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Commissioner's Court adopts resolution in support of an indigent defense program

By Carol Campbell
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The Motley County Commissioner's Court met October 12, 2010, in regular session, with a full quorum, covering a 17-item agenda including the adoption of a resolution in support of a preferred transmission line route to be located in Dickens and Motley counties; and a presentation by Grant Administrator Bryan Wilson, Texas Task Force on Indigent Defense.

Last month the Commissioner's Court tabled a motion to sign an Interlocal Agreement with Dickens County to form a Caprock Regional Public Defender Office (CRPDO), requesting more information on the program.

This month, Bryan Wilson, Grant Administrator of the Texas Task Force on Indigent Defense, came to court to explain the finer points of the program.

"In 2001, the state passed legislation to help improve Indigent Defense in the state of Texas," Wilson said. "Defendants have the right of counsel in a Court of Law, and if they cannot afford counsel, then it is the responsibility of the government to provide it," he said. This came about after a lawsuit in Gillespie County, Texas, where a prisoner filed suit because he had not been provided counsel in a timely way. The US Supreme Court decided in favor of the prisoner, stating it was in violation of his constitutional rights, forcing states to pass legislation

to protect indigent defendants.

After conducting research that showed misdemeanor cases filed in a 16-county rural area had less than one-third of the defendants assigned counsel, the Task Force decided to talk to the stakeholders, meeting last January at the Motley County Library Annex with seven judges from the area. According to Wilson, it became apparent that judges were "conflicted" about their role as Financial Officer of cash-strapped rural counties as well as the authority responsible for assigning attorney's to indigent defendants.

"After meeting with all the stakeholders, the Task Force designed a 10-year program whereby the Indigent Defense Program would pay 100 percent for two years. At the end of two years, the county could re-evaluate their participation in the program.

In partnership with Texas Tech University Law School, the program will hire the "best attorney's we can find," Wilson said. "No one would be authorized to use law students, and if they are assigned a case, they will have an attorney sitting right by them in court," Wilson said.

"Dickens County will serve as the lead county in the program, and our relationship would be with them," Wilson said. Dickens County Judge Lesa Arnold has provided the court an Interlocal Agreement, allowing participating counties to join the Caprock Regional Public

Defender Office (CRPDO).

The program will provide court-appointed counsel for indigent defendants in participating counties, hire a staff person to coordinate, and assign attorneys, assisted by third-year Texas Tech law students. Additionally, TTU will provide teleconferencing equipment for courts and jails, engaging qualified attorneys via video conferencing.

County Attorney Tom Edwards said he had two concerns regarding the program: 1) a reluctance to involve Motley County in a program that might mushroom out-of-control with over-enthusiastic law students; and 2) since Motley County has never exceeded their allotted amount for Indigent Defense, introducing a new program may potentially bog down a system that is working. "If it's not broke, don't fix it," Edwards reiterated.

Currently, the benchmark for Indigent Defense in Motley County is about \$4,900.00, and anything over the benchmark is reimbursable by the state. In 2009-10, \$9,000 was budgeted for indigent defense. "We have never been over our benchmark," Judge Smith said, "Last year we spent \$3,817.00."

Addressing the County Attorney, Wilson pointedly asked: "Can you explain why Motley County has 10 times less appointments for indigent defense than the rest of the state? Do you really think defendants realize what they have lost by not

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A Night to Remember

By Carol Campbell
Motley County Tribune

More than 160 residents and out-of-town guests, consuming 240 chili-cheese dogs with all the trimmings, attended a "donation only" fundraiser for the historic 1891 jail on Saturday, October 16, 2010.

Two former residents of Matador played characters at the jail. Events included jail tours to meet Digger Dansby, a "diviner" played by Jesse Perkins who could find "water in the desert." It is reported that Digger used to "witch" for water for the torrential tide of settlers coming to Motley County by wagon in the early 1890s -- he escaped death row on one of his outings. Also featured at the jail was the "Crazy Lady," played by Mel-

nie (Brown) Camp. She sat in the shadows of the cell for "women or the criminally insane." Some residents posed behind the bars for a photo shoot with Digger, while the ghost of "Rose" floated in and out of the "crazy cell."

The crowd was entertained on the east side of the jail by the Windy Ridge Posse, a re-enactment group from Plainview, consisting of 14 actors. The group was decked out in early-day regalia, complete with Stetsons, Winchesters and six-shooters. The characters re-told the story of the early day struggles of the county when arguments were settled by the gun.

The first sheriff of Motley County, Joseph Preston Beckham, was played by Jared White. He captured the spirit

of this colorful early-day sheriff -- young, daring and bold, and according to Beckham, "falsely accused of absconding with county tax collections."

Beckham killed the fourth sheriff of Motley County in an ambush at a train station in Seymour. "Commissioner George Cook vowed he was going to kill me," Beckham said. "Told it right in public and he tried and missed once in Childress. The second time Cook pulled a six-shooter on me was his last day on earth." Beckham was killed in Indian Territory in 1895 by the Texas Rangers.

The re-enactment was about 30 minutes long, with six "shoot-outs," (with blanks) ending in a blaze of bullets when Beckham was killed.

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1918 Matador High School Annual Found

By Dr. Andrew Seigrist
Motley County Tribune

In the early part of October, I was sent an email from a Mrs. Lori Gourley. While antique shopping, she found a 1918 edition of "The Rattler," the school annual from Matador High School. We spoke on the phone and she returned the annual to our school to be preserved as a part of our history. The earliest annual in the school is 1930. This 1918 edition will make the earliest publication of an annual. The earliest senior class picture in the lobby is 1932. I asked Mrs. Gourley to take a picture of themselves with the annual and send it to us and to tell the story in their own words. Here is there story in the words of Lori Gourley:

Our story with the 1918 yearbook started in Norman, Oklahoma. My husband Tim and I were doing some shopping one Saturday, and decided to check out one of the local antiques shops. Among many magazines and photos on a shelf, a book with a red cover and gold let-



Lori Gourley, a native of Moore, Oklahoma found a 1918 edition of "The Rattler" while antique shopping in Norman, OK.

tering stood out. As I picked it up, I expected it to be from one of the local schools. I read further through the pages and was surprised to learn it was from Texas. We bought the book to research its history, and to then see if maybe we could find its home. Something with this much history deserved to be preserved and honored. With no names signed on the book, I started to research Matador High School online.

The search for Matador High School led me to the Motley County ISD website. I contacted Dr. Andrew Seigrist, who was able to tell me about Matador High School's history, as well as Motley County ISD. Tim and I are happy to return this yearbook to Motley County ISD with the hope that past, current and future students are able to enjoy it!

Thanks,
Lori Gourley

City Council votes to move investment funds

Cap on primary depository funds imposed

By Carol Campbell
Motley County Tribune

Matador City Council voted 4-0 to separate Municipal Funds into two categories: Depository Checking Funds with balances not exceeding \$50,000 and Investment Funds which will be invested in Certificate of Deposits (CDs) at various banks in the area depending on the interest rates offered.

Following the expiration of a two-year contract with the local bank, the council voted to keep a maximum of \$50,000 in the primary checking account at FNB-Seymour, Matador Branch, and move the investment funds to the most competitive banks.

"Diversifying funds is in the best interest of the city," Mayor Pat Smith said. City Secretary/Chief Financial Officer Debra Scott presented the council information comparing interest earned in 6-month and 12-month CDs, plus charges imposed by banks for a Letter of Credit.

By diversifying funds, the

City would gain more dollars in interest plus a "no cost" and "low cost" for the Letter of Credit. "We have to do what is in the best interest of the City," Mayor Pat Smith said.

Funds can be moved accordingly at the rollover date. "I can shop around and place investment funds where they will earn the most interest," Scott said.

In other business, the City Secretary presented several Budget Amendments for consideration of the Council. The council voted unanimously to amend the General Fund budget by almost \$5,000.00; and the Water Works Fund by \$13,500.00.

A discussion on purchasing the restrooms at the Community Center in Roaring Springs led to a motion to table any action at this time. A motion was approved 3-0, with Nathan Shannon abstaining, to ask for an Estimate of Cost from local contractors on plumbing costs for the restrooms.

The restrooms, built about five years ago, can be pur-

chased for \$1,000.00 from the City of Roaring Springs, and can be easily moved, Mayor Pat Smith said. "This option would be less expensive than renovating the old restrooms north of the courthouse," he said, adding, "the county has agreed to place the restrooms directly east of the old restrooms." The county would be responsible for maintaining the restrooms which will be used to accommodate out-of-town guests, tourists and events, such as the motorcycle races each year that bring hundreds of visitors to downtown Matador. Funds to purchase and plumb the facility will be eligible for funding out of the Hotel Occupancy Tax funds. This item was placed on the agenda for future consideration.

In addition to the City Secretary Debra Scott and Mayor Pat Smith, attending were council members Nathan Shannon, Shane Jones, Chuck Ream, and Alvin Alexander. Absent was council member Kay Bailey and City Superintendent Steve Barton.

Foothill Country

Connections

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



By Laverne Zabielski

"We don't do it like that in Motley County," is a comment I have frequently heard. And it's true. There are considerable unique qualities about the way MC citizens handle business. And we have attempted to continue many of those traditions when publishing the *Motley County Tribune*.

Since we are a good news newspaper, we don't publish the sheriff's blotter, we don't cover tragic accidents and we wouldn't print a negative cam-

paigned if one was sent to us.

One on one, face to face, word of mouth is still the best way to get information. Once, when we first bought the paper, someone came into the office and passed on some negative news. I was surprised. "How come we didn't know about it?" I asked. Thinking after all, we are the newspaper. The bearer of news smiled and said, I don't know, everyone else in town seems know."

I nodded. I was in the process of getting much of the bad news in the old fashion way, face to face. I went back to typing, paying attention to the kind of one on one, face to face stories that create a legacy for Motley County.

During the next week, use your one on one moments and talk to the candidates for sheriff, focusing on their assets and strengths. The sheriff you elect will need to be not only someone who can do the job, but also someone you can talk to.

WRITING COMMUNITY

BELOW THE CAPROCK

By Bill Crenshaw

Drifting east through the Texas Panhandle
The flat, bare earth seems to stop.
It suddenly drops to a world below
to a lush beauty not visible on top.

Standing and gazing at this beautiful view
and feeling the coolness of a breeze,
I close my eyes, say "thank you Lord"
for the canyons, creeks, and the trees.

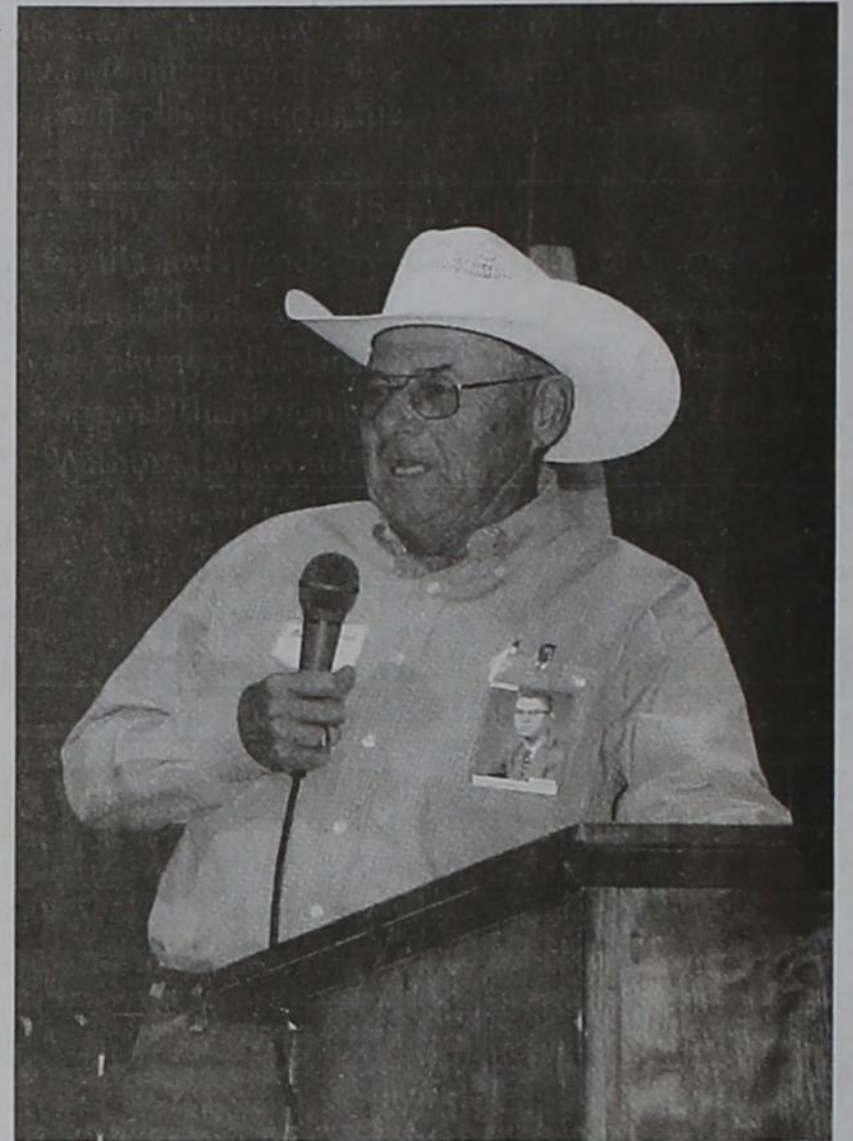
After descending to the floor below,
I stand in awe, surrounded by nature.
The noises I hear and the sights I see
are the pleasures provided by the Creator.

