

Matador Ranch hosts day at the ranch for local youth

Matador Ranch, which is owned and operated by Matador Cattle Company, invited local Motley County Independent School District students to the ranch in January.

Ten students, accompanied by adult advisors, participated in their first deer hunt ever, under the direction of the Texas Parks

& Wildlife.

"Matador Ranch graciously offered us an opportunity for some of our local youth who had never successfully harvested a deer to come out and experience this pastime," said Ted Davey, game warden with Texas Parks & Wildlife. "This cold January day was a perfect time to learn more about

hunting and the great outdoors - and Matador Ranch."

Matador Ranch employees Bob and Wanda Kilmer and Janie Campbell served lunch to the hunter education reminders prior to the hunt; the ranch offered breakfast as well.



MATADOR RANCH hosts local youth. Those participating included Back row (Guides) L to R William Cochran, Motley Co ISD principal; Frankie Ortiz; Ted Davey, local game warden; Ron Cummings; Gilbert Guerrero, Matador Ranch cowboy; Mel Reed, TP&W game warden; Mark Collins, TP&W game warden; Brady Reed; Terry Simpson; and Ricky Gulley, TP&W game warden supervisor. Front Row (Hunters) Christian Brooks, who helped his sister Mattie; Mattie Brooks; Marcus Ortiz; Corbin Simpson; Noah Spears; Sage Guerrero; Coby Cochran; Talon Pollard; and Matthew Faulks. Not pictured: Bailey Perryman, youth hunter; and Benjie Smith, game warden.

FLOWER PHOTO OP

These beautiful Irises, a deep yellow gold with a dark beard are blooming in front of the home of Keith and Joan Patton in Matador. Known as Whoop-Em Up, they are a National Award Winning Border Bearded Iris and

were bred by the late Mrs. W.D. (Dovie) Brady of Dumont, Texas. She received the award at a banquet in the Hilton Hotel in Denver several years ago. Most of the members of the South Plains Iris Society attended.



WHOOPEM UPS ARE STILL BLOOMING in front of Joan Patton's home in Matador.

TRAIL DUST

By DOUGLAS MEADOR



Matador Tribune
April 28, 1938

Many rivers are like dull, duty-burdened men whose eyes look forward and never upward, but the enigmatic Pecos is a pagan who leers from wide, dusty valleys and deep cliffs toward the trackless path of the sun. It is a silent phantom partly covered by the silt of ages, bearing an eerie moodiness which lingers as the curse of an offended witch.

A thousand strange tales are related of the chimerical river since the first herds of thirsty cattle raced bellowing to the blue pools of cool water--tales of romance, tragedy and bewilderment--the crack of a Winchester shot and the whine of a bullet with vultures circling later, but never the sight of a man.

There is now the tale of the rancher who vanished without trace until his rotting body was found inside the carcass of a cow floating against the shore of the Pecos.



RETRO NEWS

Matador Tribune
April 28, 1938

Local Theatre To Show "Snow White"

Leading the smaller cities in this entire section, the Rogue Theatre has secured Walt Disney's seven-reel, Technicolor feature-length production, "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" for five days beginning Sunday.

The picture is without question one of the greatest entertainments ever to come out of Hollywood. Ticket sales in the larger cities over the entire country where the picture has been shown, reveal its unsurpassed popularity. The story from Grimm's Fairy Tales is done in such a splendid manner as to be highly interesting to both young and old.

Theatre patrons here are fortunate in being able to enjoy "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" almost as quickly as residents of the great metropolitan cities of the country and manager L. H. Dirickson is to be congratulated upon the consistently new pictures which he provides for his patrons.

The real scoop on soil for Earth Day

(Temple, Texas) Soil, the living land beneath our feet, is often overlooked in our everyday lives and few realize what an important role it plays - from producing the food we eat to the fiber we wear to supporting the houses we live in and roads we drive on.

On this Earth Day, let's not walk over the soil without giving it a second look.

Soil is the solid material of Earth's surface that results from the interaction of weather and biological activities and is produced from broken down rocks, organic matter (decayed animal and plant life), water, and air.

