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"Coronado's Canyon" (Matador Ranch)

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Historic Hotel Matador Renovated Original design revisited; skylight and tin ceilings remain

By Carol Campbell

Five generations of Russells have lived and worked and raised their families in Motley County. While this rich family history includes a variety of ranchers, cowboys, farmers, school teachers, lawmen, and entrepreneurs, there wasn't a single innkeeper in the bunch, that is, until now.

Hotel Matador will open its doors for business, hopefully, by Valentine's Day in February; and the transformation of this grand old building is due to the creative vision of the four children of Dorothy Cox Russell, and the late John "Sonny" Russell, grandson of early day sheriff, Ed Russell.

John Douglas (J.D.) was the only sibling that stayed in Matador, pursuing his career in ranching. The matriarch of the family, Dorothy, is the daughter of pioneer family Luther L. Cox. She was born in a dugout at Turtle Creek on the Matador Ranch, and still resides in Matador.

Marilynn, Linda, and Caron grew up, graduated, attended college, married, left home, and two of the sisters have now returned in retirement to begin a new chapter. In this chapter, the two-story hotel on Main Street, like the phoenix rising from the ashes, begins again, all fresh and beautiful and open for business.

But from the tear-down phase in June 2007 to the first registered guest in February 2008, this has been an adventure that took determination, vision, and, well, a bit of divine inspiration.

"We bought the hotel, almost on a whim," Marilynn said. "When the clan gathers, there are 35 of us," Caron added. "We needed room for all of us to gather."

The siblings considered new construction; they looked at the old turn-of-the-century Fish House on Main Street as a possible location for a Bed and Breakfast; but for reasons that only an entrepreneur with an eye for the "possibilities" that life can offer—they fell in love with the old hotel.

Built in 1914 by Roy Carter, the hotel has had several owners, including John Sheridan, Slim Craig, Alvin Miller, Warren Clements, Sonny Jackson, and Ernestine Salazar. The hotel was in continuous operation as a destination for about 65 years.

Travelers, salesmen, weary families on their westward journey spent the night in Matador. It served as a stop-over for the Line Car, the forerunner of a modern day limousine with eight seats. The Line Car took passengers on unpaved roads to Childress to catch the train to Fort Worth, or to Abilene and other points west.

Pioneer residents remember the hotel in its "hey-day," replete with a uniformed Porter and ice cream parlor that served sundaes, sodas and cones; and a full-service dining room. Saturday night dances were held in the extensive lobby area, and many a cowboy from Matador Ranch danced the night away with live music and chaperoned girls in frilly dresses.

The ice cream parlor eventually became a barber shop, operated by Warren Clements. But the old hotel met on hard times, the doors closed in the late 1970s, and the dust gathered.

Later, rooms were partitioned off, transforming the hotel into a piecemeal boarding house. By the mid-1980s, the grand old dame was finally silent, that is, until a windy day in June, 2007—a day like no other.

The purchase complete from an absentee owner that lived in San Antonio, the three sisters stood on the landing upstairs, trying to envision the hotel in its original splendor. Dust fairies flitted against the filtered light of a grimy window pane, the only light provided by the setting sun.

In silence, they contemplated the overwhelming task at hand, trying hard to imagine the original design. Caron was the first one to speak. She raised her hands and implored the walls:

"Talk to me," she demanded. The sisters laughed in agreeable companionship; and that was the beginning of the adventure of discovery. From that point on, "The house took a life of its own," Linda said.

Partitions were removed, revealing original walls and hallways; and more than two tons of trash and garbage were removed.

Once the original hallways were identified upstairs, the space created eight bedrooms by natural design. At the top of the banister stairs, the sky light on the second level remains, and "amazingly, it doesn't leak," Linda said. Each room has a private bath. The floors are insulated for warmth and sound; and four hot water heaters insure that guests have hot showers.

"There will be cable television in every room, and internet wireless connections," Marilynn said. "Each room will have its own heating and air conditioning unit; and new double pane windows were added."

As the construction was grinding to a close, decorating the guest rooms became the next focus. The rooms were chosen by lottery, each sibling choosing two rooms, then naming and decorating the rooms according to individual tastes. And every room has a family connection.

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photo by Carol Campbell

THE THREE RUSSELL sisters (Left to Right) Marilynn Hicks, Caron Perkins, and Linda Roy stand in the lobby area interior discussing the tin ceilings. Matching chandeliers hang in the dining and lobby areas.

Matador Lions Club to host pancake supper

Major fundraiser set for February 5

The Matador Lions Club will be serving their annual pancake supper on Tuesday February 5 at the Motley County School starting at 5:30 PM. This is the major fundraiser of the year for the Lions Club and promises to be a fun time for everyone. The cost for the supper is \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children 6th grade and under.

Money raised from this supper will be used for various projects that the Lions Club participates in during the year. The Lions are active with many projects that include the placing of U.S. flags in Matador on holidays and special occasions, the eyeglasses collection program, sponsorship of the Boy Scout troop, the Christmas Box program, support of the Eye Bank in Lubbock, and the support of the Children's Camp at Kerrville.

The Lions have also been involved with many volunteer activities including the construction of the fence at Hackberry Creek Care Center, work on the Library Annex, an ongoing two mile highway cleanup

program, taking care of the gate at school sports events, running the chains at the football games, and providing a rest stop for the bicycle tour known as the Tour de Nine Zero which is a project of the Parenting Cottage of Lubbock.

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HOTEL MATADOR gets a face-lift during the renovation project. The Hotel has all new double-pane windows. Each room will have its own heating and cooling units; and private baths.

Trash leads to cash in new scholarship for graduating seniors

TxDOT looking for students with innovative ideas about litterbags for cars

(CHILDRESS, Texas)—The Texas Department of Transportation has upped the ante for college-bound students by introducing a new scholarship award to their existing Don't Mess with Texas Scholarship program.

For this new Don't Mess with Texas Scholarship, TxDOT wants students to write an essay about how to get a litterbag in every car. The essay should focus on a creative and sustainable solution that would encourage Texans to use litterbags and get them in their hands. The winner earns a \$1,000 scholarship.

TxDOT will also continue its traditional scholarship, which consists of a \$3,000 grand prize scholarship and a \$1,000 second-prize scholarship. To qualify for that scholarship money, students must write an essay identifying a

specific litter problem at their own school or in their community and the action they took to address it.

As sponsor, Raytheon has provided the funds for this year's scholarship program. The scholarships are intended for high-school seniors planning to pursue a two- or four-year degree at a Texas university or college. Essays must be 300 - 350 words. Along with their essay(s), students are required to submit a completed application and two letters of recommendation. Students may apply for both the traditional scholarship and the litterbag scholarship, but must complete two separate essays.

To download an application and for complete rules, visit www.DontMessWithTexas.org. A completed application, letters and essays must be ad-

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The Tour de Nine Zero is organized to raise awareness of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders. The FASD program at the Parenting Cottage addresses the permanent developmental disability caused by the consumption of alcohol during pregnancy.

The Matador Lions Club was chartered in the late 1920's and has been active in service work in Matador and the surrounding area since then. The current officers are Roy Hobbs, President; Paul Westbrook, Vice-President; Allan Bingham, Secretary/Treasurer; Larry Hoyle, Tail Twister; and Ed D. Smith, Lion Tamer.

For more information on the Lions go to www.lionsclubs.org and for more information on The Parenting Cottage go to www.parentingcottage.com

Attention Exes Addresses needed 2008 Homecoming

Plans are about to get underway for the Matador/Motley County High School Homecoming Reunion which will be held next fall. The first step is to update our Ex-Student's addresses in order to make sure everyone gets the mail outs and vital information. If you, or any of your family members have moved to a new address within the last ten years, please send us a current address.

FOOTHILL COUNTRY CONNECTIONS

By Larry Vogt

Wind. Just can't help talking about the wind. It is hard to walk against the wind, hard to maintain control of a vehicle on the highway, and hard not to notice the dust flying across the landscape. Sir Francis Beaufort conceived the Beaufort scale in 1805 to describe the different speeds of the wind and even give these speed ranges names. The scale runs from 0 to 12 and 0, of course, is Calm, with the land description "smoke rises vertically." "5" which is the speed range 19 to 24 mph is called "fresh breeze" and the description is "small trees in motion."

The web site weather report for Matador Texas on Tuesday morning January 29th says, "Wind speed 24mph from the NNW". Now, that just is not the reality for Motley County this morning. The big trees are moving, it's hard to walk against the wind, so it must be a number "6" called "strong breeze" or a number "7" which is "near gale" with "whole trees in motion, hard to walk into

by Laverne Zabielski

How long does it take to become historic and what does it take to qualify? *Welcome to Historic Matador* the sign might read; where things are the same as they ever were. The Matador Bank may have changed its name. However, it's still the same tall brick building on the corner with wide steps leading inside. And the court house may have been renovated but it still stands regal in the middle of town.

Welcome to Historic Roaring Springs the sign might read. This morning I write in the kitchen of one of the oldest houses in town. The veranda has been closed in with windows, and rooms and a garage have been added on to the back. However, it still carries the memories of generations of children running up and down stairs and cramming into its small kitchen where I sip tea flavored with maple syrup and cream, my indulgence.

Yesterday I made chocolate, oatmeal and peanut butter, no bake cookies. I was craving sweets in the middle of putting the paper together. As I pasted up the story Carol Campbell wrote about the newly renovated Matador Hotel and its upcoming opening, I anticipated the first night we might stay there.

