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Is it time to go to the show?

Photo by Larry Vogt

Wind energy expert presents model for city Council amends FY2008 and approves FY2009 budgets

69th annual Motley County Junior Livestock Show set for Saturday, February 21

By Carol Campbell

The Matador City Council met in regular session on Thursday, February 12, 2009, with a full quorum consisting of Mayor Pat Smith, City Secretary Debra Scott, City Superintendent Steve Barton, and Councilmen Pat Seigler, Kay Bailey, Shane Jones, Alvin Alexander and Chuck Ream. Guests attending were Tom Hamilton, city attorney, Tommy Olds, account manager for TriEagle Electrical Company; and Foster Cannon, the managing partner of U.S. Wind Energy.

An early start at 5:30 p.m. on the regular 8-item agenda included two presentations and 13 items for council action, including budget amendments for 2008, a proposed budget for 2009; the approval of an election location change, an update on the seal coat project, and discussion of emergency management coordinator position.

The first presentation consisted of a Strategic and Tactical

Development Plan for City Municipalities, presented by Foster Cannon of U.S. Wind Energy. Cannon said U.S. Wind Energy was the first to recognize the opportunity for an innovative solution for city municipalities to cash in on the wind energy initiative.

"We are the first to establish a game-changing business model in the wind farm development industry in the Texas South Plains and Panhandle," he said, adding, "the timing for the region is right -- for the environment, for the local economy, for local landowners, and for the end consumer." The other managing partner is Tom Morrison, who helped develop the plan for the proposed 2,000 turbine farm in the Texas Panhandle with T. Boone Pickens. The Pampa Wind Project will generate 4,000 megawatts (MW), covering 400,000 acres in five counties. The projected online date for the Panhandle farm is 2011. It will be the world's largest single-site wind turbine

farm.

But big is not necessarily better for municipalities. On the other end of the spectrum, small wind farms of 7-10 turbines, generating a highly profitable 10 megawatts of power would improve the local economies and bring new families to Motley County, he said. These smaller farms are perfectly suited to city municipalities, Cannon said.

U.S. Wind Energy model will focus on windmills that generate 10 megawatt wind farms which will not require changes or upgrades in transmission lines, he said. The objectives of the plan provide: (1) 10 percent return on investment and a 5 percent interest rate on principle at a break-even analysis of five years; (2) a factory warranty training program for operations and service technicians; (3) improve local economies and tax basis through the creation of new jobs; and (4) produce clean, green, carbonless renewable electricity for power compa-

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The Motley County Junior Livestock Association Board of Directors invites the public to the 69th Annual Motley County Junior Livestock Show, set for Saturday, February 21.

Events will begin early from 6:45 to 8:45 a.m. (sharp) with a breakfast sponsored by Lowe's, Francis Taylor, Manager, and cooked by Richard Turner and crew. The Association board consists of Gilbert Guerrero, Jeromy Jameson, J.D. Russell, David Stafford, Mark Siegler, Craig Turner, Chad Overton, and Advisors Jim Cooper and Ryan Martin, CEA.

FFA and 4-H members will exhibit swine, lambs, goats, steers, rabbits and bucket

calves. All animals must be weighed and in place by 8:30 a.m.

The Pee Wee Showmanship will begin at 9:45 a.m. This event gives future Motley County stock show exhibitors the chance to get some hands-on experience. There are no losers in this event, everyone is a winner and receives a ribbon.

Swine classes will begin at 10:00 a.m., followed by the Bucket Calf show at 11:15 a.m. The Lambs show will begin at 11:30 a.m. The Rabbit show will begin at 12:30 p.m., followed by Goats at 1:00 p.m. and Steers at 2:00 p.m. The Premium Sale will begin at 2:30 p.m. All show times are approximate.

There will also be a Silent Auction Table with chances to win a \$500 shopping spree at Thacker's Jewelry. The shopping spree is sponsored by the Association and Thacker's Jewelry. Singer and songwriter Trent Wellmon has donated and signed some items for auction; and Dale and Dona Smith have donated a horse for auction.

The Association and Thacker's is also sponsoring a concession stand which will be serving brisket sandwiches and rodeo wraps (courtesy of David Stafford Catering), chips, drinks, brownies and Rice Krispie Treats. All proceeds *continued on page 8*

Family Fun Night set for Friday, February 27

The annual Family Fun Night, sponsored by the Eternas Study Club, is set for Friday, February 27, at 6:30 p.m. at the Motley County ISD gymnasium.

"The event highlights music, games, prizes, lots of fun and entertainment and good food," President Leadell Martin said. "Wear your favorite Western wear and come join the fun."

Tickets can be obtained from Annette at New To You or at the Shell Station from Leadell or LeJeanna. Attendees can also purchase tickets at the door. Sixth grade and up, and adults is \$8.00; Pre-kindergarten to 5th grade is \$6.00.



Pictured is Cassidy Turner, practicing posing her steer for judging at the 69th annual

THIS WEEK'S NEWS

Matador News

The Friends Bible Study met for their 6th Anniversary luncheon at the Hotel Matador, February 9.

School News

To help with learning to count the Kindergarten class at Motley County ISD has been counting every day of school.

County News

The Commissioner's Court appointed officers to serve on the Motley County Historical Commission (MCHC)

Library News

New books in this week by Jack Higgins and Linda Fairstein. And the long awaited new book by JD Robb will be delivered Tuesday.

County Agent News

This fire season, landowners should to take a "defensive driving" perspective on fire prevention and control.

Foothill Country

Connections

Community, Diversity, Art

By Larry Vogt

When my mother passed away in late 1994 I had a hard time accepting the minister's words when he called my siblings and I the "old guys." The context of his words were given to us in the private room at the funeral home just before my mother's funeral service.

He said that our mother's passing represented the passing of one generation and the next generation being the ones who were left to carry on. Our parents were now gone and we were now the "old guys" who had to hand on the wisdom and values to our children.

The funeral was a moving experience, I sang "Amazing Grace", which was one of her favorite songs, and the minister encouraged everyone present to join in which seemed very logical and appropriate. I remembered the many visits I had with her throughout my adult life and how she always had her favorite songs for me to play and sing.

So now I finally get it. I really am an "old guy" or as you might prefer, "old timer" and I think I am going to embrace the concept and enjoy being the "old timer" for anyone who wants to see me that way.

It is a responsibility to be the old wise person, the venerable carrier of practical wisdom, and although I don't intend to be old per se, I do want to take on the role of being the person who has been through a lot and one who has learned a few things along the way.

Don't think I am going to take it easy from now on, I still wish to work and play although perhaps at not such a frantic pace as I might have pursued activities during previous times. Retirement was just not meant for me, I prefer doing all the things I have always done and maybe even adding new ideas and learning new projects. The old timer in me is finally coming out and that is a satisfied mind speaking.

WRITING COMMUNITY

My Family History

by Rosa Aurora Smith Spray, 1917

excerpts from Chapter 5

We had gone only a short distance from Whiteflat when the driver pulled up to a rather neat looking frame house. "Well this is it," he said. There was a windmill, a barn and other sheds out back, but there was not a tree or shrub around. The yard was bare of grass or shrubs. The pastures had only a few small mesquite bushes. I loved trees and to me the place looked a little desolate. To Mama and the older girls, it must have looked bleak indeed.

... The cistern was a fascinating thing, I didn't remember us ever having one before. This one was especially interesting, the water was brought up in little cups on a chain, as each cup reached the top of the pulley bar the water poured out into a bucket. We were sent away from that point of interest in a hurry.

The next stop was the windmill. We had a windmill in Hill County, but it was nothing like this one. This one was very low; the tower was made of wood and even the wheel and fans were also made of wood. The wheel was very large,

it seemed that it was only a few feet from the ground. There was a big fan and little one, they and the wheel were painted a sort of dull light green with a yellow gold trim. The word, Eclipse, was written across the big fan.

While we were inspecting the windmill, Papa came by on his way to see about the livestock. "Did you drink any of the water?" he asked. "Stick your heads under the pipe and drink."

Laura stuck her head under the large stream of water the windmill was pumping into the low round tank. She moved her away and looked at Papa who was grinning at her. "It's cold," she said to me. "Try it."

I stuck my head under the pipe and came up spitting; it was cold but it also tasted very bad. "I don't like it," I said.

... There were two pastures. One consisted of about six acres and was called the hog pasture. There was number of low sheds which we climbed on and got tiny splinters from the weather beaten shingles. The other pasture was larger.