It can take more than 500 years to form one inch of topsoil, which is the upper layer of soil, usually the top two to eight inches. It has the highest concentration of organic matter and microorganisms, and is where most of the Earth's biological soil activity occurs. Plants generally concentrate their roots in, and obtain most of their nutrients from this layer.

Nearly 21,000 soil types are found in the United States and Texas has more than 1,300 different soil types. All soil types consist of varying amounts of silt, sand and clay and each soil type is suited for a different use.

Some soils can support the massive weight of buildings, shopping centers, airport and highways; while other soils are better for crops and rangeland or

for wildlife habitats or forests.

Protecting the Soil Beneath Us

Since soils are so important to life and our environment, how can we protect our soil from wind, rain and man-made erosion? Soil erosion is a naturally occurring process on all land, but the impact from erosion can be controlled and reduced through implementing conservation practices at home, work, and on agricultural lands.

Rainwater running over your property can carry soil away from gardens, plant beds, and other exposed areas, causing erosion problems in your yard and water quality problems in local streams and rivers. One of the easiest ways to prevent soil loss at home is to add a layer of mulch over exposed soil. Not only does mulching prevent erosion, but it also helps to maintain a constant soil temperature, conserves moisture in the soil, and prevents weed growth.

Other "Earth" saving tips for homeowners and landowners:

- Minimize the soil exposed during landscaping or construction.
- Control soil erosion on your property by planting ground cover or seeding to stabilize erosion-prone areas.
- Follow label instructions for pesticides, fertilizers and other lawn applications to ensure excess does not run-off into drainage ditches or storm drains.
- Consider xeriscaping, landscaping designed to minimize

the need for water use.

More tips for conserving your backyard can be found on the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service's (NRCS) Web site at www.nrcs.usda.gov/feature/backyard.

Farmers and ranchers can work with their local NRCS to have their property evaluated without a fee to see what options are available to them to protect their natural resources while meeting their management goals. A site specific plan can be developed that helps landowners optimize their production while protecting and improving the soil, water, air, plants, and animals on their property.

Conservation practices that might be included in a plan are contour plowing, strip cropping, terracing, prescribed burning,

rotational grazing, pasture or hayland planting, brush control, wildlife habitat management and water developments like ponds, troughs and pipelines.

Farmers and ranchers, with assistance from the NRCS and its conservation partners, reduced the Nation's annual soil loss from 3.1 billion tons in 1982 to 1.8 billion tons in 2001.

For more information on urban or rural conservation efforts, visit the Texas NRCS Web site at www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov. To learn more about the soil you have underneath your feet, visit the NRCS Web Soil Survey Web site at websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov, which provides soil data, maps and information produced by the National Cooperative Soil Survey.



NATIVE GRASSES are one way landowners can provide a healthy vegetative cover along stream and ponds embankments to reduce soil erosion.

You can come home again!

By Carol Campbell

In 1997, Billie and Billy W. Koon were sitting in a restaurant in Longview, Texas, when her husband casually asked, "would you like to move back to Matador?" By 1998, the Koons had moved back home after a 56-year absence.

Billie Lawrence Koon was born in Quanah, but grew up in

a farming community six miles east of Matador. She has deep family roots in the foothills of the plains: her grandparents Dud and Victoria Beauchamp came to this country in the late 1800s in a covered wagon. Her parents were John and Nellie Beauchamp Lawrence.

Billie attended school at Fairview, a rural school taught through ninth grade, located

about 4-1/2 miles east of Matador. The Ballard-Clements-Fairview schools were consolidated in 1922. This once thriving farming community at the turn of the century may be lost on the map, but Billie Lawrence remembers it well. She attended school there until her sophomore year in high school, before transferring to Matador. Then this fiery redhead took Matador by storm.

"I graduated Matador as the Valedictorian of the Class of 1937," Billie said. "I played basketball and tennis, and I was the football queen and cheerleader my senior year."

Billie attended West Texas State College in Canyon for two years, and then went to work for the Census Bureau. Following her census job, she went to work for the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, a precursor to the Agricultural Extension Service. She was introduced to the "love of her life" by high school classmate Carl "Froggie" King. She was smitten.

