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Overflow crowd gathered at RHN Town Hall Meeting

Searching for information or a platform to express opinions, an overflow crowd gathered at the Motley County Library Annex the evening of September 16 for the Regence Health Network (RHN) Town Hall Meeting regarding the Matador Clinic.

Organizers soon changed locations to accommodate the large number of citizens and directed those attending to meet instead at the First Baptist Church.

Charlie Johnson, President of the Motley County Hospital Board, then welcomed attendees who filled the church sanctuary and balcony.

Johnson briefly explained that the Hospital Board leases the clinic facility from the City of Matador and then provides it to RHN rent free for use as a clinic. Utilizing local tax money, the Hospital Board provides insurance for the building, all utilities, and outside maintenance. RHN pays a portion of the cost for inside maintenance and owns the equipment used in clinic operations. The two entities negotiate and share expenses for repairs. RHN pays the salaries of clinic employees.

Johnson then introduced Rick Love, RHN's Chief Executive Officer (CEO), who thanked those attending for showing support for the clinic, the community, and the county. He said he was overwhelmed by the crowd in attendance, and that flying a consultant in from Nashville and having the town hall meeting is an example of RHN's commitment to the community. Love said he is a West Texas native, who returned to this area of the state five years ago when he became CEO of Regence Health Network at

"We are going to do our best to continue to provide services to this community on some level," said Love.

"How to provide health care to those folks in rural America is a key topic of the upcoming election," said Love. He added that there are just not a lot of answers right now.

"At the end of the day, it will come down to if I can find a health practitioner who wants to come to this community for what we can afford to pay," said Love.

Love introduced those also attending the town hall meeting from RHN including Derek Martin, Chief Financial Officer, Wally Chavez, Administrative Director, and R.C. (Dick) Hatfield, President of the RHN Board of Directors.

Love presented Rhonda Savage, President and CEO of TrueLove Consulting (TLC) in Nashville, TN, who he had asked to serve as facilitator for the meeting. Savage has been a consultant to RHN for the past three years, especially in the area of federal funding. Besides being a consultant and grant writer, Savage is a social worker and has a degree in organizational communica-

Savage addressed the audience and asked for a show of hands of attendees who had sought health care in the Matador Clinic, and a forest of hands were quickly raised.

"The mission of RHN is the same as your mission, to provide health care for those in need," said Savage.

Savage explained to the group that the way to solve a problem is to dissect the problem in an effort to find a solution. She presented data regarding health issues along

for the county and community as a means of needs assess-

Several attendees told Savage that a lot of people from surrounding counties come to the Matador Clinic for treatment. Savage said that while that was true, the demographics of those counties are comparable.

Savage told the audience that RHN has a mission under law to meet the needs of underserved communities. She added that the Matador Clinic cannot just be closed on a whim, but RHN would have to prove to the federal government there is a valid reason to close it.

Love then interjected that without the federal funding Savage had assisted RHN in procuring, none of the RHN clinics would be operating.

"We did not come here to make you fear more. We came here to hopefully help you set those fears aside," said Love. "It is not just about funding," he added.

"Regarding the question of whether we can or cannot afford a physician's assistant (PA), let me say in the spirit of full disclosure and transparency, the provider's compensation in Matador was consistent with the providers' compensation in all the other clinics," said Love.

He added that new RHN. providers start at about \$67,500. The senior provider in the network makes about \$80,000. He reminded the audience that the rural West Texas market is different from the market in the Dallas or Houston area.

"This is not about compensation packages for people. We

with demographic and popu- are very equitable. There are lation data she had gathered currently 36 openings across the state for PAs, and that is what we are up against," said Love.

"Payroll is consistent in Matador with employees in other RHN locations and with prevailing market wages throughout the South Plains and the West Texas Panhan-

In concluding her introductory remarks, Savage said that the data shows that there is a verifiable need for health care in the community-a federal requirement for the network. Health issues in the county include a high percentage of teenage pregnancy, cigarette use during pregnancy, inadequate prenatal care, cases

I talked to Thornberry (13th District U.S. Congressman Mac Thornberry), and he said there was little we could --audience member do.

dle region," said Love.