It was north of the house and was bounded by a road on the west and another lane on the north. To the east was the crop land. We went to the north end of the pasture. At the north west corner by the cross roads were two little ponds filled with water. We learned later that these were called the Double Tanks.

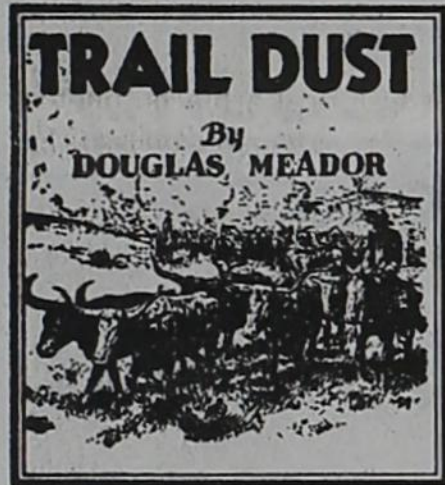
We missed the trees that we had loved in Hill County, but there was something about the open country here that made us feel a part of it already. West Texas had claimed us for its own. The rest of the family were also fascinated by the big open country.

Papa found Clara outside gazing across the pastures and fields to the distant hills. "Well, what do you think of the West?" he asked.

Clara looked at Papa, then back to the hills. She hesitated a moment and then said simply, "I feel little."

Papa grinned; he knew the feeling. He had experienced it on his first trip to West Texas.

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October 10, 1935

While the mirror has done much to promote the pleasure and welfare of man, it is indeed fortunate that the reflection does not include the perspective of others, lest the tide of truth engulf the race in one crushing blow.

Enemies serve a definite purpose in the scheme of things. The imperfections of a life are made easy to locate, usually in time to permit correction, by their vigilant watching. While seldom recognized as such, enemies are often as great an asset to success as friends.

RETRO NEWS

Matador Tribune
October 10, 1935

BOB'S OIL WELL GETS NEON SIGNS

Beautiful Neon signs equipment recently installed at Bob's Oil Well service station located at the intersection of Highway 18 and 28 were put into operation last night.

The Neon sign lighting equipment is the first to be installed in Matador and because of its size, color effect, and location, attracts attention for much greater distances than ordinary electric equipment.

The Neons are located over the battery of gasoline pumps in front of the service station with the words "Bob's Oil Well" in red and "Conoco Products" in attractive blue.

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Training for Nursing Home Volunteers Begins Soon

South Plains Association of Governments' Area Agency on Aging will hold an orientation on Saturday, February 28th for nursing home volunteer advocates. The special session will be from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. at 1323-58th St. in Lubbock.

Extensive training will be offered in Lubbock, and upon request, some trainings can be scheduled in area communities. Training emphasis is on defending nursing facility residents' rights; advocates will learn the importance for quality of care and life through

a program called the Ombudsman. All volunteers will receive liability insurance coverage; also, mileage reimbursement is available for anyone traveling from out of town for trainings. Volunteers are especially needed at several nursing facilities in twelve surrounding counties of the region as well as in Lubbock. Call Paul Moore at the Area Agency on Aging at 687-0940 or 1-888-418-6564 to pre-register or to receive more information. Also, you can contact the Aging office by e-mail to pmoore@spag.org.

Several residents and former residents of Motley County have money that is unclaimed.

The State of Texas publishes a list of citizens and businesses who have money due them at the following site. Amounts range from just a few cents to several hundred dollars. Access the site to see if your name is listed. <https://txcpa.cpa.state.tx.us/up/searchresults.do?jssessionid=0000Ofuc1N59Wefcof05zM8jloL-1>

Among those listed on the four pages of Matador results are Roy Stephens, Matador Flo-

ral, Motley County ISD, Motley County Ambulance Service, Motley County Junior Livestock Show, Glen Moss, Rickey Lawrence, Dusty Whitaker, Ann Seigler, Main Street Café, Jeromy Jameson, John Barnhill, and Nellie Franzen.

Two pages of names list those with unclaimed property from Roaring Springs, including the City of Roaring Springs, Matador Land and Cattle Company, Billy Hand, Randy Meredith, Matthew Washington, Grace Tilson, Richard Mangrum, Ida McInroe, and Ossie Brown.

Co-op Sponsors Youth Tour for 45th Year College Scholarship also Awarded to Winners

Again in 2009, for the 45th consecutive year, Lighthouse Electric Cooperative will sponsor two area high school students on the all-expense paid Government-in-Action Youth Tour to Washington, D.C. This year's tour is scheduled for June 11 to June 19. In addition to the Washington trip, winners will receive a Lighthouse Youth Tour college scholarship.

As participants in the Youth Tour, local winners will join other winners from across the state to travel by air to Washington where they will spend seven days touring places of historical interest, visiting members of Congress, and getting a first-hand view of their government in action.

Students who are classified as Juniors or Seniors who reside in the general service area of Lighthouse Electric Cooperative, which includes the school districts of Plainview, Petersburg, Floydada, Lockney, Valley, Memphis, Crosbyton, and Motley County, other than the immediate family members of Lighthouse employees or directors, will be eligible for the trip.

The two winners will be selected from participants in the co-op's Youth Tour Contest to be held April 2. Participants will be required to appear before an independent panel of judges to present their ideas on the topic "In the future, how will renewable energy affect you, the cooperative, the area, the nation, and the world?" and answer questions relevant to the Youth Tour and electric cooperatives. Winners will be

chosen based on their knowledge, speaking ability, appearance and poise.

Over the past 44 years, Lighthouse has sponsored 93 area students on the tour. Winners over the past few years have been:

- 1999, Danny Huggins of Lockney and Stefane Hedrick of Plainview
- 2000, Kayla Copp of Matador and Rebecca Warren of Floydada
- 2001, Jenna Payne of Floydada and Melanie Huggins of Lockney
- 2002, Skyler Cornelius of Floydada, Jalee Dietrich of Lockney, and Cydni Waldon of Turkey
- 2003, Addie Foster of Lockney and Spencer Schacht of Floydada
- 2004, Kami Keaton and Jana Miller of Lockney and Kittie Campbell of Matador
- 2005, Rebekah Thornton of Plainview and Daniel Houchin of Petersburg
- 2006, Krista Rasco of Lockney and Madie Ramsey of Quitaque
- 2007, Britnee Brotherton of Floydada and Josh Fowler of Plainview
- 2008, J.C. Simpson of Floydada and Leah Ford of Lockney

Contest Rules and Eligibility Requirements

- The contest is open to any Junior or Senior student who attends school (public, private or home-schooled) in the general service area of Lighthouse Electric Cooperative.

• Participants will be required to appear before an independent panel of judges to present their ideas on the following topic:

In the future, how will renewable energy affect me, Lighthouse Electric Cooperative, the area, the nation, and the world?

Judges will have the opportunity to ask each contestant three questions (entrants' packets will include study materials) after their presentation.

• Two winners will be chosen based on the content of their presentation, their knowledge of electric cooperatives, their speaking ability, appearance and poise.

• The contest will take place on Thursday, April 2, 2009, 6:30 p.m., at the Lighthouse Electric Cooperative headquarters on US Highway 70 in Floydada.

• The independent panel of judges will select the winning boy and girl. (Note: In the event only one girl or one boy qualifies for the interview, the judges will select the top two competitors without regard for gender.)

• In addition to the expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., the winners will each receive a \$500 Youth Tour College Scholarship

• Entry deadline is Friday, March 27, 2009

For more information, contact the Member Services Department of Lighthouse Electric Cooperative at (806) 983-2814, (800) 657-7192, or e-mail larryvo@lighthouse.coop.

Good Luck as you participate in
the MC Jr Livestock Show
New to You

Congratulations
Motley County Jr Livestock Show
MOTLEY COUNTY TRIBUNE

Commissioners' Court appoints county historical board MC historical sites highlighted

By Carol Campbell

The Commissioner's Court appointed officers to serve on the Motley County Historical Commission (MCHC) during the regular session on February 9, 2009.

Marisue Potts-Powell is the MCHC chair, and has filled this leadership position since 1984, spearheading projects to celebrate the Texas Sesquicentennial, obtaining Texas Historical Markers for several historic locations in Motley County, including Whiteflat, The Traweek House, Matador Ranch, Tee Pee City, and Camp Resolution of the Texan-Santa Fe Expedition of 1841; and providing leadership to the renovation of Bob's Oil Well, a historic site renovated through citizen volunteerism and private donations in 2004.

