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"Big Sky"

by Ken Young

Commissioner's Court redesignates part of Teepee City road

By Carol Campbell

The Commissioner's Court met in regular session on May 12 to cover a 17-item agenda including the abandonment of a 3.5 mile stretch of road that once led to the former site of historic Teepee City in east Motley County.

In attendance was the full court consisting of Commissioners Donnie Turner, Russell Alexander, Franklin Jameson, Ronnie Davis, and Judge Ed D. Smith. Also in attendance were Deputy Clerk D'Anna Russell, County Attorney Tom Edwards, and Assistant to the Judge and County Attorney Carol Campbell.

Other guests of the court consisted of TxDOT employees Ben Kautz, Jack Cox, and Director of Maintenance Mark Hightower; Motley County Oversight Committee member Marisue Potts-Powell, Larry Vogt, Editor of the Motley County Tribune; and Matador Ranch General Manager Bob Kilmer and James Palmer, President of Koch-Ag.

A Matador Ranch request to close part of CR 247, a 3.5-mile stretch of road that once led to the former site of Teepee City, was tabled last month to accomplish legal research on the issue. The ranch proposed that

the county close part of the road on its private property due to trespassers, poaching, and trash accumulation. The Matador Ranch owns both sides of the unfenced road and the only adjacent landowner is at the end of the road. This owner is not opposed to having a locked gate with access, Kilmer said.

Following legal research by the County Attorney, Mr. Edwards said he had "discussed the issue at length with the best legal mind in the state on road closure law."

"The Court has the power to abandon the road, with a unanimous vote of the court," he said.

Mr. Edwards reported that he had talked to the only landowner affected by the closure, and that he was in full agreement to abandon the road. A marker to this historical site was moved to the roadside park on Highway 70, and a second marker with additional information about Motley County was erected in 2003.

"The road itself does not go to any historical sites," Mr. Kilmer said. "For anyone to go to the Teepee City proper or gravesites (by way of the designated road) they would have to trespass to get to them," Edwards added.

"The Commissioner's Court

can and does have the power to abandon this road; subject to change only by its own motion," he said, "without petition from anyone."

In a dissenting view, Commissioner Jameson said that under Section 80 of the County Road and Bridge Act, that the only way a new road or change in an existing road can be made is by presenting a petition to the court where eight landowners in the precinct have requested the change.

Mr. Edwards pointed out to the court that the Matador Ranch had "petitioned" the court, and that they are the only landowners affected by the closure, except for the landowner that had agreed to the closure.

A vote was called, and Commissioners Ronnie Davis and Russell Alexander; and Judge Ed D. Smith voted "for" the abandonment; and Commissioners Donnie Turner and Franklin Jameson voted "against."

In further action, Mr. Edwards announced to the court that he had been advised that "on motion, the Commissioner's Court can redesignate a public road as a private road."

This action does not require a unanimous vote of the court. A vote was called, and this action

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City Council commends demolition crew

The City Council met in regular session May 8, commending city employees for the demolition of the Deaton house on Highway 70; and approving a purchase of a topcoat product for dirt roads that prevents erosion.

Present at the meeting were council members Pat Seigler, Shane Jones, Kay Bailey, Chuck Ream, Mayor Pat Smith, and City Secretary Debra Scott. Terry Simpson was absent; and Water Superintendent was attending school in Abilene.

City cleanup of abandoned and condemned sub-standard houses continues to be the focus of the Council. Councilwoman Kay Bailey, who ran on a ticket to "clean up" Matador, said, "I

am pleased to see the demolition of the Deaton house, we are slowly but surely, as time permits, getting the job done." The Council commended employees for the work accomplished.

Mayor Pat Smith made a presentation to the council on a product that is marketed for use as a topcoat for dirt roads. According to Smith, the clear coat of material prevents erosion and maintenance for up to five years.

The city would have to mix and apply the treatment. Municipal funds are designated for road upkeep, and will be used to purchase the product, costing about \$500.00 to cover one-mile of road. The City received \$640 in municipal fines for the month of April. The "one-mile"

purchase will be used to test the product. If successful, the City could save hundreds of dollars of road grader maintenance on dirt roads. The council voted unanimously to approve the purchase.

A meeting was called for May 15 to "canvas the vote" in the recent City Council elections. In a low turnout for the city race, Mayor Pat Smith, running unopposed, received 70 votes; incumbent council member Pat Seigler received 67 votes; Alvin Alexander earned 54 votes, securing the vacancy left by Terry Simpson; Danika Jameson earned 33 votes; and Mike Hackler received 32 votes.

