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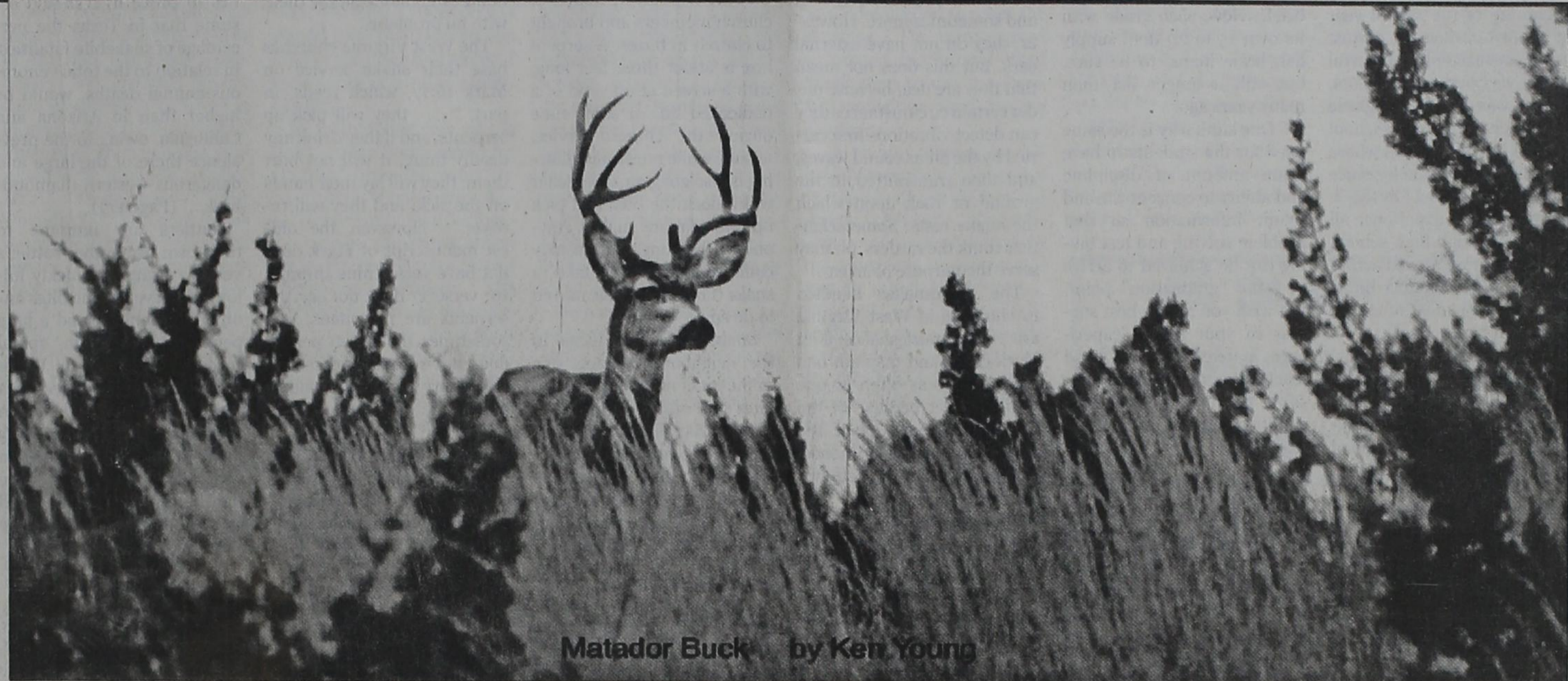
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Matador Buck by Ken Young

Senior Citizen's fundraiser features local talent

By Carol Campbell

The "Old Time Social" sponsored by the site committee of Senior Citizens Center on Tuesday night, August 5, might well have been billed, "Gimme Me That Old Time Religion." Moreover, the entertaining evening garnered more than \$2,000 in donations to benefit the center.

There was something for everyone from Christian Rock

to County Western to the soulful sound of old-time African American spirituals, courtesy of members of the Macedonia Baptist Church.

A local singing group from First Baptist Church consisting of Elaine Risser, Francis Dixon, Carolyn Ewing, Donna Hoyle, and Debra Spray started the evening off with a medley of gospel songs followed by a hauntingly beautiful solo by Debra Spray, singing "Amaz-

ing Grace."

While more than 100 guests were served more than 18-gallons of homemade ice cream plus donated cakes, cookies, and brownies, the music never stopped: Frank Ortiz sang "Above All" and "How Great is Our God," accompanied by Kelly Keltz on guitar and Brant Bearden on drums.

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Commissioners' Court approves "Contractor's Local Opportunity Plan" for Flomot Water Improvement Project.

By Carol Campbell

The Motley County Commissioner's Court met in regular session on Monday, August 11, to approve the final plans for the Flomot Water Improvement Project; mileage reimbursement for the Justice of Peace; and to discuss restructuring county fee accounts, cell phone and vehicle policies, and coverage of Road and Bridge bills for August, September, and October.

Attending were Commissioners Donnie Turner, Rus-

sell Alexander, Franklin Jameson, Ronnie Davis, Judge Ed D. Smith, and Deputy Clerk D'Anna Russell. Also attending were County Attorney Tom Edwards, Justice of the Peace Cora Smallwood, Sheriff Michael Crutchley, and Eva Barkley, Treasurer.

Guests of the court included Terry and Gina Hendrix, Austin, Buffy Crutchley, Motley County Library, Ben Kautz, TxDOT, Roy Gene Stephens, candidate for Commissioner of Precinct 1; and Larry Vogt, Motley County Tribune.

Librarian Buffy Crutchley addressed the court and asked for their support of the "Beans and Cornbread" library fundraiser during the Old Settler's Reunion, Friday, August 29, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The Commissioner's were asked to serve as celebrity guests and to serve the meal.

Ben Kautz, TxDOT, announced to the court that under the rules of Rider-43 program, that the transportation department had about 5.85 cubic yards of reclaimed

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SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER volunteers serve delicious desserts.

MCISD approves goals

The MCISD School Board met on August 11, 2008 and approved the Board and District Goals. "The board and administrative staff, working together as a team will strive to provide the support and tools necessary to reach these goals. The board and administrative staff acknowledged the

efforts and progress made by everyone involved in striving to reach these goals.

1. Emphasize continuous improvement.
 2. Promote positive public relations.
 3. Welcome visitors, creating a warm and friendly
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Registration

MCISD will have an orientation for grades PK-6th on Friday, August 22 from 2:00 to 4:00. Parents are invited to bring their children to the school to meet teachers, visit classrooms, and pick up registration packets. Seventh and eighth graders are invited to come by during the week the 18-22 and pick up their schedule and packets.

County Taxes Help Support Clinic

Part 2 in a Series

by Linda Roy

The Motley County Hospital District partners with Regence Health Network (RHN) of Plainview in an effort to provide healthcare services to residents in this and surrounding counties, according to Charlie Johnson, Hospital District President.

Assessing \$0.11 per \$100 valuation of all taxable property during the 2006-2007 fiscal year, the Hospital District utilized part of that tax revenue to pay most of the expenses associated with the facility housing the Matador Clinic.

Through a contractual agreement between the Hospital District and RHN, the clinic building is provided rent free. The District also pays for all utilities, for all ground maintenance,

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Regence Health Network (RHN) would like to conduct an informal, Town Hall Meeting in Matador on Tuesday, September 16th from 7 - 9 pm.

RHN's Technical Assistance Advisor, Ms. Rhonda Savage, President and CEO of True Love Consulting in Nashville, TN, has agreed to facilitate the meeting's discussion, question and answer session.

Location TBA.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Matador News

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Roaring Springs News

A proposal for the usage of several vacant lots was presented by Perry and Denette Gullidge to the Council.

Days Gone By

Part 2 of 3 continues of *The Texas Chief Bonanza*, by Marisue Potts.

Chamber News

The Chamber of Commerce will hold a meeting on Tuesday, August 19, at 5:30 pm at the Library in Matador.

Library News

The Friends have decided to have a drastic price reduction in the left over Texas

Foothill Country Connections

Community, Diversity, Art

By Larry Vogt

There is excitement in the air as parents, children, and teachers prepare for the beginning of the school year in about ten days on August 25. I was excited and fearful for my very first day of school, which was the first grade since there was no pre-school of any kind in the town where I was living. I was lucky, since school turned out to be a mostly positive experience all the way through high school, even though we moved across the USA and I went to a different school for most of eighth grade and high school.

The situation seems different sixty some odd years later but, there are similarities, too. We had no school supply list that I remember, lined

notebook paper and pencil was about all we started with. By the time my first children started school, the supply lists were longer, but still fairly brief. Now, each grade with its own 15 to 20-item supply list, basic items, to be sure, but still a longer list than many years ago.

One similarity is the same need for the students to have some amount of discipline and ability to concentrate and retain information so that problem solving and test taking can be achieved to arrive at some "graduation" point. We wish you all the best success in your school experience, parents, learners, and teachers, and hope you have some fun and creative possibilities to go with the whole school year.

Part 3 of 4

Herpetologists have noted that in times out of the shedding periods those rattlers can detect movements with their eyes alone of at least 15 feet, and sometimes more. However, they do not have external ears. But this does not mean that they are deaf because under certain circumstances they can detect vibrations first carried by the air as sound waves, and then transmitted to the ground or rock upon which the snake rests. Some scientists think the rattlers' pit may serve the purpose of an ear.