MCHC appointees are sanctioned by the Texas Historical Commission, the state agency responsible for historic preservation, and members must have an interest in historic preservation and an understanding of local history and resources. Appointments are made every odd-numbered year per the state statute, Chapter 318 of the Texas Government Code.

Appointees to the commission are: Earlyne Jameson, Beverly Vinson, Joy Archer, Barbara Armstrong, Betty Moore, Joan Patton, Dorothy Hanesworth, Ron Bailey, Ruby McGuire, and Lucretia and Carol Campbell.

The Texas Plains Trail recently requested information to publish in an article celebrating the 10 regions in the 10th year of the Texas Plains Trail program. Motley County has some very interesting historical sites, a few are outlined below. Other historic sites will be featured in the future. Submit your Best in

Motley County in the following categories to metribune@gmail.com:

Best Hike; Best Stroll Anyone Can Take; Best Place That Doesn't Look Like Texas; Best Historic Home; Best Historic Ranch; Best Place to View Wildlife; Best Place to take the Family; Best Place for Grandparents and Grandkids; Best Place for a Girlfriend Getaway; Best Unusual Place to Stay and/or Historic Hotel (lodging); Best Crowd-Pleasing Historic Site; Best Place to Learn about Motley County History; Best Outdoor Adventure Location; Best Historic Town in the County; and Best Odd Place.

The following examples were sent to Texas Plains Trail for their 10-10-10 Roundup Article:

Best Crowd-Pleasing Historic Site

Built in 1891 from stone quarried in Motley County, the historic jail was occupied by law enforcement until the early 1980s. The 2-story, brown sandstone structure had living quarters for the jailer on the first floor; and two, 4-men cells and hanging gallows on the second floor. It is a recorded Texas Historic Landmark. Phase I renovation consisted of repairs to the roof, re-pointing the mortar in the stone facade, and securing the building from further water deterioration. Phase I renovation was completed in October, 2008, funded by the Texas Historical Commission and private donations.

Best Unusual Place to Stay or Historic Hotel (lodging)

The Historic Hotel Matador was built in 1914, and was in continuous operation as a destination until the early 1980s. In 2006, a pioneer ranching family bought the old hotel and renovated it as a Bed and Breakfast.

Hotel Matador opened for business in February, 2008. They have preserved many of the original features, including the white tin ceilings, a skylight, oak floors, walnut staircase, floor to ceiling windows, and an old barbershop mirror, circa 1900s. The hotel serves a cowboy gourmet breakfast, and serves as a centerpiece for community events.

Best Odd place in the County

Bob's Oil Well, an oil derrick sitting on the top of a cook shack, was built in 1934 by Bob Robertson. In addition to the cook shack, and a roadside zoo, Robertson also built a restaurant, now closed. The oil well could be seen for miles and was well-known to travelers until it closed in 1964. This historic site was renovated through citizen volunteerism and private donations in 2004, having been named as one of the Most Endangered Historic Places in Texas by Preservation Texas. The project is ongoing and initially logged more than 900 volunteer hours in the first phase.

Best Historic Ranch

Organized in 1879, Matador Cattle Company was absorbed by a Scottish syndicate in 1882, and became known as the Matador Land and Cattle Company. The ranch had more than a million acres in four counties at one time. The ranch sold to Koch Industries in 1953. Headquarters is located on the famous Ballard Creek, south of Matador.

Best Place to Learn about Texas History

The Motley County Historical Museum was opened in 1990, funded by a private foundation, private donations, and a Sesquicentennial project. The large collection of historical artifacts, photos,

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69th Motley County

Junior Livestock Show

The Motley County Junior Livestock Association Board of Directors
Gilbert Guerrero, Jeromy Jameson, J.D. Russell, David Stafford,
Mark Siegler, Craig Turner, Chad Overton and Advisors Jim Cooper
and Ryan Martin CEA, would like to invite you to the:
69th Motley County Junior Livestock Show

February 21, 2009

Breakfast sponsored by Lowe's, Francis Taylor Mgr., will be cooked by Richard Turner and crew from 6:45am to 8:45am (sharp)

All animals must be weighed and in place by 8:30 am

Show Order

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1:00 pm Goat classes
2:00 pm Steer classes
2:30 pm Premium Sale

Remember times are approximate

There will also be a Silent Auction Table with many nice things to bid from items donated and signed by Trent Wellmon to a horse donated by Dale and Dona Smith as well as chances for sell to win the drawing for \$500.00 shopping spree at Thacker's sponsored by the Association and Thacker's

Concession Stand sponsored by the Association will be serving Brisket Sandwiches or Wraps (briskets by David Stafford Catering), Rodeo Wraps, Chips, Drinks, Brownies and Rice Krispie Treats. Concession Stand will be open from 9:00 am til

All proceeds benefit the kids in the show

4-H and FFA Exhibitors

Courtney Alexander
Gage Baker, Seth Baxter,
Braden Bigham, Mattie
Brooks, Christian Brooks,
Dayne Butler, Caleb
Clary, Mickey Clary, Reagan
Elloitt, Shelby Elliott,
Matthew Faulks, Bryn-
son Elliott, Chloe Gleg-
horn, Dode Gleghorn,
Sage Guerrero, Danielle
Gwinn, Wyatt Hackler,
Jamie Jameson, Leanne

Jameson, Natalie Jame-
son, Keyan Kautz, Andrew
Martin, Lexi Osborn,
Jonathan Osborn, Grant
Potts, Domonique Quili-
maco, Thalia Quilimaco,
Samantha Quilimaco,
Brody Rankin, Shane'a
Russell, Michael Seigler,
Gabby Silva Michale
Silva, Britt Simpson, Kor-
byn Simpson, Kyla Simp-
son, Eric Simpson, Austin
Taylor, Bryant Taylor,
Cassidy Turner Cath-
erine Ward, Chris Ward,
Jaci Zingerman

Bucket Calf Exhibitors

Tatum Guerrero, Emily
Jameson, Colton Martin

Brogan Rankin, Jaci
Taylor, Carley Turner

All donations
and add-ons
are appreciated!

Living Like a Queen Ladies' Salad Luncheon to be held at First Baptist Church

All women of the area are reminded about the upcoming *Living Like a Queen Ladies' Salad Luncheon* to be held at First Baptist Church, Matador, this Saturday, February 28, at 12:00 noon at First Baptist Church, Matador.

Special guest Ashley Washington will share a presentation on God's principles for defining our roles as women, from Queen Esther's Reflection: A Portrait of Grace, Courage, and Excellence, a

book by Anne Platz.

Washington, currently a work-at-home mom, is a 1998 graduate of Texas Tech University, with a B.A. in Marketing. She is married to Matt Washington, and they have two boys, ages 7 and 2. She has resided in Motley County for almost 9 years, and is an active member of First Baptist Church, Matador. She is passionate about Bible Study and seeking God through His Word and about sharing

the mercy and love of Jesus Christ.

Luncheon guests who would like to bring a salad are encouraged to do so, but this is not required. Also, women attending as a group are asked to bring one salad for every two or three women in the group.

For more information, call Doris Moore (347-2875).

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100 Days of School Kindergarten Style

Learning to count to 100 is a big accomplishment in Kindergarten and to help with learning the Kindergarten class at Motley County ISD has been counting every day of school. We made it to 100 days of school on February 2, 2009. To celebrate the students brought to school collections of 100 items that they counted. These collections were weighed to find the heaviest and the lightest. The items were then placed end to end in a large graph across the classroom floor to find the collections that were longest and shortest. The Kindergarteners enjoyed a day of counting and graphing and now are counting backwards to time for first grade!

NEWS AROUND MOTLEY COUNTY

Roaring Springs News By Monta Marshall

This last week was a special week for me. First the friend that has been in my life about the longest, Leslie Guy from Amarillo came to visit. We go back to when we were five years old. We started first grade together and were school chums all the way through until graduation. We were the two youngest and the most blond in our Roosevelt ISD first grade picture. She married George Guy of Lubbock and I married Jerry McClaran of Bovina. Through the years we have lived great distances apart but still kept up our friendship and visited and went on trips together occasionally. Second, another classmate I correspond with wrote me a long catch up letter bringing me up to date on her life. These are only two of my long standing friendships. I hope to host a get together of the neighbors that are still living in the Midway community where I grew up soon.