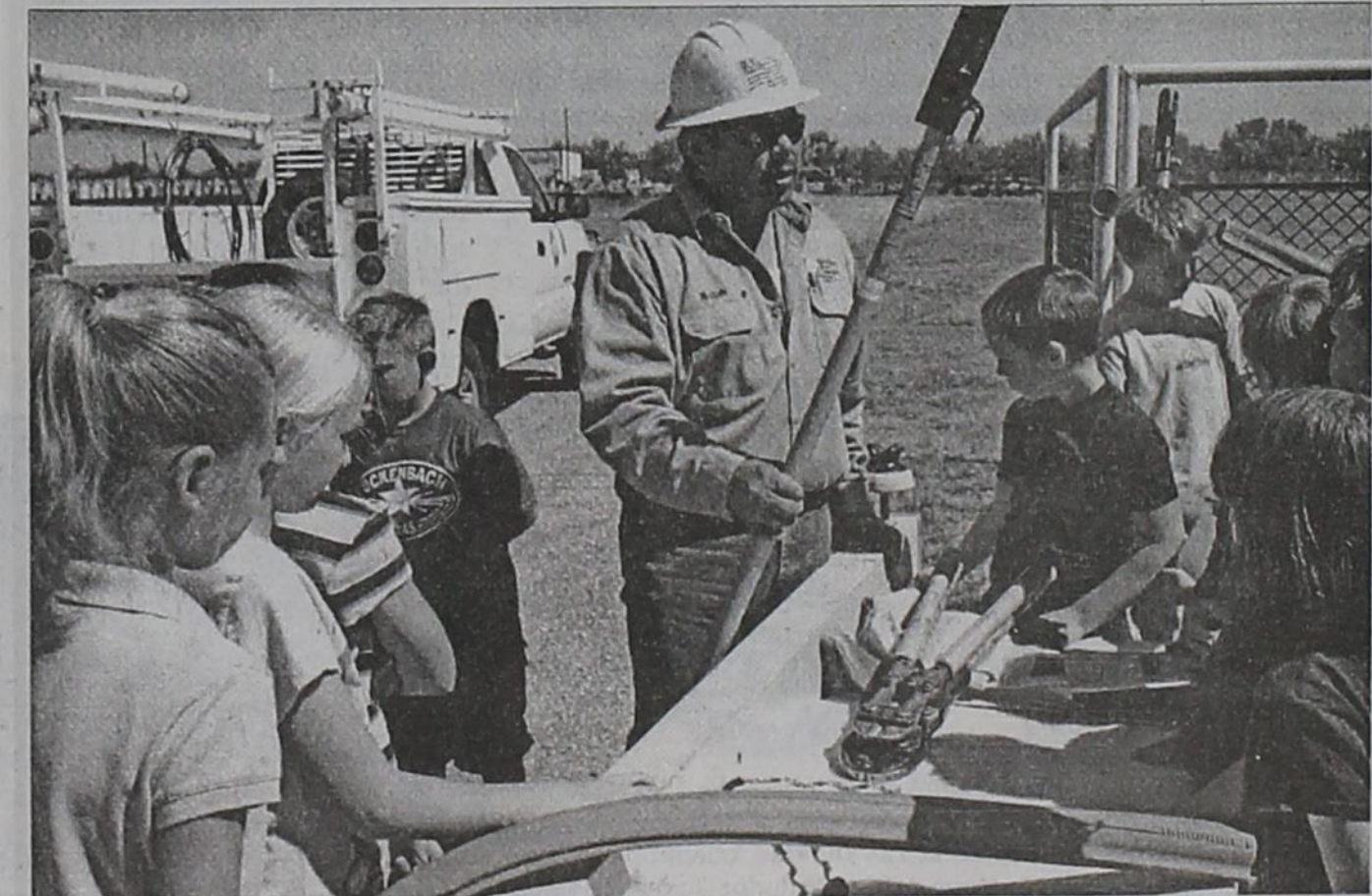
Motley County Fourth Graders Learn About Electrical Safety

LUBBOCK, Texas — Motley County fourth graders attended an electrical safety demonstration, sponsored by South Plains Electric Cooperative (SPEC), this month in Spur to promote May as electrical safety month. Other fourth graders from Spur, Patton Springs, Crosbyton, Jayton and Aspermont schools also

traveled to the Dickens Division office for a four-part program and lunch. SPEC made similar presentations in Childress and Lubbock reaching over 700 students with their electrical safety messages.

