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MMI meets to offer lots for sale

By Carol Campbell
Motley County Tribune

Market Matador met with a full quorum Tuesday, February 26, 2013, at 4:00 p.m. in City Hall. Attending were board members Lee Hurt, Ron Bailey, Libby Cruse, D'vonna Grundy, Ronnie Vandiver, and ex officio member City Secretary Debra Scott. Also attending as guests were Bill Luckett, Bobby Klodginski, Jeremy Jameson, and Mayor Pat Smith.

Following approval of the minutes, Mayor Smith addressed the board on the recent tire disposal in east Matador, asking the board to consider paying one-quarter of the expenses for removal. Smith said he received a call from County Judge Jim Meador that TCEQ was conducting a complaint investigation on property owned by Motley County (Block 23); City of Matador (Block 24), Market Matador (Block 25), and C. C. Beck (Blocks 26-32). About 4,000 tires were removed by Tyre King of Plainview at a cost of \$11,712.00. Mayor Smith said he then met with the Motley County Commissioner's Court, who voted unanimously to pay one-quarter of the costs at \$2,989.00. A motion was made by Ron Bailey to agree to pay one quarter of the costs, seconded by Lee Hurt. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

In the next order of business, the board was asked to consider the proposed Market Matador lots for sale that were recently announced in the newspaper. Bill Luckett

addressed the board regarding Block 11, lots 30-32. He said he owned these lots almost 12 years ago when the city approached him to sell lots to MMI for a proposed pipe yard. He said he retained a Right of Refusal if the proposed business did not materialize then the lots would revert back to him. Later, the lots were leased to Russell Hensler through a lease agreement with MMI. Luckett said this lease agreement came after his agreement with Market Matador. President D'vonna Grundy made a motion to table this issue until further investigation, seconded by Lee Hurt. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Lee Hurt, seconded by D'vonna Grundy to award Jeremy Jameson Block 102, Lots 7, 9, 16, 24, and 30 for the appraised value of \$400.00. When asked by D'vonna Grundy what he intended to do with the property, Jameson said this purchase would "tie the Travis Jameson's lots together." The motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by D'vonna Grundy, seconded by Lee Hurt to award Jeremy Jameson Block 123, Lots 7 and 28 for the appraised value of \$100.00; and Block 103, Lot 8, for the appraised value of \$50.00. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Block 98, Lots 2-6 and 15 and 30 are on a railroad right-of-way. The right-of-way offers the only entrance to the property. Following discussion, a motion was made by

Libby Cruse, seconded by Lee Hurt to table the sale of these lots until further investigation.

A motion was made by Ron Bailey, seconded by Lee Hurt to award Block 99, Lots 22, 25, and 26 to Jeremy Jameson. The motion passed by unanimous vote. Overall, Jameson purchased 11 lots for \$700.00.

The board then discussed a time limit for payment of lots and the location for the pick-up of deeds. Debra Scott said she would accept pay for the lots at City Hall in order to have a central location for citizens purchasing lots. MMI will be responsible for typing up the deeds. D'vonna Grundy said once the deeds were drawn up, that MMI needed a copy of the deed. Libby Cruse said that MMI needed "a filed copy of everything we sell and copies should be made at the owner's expense." These rules were approved by unanimous vote.

Secretary-Treasurer Libby Cruse reported that MMI had a balance of \$11,126.15 as of February 23, 2013. According to City Secretary Debra Scott, 33 lots have been purchased since the first of the year and will be added back to the tax rolls with potential revenue of \$3,608.00.

Agenda items discussed for the next meeting included all items tabled at this meeting, including the disposal of the Whiteflat property, Block 1, Section 1-24; and the resolution of the Hensler-Luckett property.

The next meeting has been set for March 21, 2013, at 4:00 p.m.

MCPC announces Box Top winners

By Carol Campbell
Motley County Tribune

The Motley County Parents Club (MCPC) announces winners for the General Mills Box Top Program from Pre-Kindergarten to Junior High and High School. The Third Grade class with teacher Roni Gass collected the most box tops per student at 1,370.