Immogene Swim celebrated her 90th birthday with a lovely party at the First United Methodist Church in the Lula Swim Memorial Fellowship Hall complete with a birthday cake that read "Happy 90th Birthday!" Children attending were; Mr. and Mrs. Sam (Reba) Swim, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. (Stella) Swim of Abilene, grandson, Ruston Swim and great grandsons, Jacob and Colter of Lubbock, Ruston's friend, Stacy of Lubbock, nephew, James Swim of Bella Vista, AR. Family friends were Virgil Van Camp and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hefley of Amarillo, R. C. and Callie Gieseke, and Sammie Phillips of Matador

and a host of friends from Roaring Springs.

Bill Bowley has been in the hospital in Lubbock suffering from an upper respiratory problem and diabetes. Dennis Allen has been seeing after Bill and taking him to his appointments.

Pauline House recently returned from a ten day trip visiting her brothers and sister and friends in New Mexico and El Paso. She visited in Carlsbad, Las Cruces, Silver City and Mimbres. She said the mountains were particularly beautiful this time of year.

The Roaring Springs Community Volunteers met on February 10th at the Roaring Springs Community Center. Seven members were present.

Several of Pearl Patten's family went to Canyon to see her granddaughter, Lisa Arnold play basketball. Lisa plays for Tarleton State at Stephenville, TX. Willeta Burks of Paducah, JoAnn Reagan of Quitaque and Arnold and Linda Parker of Boyd, TX prepared and served both the boys and girls teams supper on Friday night. They were met by Pearl's son Buddy Allen and his wife Linda of Pampa. Pearl said including the family they fed about 60 people. Pearl was impressed by how appreciative the team was for the meal. They were allowed to serve them in the banquet room of the hotel where they all stayed. The boys won their game but sadly the girls lost.

The Lions Club members were busy early this morning putting out flags for President's day. I really enjoy seeing all the flags out.

Flomot News By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

For the first time, my four-year-old daughter was coming to my office to have me, a dental hygienist, clean her teeth. She was accompanied by her grandmother. When they came in, I greeted them warmly, seated my daughter and as usual put on my gloves, goggles and mask. About ten minutes into the procedure, she got scared and cried, "I want my mommy!" I quickly pulled off my mask and said, "I am your mommy." Without hesitating, my daughter yelled back, "Then I want my granny!"

Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter met daughter and family, Christi, Dwain, Haley and Emily Milam of Petersburg in Lubbock Saturday for lunch. Mr. and Mrs. Shorter, Emily and Haley continued to Wolforth and visited another daughter and family, Keri, Kevin and Brian Sehon. They visited Mrs. B. Rogers, a patient in Covenant Medical center in Lubbock enroute to Flomot. Emily and Haley returned home with them and visited until Monday.

Jack and Nada Starkey visited overnight Sunday in Canyon with son and family Mr. and Mrs. Michael Starkey. Nada had a medical appointment in Amarillo Monday and daughter, Mrs. Jackie Davis of Fritch met them there.

Mrs. B. Rogers, a patient in Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock, is continuing rehabilitation for her broken hip. When having difficulty swallowing, her X-rays discovered ulcers in her esophagus. With treatment she is beginning to be able to eat

to regain her strength. Her son, Donnie Rogers who has been with her, reports she is slowly improving.

Robert Lee of Amarillo visited Friday with his grandparents, Ruth and Orville Lee. Visiting them Sunday were son and wife, Joey and Brenda Lee of Clarendon.

Mrs. Dixie Campbell of Matador visited Saturday with her aunt, Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton.

Janice and Butch Hughes were in Lubbock, Monday, February 16, for Butch to get his medical report after his medical treatment last week.

Jack and Johnie Starkey and brother, L.T. Starkey of Ralls attended the funeral of their aunt, Mrs. Nola Merrick, held Tuesday morning, February 17, at the First Baptist Church in Hart.

The Church of Christ members in Flomot held their monthly covered dish luncheon Sunday at the Flomot Community Center.

Visiting Saturday and Sunday in Gail with Cara and Clint Cowart were Connie and Coy Franks and Mrs. Erma Washington. Other visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Tim Washington of Roaring Springs and Mr. and Mrs. Cory Franks, Madison and Hudson of Idalou.

Wilburn Martin visited the weekend in Borger with daughter and family, Marilee and Fred Cooper, Bob Cooper, Cory Cooper, Mason and Gavin.

Bobby and Kay Clay of Whitesboro visited from Thursday until Sunday with brother and wife, Joe Ike and Anna Beth Clay and in Turkey with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tink Lane.

Matador News

Joyce Campbell's brother, William Allen of Talihina, OK, died recently. Joyce's son, Douglas Campbell, traveled with Joyce and her sister and brother, Edna of Amarillo and Glen of Washington state, to the funeral.

Senior Will Butler has been accepted for enrollment in the fall of 2010 at Clarendon Junior College. Senior Shane a Russell has received her acceptance letter from West Texas A&M University in Canyon.

"Living Life like a Queen" will be Saturday, February 28, at noon at the First Baptist Church in Matador. Ashley Washington will be presenting an outline of God's principles for defining the roles of women during the salad luncheon. For more information, contact Doris Moore at 347-2875.

Parents should have received report cards yesterday from students in Motley County ISD.

The La Carte Bridge Club will be meeting today at Hotel Matador. Diane Campbell is the hostess.

Lynn and Cynthia Brown of Hillsboro were in Matador last weekend relaxing at the Hotel Matador.

Don Behringer of Waco has moved into his new second home on the former Butch and Judy Renfro ranch northeast of Matador. His new home is on an outcropping of land that offers a magnificent

view. Randy Donaldson of Robinson helped Don move in his furniture last week.

Jason and April Abbott of Lubbock came here to celebrate Valentine's Day at Hotel Matador, where they enjoyed a candlelight dinner Saturday night. Jason is an engineering student at Tech, and April works for an orthopedic doctor in Lubbock.

Among those in town for the funeral of Foy Kilmer, mother of Bob Kilmer, were her daughter, Becky Kilmer of Houston and her friend Roy Ramos. Also here were her daughter, Jettie Spotts, and her husband John of New Caney.

Linda Roy returned home from helping conduct Action Learning training during a 2-day statewide meeting of the Texas Elementary School Principal and Supervisor Association's (TEPSA) Center for Student Success and Leadership (CLASS) in Austin. The week afterward that she was a principal assessor for the Education Service Center in Fort Worth.

Roger Moore of Dallas, friend of renowned photographer Ken Young, is planning a retreat in Motley County for photographers who participate in his African Photographic Safaris. Visit Roger's web site at www.rogermoore-photography.com. Attendees will work at Mott Creek Ranch and stay at Hotel Matador.

Red Hat Club hosts valentine party

The Red Rover Red Hat Club hosted a valentine party at Hackberry Creek Care Center on Thursday, February 12.

Happy birthday was sung to Bertha Moore, who had a birthday in February.

The table was set with a red tablecloth, featuring a centerpiece of valentine decorated

balloons. Punch and cookies were enjoyed by the residents and members.

Members present were Ray Davis, Norma Marrs, Dorothy Knight, Dorothy Day, and Mary Jones. Special guests were Mary's grandchildren, Ashleigh and John Jones.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church will have Ash Wednesday services on February 25. 4:30 Confessions 5:00 Mass with delivery of ashes afterwards

Library book discussion at Noon February 27

THANK YOU

The family of Wilson Barton would like to thank Childress Regional Medical Center, Seigler Funeral Home, and Donnie Turner for their help during the loss of our loved one. A special thanks for the services at the cemetery to Wilburn Martin, Kenny Barton, and Waydetta Clay; and to Jimmy Berson on the fiddle. Also, a special thanks to Billie Dean's Resturant for having room for all the family to eat.

From the nieces and nephews of Wilson Barton: Milda Morrison, Charles Barton, Barbara Campbell, Loretta Race, and Logan (Butch) King.

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Finally, you friends and relatives care for you. The loving concern of a Christian wife, or parent, or child, makes known through many ways, that you are loved. If we only knew the full story, we would marvel at the number of people who really care for us.