The thorny mesquite and the evergreen cedar
are the trees that God has made.
They house the sparrows, hawks, and quail
and from the burning sun, provides the shade.

I observe the "balance of nature" process
as the rodents to the rattlesnake give way,
and the rabbits, deer, and baby calves
to the coyotes and bobcats fall prey.

The sound of water from a natural spring
as it slowly flows down the creek
reminds me of how my caring God
provides a place for the animals to drink.

Along the banks of the sandy creeks
spots of red are scattered among the green.



closer look reveals ripe wild plums,
the most beautiful orchard I've ever seen.

Smelling the clean air and wild flowers,
I think of all I have seen,
surrounded by all this beautiful nature
so peaceful, so quiet, and so serene.

AFTER THE LONG, HOT SUMMER

Crickets singing, Cool breezes,
Children laughing in the park,

Butterflies are passing through,
Gone the song of meadowlark.

Earth is shifting on Her pathway,
Bringing changes in the air,

Farmers in the fields are cutting
crops that bring a fragrance rare.

Changes in the starry heavens,
Colors paint the wooded hill,

Storms will threaten in the distance,
Bringing yet a welcome chill.

Praise our God who rules the Heavens,
Earth is at His fingertips,

Let our prayers and praises linger
ever after on our lips.

ARLYCE MANNEY

4rd annual PAWA Tradedays set for Saturday October 23

The 4th annual PAWA Tradedays will be held Saturday October 23, 2010 at the Old Paymaster Gin, located on FM 1065 in Quitaque Texas. This year's event show promised to be bigger and better than ever. Various vendors will be set up selling things from garage sale items to farm equipment. There will be food booths. In addition to the shopping and eating there will be entertainment. Pecos Valley Bluegrass, Hanks and Company and Wichita Mountain are the featured bands playing during the

day on Saturday. Other bands will play also. Anyone who would like to entertainment is welcome to come and perform on stage. The only requirement to perform is the act must be a family friendly act. There is no admission to attend the Tradedays and the vendors will be ready for business by 9:00 a.m. on Saturday... Everyone is welcome to come and visit, eat, listen to the music and shop. For more information call Seab Washington at 806-269-1578 or Dianne Washington at 806-269-1388.

Thank You

Family and friends are one of God's most precious blessings. Thank you to all my family and friends for the prayers, phone calls, cards, and visits after my hospital stay. A special Thank you goes to Seven, Tina, and Debra.

Without that wonderful trio I would not be here.

Mere words can't express our gratitude.

May God Bless each and every one of you.

Sincerely,
Margie Payne

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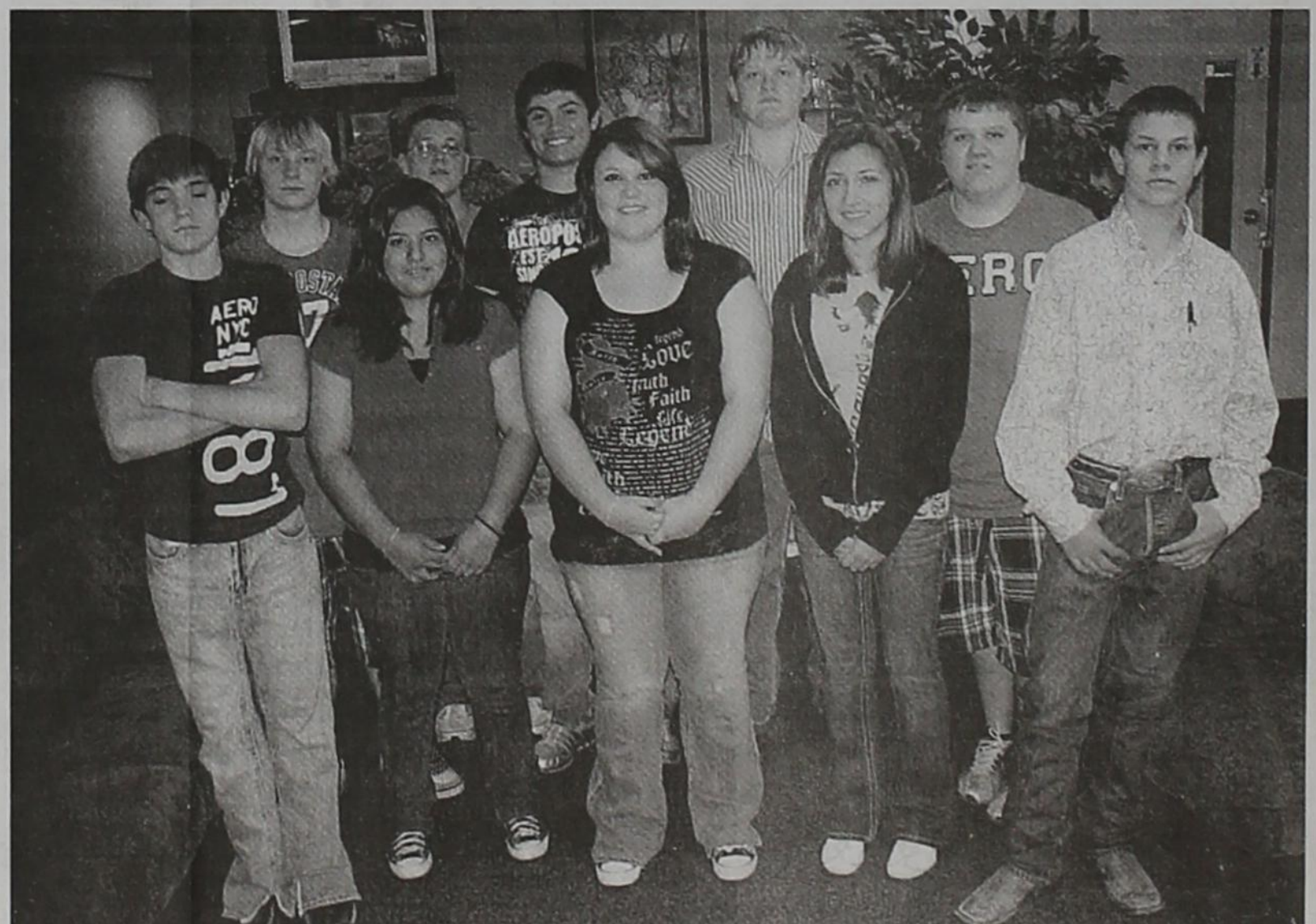
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Motley County Shining Stars



Mr. Taylor's 9th grade art class decorated the secondary hallway doors. Back Row: L to R- Jamie Jameson, Kayleb Fitzsimmons, Coby Cochran, Parker Meredith, Jacob Woolsey. Front Row: L to R- Conner Mason, Gabriela Santos, Shayla Clay, Virginia Gutierrez, Dillon McCleskey.



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Matador Ranch Honored by Texas Section Society for Range Management and Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association

ODESSA, Texas – The Texas Section Society for Range Management (TSSRM) and the Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) today awarded their highest stewardship honor to the Matador Ranch as part of the TSSRM annual convention held here.

"Matador Ranch is clearly a leader in many areas," said Jeff Goodwin, rangeland management specialist with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service. "The ranch team has developed a sustainable approach to rangeland management that mutually benefits the land, the water, the wildlife and the livestock operation."

Matador Ranch is a 130,000-acre working cattle ranch that covers parts of Motley, Cottle, Dickens, Floyd and Crosby counties in the Rolling Plains

of Texas.

"We are proud that a long-time member of the Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association has earned this prestigious honor," said Dave Scott, rancher and president of TSCRA. "Matador Ranch's ability to manage a large holding while continuously striving to improve the natural resources is an excellent example of today's agricultural stewardship."


TSCRA will recognize Matador Ranch at its April 2011 annual convention in San Antonio.

The Outstanding Rangeland Stewardship award is presented annually by the two organizations and is a competition-based honor. As a result of this honor, Matador Ranch will now compete for the regional stewardship award sponsored by the National Cattleman's Beef Association and Dow

AgriSciences, LLC and the USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service.

"Today's recognition is an honor for the ranch and our employees," said Bob Kilmer, Matador Ranch manager. "We believe that our long-term viability and success is based upon our company's market-based business philosophy. Our ranch has a strong tradition and history, yet we are focused on marrying that with the innovations of the 21st century. Our branding patterns may be rooted in 1900, but our management systems employ the best information and technologies available. We appreciate the support of the Texas Section, the NRCS and TSCRA for the roles they've played in helping Matador Ranch meet its stewardship goals."

TSSRM's annual convention wrapped up on Oct. 15.



HACKBERRY HAPPENINGS

BY CARLA MEADOR, MARKETING DIRECTOR

We are very happy to announce that our First Annual Hackberry Health Fair was a complete success! We are so pleased and appreciative of the great turn-out. A big thank you goes to all those who attended, took advantage of our flu shots, and to those medical affiliates and organizations who participated by setting up a booth. THANK YOU!

Betty King of Calvert Home Health shared her beautiful voice with Hackberry residents on Thursday, October 14. The residents enjoy sitting and listening to Betty's melodious tunes. The WOM (Women on Mission) of the Matador First Baptist Church will come to the Center Thursday, October 21, to share their harmonious voices with residents. We are so appreciative of these great ladies for sharing their talents with us.

We are so pleased to announce that we will begin our BIG BREAKFAST again on

Thursday, November 2. We invite everyone to visit the Center and enjoy a delicious breakfast feast. At \$1.25 a plate, you just can't beat a deal like that!

Our hearts are saddened by the passing of Mrs. Dora Watson. Graveside services for Mrs. Watson were held Saturday, October 16. Mrs. Watson had been a resident at Hackberry for 3 1/2 years.

Mrs. Watson was chosen as our featured Senior in our Spotlight for October. Her picture and article were printed in our October newsletter. Mrs. Watson was born in McComb, Okla., December 28, 1911. She was the ninth of eleven children born to Jim and Lillie Spray. Her family moved from Oklahoma to the Whiteflat community in 1919. She married James Alfred Watson, December 27, 1931. The couple were blessed with two children, Alvena Chloe and James Preston. Mr. Watson passed away in 1989 and Alvena passed away in 2008.

Mrs. Watson worked for a number of years at the Variety Store in Matador. Mr. and Mrs. Watson are probably best remembered as the proprietors of the Bob's Oil Well Service Station and Cafe, from 1961 until 1965, and the El Matador Travel Center from 1965 until their retirement in 1975.

Dora was a sweet and beautiful lady and we will miss her so much. Our thoughts and sympathy go out to her son, Jim, her grandchildren and extended family members.

SENIOR HEALTH TIPS There's No Such Thing as a "Safe" Cigarette: Debunking Smoking Myths

Does switching to light cigarettes offer any protection? Cutting back on how much you smoke? Here's the latest research.

While smoking tobacco damages the body in various ways – for example, it increases the risk of heart attack, stroke, bladder cancer, and even erectile dysfunction – the most direct effects – of smoking are on the lungs. Smoking increases the risk of nearly every lung disorder and causes most cases of lung cancer, which kills more than 150,000 Americans each year.

Despite these health risks, nearly a quarter of Americans still smoke. If you're one of them, don't get taken in by the following myths:

Myth #1: Smoking light cigarettes is better for your health than smoking regular cigarettes.