"As winners, the students get to pick a special event such as a picnic at the park, a tour of the museum or the old jail, or an ice cream party in the spring," MCPC Box Top Coordinator Mary Ann Potts said. "The Junior High winners, sponsored by Tommy Gleghorn, collected 252 box tops to win the junior high

high school category."

Through the General Mills Box Top Program, students collect box tops on products that have a coupon that is worth 10 cents each, Potts explained. "Products like Yo-plait Yogurt®, Avery® notebooks and binders, and Betty Crocker® cake mixes are just some of the products that have collectible box tops," Potts said.

In addition, "You can earn box tops electronically," Potts said. By searching on www.boxtop4education.com parents can shop at a market place with 100-plus stores that also help earn money for the school, she explained.

The students collect box tops and turn them in two

times a year for cash prizes; and in turn the school gets a check from General Mills to use for a school approved field day. Ten box tops is equivalent to \$1.00. For every 10 box tops turned in, the student gets a "prize" from the MCPC - usually a notebook calendar, toys, or books. For 50 box tops or more, the prizes might consist of DVDs, Potts said. "We should receive a check in the mail around April 15, 2013."

"The school has been collecting box tops through this program since 2000," Potts said. "The first year we collected 820 box tops, this year we collected a total of 7,216 box tops - we have come a long way."

Motley County ISD Board meets Attendance rate at 95 percent.

The Motley County Board of Trustees met on Monday, January 14, 2013, at 7:30 p.m. in a regular scheduled board meeting. All board members were present, except Don Baxter. Also present were William Cochran, Gary Waitman, Denise Ford and Chuck Ream. Invocation was given by Crawford Mason. No one was present for Open Forum.

Action items consisted of a motion by Tina Brooks, seconded by Rachele Davis to approve the minutes for December 10, 2012. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

A motion by Lee Jones, seconded by Crawford Mason was made to approve the list of expenditures. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

A motion by Rachele Davis, seconded by Lee Jones was

made to approve book donations from the Motley County Parents Club. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

No action was taken on the board president's report on board member training.

A motion was made by Lee Jones, seconded by Crawford Mason to consider the purchase or letting of bids for a school tractor. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

In the Principal's Report, Mr. Waitman reported that enrollment stands at 180 students. The attendance rate is 95 percent.

During the Superintendent's Report, Mr. Cochran reported on educational issues for the new legislative session that began on January 8, 2013. Mr. Cochran reported vouchers, finance (same funding no projected increase), lawsuit (equal-

ized funding), ESC cutting funds, and private schools participate with public schools in UIL. Mr. Cochran also reported that Mr. Johnson's house bathroom has been remodeled. Remodeling for the kitchen and painting will commence in the summer. Mr. Cochran will be attending Mid-Winter TASA Conference in Austin, Texas, on January 26-29.

The board convened in Executive Session to consider the Superintendent's evaluation, contract and compensation. No action was taken.

The board discussed the Superintendent's contract and compensation. No action was taken.

A motion to adjourn was made by Tina Brooks, seconded by Rachele Davis. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Red Rovers attend Jamboree

The Motley County Red Rovers of the Red Hat Society met Saturday evening, March 2, traveling to Turkey, Tx, to the Gem Theatre to the monthly jamboree with area musicians entertaining with hymns and old favorites, mixed with popular tunes. "They had something for everyone," Winifred Darsey said.

Attending were Norma Nell Marrs, Mary Jones, Dorothy Day, Winifred Darsey, and Joan Patton. "We had a great time," Winifred said, "and the music was good."

Admission to Jamboree is free and for a fee, guests can purchase a meal, prepared by volunteers of the Turkey Heritage Foundation. A brisket dinner with all the trimmings was served in the patio area at 6:00 p.m. before the performance at 7:00 p.m.