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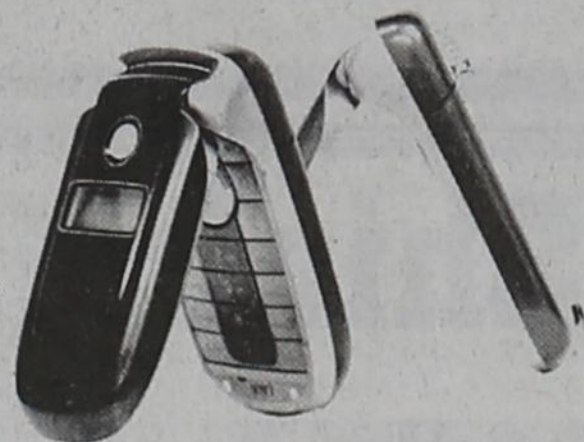
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Notes from the Library

By Buffy Crutchley

I purchased a neat little treat for all you Robert B. Parker fans out there. I was able to find three of the movies featuring Jesse Stone, one of Parker's best characters. The movies have Tom Selleck playing Stone, a former LAPD detective who became the police chief of a small New England town. I personally love it when they make a movie out of a book. It's neat to see the characters come alive. We have "Stone Cold," "Death in Paradise," and "Night Passage" on DVD, and available for check

out now. Come on in! Don't forget our book discussion! Friday the 27th at Noon. Several copies of the book "Because They Hate" by Brigitte Gabriel are available for check-out now, so don't delay! New books in this week by Jack Higgins and Linda Fairstein. And... the long-awaited new book by JD Robb will be delivered Tuesday, so come put your name on the waiting list for this one! Lots of folks are waiting to get their hands on this book.

Thank You

It is with the utmost gratitude and heart felt appreciation to each and every one of the Hackberry Creek Care Center staff, its Board of Directors and the community of Motley County for the care and love you showed to our mother - Foye Kilmer during her time spent there at Hackberry. We were so thankful for the opportunity to be able to move mother to Hackberry.

Our mother never lacked for any kind of care while at Hackberry and we thank you for the respect you showed her during her time here in Matador. Our family continually talks about what a great thing this community did when the leaders of this community had the vision and foresight to create a plan to build Hackberry Creek Care Center and see it to completion. They talk about the beauty of the facility and the kindness of the staff because they have seen other retirement facilities and it conjures up the bad images one tends to have of this. This is not the case with Hackberry Creek.

You rarely see a facility this nice in a large community and for a small community to take on an important project of this size and see it through to completion is to be commended. This is an accomplishment the residents of Motley County can be proud of, to have this quality of facility right here in this community.

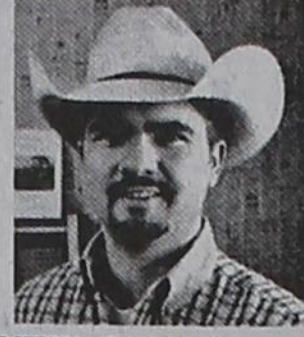
We want to thank the volunteers of this community for their service to the residents at Hackberry, there are just too many of you to name. Also a thank you to those of you that just dropped in to say "Hello, how are you?" to mom and the other folks there. We appreciated it and thank you for taking the time out of your lives to do something for someone who needs encouragement.

My brothers and sisters have all commented on what a beautiful place Hackberry Creek is and comment over the kindness of the staff and community. You may not realize what an effect you have on people's lives but we want you to know you have had a tremendously positive effect on the Kilmer Family. We thank you and appreciate all you did for Mom.

Sincerely,
The Family of Foye Kilmer

County Agent's News

by Ryan Martin, AgriLIFE EXTENSION Agent



AMARILLO - This fire season, perhaps landowners should to take a "defensive driving" perspective on fire prevention and control. Ryan Martin, AgriLIFE Extension agricultural and natural resources agent in Motley County, said in most cases the people traveling down the highways and county roads are not going to be worrying about the landowner's grass.

So as landowners with something to protect, you need to take a lesson from the defensive driving courses, Martin said. You need to be watching out for them, and taking evasive actions.

With the drought conditions that have set in across much of the state, that means thinking in terms of mitigation, fuel management and prescribed burning, he said.

AgriLIFE Extension range management and beef cattle specialists tell us that landowners need to think about fuel management - shred it, graze it, burn it down - to keep from getting in a situation where fire can do significant damage.

As a tool in fuel management, removing that fuel is important, Martin said. Whether it's a welding spark, thrown cigarette or hot box on a railroad, if the fuel is not there, the fire won't have a chance to grow and spread.

The Texas Forest Service has urged citizens across the state to be aware of heightened wildfire danger due to a low pressure fronts that drop humidity levels and produce high winds.

Tom Spencer, Forest Service predictive services de-

partment head, said these conditions could lead to wildfires that spread quickly, pose containment problems and endanger public safety.

Spencer warned that while some precipitation has fallen, prolonged drought conditions have not improved, and freezing temperatures only cause drought-cured grasses to become even drier.

The Forest Service's Predictive Services Department forecasts that through the month of February, fuels, such as grasses and trees, are expected to remain critically dry.

The wildfires on the winter-cured grasses in the High Plains can spread up to 2 1/2 mph with flames reaching six to 10 feet in length

Martin said some tools that land owners can use to mitigate and lower the risk are:

- Make sure the roadside ditches are mowed adequately along their property line. Contact the highway department if necessary.

- Prescribed burning can be an option to manage brush and high grasses, where burn bans are not in effect. The Forest Service has an updated list of counties enacting burn bans at: <http://tfsfrp.tamu.edu/wildfires/decban.png>.

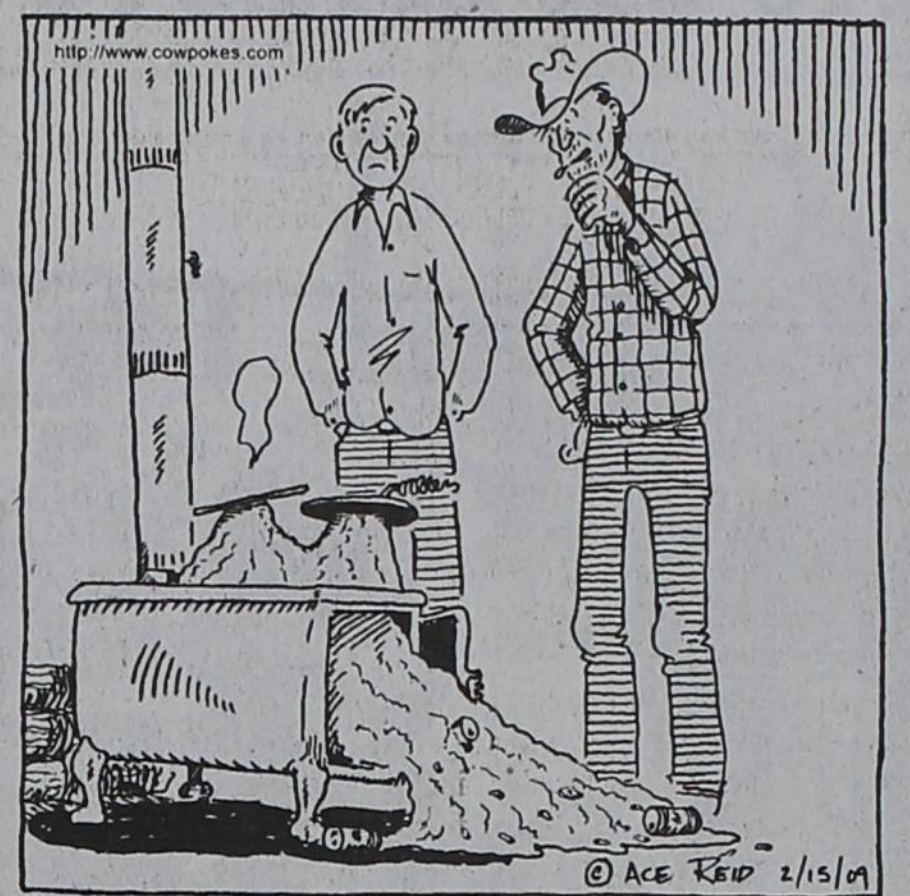
- Establish fuel breaks (fire lanes) along fences, roadways and between buildings and fields.

- When welding, be sure the work area is free of grass and debris, have a spotter and a water source handy.

More information about protecting against and preventing wildfires can be found at: <http://texashelp.tamu.edu/>.