Fact: Smoking light cigarettes is no healthier than regular cigarettes. The milder taste and smoother feel of light, ultralight, or low-tar cigarettes often convince smokers that these products are less dangerous than regular cigarettes. But studies show that smokers of light and regular cigarettes are exposed to the same amounts of nicotine, tar, carbon monoxide, and other dangerous chemicals.

Even though light and low-tar cigarettes have lower levels of nicotine and other chemicals when tested with smoking machines, in real life, smokers compensate for the lower levels of these chemicals in several ways: They tend to smoke more cigarettes, take deeper or more frequent puffs, or cover the ventilation holes in filters to increase the amount of smoke they inhale.

Myth #2: Cutting down on smoking will improve health.

Fact: There is no safe level of smoking. Many smokers try to reduce the health risks associated with smoking, such as cardiovascular disease. But the results of a study published in *Nicotine & Tobacco Research* showed that two-pack-per-day smokers who cut their habit to one pack a day had similar amounts of dangerous chemicals in their urine, blood, and expired breath as they did before they cut back 24 weeks earlier.

Another study, published in the same journal, found that smokers who cut the number of cigarettes smoked per day by 50% improved on some measures of heart disease risk – such as high density lipoprotein (HDL, or "good") cholesterol levels – after two years, but not on measures of lung health – like forced expiratory volume in one second (FEV1) and forced vital capacity (FVC).

Quitting Smoking: Because there is no way to continue smoking and significantly reduce the health risks of tobacco use, quitting smoking entirely is the only way to improve your health. While some smokers are able to quit smoking on their own, the chances of success are greatest when using a combination of smoking cessation counseling, nicotine replacement therapy, and bupropion (Zyban, a nicotine-free medication that can decrease your craving for cigarettes.)

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I just recently attended our 65th high school re-union; class of 1945. I just wanted to say thanks to all of the people who live in Matador who make this an enjoyable event. Also, I wanted to comment on the downtown of Matador. My wife and I have visited most every town in Texas and many of them have several buildings that are vacant and unsightly, but Matador does not. Another thing we notice about Matador is that it is clean and has more nice homes and more well-kept homes than some

towns whose population is 2 or 3 times that of Matador.

My question is this: Would it be possible for the Chamber of Commerce or someone to contact property owners of any unoccupied building and ask them if they would use temporary measures to make these buildings presentable until such time as they could lease them?

If they "grew up" in Matador, I think that they would consider doing this for the people who live there.

Murrell G. Latimer
Flower Mound, Texas



Hackberry Creek Care Center Nurse, Daphne Meredith, LVN, administers the flu shot to Korbyn Simpson of Matador at last Thursday's First Annual Hackberry Health Fair. Korbyn was only one of many who took advantage of being able to get their flu shots locally.

Dear Editor;

Laverne and Larry, this is a note to tell the historic jail membership and board what a fabulous production by the local cast who performed at the jail function on Saturday night. The shootout and the characters were a big success. I can't explain the fun I had on my first ever hayride to the East Mound Cemetery. The people did a wonderful job of

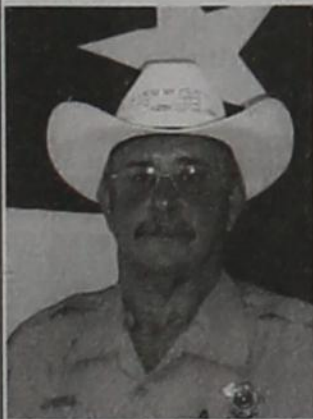
telling the story of the early day sheriffs and other county officials.

For those that didn't come, you missed a perfect night for a good time. It was wonderful to see the town full on a beautiful Saturday evening, having fun. Thanks to all who made a wonderful memory for me, and a lot more! Thanks, gang,

Sincerely,
Lucretia Estes Campbell.

VOTE

ELECT CHRIS SPENCE SHERIFF



I was deeply honored to be appointed Sheriff of Motley County, following the resignation of the former Sheriff.

In my 29 years in Texas Law Enforcement, I have been a Deputy Sheriff, Chief of Police, Deputy Constable, and Sheriff.

I have received the Basic certificate, Intermediate certificate, Advanced certificate, Instructor certificate and the highest peace officer certification from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Education, a Master Certificate (requiring 20 years service and continued training). I also served with the Texas (Army) National Guard, retiring as Staff Sergeant after 22 years of service.

In my 3 years in Motley County, I hope and trust that I have earned your confidence and support, and would appreciate your vote in the upcoming election, in order that I may serve more.

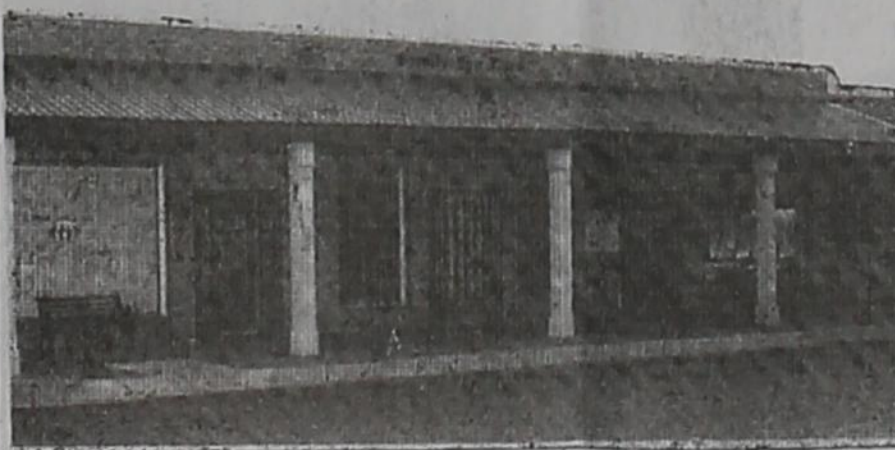
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"THE LORD'S PROMISE"



While He was on this earth our Lord made us several promises and one of them was: "I have come that you may have life and have it more abundantly. (John 10:10).

There is a promise. Yes, we are alive but are we living the abundant life? Remember, it is promised to us. To help answer the question here are some suggestions that might help.

Let's begin by putting the Beatitudes to work in our lives. In Matthew 5:1-12 we find successful living principles for all ages. From God's Word learn about our Savior and His will for our lives.

We have been created for a purpose. Our purpose is revealed to us in the Bible.

Let's admit that this life has its burdens. Job 14:1 tells us of shortage of days and filled with troubles.

Acknowledge that God is faithful when He has promised that "all things work together for the good of them who love the Lord," Romans 8: 28.

Why not just accept what Jesus promised? The abundant life in John 10:10.

There are many promises in the Bible. We have touched only one of them. Let's develop an attitude based on the promise and live for Jesus.

Roaring Springs Church of Christ
Michael G. Crowley, Sr.
BIBLE STUDY 10:00 a.m. Worship 9:00 a.m.

NEWS AROUND MOTLEY COUNTY

Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

On a personal note

I have an imagination with a long tail as a little boy told Dr. Seuss on Art Linkletter's show, *Kids Say the Darndest Things*.

I do! When I am going from place to place and pass farms I am unfamiliar with, I imagine who I think might live there; maybe old folks, maybe young families and so on.

Last week we had occasion to go from Plainview to Idalou via Farm Road 400. In my younger years we traveled that a lot as we moved to the Plainview area shortly after I was married. I knew the houses by heart and had my imaginary folks living there.

The houses had changed, so many deserted and left to fall down; places that were well kept and looked well loved were abandoned. It is sad to see so many rural homes abandoned. Some small farmers simply couldn't hold on and some put their land in CRP and moved to town for jobs or retirement. Still I imagined what might have happened to 'my families' to cause them to leave a place that I am sure that they had put so many hours into keeping their place up and so much heart in the loving their home.

Maybe this imagination of mine is a leftover from playing paper dolls and playing house and getting my pretend families all in place!

In the community

On Friday, Palma Smiley, her daughter and son-in-law Debby and Mike Ausmus of Ralls visited with friends at the café. Palma grew up in Motley County and she and her late husband, J. C. Smiley once operated a drug store here. J.C. and Palma donated the cabinets in the Roaring Springs Community Center. Palma lives at Reeves-Rhoades Terrace Assisted Living at 640 South Harrison St. in Crosbyton. The zip code for Crosbyton is 79322.

On Friday, Odessa Mullins

grandsons, Stoney Mullins and his wife Jolene; Eddy Mullins and Jennifer Hall were guests at the Travelers Inn. Harley Alsup joined them to visit and to go through large boxes of photos that belonged to their grandmother, Odessa Mullins. Stoney and Eddy are the sons of the late Lester Mullins.

Anna, Levi and baby Tyler Buckner visited her family, the Daniells at the Travelers Inn on Saturday to celebrate her birthday. Ice cream and cake were served and the 3 o'clock coffee drinkers sang Happy Birthday to her. Anna was taken by ambulance to the hospital in Lubbock later that day. She was treated and released; she is now at their home in Lubbock.

Andrew Seigrist filled the pulpit at First Baptist Church on Sunday.

Former resident, Mary Lumsden celebrated her 98th birthday on September 9, 2010. About a week later, Mary fell and broke a hip. She is at Hospitality House in their rehabilitation unit. Mary's recovery is slow; she will be there for a good while. Mary would enjoy cards and visits. She is in room 21-A. The Hospitality House address is: 4710 Slide Rd. Lubbock, TX 79414.

Will Palmer was here helping his mother Pearl Palmer last week. He came on Wednesday and went home on Saturday. Pearl said that he sure cleaned up lots of broken limbs in their pecan orchard and had it looking good. She said she really appreciates her children's help.

Pearl has a new great-grandson; his grandparents are Larry and Willeta Burkes of Paducah. The baby and family live in Sonora, TX.

I talked with Dot Hipp today to get an update on Ruby. She said Ruby was not doing too well. She is still living at Heritage Oak Nursing and Rehabilitation Center on 53rd and University.

Pepper Nichols of Wichita Falls has been here visiting with his parents, Banty and Sybol Brandon.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

Overheard

You know you are getting old when you bend over to tie your shoes and you look around to see if there is something else you can do while you are already down there!

In Hospital

Following an accident in her home, Wednesday, Mrs. Beverly Vinson was accompanied by her son, Roger Vinson to the Mangold Hospital in Lockney. She was conveyed by ambulance Saturday to the Lake Side Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock, where at news time, she is a patient.

Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton was a patient in Mangold Hospital in Lockney from Thursday until Tuesday. She was under medical treatment for pneumonia. With her during her hospitalization were Mrs. Lou Burleson of Floy-dada, Mrs. Marisue Potts of Mott Creek Ranch and Mrs. Judy Renfro of Matador.

Birthday Celebrated

Mrs. Erma Washington was honored on her birthday with a family luncheon Saturday, October 16, at Rudy's Cafeteria in Lubbock. Previous to her luncheon those attending also enjoyed a Flag football game in Lubbock in which Hudson Franks of Idalou played.

Those attending the happy occasions were Connie and Coy Franks of Flomot; Cara and Clint Cowart of Big Springs; Tim and Dena Washington and Blu Washington of Roaring Springs; Caleb, Micky and Kenzie Clary of Matador;

Cary and Mary Franks, Cory and Amy Franks, Madison, Hudson and Heston of Idalou.

Clois Shorter accompanied home his father Everett Shorter from Wichita Falls after he visited in Dallas with his sister, Mrs. Elsie Beard. Everett is doing fine.

Wilburn Martin visited Friday and again Sunday with Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton, a patient at Mangold Hospital in Lockney.

Donnie Rogers and his mother, Mrs. B. Rogers, accompanied his daughter, Natalie Rogers of Williamsburg, Virginia, to the Lubbock Airport Wednesday for her return flight home after she visited here the past week.

Visiting the weekend with Jack and Nada Starkey were daughter and family, Mrs. Jackie Lynn Davis and Michael and Virginia Davis of Fritch.

Attended Convention

Mrs. Darla Gwinn, her mother, Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse of Turkey, and Mrs. Selma Buskey of Childress, accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Bob Fullingim of Harlingen to Hico Thursday and had supper with Mr. and Mrs. Tim Ayers.

Mesdames Gwinn, Cruse and Buskey continued to Houston and attended the informative Power Surge Convention sponsored by The Ignite Stream Energy. It was held at the George R. Brown Convention Center in downtown Houston. They returned to their respective homes Sunday.