FSA News

By Amy Hackler

NAP- non insured crop insurance deadline is March 15. This coverage is for haygrazer. The cost is \$250.00 per crop. Please call the office for an appointment.



Tammy Simpson, new Motley County ISD secretary, hard at work. photo by Jennifer Lawler

Motley County has snow blizzard

By Earlyne Jameson

A surprising snow in Motley County with five inches of wet snow and 2- to 3-foot snow drifts on Monday, February 25, had school classes canceled, roads closed, mail carriers and post offices limited mail service and electrical outages. Those living in the rural area were confined to their homes. Supplemental feeding of livestock was postponed.

At this time last year during February, Motley County was reporting bad sandstorms! Following a light snow, sleet and rain on Tuesday, February 12,

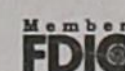
and on February 20, the county had a good rain accompanied by deafening claps of thunder. Subsequently, livestock was put on revived wheat land. This unexpected underground moisture is welcomed by Motley County agricultural interests.

Motley County National Weather Service Volunteers were happy to report the total moisture for February 2013; Buzz Thacker, Roaring Springs 1.59 inches; Ron Bailey, Matador 2.00 inches; Betty Simpson, Northfield 2.30 inches; Lawrence Allen, Whiteflat 1.40 inches and Clois Shorter, Flomot 2.25 inches.

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NEWS AROUND MOTLEY COUNTY

Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

On a personal note

The pinto beans are cooking! That is a good thing to have on news day; I can work on my news while they cook.

This is a big change from last week's snow. It hasn't been six weeks since Prairie Dog Pete saw his shadow; though today and yesterday make one believe spring has arrived. Before the snow robins, meadow larks were in our yard. Bill Manney reported seeing a pair of purple martin scouts before the snow. Maybe the birds know more than Prairie Dog Pete. Corky decided that he should get the purple martin house cleaned and ready this morning. Usually it is the week of the 20th of March before they arrive; since Bro. Bill has already seen some very tired scouts they may be coming earlier this year.

In the community

Walter and Jo Trammell's grandson Scott Cochran recently spent a few days with Walter and Jo. Scott is a student at the University of Texas at San Antonio. While Scott was here he made a lot of pictures for a photography class he is taking of the remnants of small towns that were once there. Knowing the area from years of visiting his grandparents he decided he should find some good scenes on the

Rolling Plains. While here Scott, visited with Ken Young and was very interested in his pictorial books of the area. Ken graciously gave him some pointers and advice. After getting some three hundred photographs, Scott returned to his classes in San Antonio.

Joe Taylor will be the speaker for the March 7 Lions Club meeting at 11:30 a.m. at the Roaring Springs Community Center. Mr. Taylor is the curator of the Fossil Museum in Crosbyton. He is a most interesting speaker.

The Daniell's have settled in at the Travelers Inn and they are open for business. Quite a few people have dropped in to tell them how glad they are that they have reopened and to wish them well. The Roaring Springs coffee drinkers will now meet there instead of the City Hall.

Genetta Ameijide has fallen and broken her wrist.

Several have been interviewed to determine if they qualify for a new housing project by some personnel of the South Plains Assoc. of Governments. There have been disappointments in former years when the promised plans fell through. Hopefully, this time some Roaring Springs residents in need of a better home will receive one.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

Delayed from last week

Overheard on a Southwest Airline Flight: "Ladies and gentlemen, if you wish to smoke, the smoking section on this airplane is on the wing and if you can light 'em, you can smoke 'em."

Community News

Travis and Linda Kendall, Tim Kendall and Sons, Jere and Jacob were in Lubbock Saturday to attend the Destination Imagination Competition held at the Estacado High School. Their grandson and nephew, Connor Kendall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cory Kendall of Midland was on the Midland team that was awarded second place.

Mrs. Brenda Cruse, her mother, Mrs. Marihelen Wason of Matador, Mrs. Lacy Cruse and Reese of Turkey attended a bridal shower honoring daughter, Leah Cruse held Saturday morning in Amarillo.