"It will come down to where people want to live. At the end of the day, make no mistake, this is not about revenue and expenses. It is about where you are located," said Love.

Savage then reminded the audience that RHN and the community are "on the same playing field." She added that she felt it is evident that Love values the community's needs.

of high blood pressure, heart disease mortality, adult asthma, tobacco use, and obesity. She added that there is also a need to focus on preventive health care.

"This community is just one part of a much larger health network within Regence, and the Board must assure that no one small piece takes away from the larger network," concluded Savage.

She then stated that she

would take questions for 20 minutes and then reassess. The audience protested that the meeting should continue until all issues and concerns could be voiced.

Paraphrases of some of the comments and questions presented by members of the audience (Q) and the subsequent responses from representatives of RHN (A) include:

Q: Other towns where there are RHN clinics have a second provider. Why don't

A: RHN is working really hard to recruit a provider.

Q: What is the point of the meeting? Why can't we offer a higher salary?

A: There is not an unlimited amount of money in a nonprofit organization. There is limited money. They have already crunched the numbers and have determined that RHN can possibly increase, to some degree, the amount that they might be able to pay, but

it would be at a loss. Correct? Derek Martin, CFO: It depends on the volume of the clinic-how the people in the continued on page 3



THE MOTLEY COUNTY CLINIC formerly the Stanley Hospital

WEEK'S NEWS

Thomas Kinder and Martha W. Farris Charitable Foundation, Inc. donate \$25,000 to the Motley County EMS.

Matador News

School News

MCISD school board accepts Coach Hendrickson's resigna-

Roaring Springs News. The First United Methodist Study Guild met after their summer break at the Lula Swim Memorial Fellowship Hall,

Library News

Buffy Crutchley celebrates one year anniversary with the Motley County Library.

County Agent News

Feral Hog Appreciation Day on September 29 at 8:30 am in the Library Annex building.

Foothill Country

Connections

Community, Diversity, Art

By Larry Vogt

Judging from the responses of the crowd of people and conversations afterwards it seems the town hall meeting last Tuesday evening, September 16, concluded with more questions than answers. A broader question that would logically immerge from such a fiery and energetic interchange would be: What would our possibilities for actually affecting our community and our personal lives look like if we took that passion and energy and went to work on all kinds of community issues? Obviously, a great deal of energy and enthusiasm went into the creation of the Hackberry Creek Care Center. What kind of Great Works could we as a county accomplish if we rolled up our sleeves and went to

work together to identify and solve various problems that currently exist?

While one could be favorably impressed with the number of people who turned out for the meeting to listen and express themselves, one could also be unfavorably impressed with the rudeness and lack of consideration that pervaded the citizenry. I have a suggestion for the next town hall meeting: leave the attack dogs home or on a short leash; which means keep your emotions somewhat under control so that the folks up front facing the music can feel a little less like they are facing a pack of Dobermans and more like they are facing people who want to simply know more and solve more.

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By Laverne Zabielski

Given the number of times that Motley County was told to prepare a presentation for RHN in order to attract a Physician's Assistant to our community, maybe it is time to "Tidy Up." Why would a PA want to move here and earn \$67,500 annually? Answers need to come in concrete forms. "The people are friendly," is not enough.

Does the appearance of our county truly represent pride? Maybe it's time to take down more of the abandoned houses and remove junk cars from yards and roads. We prepare our children to "dress for success" as they venture into a competitive marketplace. What about Motley County? Does it "dress for success?"

Maybe it's time to express our pride and pass ordinances requiring downtown property owners in Roaring Springs and Matador to improve their storefronts; remove bricks and debris; and replace roofs on buildings used for storage in order to keep them from further decay.