Matador News

Mary Jones is temporarily at Hackberry Creek Care Center for rehab and physical therapy following surgery on Oct 13, 2010, at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

Dr. Sharman Moore, children and husband from Lockney, attended the jail

fundraiser in Matador on Saturday. Also in attendance was Kim White, who works with Dr. Moore at Mangold Clinic in Lockney. Jared White, who played the part of Joseph P. Beckham, is the son of Kim and Rusty White of Plainview.

Settlemyre donates funds from new CD to cemetery cause

Northfield Swing makes a big hit

By Betty Simpson
Motley County Tribune

On Saturday October 16, 2010, a benefit fundraiser was held at the Turkey Gem Theater for the Northfield Cemetery Trust Fund.

Performers were Joe Settlemyre from Blanchard, Oklahoma; Dwight Cook with the Blue Denim Band from Amarillo; Seirra and Jayda Jameson from Tell; and Adell Dobbins Little from Garland.

A good crowd attended this three-hour entertainment. After the program a brisket meal was served. Marie Cruse Timmons prepared the meal and the Northfield ladies and ex-residents, and Maries' friends from Turkey, furnished the dessert.

Joe Settlemyre has a new Compact Disc (CD) which he named the "Northfield

Swing." He donated the funds from this CD and another CD that was sold at the function to the Northfield Cemetery Trust Fund.

A former resident told this story about his playmate Joe: When they were playing at recess Joe used one of the school house steps for his stage and he would lead the band with his sticks. These two playmates had not seen each other in over 56 years.

"The Northfield community would like to thank everyone for making this day a success," Betty Simpson said. Betty is the administrator of the cemetery trust fund.

"I would like to thank all the performers; to Marie Cruse and the Turkey community; to all the ladies who brought desserts and to everyone who attended and donated to our cause."

Do Gooders Club to sponsor annual Fall Bazaar November 6

By Earlyne Jameson
Motley County Tribune

The Do Gooders Club of Flomot will sponsor a Fall Bazaar, Saturday, November 6, at 9:00 a.m., continuing until 4:00 p.m. at the Community Center in Flomot.

A large variety of arts and crafts, clothing, leather works, paintings, flea market items, food and jewelry will be available to the public. A concession stand will be serving sandwiches, taco soup, dessert goodies, soft drinks

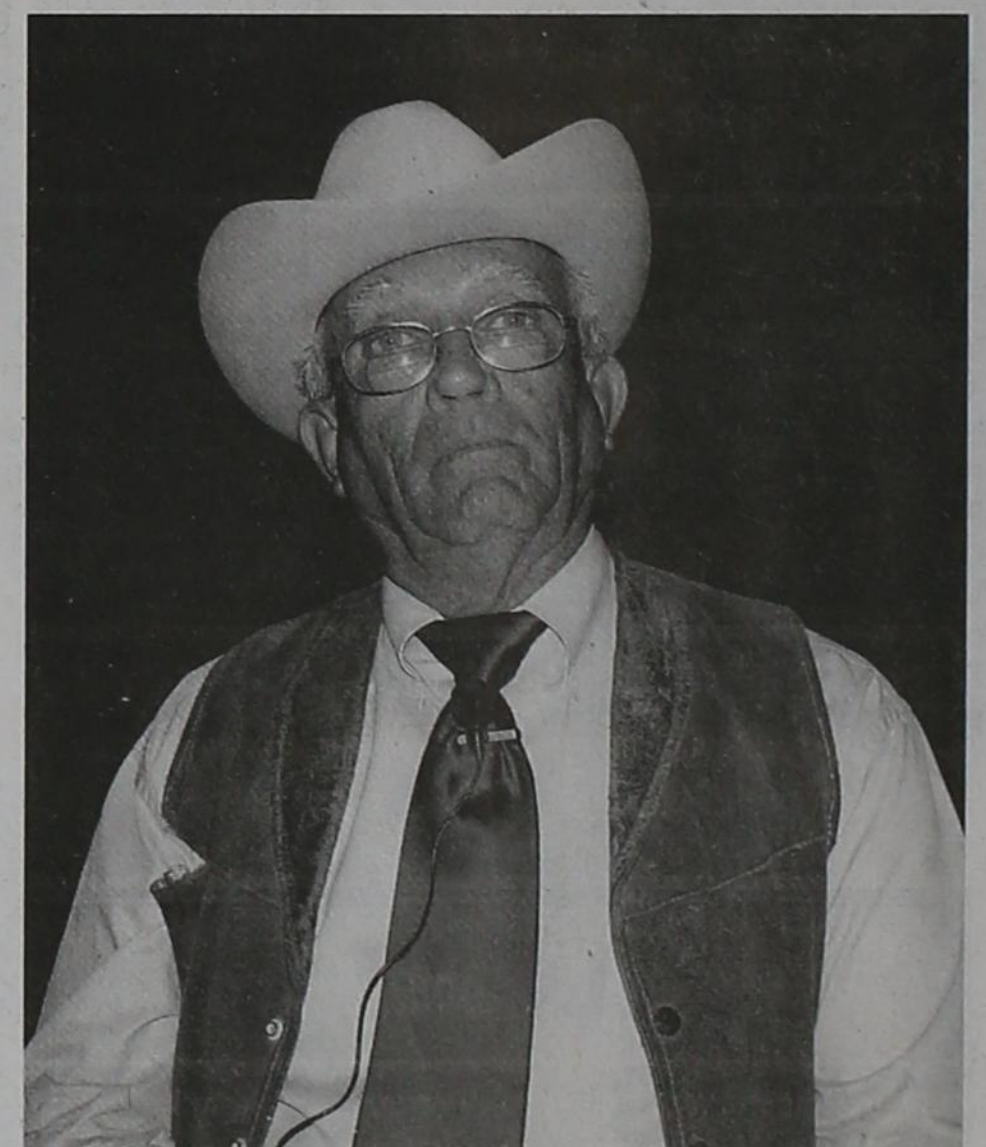
and iced tea during the day.

Booths are available for \$15.00. For more information contact Kathy Shorter at 806-469-5279 or Anna Beth Clay at 806-469-5249. All members of the club are selling chances for \$1.00 or six tickets for \$5.00 on the Little Farm Boy designed quilt. The name of the winner will be drawn at the Bazaar and does not have to be present to win.

All profits from the Bazaar and chances sold will be used for improvements at the Flomot Community Center.

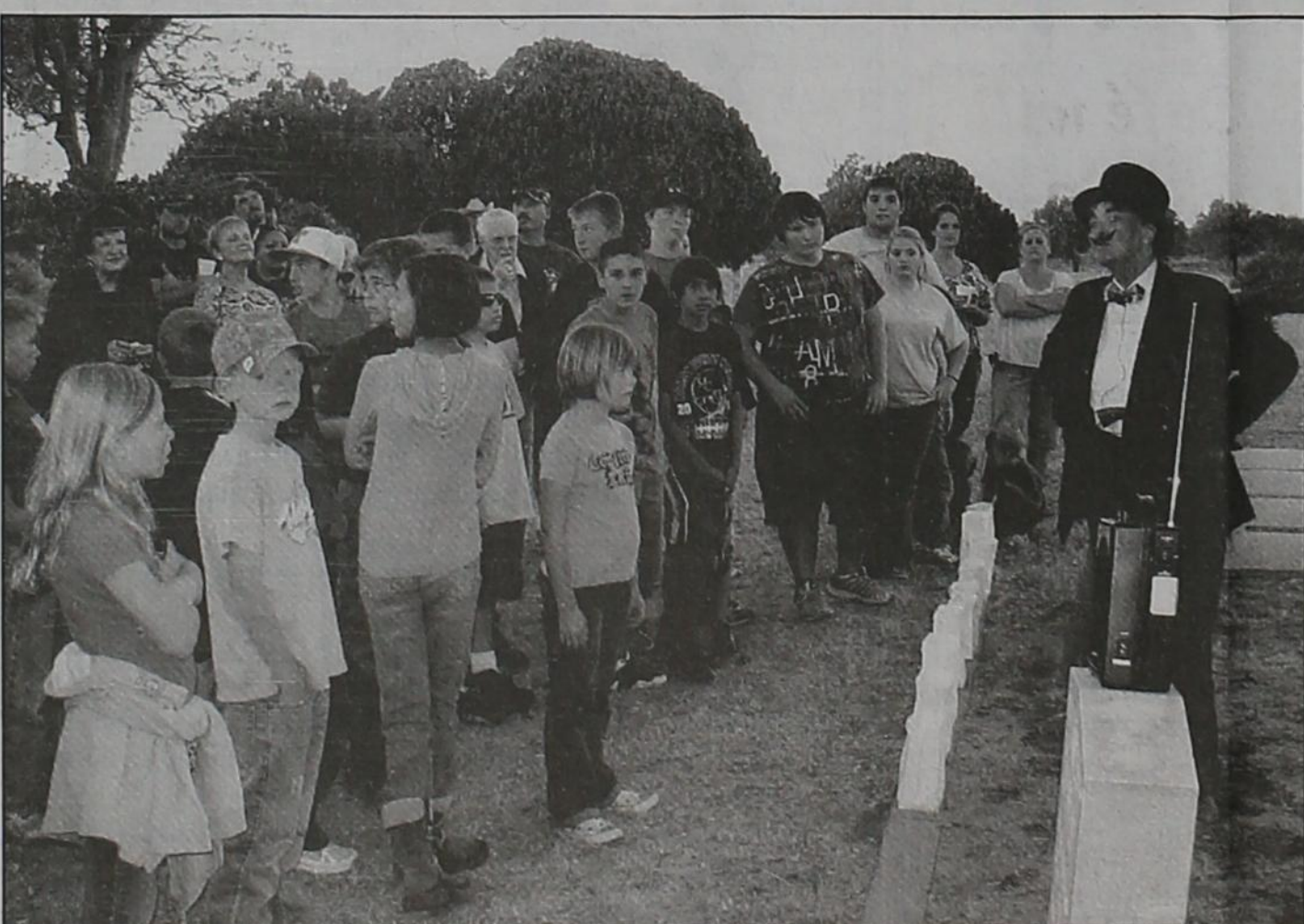
Correction

Mrs. Mary Jo Calvert received many compliments on her decor and refreshments at the Do Gooders meeting!



The most poignant moment of the evening came with the performance of Roy Hobbs who played Jalmer "Jinks" Wilson. Jinks served in law enforcement in Motley County for more than 20 years until his untimely death on November 12, 1976.

Meet your candidate for Sheriff, Robert Fisk at Hotel Matador on Saturday, October 23rd from 4pm to 6pm. All questions you have will be answered.



An introduction to the cemetery was given by Marisue Potts-Powell, who played District Judge Billy McGill, an outspoken judge who held court when Joseph Beckham and his replacement John L. Moore both claimed the sheriff's badge in Motley County. She also introduced Jeff Varner, the first person buried in East Mound Cemetery, a Matador Ranch wagon boss who was killed in 1891 by a drunk cowboy from the Dew Drop Saloon. This murder led to the construction of the Motley County Jail.

This Week's Local Forecast

Thursday Scat'd T-storms 75/53	Friday Partly Cloudy 76/49	Saturday Mostly Sunny 76/50	Sunday Mostly Sunny 75/49	Monday Mostly Sunny 76/52	Tuesday Mostly Sunny 78/51	Wednesday Partly Cloudy 75/54

Weather Trivia	Weather History	Moon Phases
What is the name of high, dense clouds that bring steady rainfall?	Oct. 21, 1934 - A severe windstorm lashed the northern Pacific Coast. In Washington state, the storm claimed the lives of 22 people and caused 1.7 million dollars in damage, mostly to timber. Winds, gusting to 87 mph at North Head, Wash., produced waves twenty feet high.	Full 10/22 Last 10/30 New 11/5 First 11/13

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Notes from the Library

By Mary Ann Potts

First of all, a Big Thank You to our patrons for so many book donations. The Latimer Family of Flower Mound, TX gave many wonderful books to us too many to list, as well as Brook Barton who generously donated Tracie Peterson's first two books of the Song of Alaska series, *Dawn's Prelude* and *Morning's Refrain*. And there are many other donors who remain anonymous but know that your generosity is very much appreciated.

Now in case you're looking for something new to read the library received 4 new books this week. For all our devoted Louis L'Amour fans there's *Borden Chantry*, a large print version, which can make marshal, Borden Chantry and his case of a murdered well-dressed stranger a little bit bigger than life.