Joey Lee of Clarendon attended to business and visited his parents, Orville and Ruth Lee Sunday.

Mrs. B. Rogers visited overnight Thursday with her daughter and husband, Donna Sue and Stanley Degan in Kalgary.

Donna Sue accompanied B. to Lubbock Friday morning for medical tests.

Dustin and Elise Reed and children, Hayleigh and Kayden of Lubbock, visited the weekend with grandmother, Mrs. Mary Jo Calvert and Glen Calvert.

Brooke Sehon of Wolfforth visited from Thursday until Sunday with grandparents, Clois and Kathy Shorter. Her family, Keri and Kevin Sehon and brother, Brian was in Wichita Falls for Brian's Go-cart races. He was in the finals.

Darrell Cruse visited in Snyder Saturday with son and family, Derrick and Christina Cruse, Paisley and Cash. They celebrated the 9th birthday of Cash with all the trimmings.

Mrs. Waydette Clay accompanied her aunt, Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton to Plainview, Thursday for a medical appointment.

Connie and Coy Franks visited in Idalou Saturday with sons and families, Cory and Amy Franks, Hudson, Madison, and Heston, Cary and Mary Franks and Cal.

Wilburn Martin was in Plainview Tuesday for an optical medical appointment.

Matador News

By Marilyn Hicks

I didn't realize until the paper came out last week that I didn't send in last week's news. So you get a double feature this week.

Last week: D'anna and Ryder made it back in Kansas last week in time for a massive blizzard. If you are friends with D on Facebook you saw some pictures of fun as well as work made more difficult by the weather. While in Matador and Quitaque, D and her sister got her mom moved into new living quarters. It is such an emotional and physical task to move after decades in one home. We enjoyed getting to see her and 'little boy', but they were glad to be sleeping in their own beds again.

Sharlene (Smith) and Terry Brittan had two parties to attend this past weekend. They attended a 90th birthday party for Jessie T Sims and also a party for Sharlene's uncle in Quitaque. Sharlene and Terry are from the metroplex. I have never seen Sharlene look so lovely with her spiffy new hairdo. I bet being the proud mama of a law student at Southern University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, is part of the reason for her happy aura. Although I didn't get to see them, also attending the party for Jessie T were Glouris (Sims) and Robert Pitts and their son and friend, Patrick McGavisk and Sandra Payan. Glouris, Robert, and family live in Plainview.

Gerald and Lottie Weems from Lubbock celebrated their 30th anniversary with a relaxing stay, flowers, and tapas. Gerald works at Alderson Lexus in Lubbock.

Steven and Ellen Fowlkes from Fort Worth spent three days looking at property in the area. They currently live in Fort Worth, but would like to move out here, at least part time. Ellen is a retired teacher, and Steve is CEO for Long Star Credit. A treasure Ellen found while here was one of the hand-crafted walking sticks created by Melinda Jameson; she chose the one with Texas symbols.

Polly and Chig Gwinn were glad to be visited by their daughter and son-in-law, Reneigh and Steve Burns.

We were in Amarillo Saturday to attend the Panhandle Safari Club International fundraiser. We got reacquainted with some fellow hunters and scheduled two new groups for a safari. We also got to see our baby, Lara, and her family, Adrian, Jaxon, and Isabel. That always makes for a great weekend.

This week: Joyce Epperson and Joni Carmack, daughters of Jerry Newberry, visited with their father and Ima Jean for three days. They enjoyed cooking and reminiscing. Joyce is an interior designer, and Joni is an emergency room physician. They made it in from Arkansas before the snow fell.

We had a full house on Monday, mainly with stranded motorists. Ted Baker from Plainview had his car blown off the road by the winds and had to abandon it and then get it towed. He was on his way to a required training for his employers, but they gave him permission to arrive late. Jim Colburn from Arlington was stranded from his deliveries of dialysis supplies to people who are confined to their homes. He had to make many calls to reassure and comfort his clients. Jim Nix from Flower Mound was delayed in his rounds of making insurance inspections.