Corrections: Last week we incorrectly called Dan Barton he instead of she and in the story and picture of the confirmation Taeylor should be Taelor and Pa-

Perhaps we could financially manifest our commitment to pride and longevity by making 4A and 4B tax money available to businesses as matching funds for improving their storefronts.

While there is much rich and historical history to preserve and be proud of in Motley County that does not necessarily impress a prospective PA. They want to see what makes us great. If we can't raise the money to "Tidy Up" then it's going to take a whole lot of volunteers.

If we want it, it's up to us to make it happen. Like going to for a state championship. "You gotta want it!" We cheered the team on. Now it's us we're cheering. "We gotta want it!"

Perhaps this will be the next project the Chamber takes on. It'll take more than five or six citizens showing up at the next meeting, however. Hopefully, it'll be the 200 who came to the town meeting and we'll make a plan. It's obvious!

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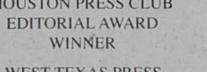
mela Echols-White should be Annette Hollingsworth; Roy Morena should be Moreno and he is a Knight of Columbus honor guard. Apologies to all

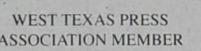
In an effort to clarify some of the reasons for Gail Ream leaving, she has agreed to answer any questions citizens have. Please send, email or drop by with your questions by October 2. She will respond in the October 9th issue.

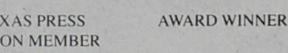
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WRITING COMMUNITY

The Vet Bill

by Bill Crenshaw Read at the 2008 MCISD Homecoming

Through the years I'm sure you've heard a dog is man's best friend. Well this here's a little story about my faithful cow dog, Ben.

Ben helped me round and pen cattle and was always there by my side. He'd work better than a bunch of cowboys who had just come along for the ride.

Here a while back ole' Ben took sick. He lay there not moving his head. I called the local veterinarian, said Ben's sick and may even be dead.

The vet told me to bring him in for an exam and a closer look, So I loaded and hauled him to town in the front seat of my old pickup truck.

> Well, the vet checked him over from his tail up to his head. He said, I hate to tell you this but you're cow dog Ben is dead

Well is there another test you could run just to make sure of that? Well, there's one more I could run and went outside and got his cat.

He placed that cat on top of Ben and he began to walk around. Finally he took the cat outside and came back in a wearin' a frown.

He said "yep, I'm sure that Ben is dead." So get on with the rest of your life. But Doc, I loved that old cow dog, pert near as much as I do my wife.

Well, with a heavy heart I went on home and with the loss not coping too well. Well, three days later, another shock when I got the vet bill in the mail.

It was four hundred twenty five dollars. I though what is wrong with that man?? so I called him up and asked what for?? \$25 office call and \$400 cat scan!!

Barton Memories

by Jan Barton Hamilton

When I was about the age of my grandchildren, Ashleym, 10, Channing, 9, Jack, 8, and Clark, 7, we would spend Sunday afternoons and holidays at Granny's house. The house and barn were located where Wilson Barton lives now and the actual house was moved to Hackberry Creek for Katharine's home several years ago. I recall the aroma of apples baking and the long dining table where many cowboys who worked the large ranch were fed. As a younger child, I would peer over the edge of the table and couldn't see the far end. The table was covered with oil cloth and lined with benches, where more people could be fed than in chairs. The large platters of chicken fried steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, apple cobbler and ranch style coffee were a sight to be-

Us kids ate last and spent our time on the side walks skating and snitching under ripe fruit from the orchard, while the older folks ate. The loft of the barn was a particular fascination to me. The smell of the hay, the bins for cottonseed, maize, corn were filled in the fall when we would gather for round-up, brandings and Thanksgiving dinner. Wilson and Sybil lived in the front part of the house and Granny's rooms were in the east wing. We were taught to respect her quiet time, naps and the large brass bed filled with a down mattress. Today when I hear John Denver sing "Grandma's Feather Bed" I think of her.