Everyday I drive past the Traveler's Inn, a block down from the Roaring Springs Depot and Red Ball Gin. Trucks park in front signifying hunters as guests. In days gone by when it was the Traveler's Hotel guests walked from the depot pausing to enjoy the tree lined parkway in the middle of the road. These days large trucks line the road delivering or waiting for cotton from the gin.

Welcome to Historic Flomot, the sign might read. Home of the renovated Pioneer Cemetery and old elementary school which was transformed into the Community Center. Flomot is also the home of Ruth Lee, this week's Unsung Hero. Maybe that's what it takes for a place to become historical;

the wind." If Laverne's wind chimes on the front porch were to the wind speed indicators the description might be "persistent fiddle dance tune."

The wind seems an adversary at times. Falling branches, metal roofing peeling back, downed power lines, all this and more from the wind. As a small paperboy struggling against the wind of a vicious blizzard in a small prairie town, I was determined to get the papers delivered no matter what the weather threw in my way. The dust storms that roll through these parts provide ample opportunity to witness wind power in action.

We can move from talking about wind as adversarial to wind as power, electrical power. According to the wind energy people, Motley County is in a Zone 4 or 5 for energy production, and that means large turbine possibilities. There should be some interesting discussions at the forthcoming meeting here in Matador on February 28. Maybe we will connect and learn something more positive about the wind.

some things change and some things remain the same. In Matador the old jail still stands proudly waiting for necessary repairs. Can a building stand proud? Of course, when it reveals in its stone architecture the drive and determination of early citizens driven to survive and attempting to maintain a sense of law and order.

This week the Texas Department of Transportation's *Don't Mess with Texas* program invites college bound students to write an essay about how to get a litter bag in every car. The focus should be on a creative and sustainable solution. Or students may identify a specific litter problem at school or in the community and write an essay about the action they took to address the problem.

Keeping one's community litter free is part of manifesting pride. The **Motley County Tribune** invites all students to write such an essay. We will publish them in the paper and award the winning essay \$25 Motley County Bucks. Our deadline will be also be April 4th.

Soon it will be spring and time to organize all the stuff we don't want and participate in the Highway 70 garage sale during the first week end in May. Perhaps after the sale we could gather everyone with pick ups and ask them to haul everything that didn't sell to the dump or Goodwill.

Keeping the present clean and preserving the past is where our pride lives day to day. Some say tear the old buildings down. Why go to the bother and expense of saving them?

For me they contain the prompts for stories and it's ultimately through stories that we convey who we are and what we value. Whether they are painful memories or pleasant ones, it's what gets shared about what we did and where we came from that contains the essence of who we are, what we've accomplished and what our vision was and is.

Welcome to Historic Motley County the sign might read. Be our guests. Come see the diversity of what we have to offer.

WRITING COMMUNITY

Needle Workers by Monta Marshall

Needles remind me of family members who used their hands to make garments, fabric, quilts, necessary household items and lovely things. Both sides of my family had very talented needle workers.

My Granny Guice was an artist with her fabrics and needles. She was an invalid from a fall down the stairs but her hands were always busy. She could take a flour sack and create beautiful embroidered quilts, scarves, doilies. She worked out her own patterns. I have a quilt top of various butterflies that she embroidered in brilliant colors on flour sacks. Mama also had quilts that Granny made.

When we were young, Mama took my brother and me up on her bed, the big bed in the house, for afternoon naps. Mama was a storyteller. She told us stories about the different fabric scraps that made up the quilts we were lying on. . . whose dress or shirt that particular scrap came from. Sometimes she told us stories of where they went or what they did wearing that piece of clothing. We loved her stories.

She was the third youngest of a family of ten. She told of the dress her mama made for her graduation; a white muslin with pink ribbons.

Mama's oldest sibling was my Aunt Della. Granny Guice taught her to sew at a young age. As a teen she made shirts for her six brothers. Granny Guice taught her daughters to knit. The older ones knitted gloves and socks for the three service men during World War II.

Other things they made were the work gloves for the family. The ones I have seen were made of a heavy drill fabric and lined with a softer cloth. They were black and gray striped with the fingers ending between the last two knuckles of their fingers. Later, one of my aunts learned to make fine leather gloves from deerskin that my uncle brought home.

The eldest aunt made her living as a seamstress. It was a treat to receive a package in the mail from Aunt Della, especially if it contained a new dress for school. Aunt Della made my wedding dress. Mama sewed on the pearls.

My mama did not like to sew clothing but crocheted and did beautiful handwork. She did drawn work we never see today. She would pull threads on a piece for a pillow case about one-half to three-fourths of an inch wide and then weave geometric patterns with a needle and variegated thread. She appliquéd or embroidered many different decorations on our baby clothes and later on my school clothes.

By the time I was a freshman in high school I liked to sew. If Mama sewed I would put in the zipper for her. The sewing machine was a source of frustration for her though tedious handwork was her joy and relaxation. Her stitches were so tiny even her quilting stitches. Her crochet was so even and close; her crocheted afghans were very heavy and warm.

I have tried but I have never been able to come close to her expertise on either crochet or quilting.

My other grandmother, Grandmother Ferguson was a very small woman. She only went to town once or twice a year though it was only eleven miles from the nearest town. Montgomery Ward had all the 'goods' she needed. She designed her own patterns for herself and daughters. She often made print calico dresses with solid insets in the bodice or on the collars.

Most of her dresses buttoned up the front. Grandmother was very careful with her clothes. She washed them on a rub board in a tub on the back porch. First she removed all the buttons so that they would not break or be scarred up from the rub board. I have a nice collection of her buttons. I think smoked, mother of pearl buttons were her favorites.

Grandmother Ferguson made many quilts also, often designing her own patterns. A few of those still remain among the family members and they are treasured.

My sister-in-law was a weaver. She even dyed and spun some of her yarn. And both grandmothers and my mother were experts at patching our clothes. I remember tearing my Easter dress the second time I wore it; Mama patched it so that I didn't mind wearing it until it was worn out. I grew up during the drought and my family didn't spend money unnecessarily. A patched dress was nothing to be ashamed of if it was clean and ironed nicely!

Deserted by Marisue Potts

The sun, obscured by the high rolling clouds of red dust, casts an eerie, unnatural light on the deserted homestead; swirls of dust whip around the buildings. The wind, as thorough as a German housewife, sweeps the hard crust of the lot, scouring away any sign of horse hooves or pungent manure. It coaxes open the loft door, then rejects it with an incessant bang, bang, bang.

Wind-hurled pebbles ping against the rusty tin roof of the saddle shed where pack rat treasures of cowchips, shiny wrappers, and tin lids replace sweat-streaked tack. Horse-shoes huddle beneath the foundation where they leaped to their freedom through a crack in the wooden floor.

Gaping open like a toothless old hag, the outhouse immodestly reveals all her secrets. The once white paper twists and turns on its way to the dusty floor, unfurled by the same prying, nosy wind.

In the yard the weathered gate swings to and fro, keeping time to an unheard melody. Dry weeds rattle and shake in protest to the demanding caresses of the wind. Bared tree roots claw at the parched earth, desperately seeking something, anything.

The house door stands ajar as if someone went to gather the eggs, but failed to return. Only silence and a billowy curtain greet me. Melancholy sweeps over me like the wind. I weep for the things that were and are no more.

Local inventor develops new system to conserve water

By Larry Vogt

Dennis Allen of First In Line Industries has developed an inexpensive way to control lawn watering by automatically measuring the moisture content at the root level. This device, called Lawn Angel by its inventor, Mr. Allen, will work in conjunction with the timer and the valve on the sprinkling system. In this way, the watering can be done in concert with municipal watering rules, and will irrigate only when the grass actually needs the water.

The Lawn Angel will save money, fresh water, and relieve stress on the environment. Because of the way the device is constructed, electricity is not needed from a power source. The Lawn Angel also gives the grass more drying time which is healthier for the turf and the soil. Mr. Allen is researching ways in which a device of this type could be used in broader agricultural usage and reduce the costs of crop production.

Dennis Allen, his wife Marge, and Bill Bowley are currently manufacturing the device using space at Petticoat Junction in downtown Roaring Springs and at the Assembly of God Youth Camp near Roaring Springs. They are working with the city of Roaring Springs to find a 3500 sq ft space to manufacture and distribute the Lawn Angel.

ICSM wishes to purchase as many components of the Lawn Angel kits from Texas suppliers and assemble the units locally to provide more jobs in the community.

One example of this is the imprint that goes on the box that contains the circuit board. That printing could be done at the location that provides the box but Dennis prefers to print the boxes at the local manufacturing facility, which gives one more job to the county.

Since First In Line is a non-profit corporation, another entity (ICSM) has been formed to handle the business when it goes into full production. Irrigation Control System & Method (ICSM) will market, manufacture, and distribute Lawn Angel and has set as a target the construction of 1000 units per day. Their web site (www.lawnangel.com) shows the unit and has a shopping cart attached to enable consumers to purchase the unit.

First In Line Industries was founded in June, 2005 for the purpose of recycling surplus equipment for use by non-profit organizations and ministries. Many non-profit organizations, ministries, and disadvantaged individuals have benefited from the ministry of First In Line Industries. Dennis and Marge moved from Lubbock to be caretakers of the Youth Camp and have used the camp during the off season to develop and test the Lawn Angel system.

The philosophy of ICSM is to provide economic opportunity and a low impact environmentally friendly industry for Motley County.