A pipeline supply crew traveling from Louisiana to California couldn't make it any further than Matador and had to spend the evening watching television and eating chicken fried steaks at Deli-icious who stayed open to accommodate them. Gayla Griffin left Wichita Falls on her way home to Floydada, and anticipating a speedy and non-eventful trip, she decided to travel in her pajamas. At some point in her sliding toward Matador, she managed to don her clothes so she could seek a room. She stayed a few hours before she decided she could make it home. It took her five hours to get to Floydada.

Guests in our home this week were Jason, Kimmie, Hannah and Hailey Hicks from Abilene. They brought with them Kristi, Ben, Avery, Brooklyn, and Dawson Lowry from Belton. The guys in the party, along with Randy and his brother Gary, hunted varmints and pigs here in Motley County and as far afield as Andrews. They had a good weekend. One of the pigs almost ran up into Gary's lap so he has the new moniker of "Dances with Pigs".

The women of the North Groesbeck Church of Christ had a retreat over the weekend. Fourteen women came in on Friday evening as they shared experiences, inspiration, song, laughter and some tears. This is the third year they have spent in Matador. We were sorry to learn that one of the leaders, Pam Horton, had to be with sick grandchildren at the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota.

Showing real estate in our county was Bill Shanklin from Paradise, Texas. This is the second trip he has made for people interested in property here.

Stanley and Melisa Martin from Andrews were in Matador on Thursday.

I didn't get to attend the memorial service for DeWayne Martin this week, but it was a sad passing. His sister, Elwanda, was my mom's great childhood friend, and he was a part of some of my first memories of Matador.

Talked briefly with Carol Campbell this weekend and found her deep in the throes of writing yet another grant to help in preserving the history of the area. We are blessed to have her efforts.

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Motley County Boys A Team - 1st place team - 328

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Caleb Clary-84
Bryant Taylor-82
Korbyn Simpson-79

Korbyn Simpson placed 1st individual
Bryant Taylor placed 3rd individual

Motley County Boys B Team - 389

Other boys competing were:

Conner Mason
Braden Bigham
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Library Journal
by Carla Meador Librarian

February exited in style with a blustery, but beautiful, snow storm. After last Sunday's 70 degree temperatures it was hard to imagine that the weather man's predictions for a blizzard on Monday would come true. The residents of this area are very thankful for the much welcomed moisture. And now March is already here! Before you can say Ernest Hemingway, we will celebrate Easter. Spring and gardening season is approaching and soon Summer will be shining upon us. Hopefully, "April showers will bring May flowers."

Did you know that books in print still top in rank of formats most used by readers? A recent survey by *Pew Research Center's Internet & American Life Project* shows that formats used in the last year are: Print book, 67%; E-book, 23%, and Audiobook, 13%. I don't know about you, but I would much rather hold an actual book with pages to thumb through as I read than an E-book any day. Although the Motley County Library doesn't, at this time, offer E-books, we do have a nice selection of Audiobooks, which are great for those who travel back and forth to work, or have failing eyesight.

New books on our shelves this week include *Full Disclosure* by Dee Henderson, *Cover of Snow* by Jenny Milchman and *The Good House* by Ann Leary.

We also have some new DVDs - *Anna Karenina*, *Flight* and *Argo*. All three of these movies were nominated for Academy Awards and *Argo* won Best Picture!

Our featured book this week is one of our new ones, *The Good House* by Ann Leary. Hildy Good is a townie. A lifelong resident of an historic community on the rocky coast of Boston's North Shore, she knows pretty much everything about everyone. Hildy is a descendant of one of the

witches hung in nearby Salem, and is believed, by some, to have inherited psychic gifts. Not true, of course; she's just good at reading people. Hildy is good at lots of things. A successful real-estate broker, mother and grandmother, her days are full. But her nights have become lonely ever since her daughters, convinced their mother was drinking too much, staged an intervention and sent her off to rehab. Now she's in recovery—more or less.