And Francine Rivers has penned the conclusion to *Her Mother's Hope* with *Her Daughter's Dream*.

Sit down and relax and let Rivers take you through a family's silent sorrows and then the grace and forgive-

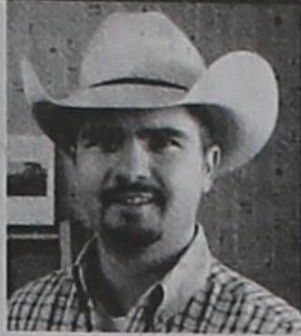
ness that can heal the deepest wounds. If you like Francine Rivers, you may also gravitate towards Jan Karon's *In the Company of Others*. With Irish song and storytelling as the background, this book reminds us of our need to be heard and the reconciliation that comes with confession. And if you need a dose of a mystery/thriller then look no further because Iris Johansen can meet your need with *Chasing the Night*. Don't miss this thrill ride as Johansen takes you through a gut-wrenching journey into the darkest places of the soul, which is a testament to a mother's instinct and devotion.

Lastly, there's a slight change to the Photography Contest Rules: All pictures must be taken between Nov. 2009 through Nov. 2010. This change was implemented to allow holiday photos to be submitted.

Any questions and/or suggestions please contact Mary Ann Potts at 806/347-2717 or by e-mail at motleycountylibrary@yahoo.com

County Agent's News

by Ryan Martin, Agri LIFE EXTENSION Agent



Texas 4-H

Over the years many individuals and businesses have supported Texas 4-H and there have been thousands of youth involved in the program that don't quite understand what Texas 4-H is. In honor of last week, which was National 4-H Week, here are a few facts about Texas 4-H.

Texas 4-H is the largest youth organization in the nation exceeding 915,000 members in 2010.

Texas 4-H paid out over 2.1 million dollars in scholarships last year, helping more youth go to college than any other organization.

More leaders in this country got their start from 4-H.

In 4-H, youth learn responsibility, dedication, leadership, and citizenship by participating in projects in a "learning by doing" setting. Youth have the opportunity to participate in leadership conferences, travel the world, become involved in their community through service, and meet new friends in a safe and comfortable setting. A young person's experience in 4-H makes a difference for a lifetime by allowing them to grow and appreciate the importance of being a good citizen, a strong leader, and a person of character. Texas 4-H helps young people develop lifelong knowledge and skills to become engaged citizens and to meet the diversities and challenges of today's society.

For more than 103 years, Texas 4-H has thrived and continues to grow by expanding to serve those in the military, with emergency disasters, and where the support of youth is needed. This is what Texas 4-H is. We are "Making a Difference for Life".

Motley County Taking Part in TDA Feral Hog Abatement Grant Program

The Texas Department of Agriculture has implemented the Feral Hog Abatement Program in which counties compete for grant money. The program is designed to encourage counties across the state to make a concentrated and coordinated effort to reduce the feral hog population and damage caused by these animals during the month of October 2010.

Participating counties will be required to document the following results for the period of October 1, 2010 through October 31, 2010:

Number of feral hogs taken in the county, as certified by

the county

Number of participants at a TDA-approved educational program about feral hogs

Number of acres in the county that landowners will commit, in writing, to allow access by county trappers or Wildlife Service Specialists for the purpose of removing feral hogs.

Based on the criteria above, awards will be made in the form of a grant that the county will be able to use on feral hog abatement related expenditures during the 2011 calendar year. Awards will be made as follows: The highest scoring county will be awarded \$25,000; the second highest will be awarded \$15,000; and the third highest will be awarded \$10,000. Additionally, the county that has the largest contiguous tract of land that owners will permit approved trappers to access will be guaranteed to have WS Specialists conduct removal services.

A project manager has been appointed, Mr. James Gillespie will assume the duties of manager. It will be his responsibility to certify kills in Motley County.

In order to certify hogs killed, a "drop bucket" will be placed at Matador Motor and Alexander Fuel for area residents. If you kill a hog in the month of October, cut the tail off and drop it in the bucket. For every hog removed, Motley County will be awarded 1/2 point. If you trap hogs for removal, contact Mr. Gillespie to certify the number of hogs removed. For hogs that are trapped, contact Mr. Gillespie or myself so they may be certified before transporting to another county.

As a part of the Hog Abatement Program, Texas AgriLife Extension and Texas Department of Agriculture will host an educational meeting on October 26, 2010 at the Motley County Library Annex Building. Speakers will include Rick Gilliam, Texas Department of Agriculture and Ryan Martin, Texas AgriLife Extension Service. The educational program is a very important part of the Abatement Program as number of attendees weighs heavily on the overall results for the contest. "We need everyone to come out to the educational program so to get the most possible points," said Ryan Martin. A total of 2 CEU's will be offered at the program along with a catered meal. For more information, contact the Motley County Extension Office at 806-347-2733 or Mr. James Gillespie at 806-269-2214.

COWPOKES

By Ace Reid



"That's our road commissioner lookin' fer votes, let's act like we don't see him!"

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Obituary

Dora Watson

Dora Watson died on October 13, 2010, in Crosbyton, Texas at the age of 98. She had been a resident of Hackberry Creek Care Center in Matador, Texas, for three years.

Dora was born in McComb, OK, on Dec. 28, 1911. She was the 9th of 11 children born to Jim and Lillie Spray. Her family moved from Oklahoma to the Whiteflat Community in 1919. She married James Alfred Watson on Dec. 27, 1930. They had two children: Alverna Chloe and James Preston. She was preceded in death by all of her brothers and sisters; her husband, Alfred in 1989; and her daughter, Alverna in 2008. She is survived by her son, James Preston of Matador; two grandsons, Christopher of San Diego, CA, and Darren of Lubbock, TX; four granddaughters, Amber of Tulsa, OK, Kayla and Brooke of Edmund, OK, and Skyler

of San Diego; and two great-grandsons, Christopher II of Yuma, AZ and Preston of San Diego, CA.

Dora worked for a number of years at the Matador Variety Store. Alfred and Dora Watson are probably best remembered as the proprietors of the Bob's Oil Well Service Station and Cafe, from 1961 to 1965; and the El Matador Travel Center from 1965 until their retirement in 1975.

Graveside Services will be held for Mrs. Watson on Saturday October 16, 2010, at 10:00 a.m. at the East Mound Cemetery in Matador. Memorials in Dora's name may be made to the Hackberry Creek Care Center of Matador or the Motley County Senior Citizens Center. Arrangements are under the direction of Shannon Family Funeral Home of Matador.

Transmission line seminar offers information and options for landowners

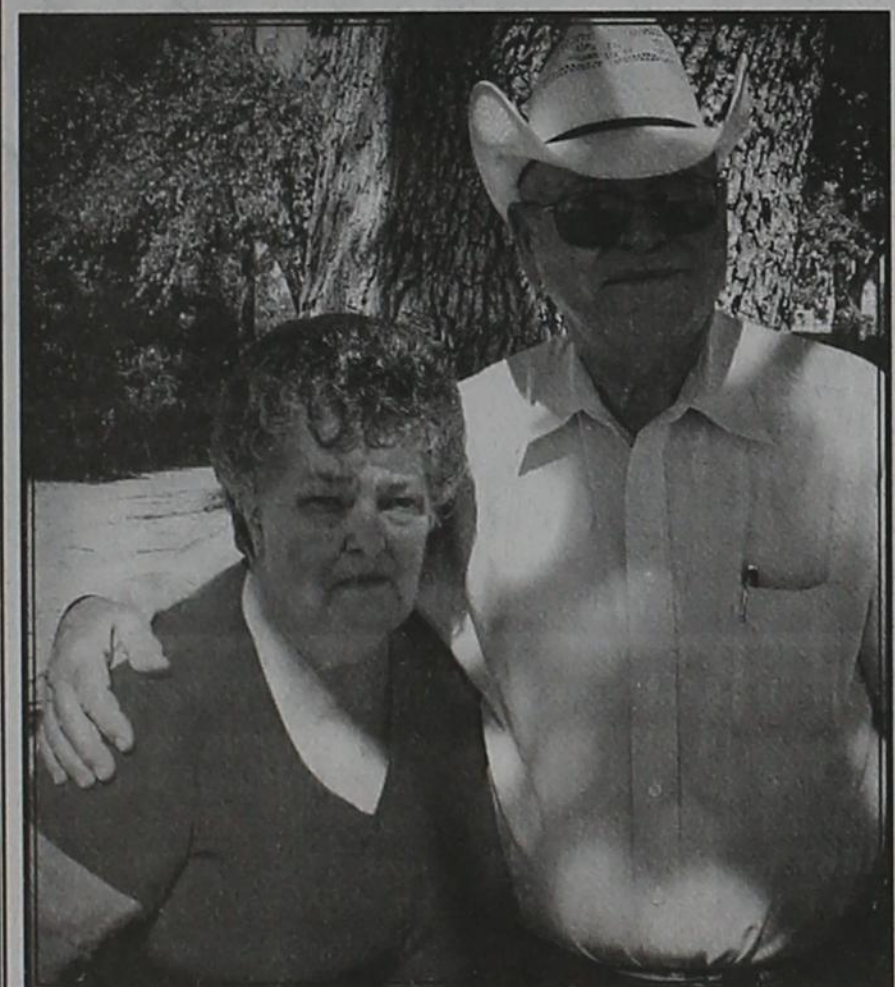
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50th Wedding Anniversary



Richard Bumpus and Karen Webb were married on Oct. 29, 1960 in Amarillo, Texas with Karen's sister and brother-in-law, Betty and Bobby Stone, as Witnesses. They have been blessed with two children Aletha and Bud and two grandchildren, Jerry and Justin Hargis. They currently reside near Henrietta Texas.

The Windmill Café will be open from 11am- 2pm on Saturday the 23rd but closed in the evening.

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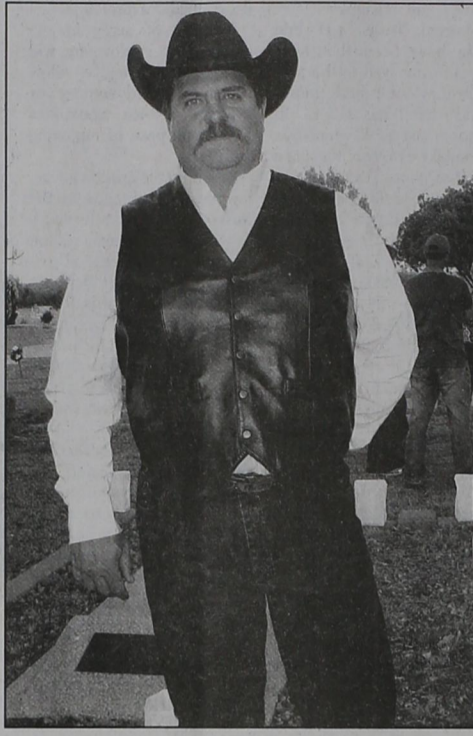
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A Night to Remember

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Jim Childers of Paducah not only participated with the Windy Ridge Posse group at the jail, he also played a character at the cemetery. Dressed in all-black with a vest and fob watch with his trusty six-shooter, Jim played John L. Moore, the 2nd sheriff of Motley County, appointed following the arrest of sheriff number one, Joe Beckham.



The great-grandson of Sheriff Jonathan Edward Russell was played by J. D. Russell, a cattle manager at Matador Land and Cattle Company. Sheriff Ed Russell was the 10th sheriff of Motley County, serving more than a decade (1910-1923) while "protecting the citizens of this county and making this country free from lawlessness."



Sheriff William Thomas "Billy" Cloyd (1870-1904) was played by Howard Limmer. Carolyn and Howard Limmer both serve on the board of the Friends of the Historic MC Jail. Cloyd was the sixth sheriff of Motley County, voted in by a landslide in 1896.

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Rural teaching corps offer models for a national program to bring youth back home as teachers

Rural schools are hoping to recruit local students to return home after college to relieve teacher shortages. "Unable to compete with the higher salaries and greater social opportunities found in big cities and suburban districts, a growing number of rural school systems are turning to familiar faces to teach their students," Alan Scher Zagier of The Associated Press reports. "They know teachers with rural backgrounds are more likely to stick around and not leave after a year or two. They can be pretty sure that the absence of late-night clubs or art-house movie theaters won't drive away otherwise idealistic young teachers."