COW POKES

By Ace Reid



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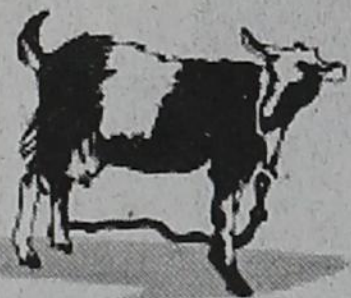
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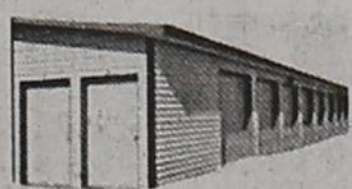
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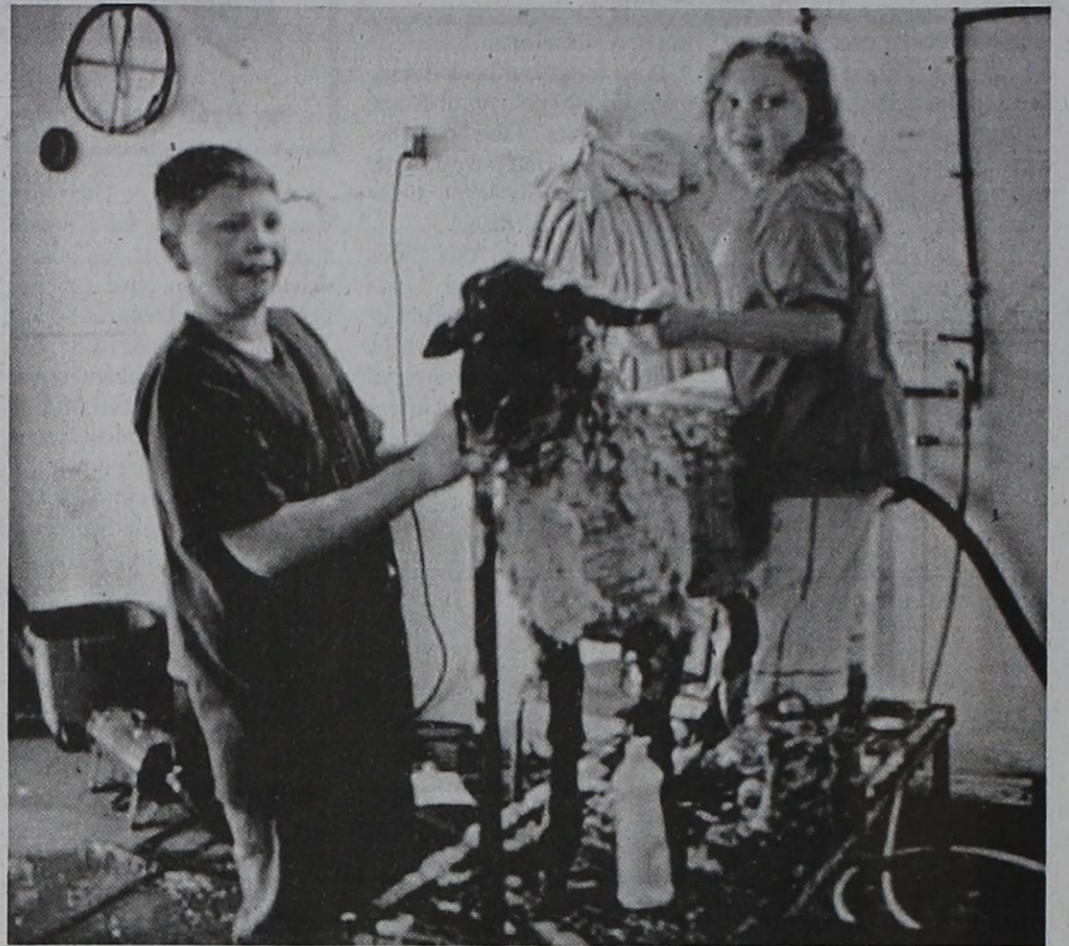


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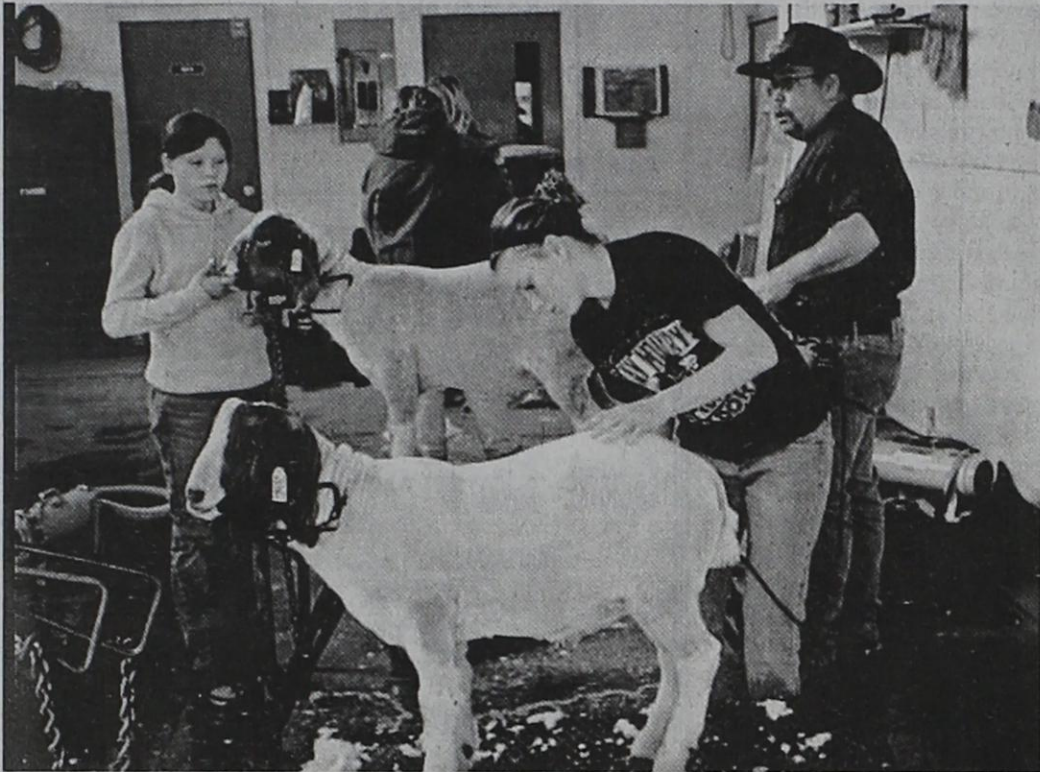
MC JR LIVESTOCK SHOW PARTICIPANTS PREPARE



Senior student Shane'a Russell is blow-drying her steer Oreo in preparation of the steer show on Saturday. Steer competition begins about 2:00 p.m.



Seth Baxter and Carley Turner team up to shampoo Seth's lamb in preparation of the upcoming livestock show. Lamb judging begins at 11:30 a.m. Saturday at the Bill Moss



Cassidy (L) gets pointers from her father, Craig Turner; and Shane'a Russell (front) grooms her goat for competition. Goat classes begin at 1:00 p.m. at the livestock



Ryan Martin, Extension Agent for Motley County, instructs the 4-H kids on showmanship in preparation of the 69th annual livestock show on Saturday.



Don Baxter and son Seth Baxter, prepare their lamb for the livestock show on Saturday. Lambs show at approximately 11:30 a.m.




Cathy Turner and daughter Cassidy are washing Scooter, who will be showing in the annual livestock show on Saturday at the Bill Moss Memorial Agriculture Barn.

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Obituaries

Wilson Barton

Graveside services for Wilson Barton, of Flomot were held at February 11 at East Mound Cemetery in Matador with Wilburn Martin officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home of Matador. Mr. Barton was born August 18, 1915 in Motley County to A.L. Barton and Addie Bishop Barton. He passed away Monday, February 9, 2009 in Childress, TX.

He married Sibyl Scaff, friend and companion, on December 3, 1939. They were married for 57 years. She preceded him in death August 15, 1996. He is also preceded in death by sisters Kathryn King, Leora Scrivner, and one brother Dick Barton.

He is survived by numerous nieces, nephews and special



friends Janna Turner of Turkey and Donnie Turner of Flomot.

He was a lifelong member of the community, where he farmed and ranched. Mr Barton was a self-taught man in multiple skills and trades. He played a large role in wiring many houses when electricity was first introduced to the area.

Ruby Bailey

Funeral Services for Ruby Bailey, 82, of Plainview were held February 16 at the Roaring Springs Full Gospel Church in Roaring Springs, TX with Charlie Stice, officiating. Interment followed in the East Mound Cemetery in Matador under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home of Matador. Mrs. Bailey passed away in Plainview on Thursday Feb. 12, 2009. Ruby was raised in the Roaring Springs Community and had been a resident of Floydada prior to moving to Plainview in 1993. Ruby was a Pentecostal Minister for many years and in later years worked as an LVN until her retirement in 1993. She was preceded in death by her parents and three children



who died in infancy.