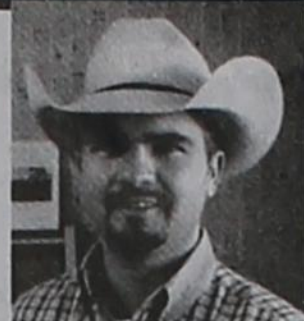
Alone and feeling unjustly persecuted, Hildy needs a friend. She finds one in Rebecca McCallister, a beautiful young mother and one of the town's wealthy newcomers. Rebecca feels out-of-step in her new surroundings and is grateful for the friendship. And Hildy feels like a person of the world again, as she and Rebecca escape their worries with some harmless gossip, and a bottle of wine by the fire—just one of their secrets.

But not everyone takes to Rebecca, who is herself the subject of town gossip. When Frank Getchell, an eccentric local who shares a complicated history with Hildy, tries to warn her away from Rebecca, Hildy attempts to protect her friend from a potential scandal. Soon, however, Hildy is busy trying to cover her own tracks and protect her reputation. When a cluster of secrets become dangerously entwined, the reckless behavior of one threatens to expose the other, and this darkly comic novel takes a chilling turn.

THE GOOD HOUSE is funny, poignant, and terrifying. A classic New England tale that lays bare the secrets of one little town, this spirited novel will stay with you long after the story has ended.

Sounds like a good one! Don't forget to come by, check out a copy of *Until Tuesday* and plan to take part in the Noon Book Review set for April 12!

County Agent's News



by Ryan Martin, AgriLIFE EXTENSION Agent

AgriLife Extension challenges Texas to save 40 gallons of water dail

COLLEGE STATION - The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service is strengthening its challenge to Texans to save millions of gallons of water annually as well as money on their monthly water bills.

The Texas map is beginning to change colors as more people sign up to participate in the 40 Gallon Challenge being issued by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. (Courtesy photo)

The 40 Gallon Challenge is a program that calls on residents and businesses to reduce their average water use by 40 gallons per day, according to Dr. Diane Boellstorff, AgriLife Extension water resources specialist in College Station.

Boellstorff became involved in the voluntary national program in 2011, serving as the Texas representative.

After one year, she and AgriLife Extension economist Dean McCorkle in College Station completed an economic impact study in November, which showed that Texas participants, based on average municipal rates, were saving an estimated \$299,000 a year, in addition to the water savings.

"At the time that we did the impact statement, we were able to count 80 programs from 89 counties, and participation continues to increase," she said. "For example, the impact statement mentions 1,050 participating households saving 71 million gallons of water annually, but today's numbers are 1,152 participating households saving 80 million gallons annually."

That change has come in only three months. Boellstorff said many AgriLife Extension agents are beginning to deliver the program in their local counties. She is also making presentations to spread the program across the state.

This water resource con-

servation tool is one of many programs initiated and supported through the Southern Region Water Resource Project, funded through the U.S. Department of Agriculture - National Institute for Food and Agriculture. Dr. Mark McFarland, AgriLife Extension state soil fertility specialist in College Station, is the project director.

The 40-Gallon Challenge allows Texans to compete against other Americans who are taking the challenge in their states. At the program's website, www.40gallonchallenge.org, Texans can pledge to adopt water-saving practices and see how many gallons of water they can expect to save.

The website also shows the most popular practices being pledged, the practices that are saving the most water daily, and counties and states that are pledging the most daily savings, Boellstorff said.

Currently, the top water savers in Texas are "reduce irrigation station runtimes by two minutes," "use a broom instead of a hose to clean driveways and sidewalks," and "fix a leaky toilet." In Texas, the three counties registered to save the most gallons are Collin, Ellis and Dallas.

Boellstorff credited the higher rate of participation in these areas to work done by Susan Ballabina, AgriLife Extension regional program director for family and consumer sciences, and Clint Wolfe, urban water program manager at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center at Dallas.