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residents. South Plains Electric Cooperative serves about 45,000 connected meters in 18 counties. When you see Touchstone Energy®, you know this is a locally owned, community-minded, electric cooperative providing high standards of service for customers large and small.



APPRENTICE LINEMAN, Ralph Frausto demonstrated several tools a lineman uses every day.

Hotel Matador and Motley County Chamber host GO TEXAN

The Hotel Matador along with the Motley County Chamber is hosting an open meeting on Tuesday, May 20. All business owners and prospective owners or operators are invited to the meeting which will be held at 7 p.m. at the Hotel. Refreshments will be served.

Janell Kilmer Turner, with GO TEXAN, is coming to the Chamber meeting to give us information on how to advertise and promote our county and the businesses here.

Janell is the daughter of Bob and Wanda Kilmer of Matador and graduated from Motley County

ISD in 2000. She is married to Coby Turner, son of Carol Ann and Johnny Turner who are also from Motley County. Janell graduated from Texas Tech in 2005 and has been with GO TEXAN in Amarillo since January.

GO TEXAN was created to promote the products, culture and communities of Texas. Nancy Cordero of the Texas Department of Agriculture, Rural Economic Development, will also present pointers on promoting and improving existing businesses or starting new ones.

THIS WEEK'S NEWS

Matador

Sounds of a drum circle to be presented at Jail Star Party, June 7th at 7p.m. Free chili dog cookout with drinks.

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9th Annual Bluegrass Festival, May 15-17. Featuring eight bands from Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma.

Roaring Springs

Goen & Goen, Inc. purchased the Long Insurance Agency and will maintain an office in Roaring Springs.

School News

The MC Matadors attended the State Championship Press Conference in Austin and were honored by Gov. Perry.

Coming Back Home

"A little town like this is better than a large city," said Ellis Terry. "If you are looking for a place to retire, this is it."

You can come home again!

Keep the home fires burning, while your hearts are yearning, though your lads are far away, they dream of home.

Lena Guilbert Ford (1870-1916)

By Carol Campbell

Some people never leave home, no matter how far they roam. Ellis Terry is like that. He left home to join the army, traversed the Philippine Islands, fought in World War II, raised a family, and spent a whole adult career on the West Coast. But he never forgot his roots.

"I clearly remember my first date with Leona Martin," he said. The year was 1938, and he was 16 years old; 46 years later he married his hometown sweetheart and moved back to Matador.

Ellis was born in 1922 in Clarksville, Texas, an only child, "and spoiled rotten" according to his wife. He laughs about this notion, but it doesn't take much to amuse this cheerful octogenarian. Ellis likes to laugh.

His Matador story begins in 1927 when his parents moved to join the ranks of settlers, farmers, and ranchers of the foothills of the Plains. He almost completed Matador High School, he said, lacking three months to graduation. He cooked and waited tables for Junior (R.E.) Campbell at the Magnolia Cafe "for eats," and worked for local ranches, including the Matador Ranch and Curtis Martin ranch west of Matador. Leona Martin was born on that ranch.

He joined the army in 1942 when he was 18-years-old, and

served in the "real war" (WWII) in the 710th Tank Battalion, 81st Infantry. Ellis was a Tank Commander, stationed in the Philippines. His battalion was "combat loaded, and ready to invade Japan when the atomic bomb was dropped, and suddenly, the war ended," he said. "We got our beer allotment early, and that's how we knew the war was over."

He was discharged from the army in December, 1945, and went to work in civil service in Oceanside, California. He worked in heavy equipment for six years; moved to Long Beach, where he worked for Standard Oil Company for nine years; and finally for J.C. Penny in the automotive department. He took early retirement from J.C. Penny after 10 years, in 1984. That was the year Leona Martin Cox came back into his life and captured his heart for a second time.

Leona never left Motley County; she grew up here, along with her two siblings: Curtis Ewell and Joyce "Joy." The Martin's have deep roots in the foothills of west Texas; her father lived and ranched this land for more than 60 years. And who could leave this beautiful place? Eleanor Traweck describes the setting in *Of Such As These*:

"The land eight miles west of Matador which is owned by the Curtis Martin family is in the foothills. It is one of the natural,

unspoiled beauty spots of Motley County with springs, native grape vines and plum thickets, and with hackberry, oak and walnut trees along the creek. Antelopes roam in the hills and wild turkeys roost in the cottonwoods just below the Martin home." Leona's sister, Joy, and her husband Leo Archer still live on the old home place.