The rattlesnakes handled in churches in West Virginia are Timber rattlesnakes, a jet black color, and may not bite the handlers as often as one would expect because of the tremendous noise from the crowd clapping their hands, singing, shouting, foot stomping, etc.

The snakes are usually caught in the local mountains

in the spring by people who sell them to the churches and after being used in special services are released in the fall in their natural habitat. During the spring and summer they are kept in the homes of church members and brought to church in boxes. A serpent box is about three feet long, with a screen at one end of a padlocked lid. At some time during the church service, usually while music and dancing is also going on, a preacher will unlock the box, and pick up one or more snakes. Anyone in the congregation may come forward and take a snake if he or she feels moved to do so.

Snake handling is illegal in the neighboring states, due to the great number of snake-bites and some deaths from them. However, the fact that there are so few people bitten may be because the rattlers spend three to four months in private homes and become accustomed to the noise and vi-

brations therein. In zoos they often can detect the walking of the attendant who regularly feeds them and crawl to the door to wait for him to open it and give them their food. Some attendants handle them with no problems.

The West Virginia churches base their snake service on Mark 16:17, which reads, in part, "... they will pick up serpents, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover." However, the oldest manuscript of Mark does not have verses nine through 19; verse 17 does not say the serpents are poisonous, and sometimes the bitten person does not recover, no matter how many prayers are said or how many hands are laid on him or her.

As for deaths from rattler bites, Laurence Klauber's book states: "... in Arizona... from 1929 to 1951, inclusive, but without 1937. The fatal-

ity (was) ...rattlesnakes, 18. Of course...Arizona contains more different subspecies of rattlesnakes (16) than any other state.

"Although I have no statistics to prove it, I should assume that in Texas the percentage of snakebite fatalities, in relation to the total venomous-animal deaths, would be higher than in Arizona and California, owing to the prevalence there of the large and dangerous western diamond-back..." (Page 173).

Rattlers are immune to their own or another rattler's venom, a fatality quickly follows, however, if one bites another accidentally and a fang penetrates the brain, spinal cord, or a vital organ. When there are several rattlers in a cage great care must be taken when an attendant presents dead rats or mice to them with a pair of forceps since they become very excited and all sometimes try to grab the same body from the forceps.

TRAIL DUST

By Douglas Meador

Matador Tribune
September 2, 1937

Out beyond the windmill lay a golden sea which tossed a red bubble against purple shores as the bead on a filled wine cup held in the reflection of a glowing fire. The pinions of a bull-bat whined in the stillness like a broken bullet and silence flowed back into its groove. Blue dust drifted lazily away from the trail where a herd of cattle returned to grazing from the watering place and somewhere across the prairie, a horse neighed listlessly as a man adrift at sea might call into the darkness. But some unseen thing was in the warm twilight and it swung down from the dim stars to brush the shadows and caused the herd of cattle to stop in their tracks. The silence was weighed with an ominous manifesto as the extended pause before an orchestra. The cattle stretched their necks and sniffed the air. The old cows pawed the dust beneath their feed. There was a rustling in the mesquites and the windmill wheel like the needle on a compass, pointed north. A cool sweet wind pushing summer back beyond the dikes of time; the first norther.

RETRO NEWS

Matador Tribune
September 2, 1937

Move for Shelter Belt Started at Whiteflat Federal Project for Community May Be Started Soon

About fifteen landowners of the Whiteflat community listened with much interest when Federal Shelterbelt officials explained the objects and benefits of the project at a meeting held at the Whiteflat Methodist church Tuesday afternoon. E. H. Kemp, senior shelterbelt assistant, with headquarters at Childress, assisted by J. R. Stockstill, field supervisor of the Childress area, explained the possibilities of securing the tree planting for the Motley county community.

It was declared that in case enough landowners signed applications to warrant the work, Jack Burk, supervisor of Hall county planting would probably move to Matador and supervise the work at Whiteflat. F. W. Dawson of the Federal Biological Survey and Rodent Control, of Childress, will probably work with the shelterbelt officials in protecting the trees from rodents.

Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

I enjoy reading the Matador paper you and your husband put out every week.

I missed my Matador paper of May 16 and May 26 of this year. I do not know where it went. I wrote a friend to ask her who all died there in the two weeks? I have not heard if any died I know. There are so many friends died since I left there on March 12, 2002.

I am so glad money was raised to restore the (second) jail in Motley County. My mother Lydia Meador cooked for the man that was building the (second) jail in 1891. Mamma would cook in iron skillets and a iron cook pot. I brought the iron skillet here with me. I gave it to Martin Hall, Albert and Norma Hall. He has used it a lot.

Martin Hall would let Albert and Norma read her Motley County paper so Albert could also see what was happening in Matador. After Norma read it, she said this is the best paper I ever read from Matador.

Cora Hall
P.O. Box 1742
Coupeville, WA 98239



RENOMIA CAMPBELL, Jessie Mae Brown and Jessie T. Sims perform at the Senior Citizen Center fundraiser. Photo by Pat Warren

contined from page one Senior Citizens fundraiser

Kevin Keltz on guitar brought the crowd to their feet with a rousing, foot-stomping, hand-clapping rendition of "Lord You Are Good" and "Happy Song."

Jesse T. Sims, Jesse Mae Brown and Renomia Campbell sang an unaccompanied medley of African-American spirituals in the old traditional form, a stylistic form that uses the voice like a musical instrument. Poignant old-time gospel melodies mesmerized the crowd.

Finally, the Highway 70 Band, consisting of Gerald Pipkin on electric keyboard, Kelly Keltz, bass guitar; Billy Donaldson and Pat Seigler on guitar; and featuring Brant

Bearden on the drums, performed pop, country western, and rock 'n roll. Guest artist Butch Castner, Lubbock, played guitar and his daughter Sarah sang several country western songs. Sarah has performed with the Cactus Cuties at Cactus Theatre in Lubbock.

The Highway 70 Band accompanied soloists Penny and Kelly Keltz, entertaining the crowd with rousing gospel songs and several country western hits, including "Let's Have a Heart to Heart Talk." Billy Donaldson paid tribute to Elvis Presley with "Blue Suede Shoes" and "I Can't Help Falling In Love With You." Pat Seigler sang golden-oldie, "Dear Hearts and Gentle People," while Gerald

"Crazy Legs" Pipkin cranked



loose with a crowd-pleasing Jerry Lee Lewis's "Great Balls of Fire." You can catch this talented group in a repeat performance in September at the Homecoming program. Mark your calendar for Saturday, September 13.

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RSCV to help children with school supplies

The Roaring Springs Community Volunteers met Tuesday, August 12 at the Community Center in Roaring Springs. There were eleven people in attendance and after opening remarks the discussions revolved around fund raising possibilities and expenditures.

It was decided to pay a nominal fee to the City for the use of the Center and also to contribute to a fund to help children in the community who needed assistance to acquire the necessary supplies and clothing for school attendance. Other ways to help those in need of assistance were discussed and the meeting was then adjourned.

R S City Council to sell vacant lots

At the regular meeting of the Roaring Springs City Council on Monday, August 11, a proposal for the usage of several vacant lots was presented by Perry and Denette Gullidge to the Council. Landscaping and several ideas for using the lots in conjunction with an eating establishment showed attractive possibilities for the lots, which lie West of the two-story business building now owned by Perry and Denette Gullidge. The council discussed the ideas presented and decided to offer the lots for sale to the interested parties.

Those attending the meeting were Mayor Corky Marshall, City Secretary Zella

Palmer, City Superintendent Robert Osborn, Council members P. K. Green, Timmy Brooks, James McCleskey, and Alex Crowder. Guests included Perry and Denette Gullidge, Sheriff Michael Crutchley, Russell Alexander, and Larry Vogt.

Several other items were on the agenda including a letter from a landowner with a proposal to offer a house for rent to the Deputy for use as a residence. Sheriff Michael Crutchley advised the Council that Deputy Spence could live anywhere in the County and the Council decided to meet with the Deputy to discuss the proposal. In other business,

the Council voted to approve the proposed budget and a new tax rate for the coming year. They also decided not to go forward with a web site at this time due to time and financial considerations. Since there is an interested party willing to rent part of the old school it was decided to get an estimate on costs for the repairs necessary to make this possible. Included with that estimate was the item of replacement windows for ones that are currently broken. Other general items included progress reports on clean ups and paying bills. There being no further items the meeting was adjourned.

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asphalt paving that could be delivered to the county. This paving will be used by the county Road and Bridge to alleviate water runoff in low roads and drives.

Mr. Kautz also announced that work on the Radio Tower will begin after the start of the fiscal year in October. TxDOT leases space on the county-owned tower and following an inspection conducted by a firm in Amarillo, numerous weaknesses and needed repairs were identified. The tower is located east of the historic jail. The cost of the repair was projected to be about \$6,500.00. Mr. Kautz proposed a plan whereby TxDOT would repair the tower in exchange for free service. The county has a contract with TxDOT for tower use for \$125.00 per month. TxDOT would get credit for what they have already spent, up to the proposed cost of the repairs. This proposal was accepted by the court by unanimous vote in May, 2008.

County Attorney Tom Edwards gave the court an update on wind energy, emphasizing that PUC gave preliminary approval in a close vote for Scenario-2 in the four proposed plans for transmission lines. Scenario-2 allows for a much larger system with some additional build out, he said. While the plan calls for the

coveted transmissions lines going "around Motley County," according to Edwards, "historically, wind farms build out 50 miles either side."