To start saving water and take the challenge, go to the website and complete the checklist of water-saving practices, Boellstorff said. The checklist includes both indoor and outdoor water-saving tips. iLife center in Lubbock by calling 806-746-6101.

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OPINION EDITORIAL

A Vision for the Future

By Carol Campbell

Sometimes going forward is not possible until we truly understand where we have been. I have a vision for the future and I would like to take a tiny step forward. But people get stuck. My mantra: "Home is where the journey begins..."

As some of you know (and many of you have guessed) I am in a perpetual state of "saving the old jail." Now, I am beginning to see the fruits of many hours of labor to this end coming to a close. Thanks to the professional Green Team (Billy, Aaron, and Jeremy) the electric is installed and the playback system for the *Old West Tales From Motley County* at the jail is operational - just in time for spring tours. This is a major milestone for the project, and I couldn't be more proud and pleased.

None of this would have been possible without the help of so many citizens in this community, former residents, city and county government, and a dear friend of Motley County - Lou Diekemper. Lou has deep family roots here, and she put her money where it counted most to this project, almost singlehandedly saving the roof, exterior, and windows of this precious historic place in our county.

Others have made meaningful contributions to the preservation of historic places in Motley County, namely the Motley County Historical Commission headed by our own Marisue Burleson Potts. Marisue has quietly gone about the business of meaningful historic preservation, long before I returned with only one passion. Her passion has been for the whole of Motley County and you can see her handprint on most everything - the library mural, the museum, historical markers, sesquicentennial celebrations, Bob's Oil Well and other important works too numerous to name. And if you haven't noticed, Ron "Beetle" Bailey is a one-man ambassador for Matador. His loving care of Bob's Oil Well from paint to pumps has helped preserve this unique landmark.

In behalf of the Friends of the Jail board, I would like to personally thank the numerous funders that made the jail repair and restoration possible for the past five years. But I am especially grateful to the hardworking jail board that supported me in every possible way for every hare-brained idea I had to raise money for the jail project. Your friendship and support will always be known by me and hopefully, to others as well. You are the best - which brings me to the real purpose of this *Opinion Editorial*.

Matador has a rare opportunity on the horizon to capture on film - in real life - the story of

our past intertwined in a vision for our future - all in a feature length film that may literally put us on the map. I am asking you one more time to support a film project that may very well be the legacy of our county. (Please see *Writing Community* in the next issue). The filmmakers Marianne and Doug Leviton of Whistling Boulder Productions, Boulder, CO, have proposed to film historic ranches in our county in the context of focusing on the survivors of the fires of 2011 as a backdrop, but capturing the very nature of who and what we really are - we are a community of neighbors helping neighbors, with a solid work ethic, loyalty, and history. A fundraiser to support this project will be in the future. Please say "yes" when the time comes. We can do this together.

We are rugged pioneers! The last of a dying breed! In a world that is changing so rapidly that Smart phones have left the dumb ones like me behind; where the World Wide Web communicates with the masses - rewarding mobs of people for dancing in the isles on jet planes; and where politicians Twitter™ and Facebook™ for political favor. In this brave new world, Motley County represents a tiny micro-system of a way of life that has brought out the very best in "community" for more than 100 years. This film project will bring our pioneer ancestors to the present - capturing the past and present in a film venue that will be our legacy.

Sometimes when I drop off of the Caprock driving from Floydada to Matador, I try to imagine what this land must have looked like when the grass was belly-high to a horse, and the north, south, and middle Pease Rivers were running free. I imagine Indians camping at Roaring Springs. And I imagine what it must have looked like to H. H. Campbell on horseback when he envisioned the Matador Ranch with millions of acres of grass feeding thousands of cattle as far as the eye could see. Wouldn't it have been great to have been able to capture our first county judge Henry Harrison Campbell's passion for the land in a film - and what lessons he might have been able to tell us? We have about 10 family farms and ranches that are more than 100 years old - and still in operation. What will happen to us when the heirs to the farming and ranching future are gone? Will we survive?