Billie learned this handsome soldier, Second Lieutenant Billy W. Koon, was the first soldier drafted in 1941 from Dickens County. World War II was raging and Billy was like many young men of his day -- he accelerated his life. Billie and Billy married in 1942 on the Beauchamp ranch. "We took a piano to the ranch for the wedding in a horse trailer," Billie recalls.

Before Billy's deployment, the Koons were stationed in Fort Riley, KS, for Horse Calvary training, assigned to the 115th Calvary unit in Fort Lewis, Washington, to protect the coast from a feared Japanese attack; and finally to San Francisco for commando training. Billy served

as a platoon leader in the 6th Calvary under General George Patton. Following the war, he went into the concrete business, but remained in the Army Reserves for 33 years.

Fast forward 1998: Billie Lawrence Koon returned to the community of her youth with her beloved husband, Bill Koon. You never hear Billie refer to her husband except as Bill Koon. She uses both names, she said, so people will know she isn't talking about herself.

Bill and Billie had kept up with her graduating class of 1937, and never missed an opportunity to come back home. "We always came back to Matador for Homecoming," Billie said.

Billie took Matador by storm again in 1998, joining the El Progresso Study Club, Stitch and Chatter, and the Chamber of Commerce. "Friends are very important to me," Billie said.

Bill Koon died in 2003, a short six years after their return, but "he always loved Matador," she said.

In 2006, Billie received an Angel Award from the Chamber of Commerce. What began as a small Mother's Day gift-giving exercise to a small number of "special mother's," has turned into Billie Koon's Annual Mother's Day surprise.

Many mothers have been the recipient of a gift on Mother's Day from this angel. For 15 years she has compiled lists of people and distributed hundreds of gifts in honor of mothers. "This really started out as a way to honor of my own mother," she said. She has sent candles, magnets, address books, cutting boards, note books, and more. This year, she has about 300 mothers on her list.



BILLIE LAWRENCE KOON was introduced to the "love of her life," Billy W. Koon, by high school classmate Carl "Froggie" King. She was smitten. They were married in 1942.

Billie and Bill Koon have two children: son Kenneth, who lives in Plano, Texas, and his wife Diana. They have two boys, Kyle and Kody; and one daughter, Karen Fleming, who also has a daughter, Amanda. Amanda is currently a student at Penn State.

back to Matador after absences of many years. Several individuals have moved home, some in the late '90s, and as recent as 2005.

We hope you enjoy learning about your neighbors, and for those of you that are thinking about, thinking about coming home to retire...

Editors' Note:

We are beginning a new series on "You can come home again..." Carol Campbell is in the process of interviewing couples, singles, and families on their journey

Hence! Home, you idle creatures, get you home! Is this a holiday?

William Shakespeare (1564-1616) Julius Caesar, act 1, sc. 1, 1. 1-2.



BILLIE KOON enjoys the afternoon at Ken Young's fine art photography exhibit on April 6, 2008 at the library

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Award winning couple

updated materials for reference, non-fiction, books for young adults, children and large print volumes.

In addition to book signings, book discussions, presentations by local celebrities, Suzanne sponsored programs on local history and extension agent program, which included a bulb exchange.

The summer reading program grew and was enhanced with craft projects.

The Library Annex was the brainchild of the Abbotts, turning an abandoned building into a showcase to be used and enjoyed by the entire community.

Kenneth Abbott designed and supervised the construction of the Veterans' Memorial in Roaring Springs. He was instrumental in receiving a \$1.2 million grant from TxDot to renovate the historic Q, A&P Depot, serving as president of the Friends of the Depot group.

He is a charter member and founder of the Texas Hiway 70

Association, created to attract tourists to a 70-mile strip of Highway 70. This group sponsors the 70-mile garage sale, the 70-mile Christmas lighting contest, and yard of the month.

Kenneth has worked with Kid's Camp since its inception, which is attended by children of not only Motley County but surrounding counties as well. His main function has been to be in charge of crafts. He is currently president of the Roaring Springs Lion's Club. He is a member and founder of the Roaring Springs Volunteers, and has been in charge of the 4th of July Celebration in Roaring Springs.