Guests of the court Terry and Gina Hendrix, Austin, said they were brokers representing landowners in Motley County. "We do not think this is a lost cause," Terry Hendrix said. "We think that tax dollars should go to put transmission lines in the place best suited. I see a valley of wind in Motley County."

In further business of the court, Judge Smith asked for approval from the court for an 11-item "Contractor's Local Opportunity Plan," affirming specific affirmative action steps for the Flomot Water Improvement Project. The plan in part outlines the county's intention to implement steps at increasing the utilization of lower income residents. Following a meeting to be held with the contractor in Flomot on August 18, according to Commissioner Donnie Turner, the grant should be "good to go."

Justice of the Peace Cora Smallwood announced to the court that persons arrested and taken to Dickens County jail for crimes committed in Motley County would be appointed an attorney, if requested and they qualify,

within 72 hours from the time of magistration, due to a new Supreme Court ruling. Judge Smallwood said she would be required to go to Dickens in some cases to complete the paperwork determining financial eligibility. The court voted unanimously to pay her mileage.

Treasurer Eva Barkley asked the court for a discussion on restructuring the signatories for county fee accounts. According to Barkley, the Attorney General released an opinion based on the Local Government Code that county departments that collect fees cannot also have signature control. Barkley recommended that the signature authority be changed to the County Treasurer's name only.

"According to the Texas Local Government Code, the fee officer that collects funds cannot also sign checks," she said. Dissenting discussion consisted of the availability of the treasurer to sign checks while out of the country on vacation, for example. Following a lengthy discussion, the County Attorney suggested that this issue be tabled for further investigation. "We need additional input from other counties," he said. "It may be premature to wade into this right now. This may cause a problem in small counties, or we may be able to

have co-signatories with the County Judge and the County Treasurer."

In further discussion, County Treasurer Eva Barkley asked for permission from the court to use Capitol Acquisition funds to cover Road and Bridge bills for August, September, and October. It was projected that about \$75,000 would be needed to cover the shortage. The court agreed to expend the Lateral Road Fund, then to use the Capitol Acquisition fund for the shortage.

A lengthy discussion followed concerning a policy for the use of cell phones and county vehicles. Commissioner Alexander presented the court with a handout suggesting a cell phone policy. Currently, only three county employees have cell phones - Commissioner Alexander, Sheriff Crutchley, and Deputy Spence; and a state DPS officer and a state Game Warden. The officer cell phones are used in place of a 24-hour dispatch officer to coordinate 911 calls and handle other emergencies. Following a lengthy discussion, the court voted unanimously to follow the policy outlined in the Employee Manual.

Regence CEO says figures inaccurate

By Linda Roy

Rick Love, CEO of Regence Health Network (RHN), reports that the data provided in last week's article on the Matador Clinic was in error and should have stated that the local clinic posted a 2008 Year-to-Date (YTD) productivity rate of 2.38% rather than the 2.58% reported.

Further, the Matador Clinic was reported to account for 9% of the total network encounters or patient contracts. According to Love, the 2008 YTD Matador Clinic encounters are 6% of total contacts.

RHN's technical assistance provider will conduct the upcoming "town hall meeting" to be Tuesday, September 16, rather than a federal project

officer as first reported.

The data reported in the original story resulted from a review of information provided during the July Regence Health Network Board of Directors meeting. One table reported YTD numbers from March of 2007 and another listed YTD figures from December of 2006.

In order to obtain fiscal year totals relating to the local clinic, rather than YTD figures, this reporter has requested information included in the 2007 RHN Uniform Data System (UDS) report from Love and also from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

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and for half of any facility maintenance or projects mutually agreed upon by both parties. Motley County Hospital District figures for the last three fiscal years and the preliminary budget for the present fiscal year, which ends the last day of September, reveal the following:

Expenses	2004-2005	2005-2006	2006-2007	Current
Clinic Utilities	\$8,000	\$10,000	\$12,000	\$12,000
Clinic Insurance	2,000	2,000	1,000	2,000
Clinic Maintenance	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Capital Outlay	3,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Total Clinic Expense	\$15,000	\$16,000	\$17,000	\$18,000

This type of community support is unusual for clinics that are part of a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) cluster such as RHN.

"Matador has made it a team effort, and we recognize and want to continue that," said R.C. (Dick) Hatfield, president of the RHN Board of Directors.

According to Regence CEO Rick Love, two of RHN's Women, Infant, and Children's (WIC) Program Clinics have similar facility occupancy cost arrangements, but RHN's WIC sites are not co-located with RHN's Primary Care sites.

The Texas Department of State Health Services WIC Program is a nutrition program that helps pregnant women, new mothers, and young children eat well, learn about nutrition, and stay healthy. Nutrition education and counseling, nutritious foods, and help accessing health care are provided to low-income women, infants, and children through this Special Supplemental Nutrition Program, popularly known as WIC.

Hackberry Creek July Employee of the Month Mildred Busby



Mildred is married to Edward Busby. They have two children, Edward Jr. and Jeremy. Her hobbies are fishing, and flower gardening.

Mildred comes to work here from Paducah, and has been employed with HCCC, Inc. since before we opened up. She also is a licensed beauty operator and takes pride in her job.

Good job Mildred!

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News From Our Neighbors

The Clarendon Enterprise
The Clarendon Economic Development Corporation's Façade Grant Program, which provides fifty-fifty matching funds, awarded its fourth storefront grant of \$880.83 to San Thompson. "I did a better job and a little more work than I would have otherwise done," he said.

The Texas Spur
The city of Spur sidewalk improvement project in downtown Spur moved to the 400 block of Burlington this week as strides are made toward improving the appearance of the downtown district.

The Paducah Post
The Dumont Community will hold a reunion for all former and present residents on the weekend of August 16-17 at the Dumont Pavilion on the old school grounds.

The Valley Tribune
The Briscoe County Celebration Rodeo & Dance in Silverton is scheduled for August 7-9.

The Hesperian-Beacon
The Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon and Blanco Press have been purchased by Blackburn Media Group. The new editor is Jeff Blackmon, formerly the owner and publisher of the Wellington Leader.

*Quotes from Quotable Texas Women by Susie Kelly Flatau and Lou Halsell Rodenberger

Roaring Springs Lions Club News

The Roaring Springs Lions Club met at 11:30 a.m. on August 7th at the Hitchin Post Restaurant. There were seven members and three guests present. Members attending were Wes Campbell, Buzz Thacker, Corky Marshall, Mike Crowley, Alex Crowder, Chris Spence and Alvin Alexander. Guests were: Tince Thacker, Lynn Campbell and District Governor, Jene Steakley.

The regular business meeting was held and current business conducted. Wes Campbell, Lions Club President introduced the District 2T2 Governor, Jene Steakley of Snyder, Texas. He gave a very informative speech. A report was given about the 4th of July all day program. The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

**We learned almost all that we ever did know about practical living from our friends on the high prairies of Texas.*
--Seigniora Russell Laune, pioneer

THIS WORLD IS NOT MY HOME



We read in II Corinthians 5 that we as Christians have an identity crisis. We find ourselves inhabiting a worldly, physical body with all of its imperfections and limitations. We know, somewhere in the back of our minds, that our time on this earth is limited. And we also know that there is more to this life than what is seen with the eye.

It was C.S. Lewis who said, "If I find in myself a desire which no experience in this world can satisfy, the most probably explanation is that I was made for another world."

The fact is that God made us for something more than just this earth - something much better than this earth. In reading II Corinthians 5 we find that our God "prepared us for this very purpose," for example, to inhabit a "house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." Since we are a people who have a marvelous inheritance waiting for us in heaven, shouldn't we be a people of purpose. A "peculiar people" are the "purposed people seeking to be well pleasing unto God. Why not join me in worship this Lord's day as we examine God's eternal purpose for us?"

Michael G. Crowley, Sr.

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

Motley County Clinic Hours
Closed Aug 11-15 Reopen August 18th
New Hours: Mon, Tues & Thurs. 8a.m. to 5p.m.
Wed. Prescriptions Only 9a.m. to 4p.m.
Closed Fridays

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NEWS AROUND MOTLEY COUNTY

Roaring Springs News By Monta Marshall

One of the fun things about writing a column for the Tribune is hearing from readers. Last week I received a letter from Cora Hall a former Matador resident who now lives at Coupeville, WA, 98239; her P.O. Box number is 1742. She wrote to tell me another "skunk story". It seems her brother had a 'pet cat' that was a skunk! The skunk was gentle and was the best mouser that he had ever had.

Unfortunately the skunk had not had its musk gland removed. One day it sprayed inside the house and they had a terrible time getting the smell out of the house. We had neighbors that had a pet skunk. . . all was well until the mother was sitting in the rocking chair and accidentally rocked on the skunk's foot. They too had to leave for a while and air everything out. One time we had a skunk under our house; someone told me to wad up newspaper and put it in an iron skillet and light it and carry the burning paper in the skillet from room to room. That did help.

I enjoyed Mrs. Hall's letter. She lived near Brian and Nancy Marshall and mentioned Kenneth Marshall in her letter. I am sure she would enjoy a card or letter as she enjoys the newspaper and the news so much.

Dan Brandon was taken to Lubbock to the hospital week before last. He had open heart surgery. Sybol Brandon said he was making progress and would likely be released from the hospital soon. He plans to go to Mineola, Texas for rehab and stay with his daughter Amber.