Well, my bet is on Motley County. I was born and raised here, and I have spent the last eight years of my life into older age (I'll be 70 in April) getting acquainted again on what is really important about family and friends. I have been inspired by what I see - you are the reason I have a home - and home is where the journey begins.

Obituary

Bobby Dewayne Martin

Bobby Dewayne Martin, 78, of Petersburg died on February 26, 2013, in Petersburg. Funeral services were held Friday, March 1, 2013, at the First Baptist Church in Petersburg with the Rev. Don Raney officiating and Mr. Earl McDonough assisting. Burial was in East Mound Cemetery in Matador, Texas. Arrangements were under the care of Kornerstone Funeral Directors of Plainview.

Dewayne was born December 1, 1934, to Bob and Allie Martin in Matador, Tx. He grew up and attended schools in Matador while working on his family ranch. He worked for the Liquor Control Board for three years. He married Delores Price on May 24, 1975, in Provo, UT. He made his living raising cattle and sold insurance for several different companies. He retired about 15 years ago. Dewayne was a member of the First Baptist Church and Senior Citizens.

He is survived by his

wife, Delores Martin of Petersburg; four children, Barry Martin of Terrell, Tx, Stephanie McCartney and husband Billy of Kempner, Tx, Robbie Lef-fel and wife Darendra of Katy, Tx, and Lorrie Van Keuren and husband Michael of Rio Rancho, NM; 10 grandchildren, Augustus Martin, Allie Diane Martin, Ashley Kimbley, Carolyn Kimbley, Brandon Kimbley, Danielle Goates and husband Rob, Danay Leffel, Michael Marsh, Nathaniel Marsh, and Joshua Marsh; and one great grandson, Alex; and numerous cousins.

He is preceded in death by his parents, his sister, Elwanda McCaghren. Memorials may be made to East Mound Cemetery, P.O. Box 370, Matador, TX 79244-0370, First Baptist Church of Petersburg, P.O. Box 469 Petersburg, TX 79250 or Library Association, 1614 Main, Petersburg, TX 79250. Online condolences may be made at www.kornerstonefunerals.com

MCISD Track and Golf Schedule

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"Reaping What Is Sown."



We have recently enjoyed a good snow fall. While it meant extra work and long hours for some it was welcomed. Welcomed? Yes, because of the moisture that the snow brought. Because of that moisture there is a least some hope that our pastures and crop-lands might begin to recover. As the land recovers

its vitality, we pray for a good season of planting and harvesting. It would be extremely rare in our part of the world to hear of any farmer praying for a crop failure. If we did we would consider that to be ridiculous. A farmer naturally wants the seed he has planted to grow up to be a strong and healthy plant. Generally speaking, this will mean a good crop.

Perhaps there have been times in our lives when we have managed to get into some trouble or situation and wanted the consequences to disappear. When they don't then we are ready to be angry with God. It is easy to blame God for our troubles when all along we choose to forget, "...for whatever a man sows, this will he also reap." God is simply reminding us that sometimes we must live with the consequences of our sin whether we have repented or not.

Why then do some pray for a crop failure in their personal lives? The answer is, because of the principle stated in Galatians 6: 7, 8. Why not live the kind of life which will be rewarded with good things? I am sure that all of us would rather plant seeds in life that will lead to good consequences. Let us live our lives in such a way that we pray for a successful crop.

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Notice of Public Meeting

The Matador Water District will hold a Public Meeting on Thursday, March 14, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall to present the proposed budget for 2013/2014 fiscal year.

Debra Scott
City Secretary

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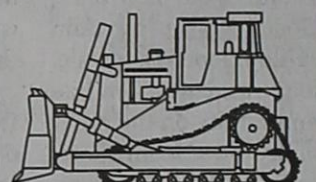
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