Kenneth and Suzanne have worked tirelessly in the Roaring Springs Methodist Church, especially for the church Christmas dinner. Kenneth spends 3-5 days per year on a work detail at Ceta Canyon Church Camp. He planned and constructed the Fellowship Hall at the Roaring Springs Methodist Church.

School Menu

Thursday, April 24
Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, or cereal, toast, juice, milk.
Lunch: Chef salad, baked potato, crackers, sherbet, milk.
Friday, April 25
Breakfast: Cinnamon rolls, or cereal, toast, applesauce, milk.
Lunch: Pizza, salad, pineapple chunks, vanilla wafers, milk.
Monday, April 28
Breakfast: Biscuit, sausage, gravy, or cereal, toast, juice, milk.

Lunch: Salisbury steak/gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, hot roll, honey, milk.
Tuesday, April 29
Breakfast: Cereal, toast, juice, milk.
Lunch: Macho/nacho, salad, mexican beans, cookie, applesauce, milk.
Wednesday, April 30
Breakfast: French toast sticks, or cereal, toast, sliced pears, milk.
Lunch: Assorted sandwiches, lettuce, tomato, pickle slices, 1/2 apple.

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NOTICE OF ELECTION CANCELED AND MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS ELECTED

The City of Roaring Springs met in regular monthly meeting on April 14, 2008 and declared the three unopposed candidates elected to office for new two-year terms and canceled the May 10, 2008 election.

The City Council members elected to the new two-year term are:
Kelly Keltz and James McCleskey

The Mayor elected to the new two year term is:
Corky Marshall

Enchilada Dinner

Main Street Cafe
Friday, April 25th

5pm \$6.95

NEEDED...SOMEONE TO WARN US

MIKE CROWLEY

David, the giant killer, is the hero of every young person who has ever read the Bible. We have seen in him courage in the face of many dangers. He was a great leader of men. His spiritual insights envisioned building the temple, a place to honor God. But, David was human and allowed himself to sin. We need not dwell on his transgressions for they are all too well known.

What we need to remember is that the strongest, most courageous and dedicated people can and sometimes do sin. Here they need renewal. It was Nathan that helped David to see the error of his ways. It was Nathan who reminded him that God is a forgiving God. (Second Samuel, chapter 12)

What a blessing it is for there to be a Nathan to warn us when we sin, and one that will help us understand the loving, forgiving nature of God. We can have no better friend.

Michael G. Crowley, Sr.

Roaring Springs Church of Christ
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News Around the County

Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

"Mary, Mary, Quite Contrary, How Does Your Garden Grow?".....I haven't a vegetable garden but my Irises, Amaryllis and Spirea or Bridal Wreath are bloomed out nicely. I had enough Iris to make an arrangement for the 'Builder's Award Function' dinner at the Roaring Springs Community Volunteer's Center. The hamburger dinner was hosted by Michael and Buffy Crutchley; the hamburgers were cooked by Wes and Lynn Campbell. Zella Palmer, Pearl Patten, Gene and Sara Chapman and I furnished desserts. A surprised Ken and Suzanne were the recipients of the Builders Award given to non-Masonic members in the community who have worked for the betterment of their community.

Lil' Toot has received some fan mail and an invitation to come and play! Her manners are such that I would be very squeamish about allowing her to go play. No telling what sort of embarrassing shenanigan she would pull. Thank you for the invitation though, Bonnie!

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Swim were their son, J. R. and daughter-in-law, Stella of Abilene, TX. They arrived on Saturday and returned home on Sunday afternoon.

Lisa Parker and her friend Tom visited her grandmother, Pearl Patton this weekend. Lisa has received a four year basketball scholarship to Tarleton State University in Stephenville, Texas. Lisa plans to study nursing. Her friend, Tom, will be attending Texas Tech. Lisa was a 2007 graduate of Boyd High School. Her parents are Linda and Arnold Parker.

Buzz and Tince Thacker spent four days in Slaton last week, tending to Tince's home there and visiting friends. On

Saturday they attended a baby shower for Tince's great-grandson, Everest Lane Terry in Post, Texas. Grandparents are Tince's daughter and son-in-law, LuAnne and Gordon Terry of Post. Justin and Amanda Terry are the proud parents. They reside in Austin, Texas.