The business projects a plan that calls for at least 20 new jobs for the city and also will ship from the Roaring Springs Post Office thereby adding revenue to the Postal facility in the city.

Robotic equipment is not under consideration because of the cost of the equipment and also because jobs would be

displaced. Dennis Allen mentioned that the city of Roaring Springs and Mayor Corky Marshall have been very encouraging in the development of this manufacturing company and also mentioned that Devonne and Benny D. Dillard have been most gracious in providing space and help.

To quote Dennis Allen, "this development will be a great help to the environment by allowing us to take less water from the ground, lakes, watersheds, wetlands, and rivers. Less water will have to be treated with chemicals such as chlorine. This will save money and help to reduce the chemical pollution of our earth."



DENNIS ALLEN is working at the metal lathe to machine the zinc coated bolt that will become the sensor probe for the Lawn Angel.

Easy Money Vocabulary Quiz

The first person to bring the definitions to the Motley County Tribune will receive a \$5 Gift Certificate for the Matador Variety Store.

allay means:
jumble together,
calm
romp
pant

ordinance means:
bird watcher
regulation
future generation
symbol

scalawag means:
suitcase
rascal
dock worker
terror

riffraff means:
participation
rabble
hostel
terror

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All entries will be published in the paper.

Letters to the Editors

MATADOR

Kudos again to Pina Sturdivant (January 24, 2008). Well said! You may not know this, but both Pina and I have taken the "high road," and that is as it should be. Would that more people did.

I also know Mormon (L.D.S.) Doctrine (Theology). One of my best friends is a Mormon attorney (a former law partner) who used to teach Mormon Doctrine in Salt Lake City. We've discussed this over many years, and I've studied it deeply. If Pina has also taught and studied this, then she well knows that the "Devil is in the details" (definitions). Using the same terminology, i.e., "God," "Jesus," "The Bible," "pre-existence," "salvation," etc., Mormon Doctrine and Orthodox

Christianity differ mightily on the definitions of each. This is no statement of opinion—it's fact. Each is what it is.

That said, this is no place for Pina and me to air religious difference. That should be one-on-one, and in a spirit of gentleness, open-mindedness, and respect. But, Pina's original point was an attempt to dispel fear of voting for a "Mormon" candidate for President. This may offend some of you Baptists out there (I'm one), but I'll go on record as saying that on this issue, Dr. James Dobson is dead wrong (sit out the election!).

I rather suspect that if the "conservative" candidate for President turns out to be Mitt Romney (a Mormon), then Pina and I will both vote for him—and

I'll do it without reservation. Upon this, I think we both agree, and I thank her for raising the issue.

Tom Edwards

PLAINVIEW, TEXAS

On December 14, I went to Canyon to get my grandson so he could go with me to San Angelo to see Motley County play for state.

We left Plainview at 8:45 a.m. to go to San Angelo and it was solid ice until we got south of Lubbock. We got to San Angelo at 1:00 p.m. and had lunch at the tailgate party. After we finished lunch we started up to the stands at 2:30 p.m. on the way up I bought my grandson and myself t-shirts. I told Dylon

to take them to the truck and I would wait for to go up to the stands.

I am disabled so I cannot go very fast or very far as I tend to

fall and have to have help to get up.

We first went to the center of the stands on the second level, but it was not long before a group of men from Motley County came and stood right in front of us, so we could not see the field. I told Dylon that we should move to the other side of the walkway going up to the second level. We had not been there but a few minutes until two men came and stood right in front of us again. I said, "Excuse me, could you move down a little so we could see?" They turned around and

looked at me like I was someone that you would push aside and go on. One of them said to the other that there were lots of seats and we could move.

I was ashamed that someone could ruin something special for me and my grandson. This was to be our special event, as it was a once in a lifetime for us.

You men (and I use the term loosely) that were standing up and running back and forth were from Motley County and the way you acted, made me ashamed to say that I am from Motley County.

Next time you go to an event out of town, think how you act and look to other people.

Pete Chambliss

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Historic Hotel Matador

Marilynn's rooms are Reflections and Jenny's Guest Room. Reflections will be decorated with "shiny things, like crystals and mirrors," she said. Jenny's room is named after her mother Dorothy, who was "stubborn as a mule" her brother said. Jenny's room will feature a "white on white" décor.

Caron's rooms honor her grandparents on both sides of the family. Olive's Iris Room is named after her grandmother Olive Moore Russell who grew "beautiful iris flowers," she said, and Meddie's Quilt Room is named after her grandmother Meddie, wife of Luther Cox who worked for the Matador Ranch. Meddie liked to quilt, and this room will showcase her old sewing machine, and several original quilts.

Linda's rooms are the Cotton Belt Special named for Bill and Ellie Mantooth, "our second parents," Linda said. Bill worked for the Cotton Belt Railroad, and this room will feature a train to honor their aunt and uncle, Aileen and Bill Mantooth, the railroad man. Her other room is The Library Room, which will showcase part of her extensive library. Linda has a master's degree in library science, and books are very special to her.

J.D. and his wife D'anna will decorate the Matador Ranch Quarters and the Republic of Texas rooms. These rooms will have a distinct Western flair.

And finally, the showcase of the place, the Circle Cross Heritage Room is named after the Russell cattle brand. "We all had a hand in this design," Linda said.

This room, located downstairs in the old ice cream parlor will feature a king-sized bonnet headboard bed, champagne tub, and a large shower with three shower heads. The mirrors covering one wall are from the original design; and in this room, and the living area downstairs, the construction experts were able to retain the original tin-roof ceilings.

False walls cover plumbing downstairs, in fact, Linda said, there is a lot of "creative plumbing" in the hotel. The original wooden floors were retained downstairs, braced for extra support, repaired with wood filling, and buffed to a shine, courtesy of Daniell's Oak Flooring in Roaring Springs.

Chandeliers grace the entry and dining rooms. A new state-of-the-art kitchen features a working island, an oven, warming shelves, dishwasher, two refrigerators, a walk-in pantry, and the office.

Living quarters for the innkeeper is located just off the kitchen area. The Inn will have a gift shop in the "cupboard under the stairs." And the telephone room will be retained, with an old crank telephone.

To prepare for their new careers as Innkeepers, the sisters have done their homework. "We attended an Innkeepers Conference in League City," Linda said. "We want to do this right. We took basic innkeeper workshops; and we have joined three lodging associations."

"We want this to be a community place," Marilyn said. And in the sense of com-

munity, the new owners want to schedule what they call "Once and Again" events, Caron said, like the Thanksgiving feast in November.

The sisters already have food manager's licenses, and because wild game is so abundant in this area, they may feature a wild game gourmet meal, "once and maybe again," Marilyn said.

The Innkeepers Conference triggered the creative imaginings of the sisters: What about a Mystery Weekend, where guests participate as crime solvers? A Quilt Weekend, where guests learn to make quilts; a Scrapbooking Weekend, teaching guests how to build their own family albums; Literary Weekends might feature book reviews by famous, published authors; and a Writer's Workshop.

They may invite well-known artists to come to the hotel to teach. "We want to expose the community to new things," Marilyn said.

"We all have a deep sense of connection to the community," Linda said, "we wanted to hire locally as much as possible." The tear-down phase was handled by local contractor Robert Fisk. The finish phase was sub-contracted to Bob Davis Construction, Matador, and Ronnie Smith of Floydada.

Tile work was expertly handled by Manual Sotelo and Johnnie Garza and work crews from Lubbock.

They used Daniell's Oak Flooring and Lewis Drum Plumbing, Heating and Air Conditioning, Roaring Springs; Hammonds Sheet Metal in Floydada, and Jack's Electric in Paducah.

And the planning continues: a sitting area outside on the south lawn; a grill for outdoor cooking; and later, cleaning stations for wild game and pens for hunting dogs.

They have already had two functions in the hotel: a wedding reception for Linda's daughter, Emily, in October; and a sit-down gourmet dinner for 35 at Thanksgiving.

They have accepted bookings for Bob Wills Day, Old Settlers, a class reunion and family reunions in the summer and Christmas 2008.

Linda is a retired Middle School principal from Weatherford. Her husband, Tom Roy, has two more years before retirement. The husbands have played a big role in the remodel, especially in the tear-down phase, Linda said.

Somehow you can't imagine these vibrant individuals fully retired. Marilyn tried to retire from the Motley County school district then was re-hired as a Reading Coach. Her husband, Randy Hicks, has worked tirelessly at the hotel, providing oversight and labor during the tear-down phase.

Caron works for the vice-president of Business Affairs at the University of Texas Permian Basin, El Paso. "My career has always been in the business end of education," she explains. She has two more years before full retirement. Her husband Jesse Perkins is a native son, and an expert-amateur carpenter. He has provided endless hours of expertise to the project.

"There is a positive feeling here, Caron said. "The building is happy we are fixing it," she added, expressing the intangible feeling of peace that the sisters say they feel when they open the doors and enter the lobby. "We want the community to feel like it is their project too," Marilyn adds.

Rooms will rent for \$85.00 a night, which includes a full gourmet, hardy breakfast; and \$125.00 for the Circle Cross Heritage Room. Barbara and Harold Parks won an evening in the honeymoon suite during the recent late night shopping event. The Hotel Matador will stage a Grand Opening in February, that is, God-willing and the creeks don't rise, as the saying goes, or just "maybe once and again on Valentine's Day," Marilyn said.