While Leona and Ellis went their separate ways, just "first date" friends, he said, little did they know that their paths would cross again, almost one-half century later. They lived their other lives, raising their families, until fate brought them together again.

In the interim, Leona married L.M. Cox in 1947, and they raised their family here in Matador. He died in 1977. They had two sons, Ronnie and Don; both boys played football in high school for Matador, earning many honors. Ronnie married Shelly Stevens, and they live here in Matador. Don moved to Andrews, Texas. He and his wife, Dee, have two girls. She has four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

While Leona was playing golf, working, and raising her family in Matador, Ellis was on the West Coast doing the same thing. He has two sons and a daughter. Harold lives in Lancaster, California, and Kenneth lives in Metford, Oregon. His daughter, Sandra, lives in Bellvue, California. Ellis has seven grandchildren.

After her husband died, Leona initiated a correspondence with Ellis, sending him an old photo her sister Joy had found in her saved treasures. Ellis, 16, was pictured in boots standing on an ice pond on the Martin home place. "We got reacquainted by mail," Ellis said.

True love can never be denied, they say. Leona made a trip to Anaheim and they married in January, 1984. Ellis took early retirement; picked up and moved back to Texas. The rest is history.

"The only thing I was required to do was to learn to play golf," Ellis said. He now plays nine holes of golf about three times a week, he said. "I would be lost without golf; there's not much to do in Matador," he adds.

You can often find the Terry's at the Senior Citizen's for lunch. They are big supporters of the community focal point for seniors. Ellis is a "people person," he likes to help, he likes to visit, and he likes to meet people, he said. He volunteers at the Senior Citizens, and said he wanted to give the Center a "plug."

"This (Senior Citizen's Center) is a great place," he said. Ellis is the "go-to" guy when the chips are down at the Center. He cooks, waits tables, and all with a big, healthy smile on his face. Some people just make you feel better to be around them. Ellis fits that bill.



His advice to anyone thinking about retiring back to Matador?: "A little town like this is better than a large city," he said. "If you are looking for a place to retire, to live, this is it."

We have a good EMS system, and we have good medical care;

we have good people."

Lyndon Baines Johnson (1908-1973) said: "There is comfort in knowing you're gonna (sic) go full circle, end up where you started out." Ellis and Leona Terry couldn't agree more.

THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY RELAY FOR LIFE

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We will be hosting a breakfast at First Baptist Church, Matador for Relay for Life Survivors on May 24th at 9 a.m.

Donations accepted.

Questions, call Pam Newman, Relay for Life Chairman, 806.348.7074

Sounds of a drum circle to be presented at Jail Star Party

It's something that Motley County could hardly have envisioned: the beat of African drums, echoing throughout all of Matador.

On Saturday, June 7th at 7:00 p.m. you can take part in the rhythmic sounds of a drum circle. Quannah High School Band Director John Marsh will give the presentation using drums owned by the Three Rivers Foundation for the Arts and Sciences. Congas, bongos, timbales, djembes and other percussion accessories instruments will be demonstrated, according to Carolyn Wilson, 3RF Director of the Arts, in Quannah.

"3RF purchased the drums for educational purposes and for community involvement," Wilson said. "John Marsh has been directing the drum circles," she said, adding, "he is very knowledgeable regarding music and has volunteered to lead the educational programs for 3RF involving the drums."

Wilson invited everyone to bring their lawn chairs and enjoy the Saturday evening Motley County drum circle, at the old historic Motley County Jail, on the north side of the county courthouse. She said Marsh would show everyone how to play the drums and invite the audience to try them out. "It's not just about listening or watching someone else play

these drums, it's about a hands on experience, getting people involved and participating."

For those unfamiliar with some of the drums, the djembes, for example, pronounced *JEM-bay*, according to Wikipedia, originated in West Africa. It is an integral part of the region's musical tradition and culture, but now popular all over the world. The large goblet-shaped drums are meant to be played with bare hands.

There will be everything from the djembes and bongos, to cowbells and shakers. "We encourage everyone to join in the fun," Wilson said.