The Trail Duster's writing group met at the home of Dinah and Ken Young Saturday morning. Attending were: Genetta Amejide, Pauline House, Laverne Zabielski, Dinah Young and Monta Marshall. A four hour writing workshop is planned in the Young's orchard for May 17 at 9:00a.m. Writers are to bring their own sack lunches. All who are interested in joining our writing group are welcome.

Several are still ill with the bug that causes bronchitis. Barbara Alexander and Jo Trammell are two that I know of. It is a hard 'bug' to get over.

Joe House will go to Lubbock Wednesday to see a surgeon. Joe has an aneurysm. He is a waiting surgery and needs our prayers.

Travis McPherson was at home this week end. He told me that he should be returning home to stay in four weeks as his job in Lubbock will be finished then. He works for Texas Tech.

Becky Nichols is doing well recuperating at home from her surgery.

I talked with Crystal Salazar, a cousin of Shawn Marvel today. She reported that Shawn was still in Germany on R & R. He has recovered his hearing which was damaged in the blast when his unit was bombed in Iraq. His little son, Sutter has celebrated his first birthday in Germany with his dad, Shawn and mother, Sarah Marvel. They are hoping that Shawn will not have to return to Iraq.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

A little girl was visiting a farm and decided to buy a watermelon. She picked out a big one and asked the farmer's price.

"That will be \$3.00," he said.

"But I have only 30 cents," the girl said.

The farmer pointed to a very small watermelon still on the vine and said, "How about that?"

"I'll take it," said the girl, "But leave it on the vine. I'll be back for it in a month."

Wilburn Martin and daughter, Mrs. Marilee Cooper of Borgerville are guests this weekend in Granbury in the home of his sister and husband, Nita and Ervin Merrett. They were in Hillsboro Saturday for the Ceremony of the Unveiling of the Historical Marker at the Scott's Cemetery.

Wilburn's and Nita's great grandfather, A.B. Martin, 41, who was wounded in the Civil War was buried here in 1872. Their great-grandfather, John Martin was buried here in 1867 as well as other family members.

Enroute home, they visited in Anson with J.C. Moss.

Mrs. B. Rogers and son, Donnie Rogers visited in Abilene, Saturday with Shawna and Jeff Abernathy and children, Allie and Jake. They celebrated the birthday of Allie who blew out her two candles on a colorful decorated cake. Other family members attending were grandparents, Donna Sue and Stanley Dean of Calgary and grandchildren, Seth and Luke McDaniel of Sundown, Dane Degan of Crosbyton and c children, Kylene and Kason Degan of Matador.

Marisue and Ralph Powell of Mott Creek Ranch visited Saturday afternoon with her aunt, Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton.

Sandra and Jerry Barclay visited Friday night in Lockney with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S.D. Barclay.

Anna Beth and Joe Ike Clay visited last weekend in Clifton with daughter and family, Lori and Kevon Kleibrink, Karlee and Kyler. They enjoyed the soccer game in which Karlee played.

Savannah Young, member of the Brownie Girl Scout troop, was recognized at the Awards Penning Ceremony held Monday night at the Valley School for her outstanding work when selling Girl Scout cookies. Attending the ceremony with her were her proud mother, Mrs. Cally Sperry and grandmother, Mrs. Jackie Sperry of Quitaque.

Mrs. Waydette Clay and Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton enjoyed the Lynn Alexander and 8-second Ride Bank performance Saturday night held at the Gem Theatre in Turkey.

Attending the funeral services of their paternal cousin, Mrs. Wyona Clark held Monday at 2 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Friona were Johnnie Starkey and brother, L.T. Starkey of Ralls and Jack and Nada Starkey.

Orville and Ruth Lee celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary Friday, April 18. They enjoyed lunch and entertainment in Childress, Sunday.

Joe Ike and Anna Beth Clay were in Childress this weekend for the Kairos Prison Ministry. Others from Quitaque and Turkey also attended.