ANNIE SHERIDAN TUTOR, an early-day Innkeeper of Hotel Matador (1920s) stands in the garden area south of the hotel. Trees and bushes obscure the street. The sign in the background says Matador Hotel, and the Matador water tower can be seen in the background. (Photo courtesy of Gary Campbell. Mrs. Tutor was his grandmother. His mother, Jerry (Tutor) Campbell lived in the hotel in the early 1920s.



HOTEL LOBBY INTERIOR shows the original windows, floors, and furniture when the Hotel served as a destination for salesmen and travelers in the 1920s. (Photo courtesy of Gary Campbell).



OLD TIME COWBOY and farmhand Burnt Johnson stands in front of Hotel Matador on May 15, 1964. This photo was taken from the Jesse Couch Collection at the Motley County Museum.



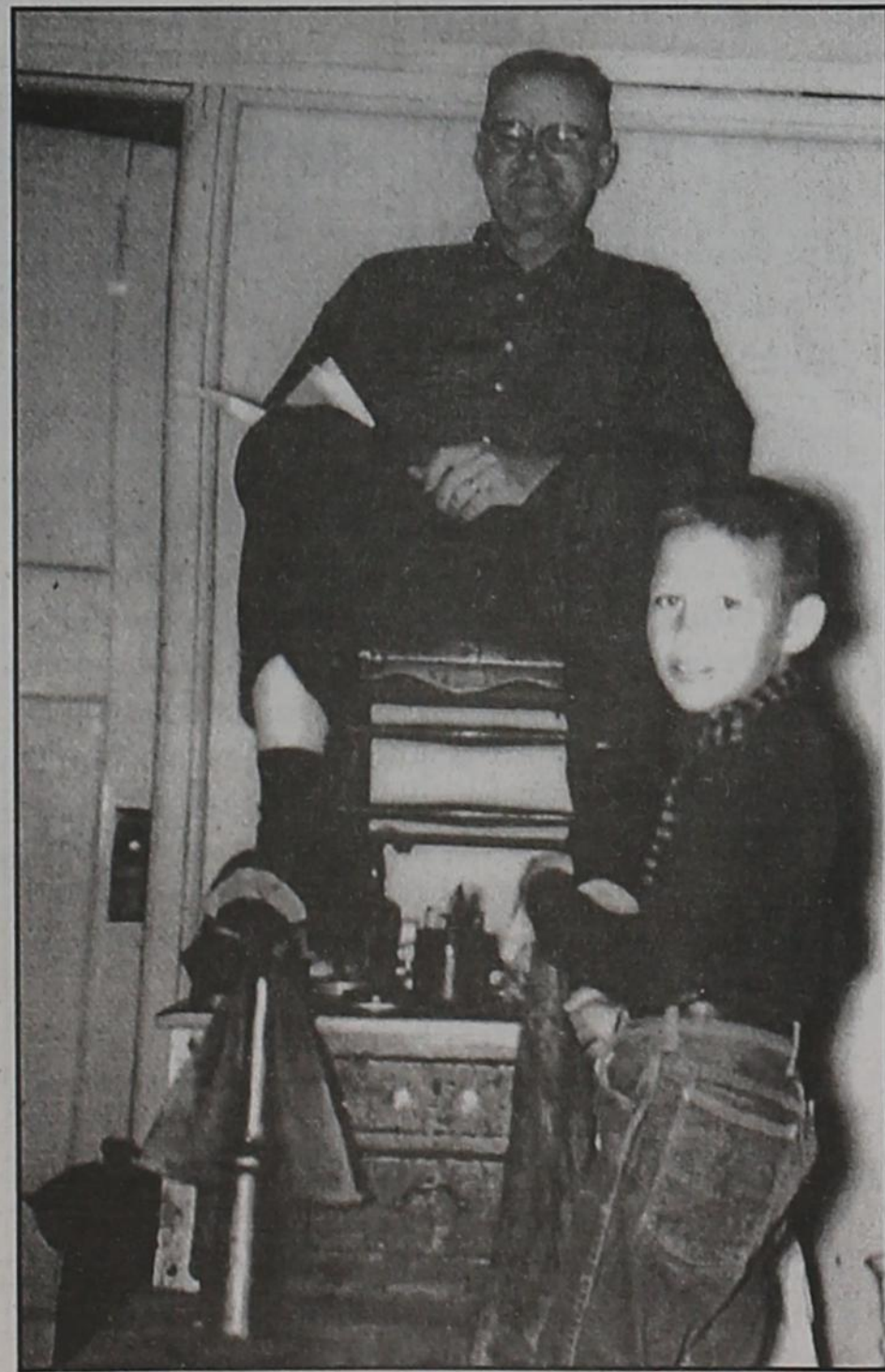
JOE GIBSON (deceased) waits for a haircut and a shave at Warren Clements Barber Shop in March, 1964. Clements can be seen in the mirror. Other customers play dominoes in this early day gathering place. The barber shop mirrors were retained, showcased in the Circle Cross Heritage honeymoon suite. (Photo courtesy of Motley County Museum from the Jesse Couch Collection.

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PEACE



A SHOESHINE STAND was a Saturday night special treat for locals and travelers alike. Ward Rattton (deceased), gets a shine from 9-year-old David Holt. This photo was taken March 28, 1964, courtesy of the Motley County Museum, Jesse Couch Collection.

MOTLEY COUNTY CHURCH DIRECTORY

First United Methodist Church

902 Dundee, Matador
Sunday
School 10:00, Worship 11:00

Church of Christ

Highway 70, Matador
Sunday
Bible Class 10:00, Worship 11:00, Evening 6:00
Wednesday Evening 7:00

Assembly Of God

910 Bundy, Matador
Sunday
School 10:00, Worship 10:50, Evening 6:00
Wednesday Evening 6:00

Macedonia Baptist Church

230 Hunter, Matador
Sunday
School 9:45, Worship 11:00

Flomot Baptist Church

Flomot, Tx
Sunday
School 10:00, Worship 11:00, Evening 6:30

Flomot Church of Christ

Flomot, Tx
Sunday
Worship 10:30
Wednesday Evening 7:00

Roaring Springs Full Gospel Church

603 2nd St., Roaring Springs
Sunday
School 9:30, Worship 10:30, Evening 6:00
Wednesday Evening 7:00

First United Methodist Church

Downtown on Broadway, Roaring Springs
Sunday, 9:30

Roaring Springs First Baptist Church

310 Broadway
Sunday
School 9:30, Worship 10:45, Evening 6:00
Wednesday Evening 6:00

Church of Christ

3rd & Walnut, Roaring Springs
Sunday
Worship 9:00, School 10:00
Sunday and Wednesday Evenings meet
at Church of Christ in Matador

Matador First Baptist Church

1401 Main
Sunday
School 10:00, Worship 11:00, Evening 7:00
Wednesday Evening 7:00

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church

701 Bundy, Matador
Sunday
Mass 9:45

News Around the County

Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

Writing is the newest thing going around. Yes, I know that writings have been found dating back to the ancient Egyptians and Phoenicians but interest is being stirred up by Laverne, Larry and the Tribune as well as the writing groups that are meeting to learn more under Laverne's tutelage. We talked about letter writing, it seems almost a lost art. I haven't a single correspondent that writes often or very much news when they do write.

Most of the news I hear from my friends other than by phone are via Christmas newsletters which are so newsy and fun to get. I get lots of e-mail, though, mostly 'pass alongs' of pieces my friends think I will get a good laugh from or will let me know that I am being thought of; that doesn't let me hear a scrap of what is really going on in their life. I am not the best e-mail "forwarder".

Today in the comics Cathy's life is so full she doesn't have time for e-mails and her boss proclaims that he has been E-DUMPED. Perhaps my e-mail correspondents would like to e-dump me; maybe I had better straighten up! Bill Hand was able to come home for the weekend. Mozelle hopes that soon he will be home to stay; just getting to come home for a while was a big step for Bill.

Walter and Jo Trammell's granddaughter has been released from Covenant Hospital in Lubbock and is doing much better. Jo's brother had arm and wrist surgery in Midland and is at home doing well. Walter and Jo spent a few days with him to assist him following his surgery.

Pearl Patten's granddaughter Lisa Parker has been the champion 3-point scorer in Wise County. She is the daughter of Arnold and Linda Parker of Boyd, TX. Arnold is Lisa's high school coach. Pearl plans to attend Lisa's last home game.

Don and Billie Stuckey went to the Metroplex area to help their daughter, Leandra and grandchildren, Matt and Kenna move to a new home in Flower Mound, TX.

The First United Methodist John Wesley Study Guild met in the home of Jo Etta Bumgardner on January 16th. Their next meeting will be on February 6th at the Lula Swim Memorial Fellowship Hall in Roaring Springs. The time has been changed to 3:30 p.m.

Our hearts were saddened to hear of Vickie Pierce's death. We express our condolences to her family.

Barbara and John Alexander were interviewed by KCBD, Channel 11 News Sunday afternoon. Barbara's son R. J. Withrow is still believed to be missing in Iraq where he was working for a civilian company that had a contract to do computer work there.

Charles Hipp, Ruby Hipp's son has decided to wait to have his surgery in Cleveland. Charles has a serious aneurysm and other health problems. He is not sure when his surgery will be.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Palmer, granddaughter and great-granddaughter Miranda and Tinley Slover were luncheon guests of Zella Palmer on Sunday.