The First Baptist Church held its one day Bible Extravaganza last Saturday. Fourteen children attended. The children learned a new song, Mighty Warrior and learned sign language for the song. The theme and Bible story for the day was "Jesus the Super Hero." Crafts were made and word games played. The children enjoyed a hot dog

cookout prepared by Leland Brendle and Steven Byrd. Leland and Vonda Brendle were the directors for the day. Dinah Young taught the sign language and the song; Monta Marshall gave the Bible lesson. Vonda, Teresa Woolsey, Barbara Alexander, Joyce and Angelica Meredith helped the children make necklaces, bracelet, butterflies and paper dolls depicting the full armor of God. Corky Marshall and Laura Long were helpers at large.

Don and Billie Stuckey have been in Flower Mound visiting their daughter and her children this past week.

Jared Brooks has been visiting Kevin and Lesa Keltz. Jared was a 1996 graduate of Motley County High School. Jared has also made a pastor; he preached at the Full Gospel Sunday services on Sunday.

The Full Gospel Church has had a school supplies drive and has been able to furnish school supplies for about 50 children. They have also provided some school clothing to some who had a need.

John and Barbara Alexander have purchased the former Phillips 66 Service station in Matador. John plans to move his shop there the second week of September. He will continue at his present location until August 29th.

Barbara Alexander reported that she is beginning to have plenty of tomatoes in her garden, so look for them on Saturday at the gazebo in the Roaring Springs Park.

D. A. McGuire has been in the V. A. Hospital in Amarillo. He should be returning home this evening. He is doing well after having a stint put into his heart.

On Thursday and Friday, Laverne Zabielski and Larry Vogt visited her sisters, Beverly Shorter in Ft Worth, and Bunni Zeileger in Longview.

If you have news, please give me a call at 348-7000. I try to get the news turned in around noon on Monday. The deadline is Monday.

Flomot News By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEAD

A HOMEOWNER is a person who can go for broke without ever leaving his yard.

MORRIS FAMILY REUNION

Descendants of the A.S. Morris family held their annual reunion Saturday, August 2 at the Holiday Inn in Plainview. They had a covered dish luncheon and a catered dinner Saturday night. They enjoyed renewing memories and swimming.

There were eleven children (all deceased) and five of the children's families were represented, Mrs. Dillie Morris Garrett, John, Bill and Bob Morris and Lillie Morris Tanner. Among the 65 attending was the Lillie Tanner children and families, Anna Beth and husband, Joe Ike Clay of Flomot, Mrs. Carolyn Ewing of Matador and Mrs. Joy Barham of Hart. Another daughter, Mrs. Geneva Martin of Flomot was unable to attend as she is in the Care Center in Matador.

Kirby and Melissa Hatley and grandson, Brock of Clarendon visited Mary Jo and Doyle Calvert and son, Glen Calvert, Friday.

Mrs. Lori Kleibrink, Kyler and Karlee of Clifton visited the past week with her parents, Anna Beth and Joe Ike Clay. Lori returned home Sunday, but her children remained to visit. Von and Nancy Kleibrink of Clifton visited overnight Friday in the Clay home and continued to Silverton Saturday to attend the Pioneer Days.

Jack Starkey and wife, Nada, and Johnnie Starkey attended the funeral of their sister, Marjorie Starkey Cypert, 85, of Lockney. It was held at 1 p.m., Wednesday, August 6, at the Resthaven Abbey Chapel in Lubbock and interment was in Resthaven Memorial Park. She died Saturday, August 2, 2008, at the Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. She is survived by her husband, Homer Cypert of 69 years and three sons.

Tommy Ross and daughters, Ciara, Anjoli and Elisa Ann Ross of Castroville vis-

ited the past 12 days with Mrs. Aleda Ross. They celebrated Ciara's 8th birthday August 4.

L.E. Shorter and Clois Shorter pickups burned Monday morning, August 4, on the Wilburn Martin farm west of Flomot. L.E. got stuck in a muddy hay feeding spot, his catalytic converter apparently sparked the fire. L.E. called his son, Clois Shorter on his cell phone and Clois rushed to help. He also got stuck trying to push L.E.'s pickup out of the way. The Volunteer Fire Department from Matador, Turkey and Flomot responded and extinguished the fire, but not before both vehicles were declared a loss. L.E. and Clois were not injured in the incident.

Butch Hughes returned home from UMC in Lubbock, Monday. He will have Home Health Care every day. It is pending what type of medical treatments he will have. His sons and families, Billy Don Hughes of Lubbock, Rickey and Roger Hughes of Floydada and Bengie Hughes of Royce City have visited during the week with him and his wife, Janice. He has had many other visitors.

Ronald Clay and decompression back procedure on discs Friday in Canyon. His wife, Waydetta was with him.

Mrs. Gwen Mandrell and daughter, Peyton of Lubbock visited Saturday and Sunday with her family, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert and Glen Calvert.

The Boy Scout Troop 274 took a trip to Platoro, Colorado, from Thursday July 31 to Monday, August 4. They enjoyed fishing, hiking, cookouts and exploring the region. Everyone had a good time.

Those making the trip were Boy Scout Leaders and their families, Max Meyer, wife, Susan and children, Hayden, Madison and Sydnee of Quitaque and Tim Kendall, wife, Melissa and sons, Jere and Jacob of Flomot. Others were Brandon Pointer, Michelle and Alyson of Quitaque; Blayne Young of Flomot; Ian Farley, Brand and Jodie Cruse, Branson, Baylor and Brayson and Billy Meyer of Turkey.

Matador News

Attending the 1983 MCHS Class Reunion Saturday night were Tim, Gina, and Nellie Bly Shannon, J.D. and D'anna Russell, Bill and Kendra Luckett, Terry and Tammy Simpson, all of Matador; Dixie Johnson of Silverton; Ross and Dana Graham of Roaring Springs; Jackie Beck of Quitaque; Ross and Darla Forney of White Dee; Ed and Deanna Logan of Ralls; Brent and Lisa Campbell, and Neil and Kayla Guest, all of Turkey.

Kassie Bershire participated in a "pinning ceremony" in Plainview Wednesday in recognition of her being certified as a Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN). Her husband, Mickey, who works at the Matador Ranch, and her son Kyler are proud of her accomplishments.

Gilbert Guerrero, J.D. Russell, and Shane Taylor are members of the Matador Ranch Safety Committee. The three traveled to Wichita, Kansas, last week to attend meetings with members of other Koch Industries ranches' safety committees.

Craig and Cathey Turner, along with their daughters Carley and Cassidy, traveled to Omaha, Nebraska, last week to attend the National FSA Convention. Along the way they stopped to visit with her brother, Darren Perryman, and his family in Lamar, Colorado.

Shane Jones traveled to Corpus Christi recently to visit her daughter, Lisa, and her family.

Travis Jameson and his family visited their property in Ruidoso, NM, after the recent flood in that community to find that a nearby creek had rerouted and now ran through their property instead of along side it as it had previously done. They received no other damage.

Recent MCHS graduate Brad Brown enjoyed a fishing trip recently. Brad was relaxing after his participation in the recent All-State Six-Man Football exhibition game in Lubbock. He will soon be leaving for workouts in preparation for the upcoming football season at West Texas A&M, to which he has received a full athletic scholarship.

Jack Smith, grandson-in-law of the late Warren and Faye Clements of Matador, was in town Sunday visiting the Hotel Matador, which was owned by the Clements for 40 years. One of the original hotel room doors was donated to Smith and his wife, Linda,

who spent many summers at the hotel with her grandparents.

James Garth, who grew up in Matador, and his wife Janet of Albuquerque, NM, were in town last week visiting with June Moss.

Jack Samford and Juanita Cooper drove to Lubbock Friday, July 8, and spent Friday night visiting daughter Kay, her husband, Ken, and granddaughter Kourtney Dunnam of Amarillo. Saturday, July 9, they attended graduation exercises at Texas Tech University at the Spirit Arena where Kourtney received her degree in Human Sciences. After lunch at Rudy's Barbecue, Jack and Juanita drove to Abilene where they attended a family reunion of Jack's family in Tye, TX. They returned to their home Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Wilda Dixon visited the weekend in Lovington, N.M. with her mother, Mrs. Ted Hester. They attended the 28th Prairieview School Homecoming reunion. She also visited her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hester, Christopher and Kristen.

Chelsea Read visited in Liberty Hill on July 28-29. She attended the Eagle Scout Court of Honor for grandson, Brandon Terry. His Eagle project was building handicap ramps at Foundation Park Pavilion in Liberty Hill. After the impressive ceremony, family members, other guests, and Boy Scouts, shared a brisket dinner.



Brandon is beginning his senior year at Liberty Hill High School. He was an offensive line starter on the 2006-2007, 3-A state football championship teams. He is a team captain on the current 2008 team. Brandon received sixth place in the state power-lifting competition this past spring. He also participates in track. Debbie and Malcom Terry are the parents. Malcom has served as his mentor throughout his scouting years.

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Chamber News

By Marie-Louise Liebe-Harkort

The Chamber of Commerce will hold a meeting on Tuesday, August 19, at 5:30 pm at the Library in Matador. This is the first meeting after the summer pause, and everybody is welcome.

You don't have to be a business owner to be interested in the situation of the businesses

in the county. Every resident needs these businesses, or one would have to drive 30 miles to buy a bar of soap or a bottle of milk.