She is survived by two daughters; Reatha Marley of Plainview, Texas, Shirley LeFevre and husband Stanley of Plainview; seven grandchildren, thirteen great-grandchildren and several cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Ida Foye Kilmer

Services for Ida Foye Kilmer of Matador, TX were held February 17th at the Matador Church of Christ. Michael Crowley officiated. Graveside services were held February 18th at the Prairie Haven Cemetery at Hobbs, NM. Clay Martin of the Jefferson Street Church of Christ officiated.

Services in Matador, TX were under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home. Services in Hobbs, NM were under the direction of Griffin Funeral Home.

Mrs. Kilmer died February 14, 2009 in Matador. She was born December 15, 1918 in Havana, Arkansas to Cleve and Jean Cooper. She married Jetty Kilmer May 22, 1939 in Colgate, OK. He preceded her in death on June 14, 2003. She was also preceded in death by her parents, a sister, Ethel Gepford, and a brother Clarence Cooper.

Mrs. Kilmer moved to Hobbs in 1964 and to Matador in 2007. She attained her Masters Degree in Education from Southeastern University in Durant, OK. She taught school in both Oklahoma and New Mexico and was an elementary school teacher in Hobbs for more than 20 years. She was a member of the Church of Christ. As long as she was able she was very active in the church teaching children's classes and helping



those who were in need. She was a good Christian example and friend to many. Mrs. Kilmer was a former president of the Lea County chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Drivers.

She is survived by three sons: Jerry Kilmer, wife Linda, of Salt Lake City, Utah, Bob Kilmer, wife Wanda, of Matador, TX, Richard Kilmer, wife Brenda, of Albuquerque, NM. Three daughters; Jettie Spotts, husband John, New Caney, TX,

Jean Roberto, husband Gino, of North Tonawanda, NY, Rebecca Kilmer, Houston, TX. One brother Bob Cooper, Tishomingo, OK. Ten grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren, six great-great grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews, friends.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorial contributions may be made to New Mexico Children's Home, 1356 NM 236, Portales, NM 88130,

Billy Clifton Smith,

Billy Clifton Smith, 76, a life time Paducah resident, passed away Wednesday, Feb 11, 2009 in Vernon TX.

Funeral services were held February 13 at the First Baptist Church of Paducah with Pastor Ronnie Lambert officiating. A Masonic Rites graveside service followed at the Paducah Garden of Memories Cemetery under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home. Notes of condolence to the family may be emailed to seiglerfuneralhome@gmail.com.

In lieu of flowers the family would appreciate donation to American Hospice, 4210 Kell Blvd suite 211, Wichita Falls, TX 76309 or Paducah Cemetery Assoc. P.O.Box 805 Paducah, TX 79248.

Billy was born in Cottle County, TX on Aug 5, 1932 to Joseph Henry and Ora Smith. He graduated high school with the Paducah Class of 1950.

In 1951 he married Ann Cart-

wright in Buck Creek, TX. Billy was a Regional Sales Supervisor for the Red Wing Shoe Co. and traveled throughout most of New Mexico and 1/3 of Texas.

He was a very active member of the First Baptist Church where he served as Deacon for many years. He was also active with the Paducah Masonic Lodge, the Paducah J.C's and Lions Club.

The driving force in Billy's life was taking care of his wife, home and family. In his quiet time he enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren, hunting, raising bird dogs and yard work.

Billy is preceded in death by his parents, his wife of 58 years, Ann Smith and his sister Betty Hobbs.

He is survived by two sons, Rodney Smith of New Braunfels, Rudy Smith of Vernon, one sister, Henrietta Havins of Paducah, six grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Cora M. Smallwood,

Memorial Services for Cora M. Smallwood, 74, of Matador will be held at 2:00 P.M. Sunday February 22, 2009 at the East Mound Cemetery in Matador with Mike Crowley and Matt Crawford officiating. Cremation is under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home of Matador. Mrs. Smallwood passed away Feb. 14, 2009 in Amarillo, Texas. She was born March 20, 1934 to Green Berry Bostick and Emma Ruth Lewis Bostick in Motley County. Cora was a graduate of Matador High School in the Class of 1953. She was married to Billy Dean Smallwood on March 21, 1952. He preceded her in death on April 13, 1996.

Mrs. Smallwood became the Motley County Justice of the Peace in 1991 serving until her death. She was also the Matador Municipal Court Judge for the past two years. Cora was a member of the First Baptist Church in Matador.

She is survived by one son, Troy Smallwood and wife Kathy of Nazareth, Texas; one daughter, Thanie Smallwood of Matador, Texas; one brother, Lewis Bostick of Matador, Texas; two sisters, Frances Reedy of Odessa, Texas and Ruby Anders of LaPlace, Louisiana and grandchildren, Trey Smallwood and Meriel Smallwood both of Dallas, Texas.

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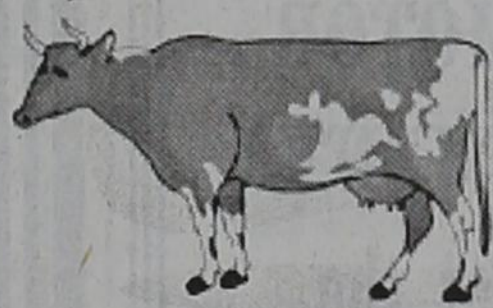
I would like to thank all the ambulance service and everyone else who helped with the funeral of Wilson Barton. A special thank you to Jimmy Burson for playing the fiddle at the service; and to Kenny Barton and Wilburn Martin for conducting the service.

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The Friends Bible Study met for their 6th Anniversary luncheon at the Hotel Matador, February 9 with 18 of the original and new members attending

The Hotel served coffee and tea as the ladies arrived at 10 am for the meeting.

The meeting was opened by Patricia Green, better known as P.K. She made announcements and read from Proverbs. P.K. then introduced Virginia Taylor, of South Plains, our 'Cowgirl Poet', who read two poems, "Women of the West," by George Essox Evans, an Australian poet, and "Friendship" by Angela. Virginia enters contests, and is going to Alpine this month for a Cowboy Poetry gathering.

P.K. taught the geography, history and culture of Ephesus, from Halley's Bible Handbook.

Our teacher, Fredia Burns, brought the lesson "In Him, His power that is at work in us," from Ephesians. This years Bible study is on Ephesians.

Following the study, the ladies were served a delicious four course lunch of salad, pasta, steak and a wonderful dessert that was enjoyed by all.

Anyone is welcome to join the Bible study. The group meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at 10 am. The next meeting is Monday, February 23, and the ladies will meet at the Library Annex in Matador on Main Street.

Help is here express

This coming Thursday February the 19th at the Larry Combest Wellness Center Located At 40th Street and Ave A. The Partnership for Prescription Assistance sponsored by the television show host Montel Williams. Will be in Lubbock between the hours of 9-11am providing Lubbock residents information on programs that provide prescription medicines for free or nearly for free. We're excited that the 'Help is Here Express' is coming to Lubbock. Now even more people will see how easy it is to get help by calling PPA's toll-free number (1-888-477-2669), using the

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For more information you can Contact Lisa Ramos, BS, CCP Community Coordinator at MCC 780-8300 or Claudia Bustos at 743-9355 with the Larry Combest Wellness Center.

James and Oneita Titus Educational Foundation Public Announcement

James and Oneita Titus have established an educational foundation for the purposes of providing scholarships to Motley County ISD seniors and mini-grants to teachers in MCISD.

Every senior at Motley County ISD is eligible to apply. Each senior student that applies and submits all required information will receive a \$1,000.00 scholarship. Moreover, the scholarships will be available to the students in the amount of \$2,000.00 each year for four years. A total of five scholarships in the amount of \$8,000.00 may be awarded. At no time will the scholarship exceed the total cost of tuition and books including other grants. Seniors of Motley County ISD must make application for a scholarship by the March 1, 2009 deadline.

Students are required to submit the application forms and also a hand-written essay responding to the following questions: 1) What are your career plans/long term goals? 2) How will you give back to the community? 3) Why is a scholarship important to your college goals? 4) Why should you receive this scholarship? Each student's application will include a history of their

extracurricular activities at Motley County ISD, cumulative GPA and ACT scores, leadership roles, community activity and work history. Students will also need to supply three letters of recommendation to the selection committee. The student scholarship selection committee includes two Motley County ISD faculty members Mrs. Shelley Cox, Mrs. Kathy Gillespie and one adjunct faculty member from Lubbock Christian University Dr. Cathy Morton.