Famly attending the funeral of Eugenia Tilson Bethard were, Noilene Bowden, Joseph Bowden, Lavenia Wilhelm, Jeremiah Wilhelm, Desiree Ward, Lawrence Bowden, Ethanie Bowden, Javier Cerda, Wendy Nance, Jasmine Ward, Gabriella Bethard, Richard Lewis, Jenny Lewis & Daughter, Wallace Bethard, Kris Bethard, Aaron Bethard, Larissa Bethard and childre, Myron Bethard, Tim Bethard, Aaron Bethard, Stephanie Swinnea and husband Sam Swinnea, Kathleen Swinnea, Erik Swinnea, Patrick Swinnea.

Have a good week!

Kidnapped American in Iraq has local ties

By Carol Campbell

According to Barbara Alexander, her son Ronald J. Withrow, 39, a computer technician, was kidnapped in late December by an unknown Islamic terrorist group in Iraq. His whereabouts are unknown at this time.

Barbara and John Alexander moved from Clarendon to a country home in Dickens County in 2003, opening John's Automotive in Roaring Springs. Mrs. Alexander said KCBD, Channel 11, Lubbock, filmed at her home to report the incident which aired on Sunday evening, January 27.

Withrow was working in Iraq for GPI Worldwide, she said, as an independent computer contractor. On January 2, an FBI agent from Lubbock came to visit Mrs. Alexander about her son.

"He said that Ronnie was working for GPI Worldwide in the computer industry. After his 90-day mission, he was being sent back to the states for additional training; but Ronnie and two other American employees never made it to the airport," she said.

Mrs. Alexander said the FBI agent collected DNA samples from her, as well as copies of Ronald's military medical and dental records. Ronald received an honorable medical discharge from the Army, having served two years, three months in Fairbanks, Alaska.

In other developments, according to the "Save5" network spearheaded by U.S. Iraq war veteran Mark Koscielski, Withrow was kidnapped by the same group that is holding five security contractors taken hostage in a convoy hijacking near the Kuwait border in November, 2006. According to the McClatchy Washington Bureau (December 27, 2006),

the hijacked convoy included 43 heavy trucks and six security vehicles, some of them intended for Iraqi police use.

The Washington Bureau reported the kidnapping was accomplished by "a little-known Shiite Muslim militant group that calls itself the "Mujahedeen of Jerusalem Company."

Save5 was set up to disseminate information and promote the safe return of the hostages. On January 10, 2008, six pictures were sent to www.save5.net. The pictures include Withrow's passport picture, along with photos of the four other Americans; Paul Ruben of Buffalo, Minnesota, Joshua Munz of California, John Young of Kansas City, Mo., Jonathan Cote of Gainesville, Fla., and one Austrian, Bert Nussbaumer.

Withrow was kidnapped almost 14 months after the security contractors disappeared. Save5 speculates that Withrow was kidnapped by the same terrorist group and is being held with the security contractors in an unknown location.

In addition, the group claims that the photograph of Withrow is the first picture that shows him as a hostage. According to the website, Save5 was told that these pictures may have been printed in a local Iraq newspaper, taken from the passports of the hostages.

Ronald is a graduate of Laverne High School, Laverne, OK. He acquired computer training at Long Technical College in Phoenix, graduating in May, 2001.

Barbara and John are members of the First Baptist Church, Roaring Springs. Barbara said this has been a very emotional time for her, but that her faith is carrying her through. She requests prayers and support during this difficult time for her family.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

Mrs. Beverly Vinson fell outside her home Saturday morning and her son, Roger Vinson accompanied her to Cogdell Clinic in Lockney. She escaped broken bones, but suffered bruises.

Kathy and Clois Shorter accompanied her mother, Mrs. Geneva Martin to Lubbock, Monday where she is undergoing biopsies.

Joy Lacy of Amarillo, former Flomot resident, has visited with friends in Flomot and with her mother, Mrs. Adams, a resident at the Hackberry Creek Care Center in Matador.

Waydette Clay has been on the sick list with influenza this past week. She has recovered just fine.

Visiting the weekend with Wilburn Martin were his grandchildren, Cole Martin of Portales, N.M. and Lindsay Martin of Amarillo.

Tylee, Trent and Trevor Barclay of Matador visited the weekend with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barclay.

Weekend visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey and Johnnie Starkey were Mrs. Lyla Mary Long and son, Clifton of Winwood, OK, Mrs. Bobbie Hanna of Warner, OK, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Cypert of Lockney, Mrs. Phyllis Gladson of Austin, L.T. Starkey of Ralls, and Mrs. Jometa McClain and Cleve of Hart.

Mrs. Pete Meyer of Turkey and Mrs. Janice Hughes attended a baby shower Saturday morning given for Mrs. Roger (Tiffany) Hughes in the home of Mrs. Shana Guthrie of Floydada. Tiffany is Janice's daughter-in-law.

Visiting the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Coy Franks were Cory, Amy, Hudson and Madison

Franks of Lubbock, Cary Franks of Idalou, Tim and Dena Washington of Roaring Springs, Caleb, Mickey and Kenzie Clary of Matador, Clint Cowart of Post, Mrs. Erma Washington and Cara Franks of Flomot.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey were in Amarillo Tuesday and Wednesday attending to business. They visited Bessie and Clifton Reid and en route home visited in Canyon with Mr. and Mrs. Michael Starkey and family.

Christi, Emily and Haley Milam of Petersburg visited Saturday with her parents, Kathy and Clois Shorter and grandmother, Mrs. Geneva Martin.

Ruth and Orville Lee were in Amarillo and Lubbock during the week for Orville cardiac medical treatment.

Katie Barton, 10-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Barton, had emergency surgery, Tuesday, January 22, following a ruptured appendix. She is a patient at University Medical Center in Lubbock and was moved from ICU Friday, January 25. Her family has been at her bedside and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Barton reported Saturday she is recovering just fine.

ATTEND MISSION

Mrs. Zacka Guerrero or Roaring Springs and Mrs. Shane Jones were at the Tejas Camp, Gidens, Texas, from Friday until Sunday of last week. They met Shane's daughter, Mrs. Lisa Guerrero and 20 other ladies of all age groups from the Oakridge Baptist Church of Portland, Texas, at the Church Retreat. It was a beautiful location with cabins. They enjoyed games and they received a spiritual blessings from the worship services.

UNSUNG HEROES

Some people just make you feel better when you are in their space. Most everyone you talk to at Flomot describes this week's "unsung hero" as "a pleasant person," someone who goes about her work, quietly, but always in a pleasant, efficient manner.

Ruth Lee has been "doing what she does best" at the post office in Flomot for almost 18 years.

"She just makes you feel good when you go in the post office," Diane Washington said.

In addition to getting the mail out to this rural community, Ruth volunteers. She is always available for projects, volunteering for the water project and for funeral meals at the church. But her primary volunteer effort has been to map the cemetery at Flomot.

"I am 78 years old," Ruth said, "and proud of every year."

"My main interest is genealogy. I guess you could call me the cemetery lady," she said.



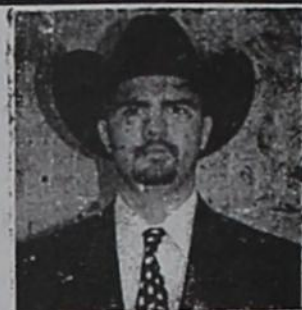
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- Pct. 3 Franklin Jameson
- County Attorney, Tom Edwards
- Sheriff, Michael K. Crutchely
- Tax Assessor, Elaine Hart

County Agent's News

by Ryan Martin, Extension Agent



COLLEGE STATION - Texas AgriLife Extension Service officials are encouraging the state's agricultural producers to participate in the 2007 Census of Agriculture.

"The agricultural census provides very important data that helps tell the agriculture story in Texas and the nation," said Dr. Roland Smith, associate director. "We strongly encourage producers in every county across Texas to complete their forms by the Feb. 4 deadline in order to have a voice relative to future industry decisions that often are based off the census numbers, such as farm policy, program funding, and other key issues."

Census data is collected every five years by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The census provides detailed data covering nearly every facet of U.S. agriculture and is the only source of uniform and comprehensive agricultural data for every county in the nation.

Government organizations, lawmakers, city planners and individual farm operations use the information in a variety of ways from farm bill impacts to community development, according to Smith.

Dr. Mark Waller, AgriLife Extension program leader for agricultural economics, said census

data serves as a vital decision aid in making many on-farm management decisions each year.

"Farmers and ranchers can use this data to see how their costs and returns compare to those of producers in other parts of the country," he said. "When taking into consideration the high production costs many producers are facing today, having detailed information certainly helps plan against risk and make one more profitable."

"The importance of an inclusive and accurate census of U.S. agriculture has never been greater," said Dr. Mark Welch, AgriLife Extension grain marketing economist.

Welch said producers are responding to shifting demand patterns for food, feed, fuel and fiber "and must cope with ever increasing input costs."

"It's important to monitor the changing face of American agriculture in order to stay current with what farming and ranching today looks like, to appreciate the productivity and role this industry plays in our economy, and to respond to its needs," he said.

Producers can return their forms by mail or, for the first time, fill out the census online. For more information about the 2007 Census, visit <http://www.agcensus.usda.gov>.

Matador News

Mutt Berryman is a patient at the Veterans' Hospital in Amarillo. He is under back treatment and medical treatment for pneumonia. His wife Nell is with him.