Suzanne Feldman, a senior at Drury University in Springfield, Mo., is a member of the inaugural class of the Ozarks Teachers Corps, which provides \$4,000 annual scholarships in exchange for a commitment to work three years in a rural school district after graduation. "The community's expectations

are higher" in rural areas, Feldman told Zagier. "Everybody knows everybody — and expects a whole lot more." Rural areas are far from a mystery to Feldman, who grew up in a town of fewer than 3,000.

"Small, rural communities are grounded in tradition and have deep roots," Catherine Kearney, president of the California Teacher Corps, told Zagier. "Someone who understands those traditions makes a huge difference." The California Corps, which hopes to attract professionals without teaching experience to classrooms, shifted its focus last year to the state's rural districts, which educate around 300,000 students. Randy Shaver, superintendent in Tupelo, Miss., says rural schools need a nationwide teaching corps to build on the efforts of programs like those in the Ozarks and California. "We need something that's far more intensive and far broader," Shaver said.

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Commissioner's Court adopts resolution in support of an indigent defense program continued from page one

having counsel? "We see a need for improvement," he said, "but you can do what you need to do."

"I see a need for the program myself," Commissioner Jameson said. He thanked Mr. Wilson for coming to Matador and explaining the program. The judge called for a vote, with Donnie Turner making a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Jameson. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

In other business, Electric Transmission Texas (ETT) has filed its preferred route for a new transmission line with the Public Utility Commission. The line would run from the Dickens County substation to a new substation located in Foard County which includes approximately 23 miles of new transmission lines in Motley County, zigzagging north into Motley County from the Dickens substation and then parallel with the east-west existing Southwestern Public Service (SPS) line, heading east all the way across Motley County and into Cottle County.

Edwards, recommending the resolution in support of ETT Transmission Line, stated that he calculated the preferred route would approximate about 23 miles of new transmission lines in Motley County. At the calculated cost of this line at \$1.672 million per mile (if constructed in Motley County)

would add approximately \$38.5 million to the county's existing \$86 million dollar tax base. "I hope that affected landowners support these preferred routes, because it is in the best interest of the county as a whole," Edwards said.

"I like the preferred routes," Commissioner Jameson said, "but would it be courteous to the landowners to notify them that we are supporting the preferred routes so they could tell us what their likes and dislikes are?"

Judge Smith reminded the court that most likely the landowners directly involved are fully informed of the issues, and have on some cases filed "intervening" paperwork with PUC. Also, he said, the Commissioner's Court posts an agenda on the door of the courthouse 72 hours before the court meets, as well as on the county website. Roy Stephens made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Franklin Jameson. The motion carried.

Other resolutions presented to the court involved a resolution authorizing a county grant to the Texas Department of Agriculture for the home-delivered meal grant program. The county provides \$3,000 annually to the Senior Citizen Center to provide meals to homebound person in the county. This motion passed 4- to 0, with Commissioner Stephens outside the room during

the vote.

County and District Clerk Kate Hurt presented to the court an addendum to the warranty, support, and licensing agreement with Hart Intercivic, the company that provides the voting machines to the county. According to Hurt, the cost for support in using the voting machines has increased by 4-percent for several years. The company is offering the county an opportunity to lock in the price for the base year (2010) of \$6,064 for the next five years to 2015. This would save the county about \$3,800.00 over time. Donnie Turner made the motion to adopt the agreement, with Russell Alexander seconding the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.

In other business, Commissioner Donnie Turner said the Flomot Water Project had accepted a bid with Landike Water Works of O'Donnell, Texas, to refurbish and renovate the water well for a cost of \$8,315.00.

The Redistricting Proposal, tabled last month following a presentation by the Law Offices of Trey Poage, Lubbock, was approved by the court. All governing bodies in Texas that elect representatives from single member district/precincts are required by Federal and State law to reapportion those precincts based on the 2010 Census. A motion was made by Roy Stephens, seconded by Russell Alexander to approve the professional services of the Trey Poage Law Offices.

November was named as Home Care and Hospice Month through a resolution approved by the full vote of the court. Texas Home Care and Hospice Month is sponsored by the Texas Association for Home Care and Hospice, serving more than 4,000 home and community support service agencies across

Texas.

Ryan Martin, County Extension Agent, spoke to the court about adopting a resolution authorizing a county grant for the implementation of "Hog Out" Month for October, a Feral Hog Abatement Technologies program.

The resolution certifies that Motley County is eligible to receive assistance under the program; and authorizes James Gillespie to act as the representative for the purposes of the program. According to Martin, a contest is now underway that will determine the number of hogs in the county, and the number of hogs killed. Competing with 60 other counties in the state, first place will pay \$25,000; 2nd place, \$16,000; and 3rd place, \$10,000. "James Gillespie will be responsible for certifying the number of hogs taken. A collection bucket has been set up at Matador Motor and Implement where the tails of hogs will be dropped to verify the kill," he said.

"On October 26, at 7:00 p.m. at the library annex, we need people to show up to learn more about the program," Martin said. A video will be presented, a meal provided, and CEUs offered," he added. "We have one sponsor for the meal, and we are looking for more sponsors." Winners will receive funds to allow the trappers to remove feral hogs in the county. "Last year following a survey by flybys, we reported about 26,000 hogs in the county," Martin said. "One sow can produce 200 piglets in a year," he added, indicating the numbers are now at least double that of 2009.

Commissioner Turner made the motion to authorize the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Alexander. The motion passed by unanimous vote.



Janie Campbell, Office Manager at Matador Land and Cattle Company, performed the character of Elizabeth Cook, the wife of Sheriff number four, who was killed by Joseph Beckham, the first sheriff of Motley County turned outlaw.



Pat Cornett (1844-1913) "an Irishman by birth, a Texan by choice, and a stonemason by trade" was played by Rusty White, an actor with the Windy Ridge Posse group. He wowed the crowd with his portrayal, complete with an Irish brogue.



MC Tax Assessor/Collector Elaine Hart is shown serving chili cheese dogs to Friends of the MC Jail Board members Dink Wilson and wife Carolyn, of Quanah; and Geneva Wilson, Matador. The Wilson family (Jinks, Geneva, Dink and Nelda) lived in the jail for 10 years from 1947-1957. Also pictured in the serving line is Sheriff Chris Spence.

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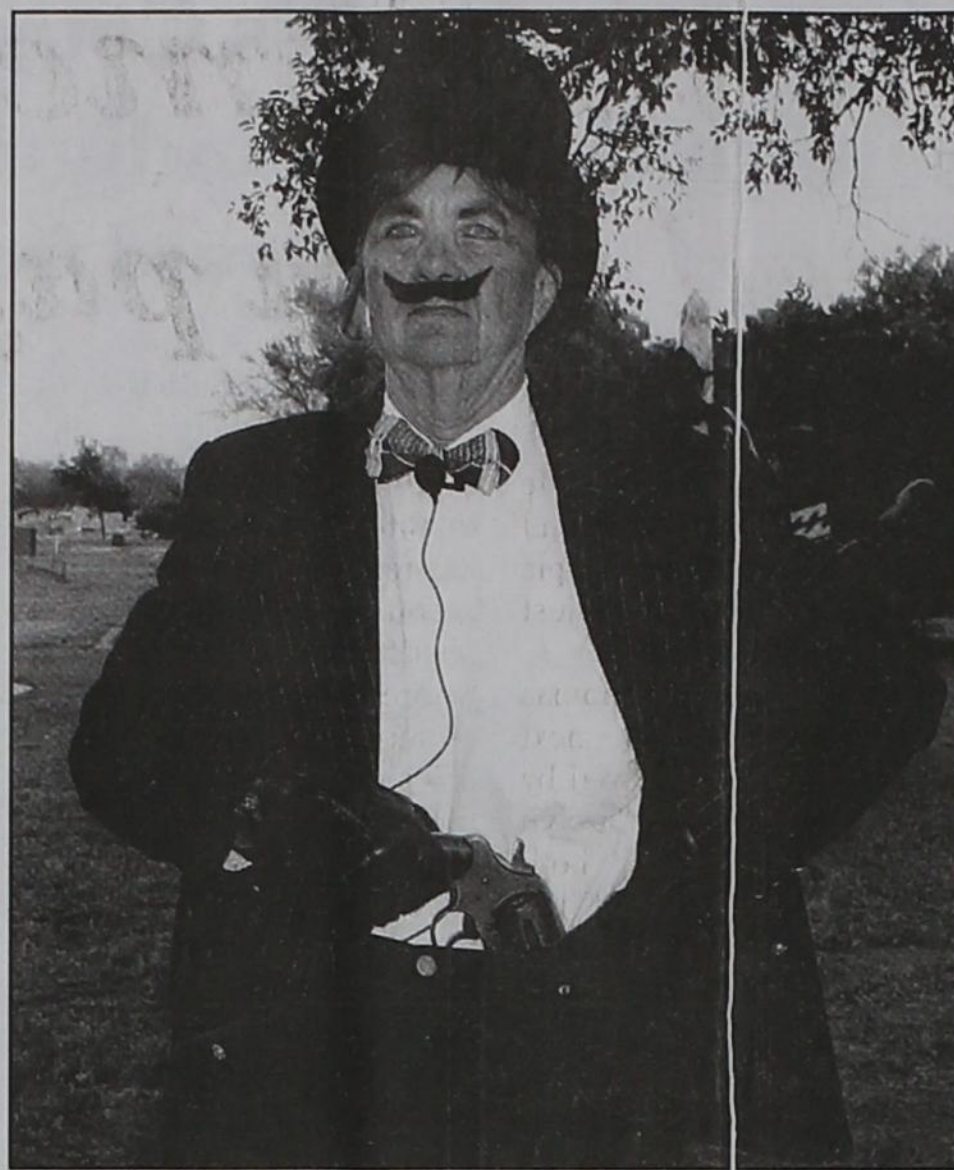
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Barbara Waybourn West, great-granddaughter of John Wesley Waybourn (1840-1903) is pictured behind the tombstone of her relative, Texas Ranger J.W. Waybourn at the recent East Mound Cemetery Tour. Barbara explained the importance of the Texas Ranger Cross and the Odd Fellow's insignia.



Judge McGill (aka Marisue Potts-Powell) poses with a Colt-45 revolver. Judge McGill was the district judge that presided over criminal cases in this area. "I may be wrong, but I am never in doubt!," he said.

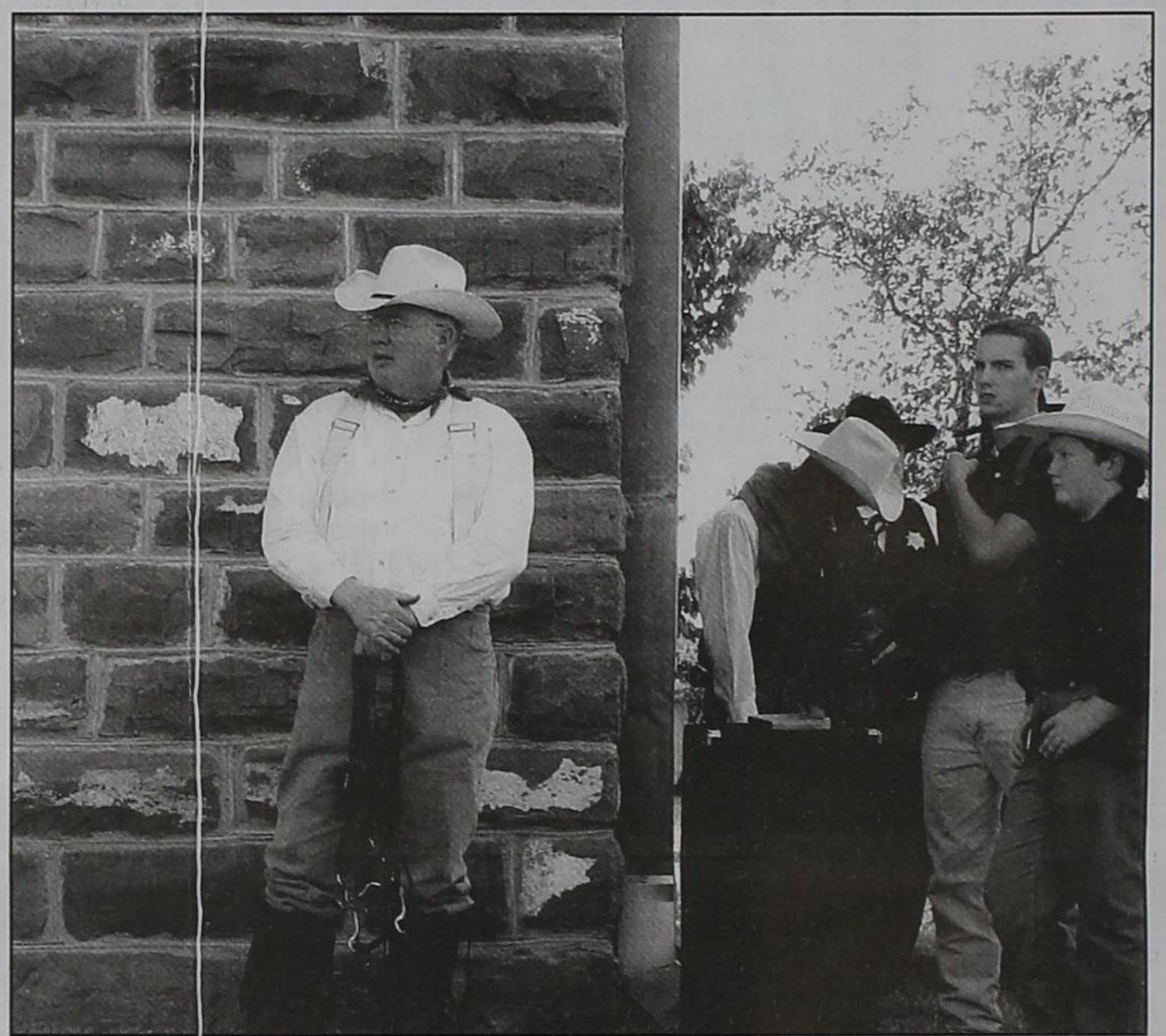


Featured at the jail was the "Crazy Lady," played by Melanie (Brown) Camp. She sat in the shadows of a special cell on the second floor of the historic MC jail. This small cell was reserved for "women or the criminally insane."