That is why the Chamber is open to all, and the Chamber members hope to welcome new faces on Tuesday, August 19, at 5:30 pm at the Library.

Funding awarded for Go Texan Rural Communities

AUSTIN - Commissioner Todd Staples is pleased to announce the Texas Department of Agriculture has awarded 21 GO TEXAN Rural Community Beautification matching grants to cities and counties that wish to improve the aesthetic appearance of their downtown areas.

"The appeal of the downtown area is vital to the success of any city," Commissioner Staples said. "21st-century rural Texas expands beyond farming and ranching to capitalize on our state's vast natural resources and rich heritage. It is essential our communities attract tourists and retirees to generate economic prosperity and add to our powerfully productive agricultural base. These GO TEXAN matching grant funds will assist in creating opportunities for tomorrow, today."

The GO TEXAN Rural Community Beautification Grant Program, housed under the

Rural Economic Development Division, has awarded matching grants to the cities of Clifton, Coldspring, Cross Plains, Eden, Elgin, Giddings, Hearne, Henrietta, Iraan, Jefferson, Lampasas, Los Fresnos, Meridian, Natalia, Paducah, Quitman, Silsbee, Whitesboro, and Yorktown as well as the counties of Throckmorton (on behalf of the City of Throckmorton) and Uvalde (on behalf of the City of Utopia). The total amount of matching funds granted is \$96,879.

The GO TEXAN Rural Community program is designed to market and promote rural Texas as well as educate the public about everything rural Texas has to offer. It shines a spotlight on the Texas communities working hard to boost tourism, job growth, leadership mentoring, community development and other economic opportunities.

"A Preserve America Community" applications due

WASHINGTON, D.C. - September 1 is the upcoming deadline to submit an application to become a Preserve America Community. This prestigious designation recognizes communities that protect and celebrate their heritage, use historic assets for economic development and community revitalization, and encourage people to experience and appreciate local historic resources through education and heritage tourism programs.

Several benefits of becoming a Preserve America Community include White House recognition, eligibility for Preserve America grants and enhanced community visibility

and pride. Four application and designation cycles occur each year. The final 2008 application deadline is December 1.

Preserve America is a White House initiative that encourages and supports community efforts to preserve and enjoy the nation's cultural and natural heritage. Currently, Texas has 64 Preserve America communities.

For more information about applying to become a Preserve America community, visit www.preserveamerica.gov. To learn more about Preserve America communities in Texas visit the THC web site at www.thc.state.tx.us.

Notes from the Library

By Buffy Crutchley

We had another successful Friends of the Library meeting last week. Thank you to all who attended. We have some exciting things coming up, and I'll keep you posted in the weeks ahead!

The best news is, the Friends have decided to have a drastic price reduction in the left over Texas Capitol ornaments. We're cleaning house to make room for this year's ornament which should be out in the next few months. So, if your collection is missing one of the previous years, now is the time to fill in the gaps. The regular price for these is \$17, but for a limited time you can get them for only \$10! That's right! Only ten bucks! We have ornaments from 1998 to 2006 available at this reduced

price. But once they're gone, they're gone, so shop early for the best selection!

We're also gearing up for our Annual Beans & Cornbread Fundraiser Lunch, so mark your calendars. This will be on Friday, August 29th, at 11:30am. I'll talk more about that next week, but I wanted you to make plans to attend!

I also am pleased to announce our latest choice for a book discussion. "Water For Elephants" by Sara Gruen will be the next book we discuss. It's a story about one man's adventures with a Depression-Era traveling circus. I have not read the book yet, however the reviews are wonderful, so I can't wait to get started. I do hope you'll join me!

First Lady Anita Perry announces Texas Treasures Award

AUSTIN, Texas - The Texas Historical Commission (THC), in partnership with the Office of the First Lady, proudly announces a new award designed to honor Texas communities that have shown a high level of creativity and ingenuity in recognizing and preserving their authentic "sense of place."

Is your home town a Main Street City, a Certified Local Government or does it boast a restored historic county courthouse? A combination of any puts your community in the running to be one of the first awarded this new and prestigious distinction.

"Preserving Texas' historic treasures ensures that our unique culture and rich heritage is saved for future generations," said First Lady Anita Perry. "The Texas Treasures Award recognizes communities who embrace the treasures of their past and protect them for the benefit and enjoyment of all Texans' future."

The First Lady's Texas Treasures Award will be presented to communities that demonstrate sustainable preservation efforts related to THC programs and tools, together with an increasingly strong preservation ethic. Texas communities participating in one or more of the THC's community heritage development programs already understand how these programs work with the community and surrounding region to revitalize historic sites, stimulate tourism and encourage development through the use of preservation strategies. For example, the award-winning Texas Heritage Trails Pro-

gram helps communities in a given region of the state to partner and promote their historic and cultural resources. Matching grants from the THC to towns wishing to restore their historic courthouses is a win-win situation for the community, the region and the entire state, as Texas is recognized for having the largest collection of historic county courthouses in the nation.

"Joining forces with the First Lady of Texas brings a new element of excitement and prestige to our award-winning preservation programs," said THC Chairman John L. Nau, III. "Communities that are participating in one or more of these economic development programs should be recognized for their vision in doing all they can to preserve and promote what is special about them. This award achieves that goal."

Each year, up to five Texas communities will be presented with an award based on nominations received. The program recognizes historic preservation initiatives and projects that combine several resources offered by the THC and other preservation organizations or state agencies. Award decisions will be made by an interagency panel created by the THC and the Office of the Governor, Economic Development & Tourism. Nominations must be received no later than 5 p.m. on Oct. 1, 2008. For more information, contact April Garner at 512/463-2630. Applications are available online at www.thc.state.tx.us.

4-H News

By D'anna Russell



Bryant Taylor, son of Shane and Wendi Taylor of Matador a District 3 4-H member and Cade Smith son of Weldon and Misty Smith of Post a District 2 4-H member recently attended North Region 4-H Junior Leader Lab at South Plains College.

While there the boys participated in a sheep class where they learned about shearing,

halter and caring for lambs, a leather making class where they made a leather bracelet and book cover, and a leader class in which they learned skills needed to be a good leader. They also had free time and participated in swimming and recreational activities. These two cousins and parents highly recommend this camp to young 4-Hers.

Senior Citizen's News

The Motley County Senior Citizens would like to thank everyone for their help with our Old Time Ice Cream Social fundraiser. A total of \$2,300 was raised. There is not enough space to list everyone individually without excluding someone so we will name the deeds that were done and you can see yourself in this list, some of you more than once.

You hoed grass burrs, trimmed trees, made 18 freezers of ice cream, cakes, cookies, pies, furnished a trailer for the band, donated bottled water; the site committee organized, servers, setup and cleanup crew, audience, do-

nations and all of the entertainers.

Our county is blessed by so many musically talented individuals that are willing to perform when there is a need. Most important of all, are the seniors that come and eat and are so willing to do what is necessary to make their Center a success. The Center provides a place to come each day at noon and know that there will be someone they can visit with and enjoy a meal. No one really enjoys eating alone or cooking for one. We would also like to thank the Matador Branch First National Bank of Seymour for their generous donation to the Center.

Homecoming 2008 News

Approximately 1100 flyers were mailed out last week to Ex-Students announcing the 2008 Matador/Motley County Homecoming. If you did not receive one, then let us know your current mailing address by contacting Ron and Kay Bailey, P.O. Box 256, Matador, Texas 79244, or call 806-347-2399, or email kayron@caprock-spur.com.

Rosemary Shanks Webb, Betty Davis Simpson, and Bobby Williams are heading up the Class of 1959's get together at the Senior Citizen's Center after the activities are completed at the High School Saturday afternoon. The Classes of 1956, '57, '58, '60, '61, and '62 are invited. Bob-

by Williams, 806-347-2355, is the contact person if you have questions.

The Class of 1967 has reserved Hotel Matador and the Hunting Lodge in downtown Matador for their reunion. After the Homecoming activities are completed at the High School Saturday afternoon, the Classes of 1966, 1967, and 1968 are having a picnic at a site yet to be announced.

For Exes with RV's, hook-ups are available at Ken's RV Park, Billie Dean's, and Pedro Gonzales' in Matador, and the RV Park in downtown Roaring Springs, and for members, the Springs Ranch Camp Grounds.

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Motley County Parents Club which is the Booster Club and Parent-Teacher Organization combined is looking for any old spirit yard signs that ex-students and or parents still have and would like to donate back to us. If you do please contact Tammy Simpson at 347-2202 or D'anna Russell at 347-2601.

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MC Varsity Cheerleaders conduct Mini-cheer Camp

The Motley County Varsity Cheerleader's conducted a Mini-cheer Camp on August 4-6 at the school gym. The group was taught cheers, chants, dance moves, motions and cheer games. At the conclusion of camp on Wednesday, the group performed a highly entertaining program for their parents, relatives, and friends to showcase their new skills. Be watching at future Motley County football games for these talented youngsters to show off their spirit!



MINI-CHEER CAMP featuring future cheerleaders for Motley County participated in a cheer camp sponsored by the MC Varsity cheerleaders. Pictured left to right, bottom row (sitting): Tyne Marshall, Krys'ta Guerrero, Nellie Shannon, Emma Hackler, and Trinity Ward. Second row (kneeling): Emily Jameson, Mallie Green, Kaitlyn Keltz, Emma Watson, Shaylee Watson, and Autumn Woolsey. Third row (standing): Kaylee Woolsey, Lynanne Hendrickson, (stunter) Kenzie Keltz, Lexy Gullede, Mattie Brooks, (stunter) Rivers Marshall, Natalie Jameson, and Allison McCoy. Back row (standing): Varsity Cheer Sponsor Kay Bingham, Shane'a Russell, Lexi Osborn, Kyla Simpson, Leanne Jameson, Courtney Alexander and Ashley Brackeen. (Not picture is Alyx Smith due to illness).