Mrs. Marilyn Hicks returned home Monday following surgery on Wednesday at Covenant Medical Center. She is recovering just fine.

KIDS PRAISE

It's Kid's Praise time again! All children in the community, three years old through 5th grade, are invited to Kids' Praise on Wednesday, February 6, 5:00 - 6:00 p.m., at First Baptist Church, Matador. There will be songs, crafts, a Bible story, food, and fun for all.

PARENTS: Please pick up your children at the south basement entrance, driving west from Main Street toward Bundy. If you wish to park on a different side of the building, please walk to the south door to enter. (This change is requested in order to better facilitate the recently revised Wednesday evening schedule.)

FBC sponsors Women's Bible Study

The First Baptist Church is sponsoring a Women's Bible Study on "Stepping Up" by Beth Moore.

The study explores the pilgrimage theme found in Psalms 120-134. The study includes seven video sessions and six weeks of personal study.

Sessions begin Tuesday, February 5 through March 18, representing seven Tuesday sessions.

The study will be held in the First Baptist Church Prayer Chapel. The morning session will begin at 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.; and afternoon sessions are 5:30-7:00 p.m. Workbooks will be \$13.00. Scholarships available on request.

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Valentine Brag page deadline nearing

The deadline to get your photos and/or messages for the Valentine Brag pages is nearing. The Motley County Tribune will print your special Valentine feature in the February 14th issue. Pick out your favorite photo of your child, grandchild, great-grandchild, niece or nephew, friend, sweetheart, spouse or even your pet and bring it to the Tribune office as soon as possible. Or, you may print a special note/message or poem to your special Valentine. The deadline to get your picture or note in is 4:00 p.m., Thursday, February 7. The cost for a single heart is \$12.00 or \$20.00 for a double heart.

Don't miss out on your chance to show off your cutie! Photos and information can be mailed to the Motley County Tribune at P.O. Box 490, Matador, TX 79244 or e-mailed to mctribune@gmail.com (if e-mailed, please call to confirm that it was received). Please send photos in jpeg format. Remember, the deadline is Thursday, February 7. For more information contact the Tribune office at 806-347-2400.

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Senior Notes

by Tommye Keith, Director

I'm late with the "thank you's," but have always heard "better late than never."

Thank you Donnie Turner for the hamburger meat. We sure enjoyed your bull.

Thank you to Rodney and Glenda Williams and helper for fixing the rest of the vent-a-hood. Robert and Wanda Kilmer and Matador Cattle Company gave a memorial in memory of Hunter Hagood.

Dorothy Day gave a memorial in memory of David, Carolyn Ewing's brother, and Geneva Wilson's sister, Bama Nell Oliver.

Laura Slover gave a donation to the Center in honor of Merihelen Wason and Frances Hobbs. Nunn Electric gave a donation in honor of Vann and Sondra Francis.

Memorials for Pat Day Engle were made by Tom and Deanie Edwards, Marguerite Edwards, Joyce Campbell, Norma Marrs, Ray and Don Baxter, Leo and Joyce Archer, Motley County Arts & Crafts, June Moss and Karol Devries. Judy Renfro gave a memorial for Tex Barkley's sister Merna Vae.

Thank you all so much for the memorials and donations.

We will be having a Super Bowl Party here at the Center. Come out and watch the game with us.

Would like to invite everyone out to eat and enjoy Loretta and Debbie's good cooking.

The Center is open Monday-Friday 8:00-3:00 p.m. See you at the Center.

Senior Citizen Menu February 3-8, 2008

February 3: Super Bowl Party, 5:00 p.m., Bring your lawn chairs, kick back and enjoy!

February 4: Chicken Fajitas, Lettuce/Tomato Salsa, Grilled Vegetables, Refried Beans, Tortilla's, Fruit Salad.

February 5: Vegetable Beef Stew, Corn Bread, Tossed Salad, Apricot Cobbler.

February 6: Ham Salad with Roll, Cucumber Tomato Salad, Half Apple, Cinnamon Apple Coffee Cake.

February 7: Beef Stir-Fry, Rice, Carrots, Turnip Greens, Wheat Bread, Tropical Fruit Mix.

February 8: Chicken Strips, Cream Gravy, Black-eyed Peas, Mashed Potatoes, Tossed Salad, Banana Pudding.



Notes from the Library

by Buffy Crutchley

I want to start off by saying Thank you to everyone who attended the performance by Laverne Zabielski and Larry Vogt this past Sunday. We had a lovely afternoon. And Thank you so much to Laverne and Larry for taking time to entertain us. I only hope with a few more (well maybe more like several!) Writing Workshops, I'll be able to write as well as Laverne! I know I'm not just speaking for myself when I say that Laverne and Larry are definitely an asset to Motley County, and I'm glad they came!

Some more new books have arrived at the library. I just finished Stephen King's latest release "Duma Key." I have to say, it's the best book I've read in quite some time. Even if you don't typically read Mr. King, I

really recommend this book. It's not like his typical writing. The book is about a man who loses an arm in a tragic accident, then discovers this amazing ability to paint. I finished it in less than 3 days, which is a personal record for me! And yes, I neglected some housework to do so!!!

We also got in the brand new book "Blasphemy" by Douglas Preston, which is already on the best sellers list, and "Rhett Butler's People" by Donald McCaig, which is a long overdue continuation of "Gone With the Wind."

Don't forget we also have a Friends of The Library meeting coming up on February 7th at 3:00pm. We have a lot to discuss this time, and would love some added input. I hope you can make it!



photo by Carol Campbell

LAVERNE ZABIELSKI and Larry Vogt were featured in a poetry reading and guitar performance at the library Sunday. Laverne also showcased her "wearable art" and Larry performed "Morning of the Carnival" by Brazilian composer Luis Bonfá.

PIPs Perform

The Motley County Players in Progress (PIPs) is a group of kids ranging from K-6th grade. This is the 2nd year for Pips. They are taught basketball, ball handling drills and ball control. On Saturday January 26, 27 of the Motley County PIPs

went to Wayland College and participated in a halftime performance during the men's basketball game. Coaches are Lacey Rankin, Danika Jameson, Lauren Drum, Cathy Turner, Denise Ford, and Brittany Moore.

you would like to see me answer or discuss in this column, please let me know.

In this issue, I would like to talk to you about car insurance. State law mandates that you be able to show current proof of liability insurance if you are operating a motor vehicle.

The fine for not having your current insurance card in the vehicle in Motley County is \$335 plus court costs. It definitely pays to make sure you have your current insurance in the car!

Until next time,

From the desk of the Sheriff

Michael K. Crutchley



I have decided to start writing a brief column once a month. I first want to say that I am always available to answer any questions that you may have. If I do not know the answer, I will try my best to get it for you. I am truly thrilled to be your Sheriff and I hope that I am exceeding, if not, then at least meeting, your expectations.

I hope that the information that I will be providing in the future will be of some use to you. If you have suggestions as to what

SH 70 Bridge repair in progress

CHILDRESS - The Texas Department of Transportation's Childress District Maintenance Support Crew are currently working on a project to repair concrete railing that was damaged to a bridge on SH 70 near Roaring Springs.

"The concrete railing on this bridge was damaged when it was hit by some type of vehicle," said Gary Mizer, Munday Area Engineer.

The maintenance support crew are taking out the damaged sections and replacing with new concrete.

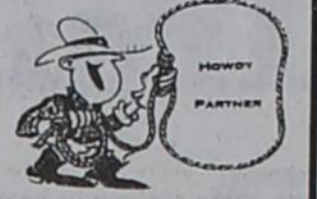
For questions please call Chris Reed, Childress Area Engineer (940) 937-7251 or Barbara Seal, Childress District Public Information Officer (940) 937-7288.



PIP PLAYERS (Front Row, left to right) Dereck Fisk, Tatum Guerrero, Case Drum, Dawson Baker, Kaitlyn Keltz, Emily Jameson. (Second Row, left to right) Sage Guerrero, Cade Drum, Brody Rankin, Cameron Stafford, Ethan Mason, Jacie Taylor, Gage Baker. (Third Row, left to right) Shelby Elliott, Bryant Taylor, Autumn Woolsey, Hannah Mason, Megan Ford, Bryson Elliott, Mikenna Ford, Brenden Fish. (Back Row, left to right) Conner Mason, Hayden Davey, Michael Seigler, Seth Markey, Mattie Brooks, Natalie Jameson.

Chamber News & Views

By Marie-Louise Liebe-Harkort



Consider: Any groundhog in Canada that can't predict another six weeks of winter on February 2nd needs to find a new line of work.

-A Wiarthon Willy Skeptic

It's been a while since there was a holiday to celebrate, and winter is a cold and dreary time of year, so the fact that a holiday is coming soon should be reason enough to celebrate. But no, this is not an early call to get ready for Valentine's Day, though that, too, is coming soon. No, the holiday that will first be upon us is Groundhog Day, on Saturday, February 2nd.

Tradition has it that, on this day, the groundhogs open their sleepy eyes, shake themselves out of their hibernation, and come out of their burrows to check on the weather. If the sun is shining and the groundhog sees his shadow, he is startled, and scampers back into his burrow, signaling another six weeks of winter. If, however, he does not see his shadow, then he stays out and this means that spring is on its way.