Haley and Emily Milam of Petersburg visited the weekend with their grandparents, Kathy and Clois Shorter. Kathy accompanied them home Sunday and remained to visit them as their parents, Christi and Dwain Milam are sponsors of the Petersburg senior class that are on a trip to Disneyland in Florida.

Stanley Triplets

Jason and Tamera Stanley are proud to announce the birth of their children. Landon Heath, Lynnie LeAnn, and Robert Maxwell were born March 17 at Covenant Lakeside hospital in Lubbock. Landon weighed 4 lbs, 7 oz, Lynnie weighed 3 lbs, 13 oz, and Max weighed 3 lbs, 8 oz. After a two week stay in NICU, the triplets are home and doing well. Proud grandparents are James

and Margaret Stanley of Lubbock, formerly of Matador, Bruce and Selena Dirickson, and Gary and Cathy Armes. JoAnn Dickson is their great-grandmother. Jason, Tamera and the entire family want to thank everyone for their prayers and thoughts through this pregnancy and their birth. These are truly three little miracles.



County Agent's News

by Ryan Martin, Agri LIFE EXTENSION Agent



Clover Country CD's For Sale

The Motley 4-H Club is selling CD's that include songs from famous 4-H Alumni. The CD "Clover Country" is for sale for \$20 each. This CD includes songs from Sugarland, Dolly Parton, Reba McEntire, Martina McBride, Faith Hill, Vince Gill, Johnny Cash, Alabama and others, all of which are 4-H alumni.

A portion of the proceeds from the sale of this CD will be used by the National 4-H Council to further its support of the 4-H Youth and Development Program. To get your copy of "Clover Country" see D'anna Russell or call the Extension Office at 806-347-2733.

Don't Forget the Tag When You Move Dairy Cattle in Texas!

Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) cattle tuberculosis (TB) regulations went into effect April 1, 2008, requiring an approved identification device on dairy cattle being moved within the state. If ke a dairy animal, make sure it has an official identification device before it's moved within the state, stresses Dr. Bob Hillman, Texas' state veterinarian and head of the

Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock and poultry health regulatory agency.

"Dairy producers, calf raisers, feeders, or beef cattle owners who have a few dairy animals must comply with this cattle tuberculosis regulation that will aid in tracing cattle TB, if it is introduced into Texas," said Dr. Hillman. In October 2007, the TAHC enhanced cattle TB and ID regulations for dairy animals entering from other states.

"USDA ear tags, which have been used in the Brucellosis and cattle TB programs for years, are available from the TAHC area offices at no charge for dairy cattle," said Dr. Hillman. Cattle owners who use these tags are to maintain a simple log of the animals tagged.

Information is to include the date a tag is applied to the animal, the tag number, and the animal's breed, sex and age. The record keeping can be as simple as listing the tag number, date and the animal's description, he said. Tag pliers are not provided, but they are available for purchase at most agricultural supply stores. Once applied, the identification is to remain on the animal.

Producers not familiar with their TAHC area office can call the agency headquarters in Austin at 800-550-8242 for information. Alternatively, cattle owners may purchase and use any of the following approved identification devices for dairy cattle:

Electronic official AIN tags, differentiated by the first three digits of the fifteen-digit number.

* Manufacturer code "900" series RFID (radio frequency identification-devices) tags, available from many feed or supply stores.

* USA prefix RFID tags. * Country code "840" series RFID tags. (To use these, producers need to register their premises in the National Animal Identification System. This can be accomplished easily and at no charge by calling the TAHC at 800-550-8242.)

A commercially produced cattle-style clip, flap or button tag that identifies owner and includes a unique animal number in the herd.

Although dairy animals are no more susceptible to cattle TB than beef cattle, their close confinement and movement between herds presents a greater risk of exposure to the bacterial disease, if an infected animal is introduced into the herd.

Dr. Hillman explained that cattle TB has not been eradicated in the U.S. At least 12 infected beef herds have been detected in Minnesota since 2006, a state where infection had not been found since 1971. On April 9, Minnesota was downgraded to modified accredited status, the third lowest rung on the five-tiered cattle TB ranking system.