Kittie Campbell Awarded 2008 Koch Foundation Scholarship

Miss Kittie Douglas Campbell daughter of Douglas and Janie Campbell, was among 183 students from the United States and Canada chosen to receive an academic scholarship from the Fred C. and Mary R. Koch Foundation for the 2008-2009 academic year.

Kittie will be attending University of North Texas. Kittie is the dependent of an em-

ployee of Koch Agriculture Company. Scholarships are awarded yearly to applicants demonstrating a strong academic record, extracurricular involvement, leadership and service. The recipients, all of whom are dependents of employees of Koch Industries, Inc. or its wholly owned subsidiaries in the United States and Canada, are selected by an independent

panel of judges with expertise in the field of education. The academic scholarship program was initiated in 1970 by the Fred C. and Mary R. Koch Foundation for dependents of Koch employees. Since that time, more than \$2 million in scholarships has been awarded.

Obituary

Etta Marie Doty



Memorial services for Etta Marie Doty, 93, of Morton, who died at her residence on August 6, 2008, were Saturday, August 9, 2008, at the Church of Christ, Morton, with Bill Schlabach officiating. Graveside services and burial were at Morton Memorial Cemetery.

Etta Marie was born April 24, 1915, to Jerry and Lizzie Birchfield. She married Tokie Doty in Vernon, Texas, on March 31, 1975.

She graduated from Matador High School in 1933, and from West Texas A&M University in 1936. She and Tokie lived in Sudan, Lubbock, Amarillo and Morton. They owned the Doty Battery and Electric in Morton for 25 years, until her husband's death. She helped organize the first Camp Fire groups in Morton in 1950. She served as their leader and advisor for many years. She was honored as an outstanding Camp Fire Leader in the state of Texas in 1952.

She taught Sunday School for more than 40 years, and

taught school for 37 years. She was a member of Texas Retired Teachers and Cochran-Hockley Retired Teachers Associations.

Etta Marie was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and three brothers, Jerry Jr., Robert and W.K. "Rusty" Birchfield. She is survived by two daughters, Martha Weir and husband Rex of Rogers, N.M., and Deanie Posey of Lubbock; five grandchildren, Sandi Blakey of Portales, N.M., Sherri Schapp of Clovis, N.M., Becki Tipton of Lubbock, Jay White of Lubbock and April Ellis of Pewee Valley, KY. She is also survived by 15 great-grandchildren.

Display of Colors Brighten Afternoon For Do Gooders' Club

The Do Gooders' Club met Tuesday, August 5, and throughout the Flomot Community Center a display of beautiful colors brightened the afternoon.

Mrs. Kathy Shorter, hostess presided at a crystal service from a table laid with a white organdy, embroidered cloth. The centerpiece was a lovely arrangement of multicolored flowers in a basket with a red bird perched in a nest. She served refreshments of crackers, assorted dips, pound cake and cake squares with fruit punch. Guest, Mrs. Lori Kleibrink of Clifton, won

the hostess gift, two tea towels and an angel pin.

Mrs. Connie Franks conducted the business meeting. They debated the time of the club's annual Bazaar, either November 15 or 22. Members took home Bazaar quilt tops and will meet August 19 at Community Center to begin quilting.

Those attending were Mesdames Suzie Shannon, Anna Beth Clay, Erma Washington, Nada Starkey, Connie Franks, Kathy Shorter, Waydette Clay, B. Rogers and Tommie Jo Cruse.

First Grade Supply List

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The Motley County Commissioners' Court will be in session in a Public Hearing Monday, August 25, 2008 at 8:30 A. M. at the Motley county Courthouse, Commissioners' Courtroom, 701 Dundee, Matador, Texas, for the purpose of Adopting the budget for Fiscal Year 2008-2009.

This budget will raise more property taxes than last year's budget by \$54,423.00 or 10.08%, and of that amount, [\$3,779,080 x .79698/100] or \$30,118.51 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year.

The 2008-2009 Proposed Budget has been filed in the County Clerk's Office and may be inspected during normal business hours. The 2008-2009 Proposed Budget is also posted on the Motley County web-site at www.co.motley.tx.us

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2008 **Property Tax Rates in MOTLEY COUNTY**

This notice concerns 2008 property tax rates for MOTLEY COUNTY. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you own properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

	General Fund	Farm to Market/ Flood Control Fund	Special Food/ Bldg Fund
Last year's tax rate:			
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 578,362.19	\$	\$
Last year's debt taxes	\$.00	\$	\$
Last year's total taxes	\$ 578,362.19	\$	\$
Last year's tax base	\$ 2,569,222.00	\$	\$
Last year's total tax rate	\$.79698/\$100	\$ /\$100	\$ /\$100
This year's effective tax rate:			
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on local property)	\$ 578,154.50	\$ (15)	\$ (15)
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 70,187,533.00	\$ (23)	\$ (23)
= This year's effective tax rate for each fund	\$.82372 /\$100	\$ (24) /\$100	\$ (24) /\$100
Total effective tax rate	\$.82372 /\$100		
<small>(Maximum rate unless local publishes notices and holds hearings.)</small>			
This year's rollback tax rate:			
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on local property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$ 578,063.50	\$ (23)	\$ (23)
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 70,187,533.00	\$ (23)	\$ (23)
= This year's effective rate	\$.82359/\$100	\$ (23) /\$100	\$ (23) /\$100
x 1.06 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$.88948 /\$100	\$ (27) /\$100	\$ (31) /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$.00 /\$100	\$ (36) /\$100	\$ (38) /\$100
= This year's rollback rate for each fund	\$.88948 /\$100	\$ (39) /\$100	\$ (39) /\$100
This year's total rollback rate	\$.88948 /\$100		

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If MOTLEY COUNTY adopts a 2008 tax rate equal to its effective tax rate of \$.82372 per \$100 of value, there would be an **INCREASE** compared to 2007 taxes by \$ 38,741.46

Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following unencumbered balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
GENERAL FUND	\$50,000.00

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates. FOR MORE INFORMATION, YOU CAN REQUEST A COPY OF THE FULL ACCOUNTING STATEMENT FROM THE MOTLEY CO. TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR OFFICE, COURTHOUSE, MATADOR, TX

Name of person preparing this notice: **ELAINE HART**

Title: **MOTLEY COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR COLLECTOR**

Date prepared: **AUGUST 11, 2008**

Six Man All Star Game Offensive Most Valuable Player and Six Man Coach of the Year.



MOTLEY COUNTY 2008 seniors, Isiah Archer and Bradley Brown played July 26 for the West Team in the Texas Coaches Six Man All Star Game at Lowery Field, Lubbock. In addition, Archer (pictured above), was voted as the Offensive Most Valuable Player of the game. Also pictured, is MC Coach Mike Bigham who was recognized during halftime of the All Star Game for being selected as this year's Six Man Coach of the Year.

Central Plains Center solicits help to develop local plan

The Central Plains Center, (CPC) Plainview, also known as Mental Health Mental Retardation (MHMR) is soliciting help from local communities to develop local network plans to reflect local needs and priorities, and maximize consumer choice and access to qualified providers. The goal of CPC is to ensure continuous consumer access to services by expanding the network of providers. The desired outcome is for consumers to have choice from among multiple providers while the

Center provides management and oversight of the network. The Center will gather and obtain input from its stakeholders regarding such things as:

- Service needs and priorities of children, adolescents, and adults
- Crisis response system and services
- Development of the external provider network; and
- Other significant issues and concerns.

Under the new rules and

requirements, the Center can only be a provider of services if:

- There are no interested qualified providers
- There is only one other qualified provider
- The responding qualified providers do not propose to meet at least 100 percent of the Departments of State Health Services contract target population or meet the same level of current access to services
- The Center must maintain some services to pre-

serve critical infrastructure

- Existing agreements impose restrictions on the Center's ability to contract a portion of services because there would be an unsustainable loss of revenue.

You may provide input in three ways:

1. Get on our website at www.clplains.org go to the "plans" tab and look at LPND Survey and follow the directions there.
2. Or call Cindy Boedeker at 806-293-2636 and she will guide you through it.

Foothills Fellowship to meet August 14

The first meeting of the Foothills Fellowship will be held Thursday night (tonight) at 7:00 p.m. in the Roaring Springs Community Center. A brisket supper will be served and after that a short inspirational service will be held with Winfield Davenport bringing the message. There is no charge for the meal, but donations will be accepted. Everyone is invited, so bring the whole family and join us in fellowship.

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MCISD approves goals for 2008-2009

environment at school.

4. Create an attractive school environment for students and staff.
5. Encourage participation in and recognize achievement of student academic extracurricular activities.
6. Provide students with quality, rigorous instruction designed to prepare them for life after graduation.
7. Build student pride in school.
8. Maintain and improve the appearance of grounds and facilities.
9. Emphasize visibility of school board members at school activities.
10. Employment of a conservative and efficient approach to fiscal management.
11. Recognition of achievements of staff, building staff morale.
12. Recruit and retain qualified staff.
13. Focus on dedication to excellence, commitment to children.