Friends of the Historic Motley County Jail will provide a free

chili dog cookout with drinks on June 7, beginning at 7:00 p.m. followed by the drum circle and an orientation to the night sky by representatives from 3RF. The night of star gazing will begin about 8:30 p.m. This unique educational experience will include four high-powered telescopes.

"Mark your calendars, bring a lawn chair, and get ready to experience a night in Matador like no other," Carol Campbell said. "I am excited about the collaboration between the Three Rivers organization and our Friends organization. This will be a night to remember in historic downtown Matador."



QUANAH HIGH SCHOOL Band Director John Marsh will give the presentation using drums owned by the Three Rivers Foundation for the Arts and Sciences. Congas, bongos, timbales, djembes and other percussion accessories instruments will be demonstrated.



LOOKING FOR GOD?

The story is told of a little boy in bombed-out London during World War II. The boy was looking longingly into a candy store window. A soldier came by, and realizing what was happening, went into the store and emerged with a sack of candy for the boy. The boy looked at the candy and then up at the soldier, and asked, "Sir, are you God?" That soldier seemed to embody what God was like to that small boy. The little boy thought that he had finally seen God.

We live in a society that is looking for God. Many people may not realize it or admit it, but the truth is that thousands are looking for a god of some kind, something they can believe in. Some will trust in the stock market until it shudders and falls. Some will look to society's heroes until we discover that they are drug users. Others will look to national leaders until they are found to be involved in scandal. This longing to look for God and to know what He is like is nothing new. Throughout the ages people have wondered, speculated and sometimes even cringed in terror concerning the Creator of this world. To be sure, God has revealed Himself in the creation and through specific acts in history, but this leaves us unsatisfied.

In the Gospel of John, the writer tells us that Jesus has made known God to humanity. Jesus demonstrated for us that God's power controls this physical world and through the cross He can bring us to the knowledge of God.

Michael G. Crowley, Sr.

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DAYS GONE BY

The Wild and Woolly Outpost of TeePee City From Motley County Roundup by Marisue Potts

The wide-open but short-lived buffalo hunters' outpost called TeePee City was named for the teepee poles found there after the Comanches had left the area. Huddled forlornly on the prairie flat, the tiny settlement consisted of a row of tents, dugouts, and picket houses. The squat houses were created by setting posts in the ground, chinking the spaces with mud plaster, then crowning the modest living quarters with a roof of brush and sod.

TeePee City was the scene of shooting sprees, drunken brawls, and robberies. Such activities often warranted the attention of G.W. Arrington's contingent of Texas Rangers based at Camp Roberts in Blanco Canyon. From "Teepee" City on November 29, 1880, the ranger reported to Captain Neal Caldwell:

Arrived here yesterday with 20 men. The weather is very cold and cloudy, has the appearance of snow. I think we will have a long and severe winter and the stock that remains here will need hay as the grass is very short and very little of it, owing to the large driven in on the creek. . . I find that the fellow Cowper who keeps the whiskey has rev license but no State of Co license and I wish to ask Gen Jones if he is not liable to arrest. I want to break it up. Cowper has put up, or rather made a large "dugout" for a gambling "hall" and is now off after whiskey. If Cowper can be handled for not having a license, I would be pleased to know how to act. The "boys" made it lively here soon after you and the Gen passed. I will return to camp as soon as I get things straightened out.

Four months later in March of 1881, Captain Arrington reported to General Jones in Austin:

The detachment at Teepee (sic) as well as men at this place have had a hard time of it this winter, and at least 8 men are now unfit for duty on account of having had the mumps. Our horses look very bad but will soon be in good condition as the grass has begun to grow in the Canyon. No raids have been made through this section during the winter. The people out here are very uneasy for fear we will not be retained in the field, for they say this section will again fill up with thieves. We have had but two mails since 1st Jan and no prospect for a line to be established soon.

In fact, TeePee City was considered such a bad influence by the management of the Matador Land & Cattle Company, Ltd., that it was declared off-limits to its cowboys, who were notorious for detouring great distances during work assignments to check on the action. When the opportunity arose in 1879, ranch manager H.H. Campbell bought the saloon from John Leonard and closed down the sin den.

Located at the junction of the Middle Pease River and TeePee Creek in southeastern Motley County, TeePee City began as a trading post for buffalo hunters and survey parties.