Punxsutawney Phil, the resident groundhog in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, is the best known of the weather prognosticators, but what has

weather in Punxsutawney to do with weather in Motley County? And there is an albino groundhog in Canada, named Wiarthon Willy, that also has joined the ranks of weather prognosticators. You can go with Manitoba Merv, or Shubenacadie Sam. General Beauregard Lee gives his prediction from Georgia, where weather more similar to ours can be found, and he has a sterling record for accuracy. The upstart Prairie Dog Pete in Lubbock is trying to get in on the action, and he is indeed close to home, but, as his name says, he is but a distant cousin to the real groundhogs.

The choice is yours--pick your forecaster, and plan a party. After months of darkness and winter, any excuse for a party will do, and Groundhog Day has the potential to offer something to celebrate.

There are no traditional eats for the festival, aside from chocolate, the food most prized in the winter because of its effects on us--it produces a cheerful mood (not to mention being good for the heart). So hustle on down to the local shops for your choice of treats, invite some friends over, and then get on the internet to find out the prediction of your chosen prognosticator.

Anyway, Saturdays are always good for a party. Happy Groundhog Day!

Motley County junior livestock show set

Mark your calendar for February 23

It's 23 days until the Motley County Junior Livestock Show set for February 23, 2008 at the bus barn. So mark your calendar and make plans to attend now. The annual breakfast sponsored by Lowe's Pay -n- Save will be from 6:45 am until 8:30 sharp.

Richard Turner and his crew will once again be flipping the pancakes and sausage for us. All animals must be weighed in by 8:00 am and the show will get started at 9:00 am with the Pee Wee Swine Showmanship.

With the show being just 23 days away there will be lots of activity going on around the bus barn with washing, clipping and shearing the show animals so make sure to watch out for

the kids and their animals if you are driving around the school.

If you have a bucket calf project please contact the Extension office at 347-2733 and let Ryan or D'anna know so that the awards can be ordered. And if you are a 4-Her please remember to come by and pick up your project sheet and fill it out as complete as possible. They are due Feb. 25, 2008 by 5:00 pm in order to receive your surprise from the Adult Leaders Association. Bucket Calf project sheets will be due the day of the show. More details about the show will follow in the coming weeks. Make plans to come out and support the kids and their hard work.

Women on Mission to host salad luncheon

All women of the area are invited to attend and bring their friends to the upcoming Ladies' Salad Luncheon to be held at First Baptist Church, Matador, on Saturday, February 9, at 12:00 noon.

Special guest Debbie Skinner, "the Bible teacher with a paintbrush," will present a paint/talk on "A Masterpiece in the Making."

The meal, hosted by Women on Mission of the church's WMU, will be a salad luncheon. Guests who would like to bring a salad are encouraged to do so, but this is not required. Also, women attending as a group are asked to bring one salad for every two or three women in the group. For more information, call Doris Moore (347-2875).

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Trail Dust



by Douglas Meador
(Tribune, January 27, 1938)

Silent and fragile as the intact fibers of a burned piece of firewood, the violin rests on the smoked mantle-board where it was placed years ago. There is no rosin dust on the rusting strings and the white strands of the bow rough and breaking as if time, in its haste, has placed too much tension on the lock once held by more affable hands.

The music and laughter of happy evenings ended with no more ceremony than a sunset behind golden clouds, when tired fingers released the strings and gently lifted the violin to its place. Yet the warmth of a benign heart and the memory of soft music are close as the hidden fragrance of a hidden garden.

Spurting through the darkened jet between earth and stars, the winter storm cascades into space as a nameless river seeking the level of a cold, wind-torn sea. And chilled sand rattles on tumbleweeds fettered by the barbed-wire fence like muttering prisoners plotting to escape. The hostile perfume of dust is spilled over creation. Shivering cattle turn their backs to the wind and wait to view the bleak dawn through muddy tears. But some strange peace akin to joy is driven by the wind against my face and my heart sings with a mad happiness to the roaring trumpets in the sky. The caged and sheltered canary knows the secret language and understands the freedom in the wild eagle's cry.

Texas cotton nipping at heels of California quality

By Brenda Carol

Not long ago California's San Joaquin Valley Acala cotton was the envy of domestic producers across the U. S. Cotton Belt. Textile mills worldwide demanded it and paid a hefty premium for the quality.

"We have made our money in California by producing a cotton no one else could produce," Craig Stevens, Dunavant of California, Fresno, Calif., told attendees at the recent Central Coast Cotton Conference in Monterey. However, that is now "in jeopardy. Our lead in the world market is being eroded," said the second generation SJV cotton merchandiser.

Some of the stiffest competition is coming from across state lines, not international datelines. Texas has become California's chief quality competitor. Stevens said producers, ginners, cotton breeders and others have made tremendous strides improving quality and yield in the past few years. And the quality improvement is coming statewide, from the new FiberMax varieties grown in the Coastal Bend area to the Texas Panhandle where increasingly more picker cottons are being grown.

"The seed companies have done a great job of expanding technology," Stevens says. "Growers in Texas are having a heck of a lot of fun. Their yields are up. Their prices are up. Their quality is up. They're putting money into farms. It is not just planting for the loan anymore." California is no longer alone at the top of the quality domain and "we're going to have to get used to it."

Comparing averages from the USDA's Visalia and Lubbock classing offices paints a rather interesting, if not ominous,

picture of California's imminent challenges. The gaps between quality measurements across the board are becoming increasingly narrow and almost indistinguishable in some cases.

"When customers come to us for SJV cotton the wish range for micronaire is 4.0-4.3," Stevens says. "Last year the Visalia classing office was averaging 4.25. This year it's 4.26. So we don't have a big change here. Obviously this is a mid-season number for 2007 rather than a final, so that number could change a little, but so far we're on track. No big surprises."

Uniformity is a percentage measurement that growers don't necessarily get a lot of credit for, but it factors heavily into what the mills desire now that everyone is using HVI measurements to determine cotton's fiber characteristics, according to Stevens.

"A farmer can get an extra 25 points in loan proceeds for high uniformity, but it's not factored into any other premiums or discounts in the farmer's invoices," says Stevens. "However, it means a lot to a textile mill. When you have a higher level of uniform fibers, you have a higher level of confidence in how the cotton is going to perform. Higher uniformity to a textile mill means higher efficiency and that's huge."

California has always led on uniformity, but that gap is beginning to narrow quite significantly. At mid-season of 2007, the Corpus Christi classing office was averaging 81.5 percent as compared to Visalia which was averaging 82.3, according to Stevens. "That's a pretty scary number for a merchant in California," he says. "Roller-ginned Acala cotton at Visalia was at 83.8. That's one of the reasons we are roller ginning more Acala cotton. The roller gin is a little gentler on the fiber."

Strength has always been another hallmark of California's premier cotton fiber offering. "It is probably the second largest component to our basis," Stevens says. "California, over the years in the Acalas, has enjoyed 10, 20 and even 30 cents more per pound than any other cotton in the United States, and it's because we have length and strength."

Stevens credits the San Joaquin Valley Cotton Board, the rigorous testing program, and the efforts on the part of seed companies for focusing on the effort to produce varieties with longer and stronger fiber characteristics. At mid-season, Visalia's classing office was averaging a strength of 33.4 grams per tex as compared to 33.9 last year.

"Lubbock is at 29.5," he says. "They're on the chart, man! It's spooky. I guess the good news is when the mills come here, they want 30 grams per tex and above. There's nothing with a two in front of it. No one in the country can offer a 30 grams per tex or better, so in that respect we still have a good lead, but they're closing the gap there too."

Finally, it's length that is the real eye-opener and the single largest contributor to California's basis, according to Stevens. The Lubbock classing office average earlier this harvest season was 35.7 with 1.2 million bales ginned.

"They're not done yet," he says. "Here's the real spooky number. The Visalia classing office was averaging 36.7 staple, and Corpus Christi was 36.5. The increase in the staple length in Texas cotton is dramatic. Granted, we started at a higher point, but our improvement is not nearly what others have made."

OBITUARIES

Evelyn Pope Barron

Funeral services for Evelyn Pope Barron, 77, of Stephenville, former Flomot resident, were held Saturday, January 26 at 2:00 p.m., at the First Baptist Church in Stephenville. Burial was in the Erath Gardens of Memory Cemetery under the direction of Lacy Funeral Home directors.

Evelyn passed away Thursday, January 24, 2008, at her residence. She was born in Flomot 1930 and her parents were

George and Lessie Pope. She graduated from Flomot High School in 1947.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George Barron.

Survivors include sons and daughters-in-law, Gary and Jacqueline Barron and Brad and Sue Barron; daughters and sons-in-law, Kay Carroll, and Danina and Joe Brown, all of Stephenville; brother and sister-in-law, Melvin and Betty Pope of Lubbock.

Vickie L. Pierce

Graveside Services for Vickie L. Pierce, 53, of Matador were held at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday at the Roaring Springs Cemetery, with Rev. Matt Crawford and Michael G. Crowley, Sr., officiating.

Interment was under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home of Matador. Mrs. Pierce passed away in Lubbock Saturday, January 26, 2008, after a lengthy illness.

She was born on July 26, 1954, to Vernon and Lillian Craig Kruger in Mexia, Texas. Vickie graduated from Post High School and married Larry Pierce on January 17, 1976 at Post. She was a resident of Motley County since 1976, moving from Roaring Springs

to Matador three years ago.

Mrs. Pierce was the owner and operator of Vickie's Floral and County Crafts in Roaring Springs since 1994. She moved her shop from Roaring Springs to Matador a number of years ago, calling it Matador Floral Designs by Vickie. She was a very talented florist and crafter. She was a member of the Nazarene Church of Post.