In February, TB infection was detected in a large California dairy, and in 2007, infection was detected in New Mexico, Colorado and Oklahoma. For years, Michigan has battled the disease both in cattle and free-ranging deer. Texas lost cattle TB-free status in 2002, but regained it in fall 2006 after employing a strategic plan that included TB testing of dairies and purebred beef herds, and enhancing slaughter surveillance.

"Preventing the introduction of cattle TB is crucial," said Dr. Hillman. "But, we must be prepared to deal with infection, if it does slip through. Identifying dairy and dairy-cross animals will enable us to complete epidemiological investigations more quickly, so infection can be eliminated before it spreads to more herds."

Senior Citizens Menu

THURSDAY, APRIL 24: Pork roast, mashed potatoes, mixed veggies, tossed salad, biscuit, mixed fruit.
FRIDAY, APRIL 25: Buttered catfish, red beans, baked hushpuppies, coleslaw, fresh fruit.
MONDAY, APRIL 28: Smothered pork chops, scalloped potatoes, greens, tossed salad, wheat bread,

fresh fruit.
TUESDAY, APRIL 29: Meatloaf, black-eye-peas, steamed carrots, mashed potatoes, snickerdoodle bars.
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30: Chicken salad, w/roll, South West potatoes, spinach salad, fruit of the day.

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Elliott-Taylor Engagement announced



Ken and Dinah Young of Roaring Springs would like to announce the engagement and up and coming marriage on July 12, 2008 of their son Joshua Elliott to Victoria Taylor. Joshua is a graduate student at McGill University in Montreal and plans to finish his PhD this summer. He tutors students in Chicago and has taught

classes at McGill University and been published on several occasions in his field of physics. Victoria is in graduate school at North Western University working on her doctorate in psychology. They will be married outside of Boston where Victoria's parents, Gavin and Susan Taylor, live.

Notes from the Library by Buffy Crutchley

I come to you this week in a state of extreme jubilation! The Library was awarded the 2008 Texas Book Festival Grant! This is especially important to me, as it is the very first grant I ever submitted. To be awarded this gift is so great. I feel in my heart that it is a sign of wonderful things to come.

But now I need your help. The money is only to be used for new books for our Texas Collection, Craft and Do-It-Yourself Books, and Audio Books on C.D. I would like input from all the people that will use these new items. If you have a certain craft that you want to know more about, come in and tell me. If you like reading a certain type of book about Texas, whether it's cowboys, outlaws, or any other type of Texas history, come tell me. I want input on how to best use the money. I myself can't wait to get in some new scrapbooking books!

April 27 is the beginning of

National Volunteer Week. In celebration of this, I have to say a very special thank you to all the volunteers who help the library run so smoothly. Thank you to the Library Board, who show up faithfully each month to help make the decisions that keep the library going. Thanks you to the Friends of the Library for organizing programs that keep us informed and entertained. And thank you to everyone who has ever given up a Monday to make sure the library has staff to open. Thank you Charlie, PK, Susan, Marihelen, Ruby, Suzanne, Regina, D.A., Deanie, June, Pina, and everyone else that I am accidentally leaving out. It is so nice to have such a wonderful group of people to help make the library such a great place!

Don't forget...May 1st at 3:00 is the next Friends of the Library meeting. We have so much to discuss this time. I hope you'll join us!

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OIL & GAS REPORT

BY THOMAS MUSSER

PALO DURO BASIN OIL & GAS UPDATE

MOTLEY COUNTY: Drilling is scheduled to begin this week on the Roaring Springs Energy, Ltd. Hamilton Lease Well #1, which is located one mile East of Roaring Springs in the Roaring Springs, West (PermoPenn) Field.

MOTLEY COUNTY: On Thursday, 17 April 2008 Sharp Image Energy, Inc. applied for a drilling permit for the

Vinson Lease Well #1, Birnie (Strawn) and (Congl.) Fields to be located 467 feet from the South Line and 467 feet from the West Line of Section 2, Block 0-5, M. Damron Survey, Abstract-1771, six miles South-Southeast of Flomot.

This will locate the Vinson #1 approximately midway between the 1959 General Crude Oil Company I. F. Fish #1 and the 2001 Petrotex, Inc. Frank Eiring #1 plugged locations. Mr. Vince Hatfield of Midland, Texas is the President of Sharp Image Energy, Inc.