Attending the meeting were

Interim Superintendent Dr. Tom Alvis, board members, Don Baxter, David Stafford, Tina Brooks, Mark Seigler, J.D. Russell, newly appointed board member Gilbert Guerrero, Principal William Cochran, Business administrator, Denise Ford, and Laverne Zabielski, Motley County Tribune.

The board approved the current financial reports and revised policies for network and computer use which include filters for Myspace, Facebook and blogs. Regarding student's computer use, Dr. Tom Alvis said, "We need to know where they are and what they are doing at all times."

The board also discussed the need for a security system that could cost \$20,000. J.D. Russell expressed concern regarding the opening and closing of the buildings. "Do we have a security policy where someone has ownership of making sure everything is opened and closed?" he asked.

A timeline for the new Su-

perintendent was established by implementing a search immediately.

The Texas Education Agency awarded MCISD an Acceptable Rating for 2007-2008 school year. In TAKS tests the science and math scores were lower. In eighth grade science 33% passed compared to 68% in the state. And in fifth grade science, 61% passed compared to 81% in the state. In third grade math 70% passed the TAKS test compared to 83% in the state, and in tenth grade 14% passed compared to 63% in the test. Dr. Alvis said, "We will bear down in math and science to bring these scores up."

The board approved the hiring of Randa Green and Pam Thacker to teach third grade. Donna Hoyle will be the gifted and talented teacher and Doug Karr will be hired as consultant focusing on finances.

The next meeting will be August 25, at 7:30 p.m.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The MOTLEY COUNTY ISD will hold a public meeting at 7:00PM, AUGUST 25, 2008 in MOTLEY COUNTY ISD BOARD ROOM MATADOR TEXAS. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$ 1.17000 / \$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	\$ 0.00000 / \$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)
Approved by Local Voters	\$ 0.00000 / \$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or differential) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	0.07000	% increase	or		% (decrease)
Debt service	0.00000	% increase	or		% (decrease)
Total expenditures	0.07000	% increase	or		% (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 238,705,697.00	\$ 239,487,631.00
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 445,420.00	\$ 4,739,040.00
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 69,821,855.00	\$ 72,520,274.00
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 226,426.00	\$ 4,739,040.00

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04183, Tax Code.
 ** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(1)(7), Tax Code.
 *** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.042101, Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$ 0.00

* Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.17000	\$ 0.00000 *	\$ 1.17000	\$ 4,877.00	\$ 8,409.00
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.17974	\$ 0.00000 *	\$ 1.17974	\$ 5,076.00	\$ 8,115.00
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.17000	\$ 0.00000 *	\$ 1.17000	\$ 4,597.00	\$ 8,734.00

* The interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 19,875.34	\$ 21,000.54
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 4,675.34	\$ 6,206.54
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.17	\$ 1.17
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 54.70	\$ 77.30
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 22.60 (increase)

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.17. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.17.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year, and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 770,326.00
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$

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South Plains Electric will start mailing checks the week of August 10 to almost 27,000 members receiving \$10 or more. All checks will be mailed by the Annual Meeting on September 9. The Annual Meeting takes place at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center. If the capital credits refund is less than \$10, the refund will be a credit on the member's September bill.

Unlike other electric utilities, the Cooperative exists to make sure members' needs are always met, not to make a profit. South Plains Electric Cooperative works hard every day to keep rates as low as possible. But it's sure nice to know that when there are margins (capital credits), they go back to members. That's good value for your money!

If a member of South Plains Electric Cooperative has a question, please contact Penny Nelson at pnelson@spec.coop, 806.775.7831 or Jessalynn Alejandro at jalejandro@spec.coop or 806.775.7828.

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2008 District 3 4-H Photography Blue Ribbon Winner
Chicago Flowers
by Cassidy Turner

Latino USA Receives \$250,000 Grant to Expand Coverage of New Immigrant Families

AUSTIN, Texas — The Marguerite Casey Foundation has awarded a \$250,000 grant to Latino USA, the premier English-language public radio newsmagazine covering Latino news and culture, to enable the program to expand its coverage of the experiences of immigrant families in America.

Through sound-rich reporter pieces, family focused audio diaries and interviews conducted by Latino USA host Maria Hinojosa, the program will document the experience of newcomers as they encounter and negotiate the American experience.

"Immigration in America is a two-way street. We are interested in telling the story of how neighborhoods change with the influx of new immigrants as we are in telling the stories of how those new residents adapt as they begin to adopt American customs," said Hinojosa. "Each changes the other, and that's fascinating."

The grant gives me tremendous hope for the future

of our country. We need forward-thinking philanthropy that understands and funds independent media that are paying attention to our changing America."

The Marguerite Casey Foundation grant will allow for expanded coverage of these issues on the air, as well as on the Web. Latino USA plans to archive its reporting online, making it available to communities and individuals in the months and years to come.

"This generous support allows us to deepen our commitment to telling the stories of immigrant families in America: stories of great human resolve and courage, stories of communities in change, stories of hope and entrepreneurial spirit, and new beginnings," said Sean Collins, executive producer of Latino USA. "We are deeply grateful to the Marguerite Casey Foundation for investing in the work of the talented group of journalists at Latino USA."

This is the second grant Latino USA has received to ex-

pand coverage of immigration issues. Last year, the William and Salomé Scanlan Foundation of Austin and San Antonio gave a \$300,000 grant to the program to expand its coverage of immigration issues in America through the 2008 presidential election.

The Marguerite Casey Foundation, based in Seattle, is a private, independent grant-making foundation dedicated to helping low-wealth families strengthen their voice and mobilize their communities in order to achieve a more just and equitable society for all. More information on the Marguerite Casey Foundation is available online.

Latino USA is produced by a partnership between KUT Radio and the Center for Mexican American Studies at The University of Texas at Austin. It is heard by more than 350,000 people on 130 National Public Radio member stations and 40 community radio stations across the country. For more information, visit Latino USA online.

Earth Talk

Global warming is unquestionably the most pressing environmental issue facing whoever ends up in the White House in January 2009. Not only does climate change impact—and in most cases exacerbate—other environmental problems, it has even wider implications for the economy and society at large. Luckily for all of us, both Barack Obama and John McCain are committed to tackling climate change, although their proposed approaches differ in significant ways.

One area where environmentalists take issue with McCain is his support for expanding the role of nuclear power in cutting fossil fuel use. Obama would rather bolster alternative energy sources like wind and solar power that do not have the nasty side effect of radioactive waste in need of storage and disposal. (McCain also supports developing renewables, but not to the extent that Obama is willing to commit).

Some of the other hot button environmental issues sure to occupy the next president's time include: how to best protect the nation's water resources and wetlands; whether to allow more drilling for oil and natural gas both offshore and within Alaska's

Arctic National Wildlife Refuge; whether to reinstate the Roadless Area Conservation Rule, a Clinton-era law (subsequently overturned by the Bush administration) calling for protection of some 58 million acres of public land from logging; how to meet U.S. commitments on existing environmental laws in international trade agreements; and whether to bring back the so-called "polluter pays" part of the government's "Superfund" toxic waste clean-up program.

While Obama is clearly the greener candidate on most of these issues, the fact that McCain even takes them seriously—and is committed to any greenhouse gas reductions whatsoever—is a plus for environmental advocates exasperated by eight years of green naysaying by the Bush administration.

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El calentamiento del planeta es indiscutiblemente el problema ambiental más urgente que deberá enfrentar el nuevo ocupante de la Casa Blanca en enero de 2009. No sólo impacta el cambio de clima—y en la mayoría de los casos exacerbada—otros problemas ambientales; el problema tiene incluso implicaciones más amplias para la economía y la sociedad misma. Afortunadamente para todos nosotros, Barack Obama y John McCain han prometido abordar el cambio de clima, aunque sus planteamientos difieren en forma significativa.

Un área donde los ecologistas chocan con McCain es su apoyo a la ampliación de la energía atómica para reducir el uso de los combustibles fósiles. Obama por su lado alentaría algunas fuentes de energía alternativas como el viento y la energía solar que no tienen efectos secundarios repugnantes como los desechos radioactivos que necesitan almacenaje y disposición especial. (McCain también apoya el desarrollo de nuevas energías renovables, pero no hasta el punto propuesto por Obama).

Algunos de los otros aspectos medioambientales urgentes que es muy probable ocupen al futuro presidente incluyen: cómo mejor proteger los recursos acuáticos y pantanos de la nación; si permitir o no más perforación petrolífera y para

gas natural tanto en el litoral como al interior de la Reserva Nacional Artica de Alaska; si o no reinstalar la Regla de Conservación de Zonas Sin Caminos, una ley de la era de Clinton (posteriormente revocada por la administración de Bush) que contempla la protección contra la tala de unos 58 millones de acres de terrenos públicos; cómo cumplir con los compromisos de los E.E.U.U. en materia de leyes ambientales existentes en acuerdos comerciales internacionales; y si hacer revivir la regla de "quien contamina paga" del programa gubernamental de limpieza de basuras tóxicas "Superfund". Aunque Obama es claramente el candidato "más verde" en lo que respecta a la mayoría de estas cuestiones, el hecho de que McCain incluso las tome en serio—y está comprometido a cualquier reducción de gases de efecto invernadero—es un signo alentador para los ambientalistas exasperados por ocho años de obstinadas negativas a la protección ambiental por parte de la administración de Bush.