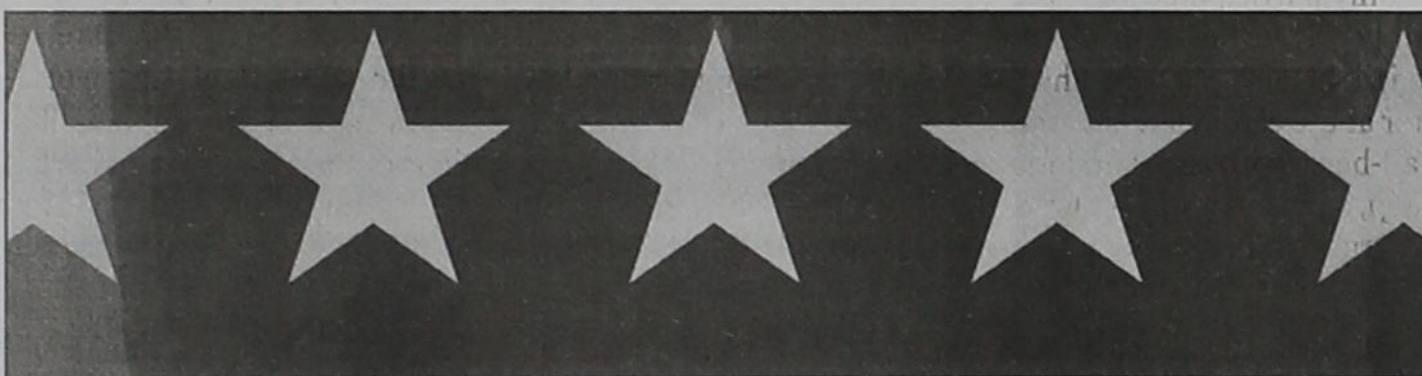


Bobby Klodinski played the part of Sheriff Henry Black (1870-1933). Black was the 9th sheriff of Motley County and the Townsite Agent for Roaring Springs when the city was platted in 1912. He is buried on land he helped secure from the Matador Land and Cattle Company 30 years before his death.

**Thank
you
Carol
for a
great
event!**



Larry Keltz, formerly of Matador, is a member of the Windy Ridge Posse re-enactment group. Larry helped organize the re-enactment of Motley County event that entertained more than 160 residents and out-of-town guests.



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**MOTLEY COUNTY TREASURER'S REPORT
QUARTERLY REPORT**

OF EVA BARKLEY, COUNTY TREASURER OF MOTLEY COUNTY, TEXAS
RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FROM JULY 1, 2010 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2010

FUND	BALANCE July 1, 2010	RECEIPTS	DISBURSEMENTS	BALANCE September 30, 2010
GENERAL FUND Operating	\$ 5,869.30	\$ 171,610.84	\$ 133,129.83	\$ 44,350.31
GENERAL FUND - Investment	\$ 116,000.00		\$ 105,000.00	\$ 11,000.00
SPECIAL FUND	\$ 1,636.34	\$ 4,228.01	\$ 4,872.84	\$ 991.51
SPECIAL FUND - Investment	\$ 9,800.00	\$ 2,000.00		\$ 11,800.00
ROAD & BRIDGE # 1 Operating	\$ 1,720.86	\$ 16,728.67	\$ 16,638.83	\$ 1,810.70
R+B # 1 - Investment	\$ 9,600.00		\$ 9,100.00	\$ 500.00
ROAD & BRIDGE # 2 Operating	\$ 1,676.83	\$ 16,057.99	\$ 16,083.53	\$ 1,651.29
R+B # 2 - Investment	\$ 8,500.00		\$ 7,900.00	\$ 600.00
ROAD & BRIDGE # 3 Operating	\$ 1,741.76	\$ 17,646.29	\$ 18,077.89	\$ 1,310.16
R+B # 3 - Investment	\$ 40,600.00		\$ 9,800.00	\$ 30,800.00
ROAD & BRIDGE # 4 Operating	\$ 1,762.62	\$ 14,111.91	\$ 14,084.25	\$ 1,790.28
R+B # 4 - Investment	\$ 7,000.00		\$ 6,300.00	\$ 700.00
LATERAL ROAD	\$ 10.00			\$ -10.00
LATERAL RD - Invest TexSTAR	\$ 18,167.24	\$ 9.55		\$ 18,176.79
CAPITAL ACQUISITION	\$ 61.30	\$ 14,256.53	\$ 14,230.00	\$ 87.83
INVESTMENT - TexSTAR	\$ 72,075.00	\$ 8,700.00	\$ 12,100.00	\$ 68,675.00
Interest - TexSTAR	\$ 434.70	\$ 103.43	\$ 405.42	\$ 132.71
Invest-CD - VISTA BANK 6 mos	\$ 215,467.37	\$ 829.99	\$ 1,297.36	\$ 215,000.00
Invest-CD - VISTA BANK 3 mos	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 360.06	\$ 360.06	\$ 100,000.00
COUNTY FUNDS TOTAL	\$ 612,123.32	\$ 266,643.27	\$ 369,380.01	\$ 509,386.58
STATE COURT COSTS	\$ 5,141.53	\$ 17,764.15	\$ 18,616.51	\$ 4,289.17
LIBRARY	\$ 9,422.41	\$ 2,891.75	\$ 4,483.48	\$ 7,830.68
HOT CHECK	\$ 2,978.02	\$ 358.95	\$ 413.69	\$ 2,923.28
TOTALS	\$ 629,665.28	\$ 287,658.12	\$ 392,893.69	\$ 524,429.71

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF MOTLEY

BEFORE ME, THE UNDERSIGNED AUTHORITY, ON THIS DAY PERSONALLY APPEARED EVA BARKLEY, MOTLEY COUNTY TREASURER, WHO BEING SWORN, AND UPON OATH, SAYS THAT THE WITHIN AND FOREGOING IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

Eva Barkley
COUNTY TREASURER

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME THIS 15th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2010

ELANE HART
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES
February 1, 2012

Elane Hart
Notary Public

A Night to Remember

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Following the re-enactment, three tractor-drawn trailers, loaded with hay and about 75 adventure-seekers, left the jail to negotiate the back country to the historic East Mound Cemetery.

Ten actors decked out in costumes of the day, performed at the cemetery behind the tombstone of their featured character. Each tombstone was outlined in 10 luminaries, offering a pleasant glow to the performances as the night sky advanced.

An introduction to the cemetery was given by Marisue Potts-Powell, who played District Judge Billy McGill, an outspoken judge who held court when Joseph Beckham and his replacement John L. Moore both claimed the sheriff's badge in Motley County. He ruled that Moore had been appointed illegally to the office, but instead of re-instating Beckham to his elected position, he appointed the 3rd sheriff of Motley County, Billy Moses.

Judge McGill introduced the crowd to the first person buried in the cemetery, Jeff Varner, a wagon boss with the Matador Land and Cattle Company. Varner was killed in 1891, shortly after the county was organized. His death resulted in the speedy construction of the little sandstone jail.

"The hasty construction of a jail followed the first murder in the newly-organized county of Jeff Varner," McGill said. "Varner was a Matador Ranch wagon boss who was killed by J. B. McLeod. McLeod galloped over the hill from the Dewdrop Saloon and Matador's General Store on Ballard Creek Draw. He jumped off his horse, mumbled something about money, and pulled his Winchester rifle out of the scabbard on his saddle. He blazed away and Jeff Varner fell fatally wounded. While he attempted escape, he was soon captured and held in a small room with the body of the man he had gunned down. He was guarded day and night until the circuit judge showed up and ordered a change in venue to Seymour, Texas.

"Varner was buried, none too soon, first in Boothill and later reburied at East Mound

Cemetery, land donated by Matador Land and Cattle Company. The citizens were so irked at having to guard the murderer that they decided to build the Motley County Jail. Motley County Jail was built in 1891 by Pat Cornett and Jube Aiken from rock quarried about three miles west of Willow Creek on the H. H. Campbell ranch."

Pat Cornett, "an Irishman by birth, a Texan by choice, and a stonemason by trade" was played by Rusty White, who wowed the crowd with his portrayal, complete with an Irish brogue.

"J. E. Aiken and I were awarded the construction contract on the Motley County Jail in 1891 for about \$3,000. I did all the original stonework on the jail, which is still standing today after 119 years. We hauled that stone by wagon from a quarry five miles west of Matador on the H. H. Campbell ranch. I was known as the "Stonemason of West Texas."

The next featured sheriff was Henry Black, the ninth sheriff (1905-1910) of Motley County, played by local resident Bobby Klodginski. "My main claim to fame was as the Master (Chief Officer) of the Matador Masonic Lodge Number 824 when the Matador Land and Cattle Company deeded land to the Matador Lodge to be used for a cemetery in Matador. Black also served as the Townsite Agent for Roaring Springs in 1912.

The great-grandson of Sheriff Jonathan Edward Russell was played by J. D. Russell, a cattle manager at Matador Land and Cattle Company. Sheriff Ed Russell was the 10th sheriff of Motley County, serving more than a decade (1910-1923) while "protecting the citizens of this county and making this country free from lawlessness."

Ed Russell started his career as a Matador Ranch cook on the chuck wagon. J.D. told a humorous story about how Sheriff Ed got his nickname, "Mud Turtle."

"One day I had the chuck wagon pulled up to a tank the cowboys were cleaning out. Since I had a wagon to also clean out, I had cooked soup for dinner. Well, some prank-

ster dropped one poor little turtle in the soup pot, and from then on, some people called me "Mud Turtle" or just plain, "Mud."

Sheriff William Thomas "Billy" Cloyd was the next featured character, played by Howard Limmer. Carolyn and Howard Limmer both serve on the board of the Friends of the Historic MC Jail. Cloyd was the sixth sheriff of Motley County, voted in by a landslide in 1896. He was a Matador Ranch cowboy, starting with the Matadors in 1887 with his brother, Jim, when he was only 17-years-old.

"I thought the cowboy life would be a romantic kind of job, but there was no romance on the range. No siree, I worked from daylight to dark. A lot of hands didn't have work, but Jim and me, we had a specialty. We was the chuck wagon cooks for the Matadors." It is reported that the Cloyd brothers fed 140 men for dinner one time, he said. Cloyd was only 34 years old when he died of pneumonia. His five children were raised by the Masonic Home and School in Fort Worth.

The most poignant moment of the evening came with the performance of Roy Hobbs who played Jalmer "Jinks" Wilson. Jinks served in law enforcement in Motley County for more than 20 years until his untimely death on November 12, 1976.