She is survived by her husband, Larry Pierce of Matador, son, Britt of Matador, daughter, Christie Fisk and husband Robert of Matador, her mother, Lillian Kruger of Hamilton, brother, Mike Kruger of Hamilton, four grandsons, Brendan, Dereck, Aidan, and Colter.

Adele Craig

Adele Craig of Lubbock, died January 9, 2008. Mrs. Craig was born August 14, 1918, in Afton, to Albert and Myrtle Smith.

She married G.B. Thacker in 1935, who died in a plane crash. Adele and H.D. Craig were married on June 1, 1940, in New Braunfels. During World War II, Adele worked for General Dynamics as an airplane assembler. The family stayed in Lubbock until the end of the war, then moved to Fort Worth.

They moved to Springfield, Ill., in 1960 where Adele worked as a land developer and contractor. The family returned to Lubbock in the early 1970s.

H.D. Craig passed away in 1976, and Adele went to work for Dillards. She helped raise nu-

merous grandchildren and was a longtime member of First Christian Church. She loved to play bridge, belonging to a bridge group and even playing it on the Internet. She loved to do crafts such as macrame and copper enameling, and she loved to garden.

She is survived by her daughter, Myrna Baird, of Austin, sons, Mickey Craig, and Phillip Craig and wife, Besa, of Orlando, FL, grandchildren, Becky Barber, Craig Baird, Bruce Baird, Cindy Beall, Dallas Craig, Shawn Craig, Michael Craig, Shannon Craig, and nine great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorial donations to First Christian Church, 2323 Broadway Ave., Lubbock, TX 79401.

RETRO NEWS

(Tribune July 21, 1938)
Missing cowboy causes furore

"Did you go out with the search party?" had become a stock joke on Matador's streets by the middle of the week, after the town had first become aroused then amused, by the disappearance and reappearance of Ted J. Martin last weekend.

Ted, an employee of the Matador Land and Cattle Company, rode out of Turtle Hole Camp, which is about 25 miles from Matador, Friday to ride the range. Consternation was felt when he did not return that night, and when his horse was found straying in the 200-section pasture Saturday morning, a search party, headed by Matador peace officers, was organized.

A bent stirrup dangling from the saddle of the riderless horse seemed to give mute evidence of a fall, and visions of the maimed man, bones probably broken, lying without help on the hot prairie, stirred the town.

Saddle horses were conscripted, and estimates of the number of men aiding in the man-hunt ranged from 30 to 400. Knotted groups on Saturday's busy streets gathered to discuss the situation.

And while the anxious men searched, Martin walked into Matador Saturday afternoon, unharmed. The horse had run away while he was repairing a fence, leaving the cow-punch no choice but a night's sleep under the stars and a short walk to the highway, where he caught a ride into town.

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It is true that great encouragement can be received from the power and promises found in God's Word. But it is the people of those early years that seem to say through their examples, "you can do this." Whatever it might be that God asks of us we can do it. However, there are times, in the human experience, when just the right word or the timely arrival of a friendly smile seems to make all of the difference. We call it encouragement. It lifts us up.

God's people of today need encouragement from the top all the way down to the bottom. Leaders need not be lifeless, preachers need not be spiritless and unconcerned, teachers need not be that way. The old, the middle aged, and the young need to be encouraged. One of Satan's greatest and most effective tools is the "gift of discouragement." Let's not allow ourselves to be his chosen vessel through which this hateful gift comes. Let's use God's gift of encouragement, just let it begin with "me." Let's leave off the excuses and rationalizations. It is a blessing wherever the gift of encouragement is used.

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Special thanks to Elaine Hart, Steve Smith, Elaine Risser and Frances Dixon for the beautiful songs at the service and to Michael Crowley and Matt Crawford for their touching words; to Seigler Funeral Home for their understanding and care; to Chad Overton for lead-

ing the family to the cemetery; and to the First Baptist Church and the wonderful ladies of the funeral committee for serving such a wonderful lunch.

We would also like to express our sincere thanks to the staff of the Floydada Care Center and the Hackberry Creek Care Center for their professional and loving care for Dena the past three years. May God bless each of you with the same kindness shown to us in your time of need.

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Governor Perry proclaims Earned Income Tax Credit Awareness Day

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"We have long recognized the need for heightened EITC awareness, and are proud to see it duly noted at the state level," confirms Michael Terry, Executive Vice President for United Ways of Texas (UWT) and Chairman of RAISE Texas, both of which take particular interest in EITC promotion because of their involvement with several statewide financial stability initiatives.

EITC refunds have the ability to boost Texas families' annual income by 35%, lifting 500,000 Texans, many of whom are children, out of poverty in 2008. The Texas 2-1-1 System has already connected thousands of working Texans to hundreds of Community Tax Center sites throughout the state, helping Texans

Scholarship

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Texans can check voter registration online

Secretary of State launches new web portal to assist Texas' voters

AUSTIN - With the registration deadline to vote in the upcoming Primary Elections fast-approaching, the Secretary of State's Office has launched a new web tool which enables Texans to check their registration status online. Additionally, the new "Online Voter Central" web portal allows individuals to determine their polling place as Election Day nears and provides contact information for local county voter registration officials.

"We are doing our part to ensure that voters are prepared and fully-equipped when they show up to vote on Election Day," stated Texas Secretary of State Phil Wilson. "Now, Texans can check their registration status from their computers in plenty of time to address any possible issues before the registration deadline on February 4."

With the implementation of the Texas Election Administration Management System (TEAM), the Secretary of State's Office now maintains a, "uniform, official, centralized, interactive, computerized statewide voter registration

list," as mandated by the Help America Vote Act of 2002.

Texans who registered to vote using their driver license will be able to check their status using their driver license number. All other Texans can enter their Voter Unique Identifier (VUID) found on their voter registration card to check their voting status and find polling locations.

"As we begin a busy 2008 election season, I hope all Texans will recognize their rights and duties to head to the polls on Election Day," added Wilson. "We are faced with some important decisions as we determine new leaders for our nation and our state and my office is committed to making the elections process accessible and easy for Texans in every region of the Lone Star State."

The deadline to register to vote in the March 4th Primary Elections is Monday, February 4, 2008. Voter registration applications are available on the Secretary of State's website: www.sos.state.tx.us, as well as county Voter Registrar's offices, and most libraries, post offices and high schools.

New regional coordinator joins the Texas Plains Trail Region

BORGER, Texas -- The Plains Trail Region board recently named Deborah Sue McDonald to the position of regional coordinator. The heritage region is part of the Texas Historical Commission's (THC) Texas Heritage Trails Program, the award-winning regional tourism initiative that helps Texas communities promote tourism, revitalize local economies and foster community leadership through historic preservation.

McDonald will assist with heritage tourism development and promotion in the heritage region's 52 counties, which include: Armstrong, Bailey, Borden, Briscoe, Carson, Castro, Childress, Cochran, Collingsworth, Cottle, Crosby, Dallam, Dawson, Deaf Smith, Dickens, Donley, Floyd, Foard, Gaines, Garza, Gray, Hale, Hall, Hansford, Hardeman, Hartley, Hemphill, Hockley, Howard, Hutchinson, Kent, King, Knox, Lamb, Lipscomb, Lubbock, Lynn, Mitchell, Moore, Motley, Ochiltree, Oldham, Parmer, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Scurry, Sherman, Swisher, Terry, Wheeler and Yoakum.

McDonald was formerly a teacher in Vega for 27 years. She serves on the Oldham County Cemetery Board of Directors and was the organizer of the Oldham County Round-up Parade from 2005-2006. She holds a bachelor's degree in education from West Texas State University, now West Texas A&M University.

"I am so excited to get the Texas Plains Trail region blazing with enthusiasm," McDonald said. "I have an advanced degree in life experience with a passion that will hopefully take me a long way in my endeavors to encourage others to explore the unique and fascinating places in our region."

For additional information on the Texas Plains Trail Region, contact McDonald at 806/273-0920. For more information about the Texas Heritage Trails Program, contact Janie Headrick, state coordinator, at 512/463-5754.

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By Ace Reid



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- 2 MC JRH BB, Valley Turn, TBA
- 2 Men's Breakfast Methodist Church 7:00am
- 4 MC JRH BB, Silverton, There, 5:30
- 5 MC HS BB, Paducah, Here, 6:30/8:00
- 5 Matador Lions, Methodist Church, 12:30
- 5 Matador Lions Pancake Supper 5:30 pm
Motley County ISD
- 5 PIP Performance, Halftime, Girls Game
- 5 Lions Club pancake Supper, 5:30pm
- 6 Kids Praise, First Baptist Church, 5pm
- 7 RS Lions, Hitchin' Post 11:30
- 7 Friends of the Library, 3pm
- 9 First Baptist Church Annual Ladies Salad Luncheon, noon
- 11 Commisioners' Court, 9:30am Courthouse
- 11 RS City Council, City Hall, 6:30pm
- 12 RS Volunteers, Community Center, 7pm
- 14 Matador City Council, 6:30pm
- 19 Chamber of Commerce meeting, Library, 5:30
- 18 MC ISD School Board Meeting, 7:30pm
- 21 Matador Masonic Lodge, 6:30pm
- 23 Motley county Jr. Livestock Show
- 26 MC JR HS Track, Guthrie, There, TBA
- 28 Matador Eastern Star, 6:30pm
- 28 Caprock Plains Wind Energy Asso Mtg,
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