In the fall of 1876, Charley Rath and Robert Wright teamed up with Dodge City sutlers (merchants who followed the army and sold provisions), Lee and Reynolds, to buy hides and supply hunters in the southern buffalo territory. Rath's fifty-one ox-drawn freight wagons, some with hind wheels as tall as seven feet,

joined with fifty wagons belonging to hunting outfits. Together they snaked their way down the trail to Mobeetie near Ft. Elliott, then Ridge Springs Camp, and on to TeePee. The cargo included guns, lead, kegs of black powder and patch paper, whiskey, and supplies, along with the profitable gaming tables and dance hall girls.

After dropping off hide dealers, Ludlum Armstrong and An

TeePee City had one or two saloons, a dance hall, and a gambling hall in connection with the saloons, a little hotel, one or two eating houses, several other small establishments. Most of the population lived in dugouts or tents.

drew Sharp, at the old Comanche campgrounds, Rath continued southward to establish his headquarters on the Double Mountain Fork of the Brazos. At TeePee City Armstrong acted as postmaster, agent, innkeeper, and barman of a two-room building, a hotel on one side and, on the other, a saloon with dance hall girls.

One of the earliest hunters in the area was Dick Buswell, who camped at Three Hole on the Quitaque for three years while killing thousands of buffalo up and down the Pease Creek. He recalled visiting The Teepee (sic) Buffalo Supply Store: "One day about 15 of us hunters were up at the store on Teepee (sic) when some horse thieves came up with some horses. We were unarmed at the time. They robbed the

store and stole my suit."

Not just any suit, but a \$25 suit hard earned by slaughtering buffalo and hauling their hides to Sherman. "I don't know what in thunder I bought it for, for I didn't have any place to wear it," he mused in an interview.

When Samuel Lazarus, agent for Galveston jobbers Leon and H. Blum, arrived at TeePee City in 1877, he found a small pox epidemic raging with many settlers

tiny village: Arthur Cooper, postmaster, and wife Anna; Nels Risenchrist, stonemason; Elija Williams, surveyor, his wife Emma, and daughter Alma; Isiah Boren, farmer; William Emory, cook, and his wife Eva, and daughter Nellie; Ludlum Armstrong, merchant, and Andrew Sharp.

Arthur B. Cooper freighted supplies from Dallas or Ft. Worth. He and Mrs. Cooper ran the general store, first from a dugout and later from a one-room half dugout. Their daughter Nora, born in a dugout in 1882, was said to be the first white girl born in what was to become Motley County.

In July of 1879 a group of prospectors on their way to Cripple Creek, Colorado, camped near TeePee City where they were jumped by rustlers. When a Mr. Anderson tried to run from the desperados, he was shot in the heel. Though it was a prank, lockjaw set in and finished him off. He was buried at TeePee City, but his remains were later removed to Dallas.

When elderly Mrs. Council, who was staying at Joe Brown's Ballard Springs camp, became entangled in a rope tied to a wild yearling, she was fatally injured. Since no lumber was available for a casket, the goods boxes from TeePee City had to suffice, even though they were not quite adequate. Mrs. Council, it was said, was buried with her feet protruding.

Saloon keeper Armstrong died in 1884. While awaiting the construction of a coffin, his cronies laid him out on the only available bier, a poker table which had a broken leg. Since Armstrong had

suffering from the sickness. . . . "When my folks came out here," Jim Cooper recalled of his parents, the A.B. Coopers who pulled into TeePee City in 1879 just after the R.V. Fields family, "they met wagon after wagon loaded down with buffalo hides. After they came to TeePee City to live, there wasn't but three buffalo killed near the town from then on."

According to postal records, the postoffice was established in 1879 with Armstrong as postmaster, followed in 1880 briefly by Andrew Sharp and then Arthur B. Cooper; Luther Dawson in 1885; and Mrs. Emma Henderson in 1886. The service was transferred to Northfield in 1900.

The 1880 Census taker enumerated twelve residents at the

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little evidence of the rip-roaring settlement remains, just the trunk of a dead cottonwood laced with bullets and the rock walls of the old school and corrals. As part of a statewide marker program during the Centennial celebration of 1936, a Texas Historical Marker was placed near the site. (This marker was moved in 2002 to the roadside near U.S. Highway 70 by request of the landowners, the Matador Cattle Company.)

On a sandy knoll of the west side of the sluggish creek, the grave of Armstrong faces the sunrise. On the opposite side, looking toward the creek and the sunset, are the sagebrush-dotted graves of two Cooper children, James Motley and Nellie Elizabeth, and their great aunt from Sweden, Mrs. A.S. Johnson, testifying that a family once lived, loved, laughed, cried, and died here.