Jinks and his wife Geneva, and son Dink and daughter Nelda, lived in the jail for about 10 years. Jinks served as jailer and Deputy Sheriff; and "my wife cooked two meals a day for the prisoners. The county paid her \$1.50 a day.

"I was elected Sheriff in

1956, serving two terms until 1964. After a few years in the ranching business, I ran for office again, and served as Sheriff for almost four years before being killed in the line of duty in 1976 by two sawed off shotgun blasts at close range. I was 61 years old," he said. It was reported there were an estimated 1,000 people who attended the funeral of this beloved sheriff. Geneva and Dink both serve on the board of the Friends of the Historic MC Jail.

Located on the north side of the cemetery, Judge Ed D. Smith portrayed his father, William Earl "Ed D." Smith lived in the jail as a Deputy under Sheriff Jinks Wilson. Big Ed was a colorful character, well loved in the community, and remembered by many.

"Back when I was livin' and breathin', I did like to talk and that ain't changed. I was born in Childress, Texas, February 4, 1895. I grew up around Childress and worked on several ranches before headin' out to Matador horseback in May 1913. I was headed to the Matador Ranch to try to get a job. I was eighteen years old at the time.

Smith retired from the Matadors after a heart attack in the fall of 1957. "I shore did love the Old Matadors," Ed D. deadpanned. "Why when the Scotsmen sold out in '52, for 35 years of continuous service they gave me a new pair of levis and a carton of Camels."

Jim Childers of Paducah not only participated with the Windy Ridge Posse group at the jail, he also played a character at the cemetery. Dressed in all-black with a vest and fob watch, a duster, and of course, his trusty six-shooter, Jim played John L. Moore, the

2nd sheriff of Motley County, appointed following the arrest of sheriff number one, Joe Beckham.

"I was appointed sheriff by the Commissioner's Court in 1893 following an arrest warrant issued against Sheriff Beckham for the felony offense of embezzlement of public funds. In 1893, Motley County 'teetered on the brink of civil war' - the settlers versus the Matador Ranch. The settlers were supported by Henry H. Campbell, a Confederate army veteran and pioneer Texas Cattleman; one of the founders of Matador Ranch. Campbell later became the first county judge.

"Later, I ran for Motley County Commissioner (1894) and was successful, serving three terms. I also served as Mayor of the City of Matador from 1913 to 1914.

"I outlived a lot of my peers who died with their boots on. During my long career I was a merchant, mail carrier, Justice of the Peace, and served as a Deputy Sheriff under two sheriffs." Moore died April 5, 1938, at the ripe old age of 86. He is buried by his wife of 53 years.

The ninth performance of the evening featured Barbara Waybourn West, the great-granddaughter of John Wesley Waybourn, a former Texas Ranger.

Barbara gave a flawless performance, dressed in a brown leather jacket and white hat, sporting a Texas Ranger badge.

"In 1861, John Wesley joined the Minute Men of Clay County, working to bring law and order to Clay County. These county groups were established as part of the Texas Rangers. He served in the Confederate Army along

with his father and brother. In 1897, when the west opened up, the Waybourn family moved to Motley County to purchase land.

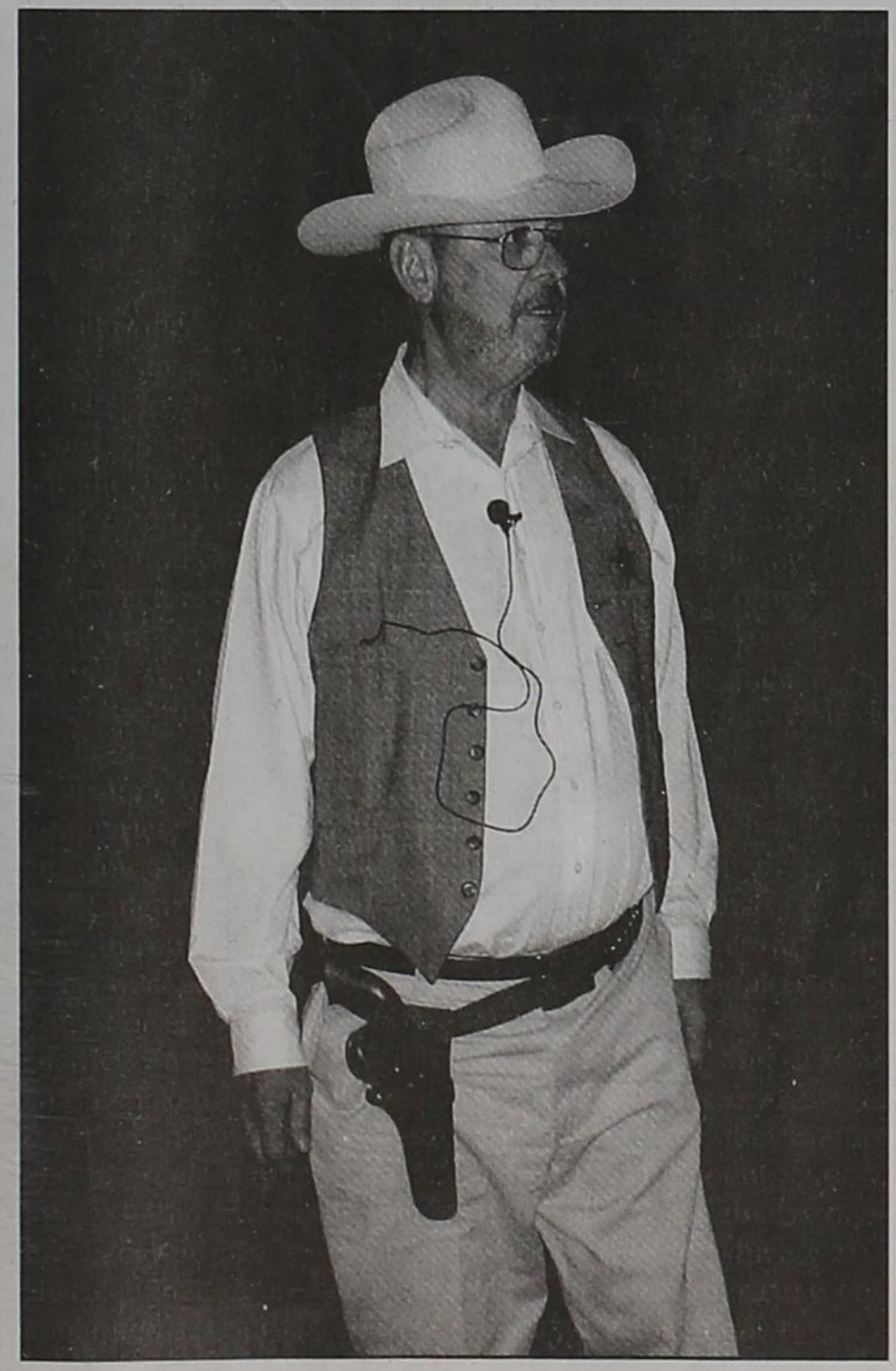
Lastly, Janie Campbell performed the character of Elizabeth Cook, the wife of Sheriff number four, who was killed by Joe Beckham.

"George was elected Sheriff of Motley County in 1894, only a few short months before he was killed. On May 27, 1895, Joe Beckham ambushed my husband and killed him in cold blood at the train station in Seymour, Texas, on the very day he was there to testify against Beckham at his trial. George Cook died defending the honor of Motley County," she said.

This concluded the program at the cemetery. The trailers started their return journey to the jail, and the crowd dispersed. The cemetery became eerily quiet with the luminaries glowing in the dark. A shadowy moon peeked from behind the clouds. It was a night to remember, one woman said.

To join the Friends of the Historic Motley County Jail, please send a one-time only membership fee of \$25.00 to Friends at P.O. Box 582, Matador, 79244. New members will receive the latest Friends Care newsletter and a frameable picture of the jail. Quarterly newsletters on the progress of the repair will keep members posted. Donations to the jail project may be sent to the above address.

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank the public for the support of this worthy project," Carol Campbell, chair of the 10-member board said. "Our motto is: 'We all get by with a little help from our friends ...'"



Judge Ed D. Smith portrayed his father, William Earl "Ed D." Smith (1895-1968) who lived in the jail as a Deputy under Sheriff Jinks Wilson. Big Ed was a colorful character, well loved in the community, and remembered by any man or woman who met him.

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Sections 4.004, 83.010, 85.004, 85.007, Texas Election Code
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NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION GENERAL)

To the registered voters of the County of Motley, Texas:
(A los votantes registrados del Condado de Motley, Texas)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., November 2, 2010, for voting in a general election. To elect (presidential electors, if applicable), Members of Congress, Members of the Legislature, and state, district, county and precinct officers.

(Notifíquese por la presente, que las casillas electorales citadas abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 2 de noviembre de 2010 para votar en la Elección General para elegir (electores presidenciales, si es aplicable), Miembros del Congreso, Miembros de la Legislatura, y oficiales del estado, distrito, condado y del precinto.)

On Election Day, voters must vote in their precinct where registered to vote.
(El Día de Elección, los votantes deberán votar en su precinto donde están inscritos para votar.)

For early voting, a voter may vote at any of the locations listed below:

Location of Election Day Polling Places Include Name of Building and Address <i>(Ubicación de las casillas electorales el Día de Elección (Incluir Nombre del Edificio y Dirección)</i>	Precinct Number(s) <i>(Número de precinto)</i>
Motley County Courthouse	One (1)
Flomot Community Center	Two (2)
Northfield Church	Three (3)
R.S. Community Center	Four (4)
Motley County Courthouse	Five (5)
Motley County Courthouse	Six (6)

(Para Votación Adelantada, los votantes podrán votar en cualquiera de las ubicaciones nombradas abajo.)

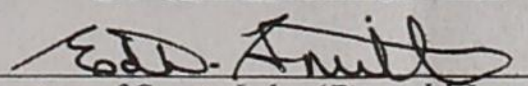
Locations for Early Voting Polling Places Include Name of Building and Address <i>(Ubicación de las casillas electorales de votación adelantada (Incluir Nombre del Edificio y Dirección)</i>	Days and Hours of Operation <i>(Días y Horas Hábiles)</i>
County & District Clerk's Office Motley County Courthouse 701 Dundee, Matador, Texas	9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. October 18 through October 29, 2010

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:
(Las solicitudes para boletas de votación adelantada por correo deberán enviarse a:)

Kate Hurt
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(Nombre del Secretario de la Votación Adelantada)
P.O. Box 660
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(City) *(Ciudad)* (Zip Code) *(Código Postal)*

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on: October 26, 2010.
(Las solicitudes para boletas de votación adelantada por correo deberán recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el:)

Issued this the 14th day of October, 2010.
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Signature of County Judge *(Firma del Juez del Condado)*

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EVENTS CALENDAR

October

- 21 Matador Masonic Lodge, 6:30 pm
- 21 Mavericks at Silverton, 5:00
- 22 Matadors vs Silverton, 7:30
- 28 Mavericks vs Patton Springs, 5:00
- 29 Matadors at Patton Springs, 7:30
- 30 PIP Camp, Motley County Gymnasium.

November

- 2 Matador Lions
- 3 Kids Praise
- 4 RS Lions
- 4 Mavericks at Guthrie, 5:00
- 5 Matadors vs Guthrie, Parent Night 7:30
- 6 Free hunter appreciation meal downtown in front of the Hotel.
- 8 Commissioners' Court
- 8 RS City Council
- 8 HCCC Board
- 9 RSCV
- 10 Hospital Board meets in the back of the ambulance barn 7am
- 11 Matador City Council
- 11 Matador Chapter of the Eastern Star, Floydada. Meal at 6:30pm meeting at 7:30 pm
- 12 Bi-District
- 15 MCISD School Board, 7:30pm 3rd Mon
- 16 Matador Lions
- 18 Matador Masonic Lodge, 6:30 pm
- 19 Regionals
- 26 Qtr Finals

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- Stanley Degan, Post
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- Frances Marshall, Lubbock
- Harry Hamilton, Lubbock
- Holly Lee, Lubbock
- Johnny Street, Plainview
- Willie Chambliss, Plainview
- Lula Jones, Panhandle
- Cobey Turner, Claude
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Real Estate

Nice home on corner lot, 216 Wilson Street, Quitaque, TX. 1496 sqFt., 3 bedrooms, two baths, living room, dining room, kitchen, attached carport, storage, laundry room, fenced yard, 8x20 storage building. Lots of upgrades to this home, metal roof really neat home. \$64,000.00

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