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Days Gone By

The Texas Chief Bonanza

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Part 2 of 3

Public opinion held that an "independent" was more likely to develop oil than a major oil company. Some speculated that the major companies plugged holes that were not all dusters, and would reopen and develop the wells at a time more advantageous to the corporations.

In early 1955, the No. 1 U.L. Wilie, drilled by Sequoia Drilling of Abilene, became the first commercial well in the vicinity. On the crest of the geological Matador Arch, the rank wildcat was located on the ranch of Mrs. U.L. Wilie just over the Cottle County line. Drilled to 3,514 feet, the well initially pumped 20 barrels of oil a day.

"Oil!" reported the *Matador Tribune* on February 14, 1957, when a drill stem test near Roaring Springs showed more than 100 feet of oil. "A word, more electrifying than

gold, spread through Matador Thursday afternoon to submerge talk of drought problems and start a wave of excitement that is continuing to increase by the hours." Through the years of wildcatting it was the first time, contended the newspaper, that the finding of oil in Motley County was publicly known.

The Pan American Petroleum hit pay dirt in the Roaring Springs field in March 1957. No. 1 Fred Brandon was drilled to 6,123 feet in granite and plugged at 4,176 feet in the Wolfcamp Reef Formation. The well showed about 20 barrels per hour of high grade oil almost free of foreign matter. Some oil leases in the vicinity were going for \$50 an acre, but the price soon climbed as high as \$150.

On the nearby Avery Payne farm, a Pam-Am crew was giving a well "the treatment," swabbing it dry, in the early morning hours of May 16,

1957. Suddenly a sound grew from somewhere beneath the lister furrows. A gusher! Gas blew out the 12-foot swab in the hole. Oil spurted everywhere. The pipe was dancing around in the well. Fearing fire, the crew quickly turned out the string of lights illuminating the tower. In the darkness they toiled to get the well under control.

The Lubbock *Avalanche Journal* reported that the Motley field was confirmed, and the A.W. Payne No. 1 was potentialled for a daily flow of 112 barrels. Storage tanks were located between the two producers. With the odor of crude and gas burning from flares, the smell of money was in the air. Matador residents got a whiff on the south wind as royalty asking prices skyrocketed to \$250.

Proving no tamer than the Payne wildcat was the No. 1 L.A. Stearns Estate well, nine miles northeast of Matador.

It expanded in July, 1957, the recently opened Roaring Springs pool. Gas, mud, oil, and water blew out, not once but three times, gushing as high as 60 feet up on the derrick. Drilled by Sinclair Oil in the Cisco Reef, flow was estimated initially at three barrels an hour.

The C.R. Brandon No. 1, four miles east of Roaring Springs townsite, became the fourth producing well in the county. Pan American drilled to 4,203 feet with the hole plugged at 4,181 feet; the flow was 105 barrels of oil and no water through 12/64 choke in 24 hours.

L.A. Stearns Estate No. 2 became the fifth, while Pan American's No. 1 Marth Van Eman, 5 1/2 miles east of the town of Roaring Springs, was the 6th producer in the Permian-Pennsylvania field.

COW POKESSM By Ace Reid



"Jake, it's only a bad case of sunburn, but it's going to get worse if you don't quit looking for rain clouds."

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TxDOT begins seal coat operation

CHILDRESS - Various roadways will be getting a fresh, new look this summer as highway construction crews start putting down a new rock and asphalt [seal coat] surface.

Work got underway on August 5, 2008 and weather permitting, the estimated completion date is October 6, 2008.

According to Rickey Gonzales, TxDOT Chief Seal Coat Inspector, this \$7.7 million project is part of an annual preventive maintenance program across the 13-county Childress TxDOT district. "Seal coat" is a rock and asphalt layer put down on the highway to reseal the surface and keep moisture from damaging the road base. It extends the life of the highway.

The seal coat project began in Knox County and will move to the other counties

in the Childress District in this order: Foard, Hardeman, Cottle, Childress, Hall, Collingsworth, Wheeler, Donley, Briscoe and Dickens Counties.

The contractor for this project is Ronald R. Wagner & Company, L.P. of Kendalia, Texas.

"Motorists will encounter workers who will direct them through the work zone, and there will be brief lane closures in those areas on the two-lane roadways where seal coat work is being done," said Rickey Gonzales. "Drivers should always use caution and drive carefully and

choose alternate routes if possible, while the seal coat work is underway."

Anyone with questions about this or any other TxDOT project should contact Barbara Seal, Public Information Officer at 940-937-7288.

After rough start 2008 crop remains stuck between a "Rock and a Hard Place"

By Shawn Wade

Next week's USDA Crop Production Report and World Agriculture Supply and Demand Estimates will begin the process of answering many of the lingering questions the cotton industry has about the 2008 High Plains and U.S. cotton crops.

On the Texas High Plains the "drive-by" opinion on the two million or so acres of cotton still standing, acres which have survived a very difficult first half to the growing season, is that the 2008 crop will fall far short of the record production levels seen the past 3-4 years.

Many observers feel the area will have to get a lot of help to even reach the 3 million bale mark. Understanding that it's still early August it is important to note that the largely intact 2008 High Plains irrigated crop still has an opportunity to improve. It is equally important to note that the situation, especially for non-irrigated acres, could just as easily get worse, which leaves the crop uncomfortably stuck between the proverbial "rock and a hard place."

Until the first official survey-based production estimate is released August 12 the best available information comes from crop reports from pro-

ducers, merchants and extension personnel who have been out looking at the crop.

Based on that input, it appears growers in the High Plains region planted approximately 3.2 million acres of cotton this year, matching the region's planted acreage in 2007. Statewide, Texas plantings appear to be right in line with the June USDA Planted Acreage report of 4.7 million acres.

Abandonment has been the big story on the High Plains with an estimated 1.1 million of the region's 3.2 million cotton acres lost thus far. Losses have been primarily from drought related causes, but hail and wind have also been significant contributors, especially in irrigated cotton. Breaking down the losses shows that some 200,000 acres of irrigated cotton have been destroyed along with just over 900,000 dryland acres.

How these figures will compare to the upcoming USDA Crop Production report's acreage levels and survey-based estimate is hard to gauge. With very little actual yield to evaluate at this stage, and so much potential for improvement or decline in the crop, it is clear that the August 12 cotton estimate could be among the toughest forecasts USDA makes this growing season.

Public hunt books available at Copper Breaks State Park

QUANAH, TX. - The 2008-2009 Public Hunt books are now available at Copper Breaks State Park. The annual publication features special drawing and regular permit hunting opportunities on Texas Parks and Wildlife Department hunting areas. The free publication details the type of hunt available, date, location, and information about the hunting site.

The public hunts are by drawing. If you wish to participate, choose the hunt, fill out the appropriate form, and send it in with the minimal fee. If you win the draw, then any additional fees will be assessed at the time of the hunt. If you do not win the draw, preference points are assigned to you so there is a better chance of winning a draw the following year.

Another way to participate is to try stand by. To do this, you show up at the hunt location at the start time for the first day of the hunt. If there

is a no show or cancellation for available hunting slots, then those present for stand by will participate in a drawing to use the slot; all fees will be due at that time.

Generally, but not always, it only costs \$10.00 to sign up. Additional fees are based on the type of hunt. The 22 categories offered this year include gun deer, antlerless or spike; gun deer, either sex; javelina, exotics, feral hogs, turkey, youth hunts, archery, black powder, and much more.

The Copper Breaks State Park hunts are listed in this year's guide. The park will offer a slot for antlerless white tail deer and a slot for either sex white tail deer, and unlimited feral hogs. The hunt is scheduled for December 5-7, 2008. There is a \$10.00 fee to sign up and if you win the hunt, \$75.00 is due at the start of the hunt. All other park fees do apply.

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- August**
- 14 Matador City Council, 6:30 pm
 - 14 Foothills Fellowship, Roaring Springs Community Center, 7:00 pm
 - 19 Matador Lions, Methodist Church, 12:30 pm
 - 19 Chamber of Commerce, Library, 5:30 pm
 - 21 Matador Masonic Lodge, 6:30 pm
 - 24--FBCM Prayer walk at the school, 7pm
- 25 First day of school, MCISD
- 25 Public hearing MCISD budget, 7:00 pm
- 25 MCISD School Board, School, 7:30 pm
- 28 Old Settlers begins, parade, Roaring Springs, 10:00 am
- 29 Rootin' Tootin' beans and cornbread, 11:30 am to 1:30 pm at the Library Annex.
- 31 FBCM Church Picnic Day, 10am Sunday School; 11am worship, casual attire; noon--picnic & family games.
- FBCM is collecting t-shirts in August; toys for boys in September; and toys for girls in October for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes.
- September**
- 2 Matador Lions, Methodist Church, 12:30 pm
 - 3 Kids' Praise resumes, 5pm, all kids, 3yr thru 6th
 - 4 Roaring Springs Lions, Hitchin Post, 12:30 pm
 - 6 Men's Breakfast, Methodist Church, 7:00 am
- HOME COMING & REUNIONS**
- 28 - 30 Old Settlers Reunion & Rodeo, Roaring Springs, see poster for schedule of events
 - September 12 & 13, Matador/Motley County Homecoming
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GRUNDY GOAT SALE Saturday, August 23 10:00 a.m. Preview at 9:00 a.m.

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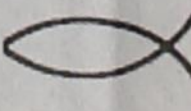
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