Motley County ISD teachers may apply for mini-grants from the Titus Foundation in the amount of \$1,500.00 per teacher, per year. Every teacher at Motley County ISD is eligible to apply for a mini-grant. The purpose of the mini-grant is to allow teachers the opportunity to purchase supplies, materials or programs that will improve the quality of education provided in the classroom. The application deadline for a teacher mini-grant is April 1, 2009. The selection committee for teacher mini-grants is Mr. William Cochran, principal, Mrs. Jan Jones secondary faculty member and Mrs. Pam Thacker retired an adjunct faculty member, all of Motley County ISD.

69th annual Motley County Junior Livestock Show

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from the concessions will benefit the 4-H and FFA exhibitors.

4-H and FFA Exhibitors are: Courtney Alexander, Seth Baxter, Mattie Brooks, Dayne Butler, Mickey Clary, Shelby Elliott, Bryson Elliott, Dode Gleghorn, Danielle Gwinn, Jamie Jameson, Natalie Jameson, Andrew Martin, Jonothan Osborn, Domonique Quilimaco, Samantha Quilimaco, and Shane'a Russell;

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Bucket Calf Exhibitors are: Tatum Guerrero, Emily Jameson, Colton Martin, Brogan Rankin, Jaci Taylor, and Carley Turner.

All donations and add-ons are appreciated.

Commissioners' Court appoints county historical board MC historical sites highlighted


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and memorabilia covers Motley County's rich history in Native Americans, pioneers and ranching, military history, and medical care. The collection is housed in the Albert Traweck Hospital building, in operation from 1927 to 1976. Seventeen former hospital rooms feature a different category of history, including a miniature, three-dimensional replica of Mata-

dor, ca. 1914, created from old photographs by a local artist. Other rooms house Indian artifacts, a saddle shop, a paleontology exhibit of a phyto-saurus skull, an old-fashioned kitchen, wedding and vintage clothing, school collection, toys, cameras, music, as well as Dr. Traweck's office, a surgical treatment room, and a patient room.

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Wind energy expert presents model for city Council amends FY2008 and approves FY2009 budgets

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nies and their consumers. A 10 megawatt wind farm would generate enough power for 7,000 families, he said.

According to Cannon, the 10 megawatt rule by the Public Utility Company allows the producer to hook into "the distribution line" as opposed to the transmission lines. The City of Clarendon has already provided the company with a Letter of Intent, Cannon said. "Clarendon will own its own farm with projected gross revenue of \$4 million. Clarendon College will be the recipient of royalties and provide a campus for training purposes."

Tom Hamilton, City Attorney, asked the presenter specific questions regarding the funding of a project of this magnitude. "Is there any particular bonding company that would finance? Are there any government incentive programs to help finance wind farms? The answer is 'yes and yes,'" Cannon said.

According to Cannon, the typical percentage of funds allocation per 10 MW windmill includes a total of turbine costs and construction costs of \$18.7 million. Each turbine will produce approximately 6,274 MWH per year, including 2-percent royalty for city owned land, accounting for approximately \$11,460 per 1.5 MW per year. A 10 MW wind farm equals approximately \$80,220 plus in royalty per year, he said. The city would be responsible for one-third the cost of development, or \$6.2 million. Following this presentation, the council went into Executive Session, voting 5-0 to table the issue until further investigation.

Following this presentation, Tommy Olds, representing TriEagle in Wichita Falls, presented the council with a proposal to change the city electrical provider to save about 2-cents per kilowatt hour, from .077 kilowatt hour to .0627 for a 36-month commitment. According to the City Secretary Debra Scott, the city uses 262,000 kilowatts in a 12-month period. The TriEagle plan would have the potential of saving \$5,248.00 on a 12-month term, or about \$437.00 per month. Three council members voted for the change. Two dissenting

votes were cast by Shane Jones and Chuck Ream.

In further business, the mayor informed the council that the Motley County Commissioner's Court had voted unanimously to allow the city to use about \$1600 of the county's designated Tx-DOT allotment for a roller and distributor to spread a chemical stabilization product on a test road that runs from Dundee Street to FM94. The product claims to eliminate grading for 4- to 5-years. The project will begin in two weeks. No action was required on this item.

The City Secretary reported that the city was proposing to move the May, 2009, election from the county courthouse to city hall. "Holding early voting at city hall would eliminate paying an additional worker," Scott said, adding, "city hall is more handicap accessible (than the courthouse) and it would eliminate the need to transport voting supplies and boxes between facilities." The motion passed by unanimous vote to investigate combining the school board election with the city elections and moving them to city hall.

The Texas Commission of Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has asked the city to recreate their current Letter of Credit to reflect the new amount of \$203,500. The Letter of Credit is a guarantee to TCEQ that the city has enough money to close the landfill, if the need arises. Chuck Ream made a motion to pay the bank \$2,035 for the Letter of Credit, seconded by Pat Seigler. The motion carried 5-0.

Steve Barton, City Superintendent, reported that Bundy Street from Highway 70 to the school was measured for the Seal Coat Project. "It will take about 11,000 yards in materials to do what we need to do at a cost of approximately \$12,000.00," Barton said. No action was taken on this agenda item.

Scott reported to the council that Ed D. Smith, County Judge, had asked the city to contribute about \$1,500 per year to the salary of the Emergency Management Coordinator position. The judge asked Roaring Springs to contribute \$1,500, and the county would contribute \$1,500 for a total of \$4,500 for this

countywide position. "This position requires about five levels of training in emergency management," City Secretary said. Historically, the current applicant for the position has been instrumental in obtaining loans and grants, securing almost \$70,000 in grants for radio and other equipment for the EMS, Scott said. No action was taken on this agenda item.

Barton said the city had demolished the old Doran house on FM94, and cleared the property. He reported that it costs approximately \$200 per house for demolition plus about \$260 in fuel costs. For budget purposes, Barton estimated that the cost per house for demolition averaged about \$500. The city will budget demolition for four to six abandoned houses in the 2009 budget.

The City Secretary reported that the West Texas Boondockers, a motor cycle club, has approached the city for permission to stage the 4th annual motorcycle race in downtown Matador. The race has been tentatively set for March 29, 2009. This was an informational agenda item only, no action was taken.

In other business, the council approved the proposed budget amendments for 2007-2008, reinstating the library donation to the original \$4,800, and increasing the payroll by \$9,000 due to extra labor on the sidewalk and water grants. The repair and supply budget increased by \$1,000. The council voted unanimously to approve the amended budget.

The City Secretary proposed a working budget for 2009-2010, including an estimate for the City Promotional Expense of \$2,000, a reinstated budget for the library of \$4,800, and \$2,500 for house demolition. The council voted unanimously to accept the proposed budget, which will be followed by a public hearing before the final vote.

An accounting of the Water Works Fund was made by Scott who reported that this fund was over budget by \$27,000 in FY2008 due to the painting of two tanks at Roaring Springs and other water grant expenses. There was no increase in the water, sewer, and sanitation fees



PIPS wrap it up for this year. Back-Meagan Ford, Natalie Jameson, Mattie Brooks, Seth Markey, Shelby Elliott, Michael Seigler, Cassidy Turner. Middle-Ethan Mason, Emily Jameson, Brody Rankin, Cameron Stafford, Gage Baker, Mikenna Ford, Cade Drum. Front-Carley Turner, Case Drum, Dawson Baker, Tatum Guerrero.



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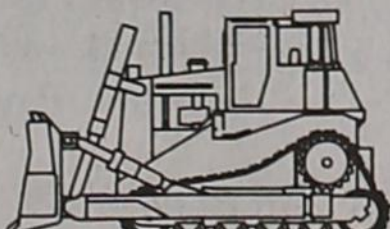


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- 19 Matador Masonic Lodge, 6:30 pm
- 19 Foothills Fellowship 7:00 p. m. at the Community Center in Roaring Springs
- 21 Motley County Jr. Livestock Show
- 24 Chamber of Commerce Meeting, Library, 5:30 pm
- Ash Wednesday Service at 7:30 a.m., February 25, at First United Methodist Church in Matador.
- 26 Eastern Star, 6:30pm
- 26 Hackberry Creek, Pot luck lunch 12:00 noon, everyone is invited!
- 27 Library book discussion at Noon.
- 28 *Living Like a Queen* Ladies' Salad Luncheon on Saturday, 12:00 noon at First Baptist Church, Matador.

March

- 3 Matador Lions Club, Methodist Church, 12:30 pm
- 4 Kids Praise
- 5 RS Lions Club, 11:30 am
- 7 Men's Breakfast, Matador Baptist Church, 7:00 am
- 9 Commissioners Court, 9:30 am
- 9 RS City Council, 6:00 pm
- 10 RS Community Volunteers, place TBA

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