Hackberry Creek Employee of the month



Aurelia Salazar

Salazar is married to Alex Salazar. She has five children; Lou Ann Sylva, Alex Jr., Tony, Lorenzo, and Gene. Her hobbies are sewing, making quilts, and spending time with her grandkids. She attends Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church.

2008 Summer Baseball

Registration for the MCYO summer baseball season has begun. Any child that will be here for the summer that wants to play needs to fill out a registration form.

The ages for this year are 4 years to 12 years as of May 1, 2008. The form plus a \$20.00 fee needs to be turned to your child's teacher or any MCYO officer by 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 1, 2008. For families with siblings, it will be 20.00 per child for the first 2 children and 15.00 for every child thereafter.

The teams will be picked shortly after May 1, so there will be no late entries! If there are any questions call Shonda Elliott at 806-983-7172.

OBITUARY

Norris Thornton Cloyd

Services for Mr. Norris Thornton Cloyd were held Friday, April 18, 2008, at Hilliard Funeral Home, with the Rev. Darryle Dunks officiating. Burial was in Fairway Garden of Memories Cemetery in Van, Texas. Mr. Cloyd died at the age of 83 on April 14, 2008, in Tyler.

Norris was born February 28, 1925, in Flomot, to the late Dennis Cloyd and Lola Mae Hawkins Cloyd. He had been a resident of Tyler since 1987, formerly living in Lubbock.

He attended Green Acres Baptist Church in Tyler and served in the US Army Air Force from 1943-1945. He owned and operated a cotton gin business in Plainview from 1947-1957; worked as a sales representative for Asher Co. from 1957-1959; worked as a pharmaceutical sales representative for Abbott Laboratories in the Lubbock area from 1959-1981; and worked for

St. Mary's Hospital in Lubbock as Director of Purchasing from 1981-1986. Norris retired in 1987 after receiving many awards and recognitions during his career, including "Industry Service Award for 1981" from Texas Society of Hospital Pharmacists. He was elected to the Abbott Laboratories All Star Team in 1974 and 1976, in addition to five other special achievement awards.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Ann Martin Cloyd of Tyler; daughter, Diane Lewis and husband Dan of Colorado; two sons, Randy Cloyd and Michael Cloyd, both of Colorado; brother Keith Cloyd and wife Diana of Bath, England; and two grandchildren, Tiffany Fodor and husband John; and West Swart and wife Stacey, all of Colorado.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of East Texas, 4111 University Blvd., Tyler, Texas 75701.

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Brown named to All-South Plains first team

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April- National Poetry Month

- 25 Writing Workshop, Library, noon
- 24-26 Bob Wills Day, Turkey
- 26 Writing Workshop, Roaring Springs, 10am
- 26 Pease River Opry, Goodlet, 7pm
- 26 Motley County Community Staff Meeting, Tribune office, 10 am

May

- 1 FBCM Breakfast, National Prayer Day, 7 a.m.
- 1 RS Lions, Hitchin' Post, 11:30 am
- 1 Friends of the Library, 3 pm
- 2 Banking For a Cure Night Golf Scramble 7:30
- 3 Men's Breakfast, 7 a.m. FBC Matador
- 3 Hwy. 70 70-mile Garage Sale
- 3 MCISD Prom
- 5-6 Girls & Boys State, Austin
- 6 FFA Banquet 7 pm
- 6 Matador Lions, Methodist Church, 12:30
- 7 Guild, RS Methodist Fellowship, 3:30
- 7 Kids Praise, First Baptist Church, 5 p.m.
- 9 Comp Day, No School
- 12 Commissioners Court 9:30
- 13 RS Volunteers, Community Center, 7 p.m.
- 15 Matador Masonic Lodge, 6:30 pm
- 16 Snow Day, No School
- 20 Matador Lions, Methodist Church, 12:30
- 20 Chamber Meeting on how to improve tourism
- 21 Guild, RS Methodist Fellowship, 3:30
- 22 Matador Eastern Star 6:30 pm
- 29 Last Day of School
- 31 Graduation 7 p.m.

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