Now as then, a gentle wind rustles the leaves of the cottonwoods and a lonely bobwhite whistles for his mate.

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- Exercise Classes
- Church Services
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- Arts and Crafts
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- Movies



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Senior Citizen Menu

- THURSDAY, May 15:** Chicken fried steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, veggie of the day, wheat rolls, fruit of the day.
FRIDAY, May 16: Grilled sirloin, baked potatoes, green beans, tossed salad, apple crisp.
MONDAY, May 19: Smothered steak, AU gratin potatoes, broccoli, wheat bread, cake.
TUESDAY, May 20: BBQ chicken, broccoli, potato salad, bread & pickles, baked apples.
WEDNESDAY, May 21: Cheeseburger, lettuce, tomato, onion, baked beans, oven fries, fruit of the day.

School Menu

- Thursday, May 15**
Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, or cereal, toast, juice, milk.
Lunch: Pizza, salad, pineapple chunks, vanilla wafers, milk.
Friday, NO SCHOOL
Monday, May 19
Breakfast: Pancake, sausage, or cereal, toast, fruit, milk.
Lunch: Chicken patty/bun, lettuce, tomato, pickle slices, potato chips, cake, mixed fruit, milk.
Tuesday, May 20
Breakfast: Cereal, toast, juice, milk.
Lunch: Fajita chicken salad, beans, tortilla chips, crackers, sherbet, milk.
Wednesday, May 21
Breakfast: Breakfast bagel, or cereal, toast, sliced peaches, milk.
Lunch: Soft taco, salad, corn, tortilla chips, dessert, milk.

The Matador Ranch Crew is truly appreciative of the many volunteers who helped in any way with the wildfire at our Wolfcreek camp a few weeks ago. Besides the several area volunteer fire departments, there were also individuals who brought in their own equipment to assist.

We are so blessed to have communities who will work together in a Team Effort to help one another.

With Much Gratitude,
Bob Kilmer,
Matador Ranch Manager & Crew

STORAGE NOW AVAILABLE

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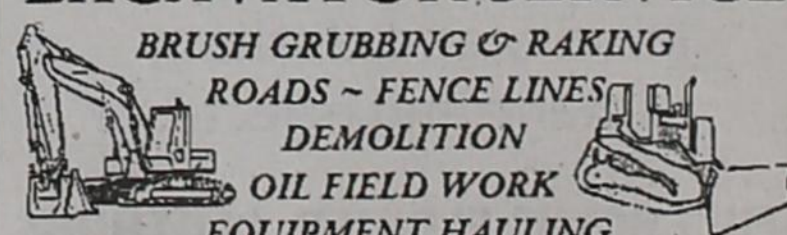
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Events Calendar

May

- 15-16-17 Flomot Bluegrass Festival
- 15 Matador Masonic Lodge, 6:30 p.m.
- 15 Matador City Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 16 Snow Day, No School
- 16-17 FFA Convention, Amarillo
- 16 Writing Workshop, Library, noon
- 17 Hardin & Turner Western Trade Day, Flomot
- 17 Relay For Life Mini Olympic, grd 6 and below
- 17 Writing Workshop Roaring Springs at Dinah Young's 10-2pm. Bring a sack lunch
- 19 MCPC Meeting Cafeteria, 5:30 p.m.
- 19 School Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- 20 Matador Lions, Methodist Church, 12:30 p.m.
- 20 FFA Cookout 7 p.m.
- 20 Chamber Meeting, GO TEXAN, 7 p.m.
- 20 Friends of the Library book discussion, 7 p.m.
- 21 Do-Gooders Club quilting at Flomot Community Center, 1 p.m.
- 21 Guild, RS Methodist Fellowship, 3:30
- 21 Gymnastics Program, 10 a.m.
- 22 Matador Eastern Star, 6:30 p.m.
- 25 Baccalaureate, 7p.m., FBCM
- 25 Senior Supper, Matador Hotel, TBA
- 27 Senior Breakfast, Methodist Church, 8 a.m.
- 27 Elementary Joyland Field Trip
- 28 Do-Gooders Club quilting at Flomot Community Center, 1 p.m.
- 29 Last Day of School
- 29 Elementary Awards Program
- 30 8th Grade Grad 7 pm 31 HS Graduation 7pm

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