I recall the nights when the family would gather at the Barton School House and play dominos. The dances at Uncle Wilburn's (where Dude lives now) were always a great time to play with the cousins. I remember Teen and Marisue, Dixie, Mike, and Brig, Kenny and Joanie. Wadietta was old enough to keep us out of trouble. One night when we burned a hole in one of the family quilts, with the sprinklers we had gotten in our Christmas stockings, she quietly went to the kitchen between the domino tables in the hallway, got a glass of water and put out the smouldering cotton matting.

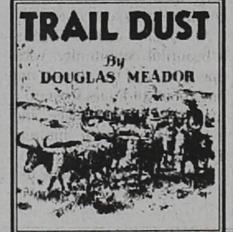
I will always recall my favorite aroma, the fragrance of the freshly turned soil behind the tractor as Cherri and I ran barefoot in the loamy cushion that would produce our food and income for the year. Daddy loved the land and mother was a good farm wife with her harvest of chickens, eggs and butter. Daddy milked each morning and night. Since I was the oldest, my job was to clean the separator on the back porch. That was an aroma in the summer heat that could turn one against drinking milk for a life-time. However, when mother would fill the churns to make butter and homemade ice cream, that was another matter.

The Barton's shared. We blocked out family days to butcher hogs, another time for the butchering of steers, and another for chickens. The smoke house out by the windmill held the hams hanging in the

rafters to cure for the winter. The milk which stayed cool from a flowing stream from the windmill sat in crocks with the cream rising to the top. The cellar was filled with jars of vegetables from the garden and fruit from orchards and wild plum thickets. The sounds of the windmill and the rustle of the leaves of the old cotton wood tree rocked us to sleep each night. Madline Barton was a great story teller and would tuck us in with stories of the old wolf-----that caused us to stay tucked in even when we wanted to sneak into the kitchen for one more of her "little cookies."

Bring your own stories to the Barton Reunion at 914 Walton Rd. on Oct. 18th. Charlie Barton, my grandfather, was born Oct. 14th, 1894. This will be his 112th birthday. Madeline was born Aug. 9th, 1895 so we will celebrate her 111th. Charlie was one of 14 children born to A.L. Barton, my great grandfather and my great grandmother, Mollie Sams Barton. Charlie was born near Austin, Texas and spent his early childhood around Barton Creek and Barton Springs where they watered their cattle. He and Madline will be with us in spirit. They left big footprints for us to follow.

My life as a Barton has been rich and full. I am grateful to all the ancestors who came before to make our heritage of hard work, love of the land, and the cherishing of family ties, top priorities.



Matador Tribune August 5, 1937

Times vulpine ways are not always tempered with kindness. Somewhere in the design of things runs a cold, lustral commission that demands age be filtered from the regime of life, frequently without regard to pain; too seldom without graciousness. Long ribs, fleshless bones were covered with faded, scarred hides in the big truck where the old horses stood. Rain-drops chills shook their worn bodies. Their heads were drooped, their strange, sad eyes resting on the parade of their masters without emotion. Old horses who had known the gentleness of children's laughter, and felt the softness of bare feet against thier flanks. Faithfull slaves whose sweat and labor had plowed long rows to feed and clothe their owners,

now stood forgotten, forlorn and condemned to the soap maker.

NEWS

Matador Tribune August 5, 1937

Landowners Favor New Soil Plan

A group of approximately 70 Motley County farmers and ranchers indicated their approval of participation in the Upper Pease Soil Conservation district, at a hearing held at the court house yesterwere freezing on weary eye- day afternoon. Howard Goss, lashes and little tremors of secretary of the state soil conservation board, if Temple and Paul Hines, soil conservationist of Texas A&M College, who attended the meeting, declared a good response was shown here and indicated that favorable reports would be made. Cottle County, which is designed to join this county in the district, will also hold a

hearing.

MCISD 6th Grade Class in the lead for the **Motley County** Tribune Copy Edit Contest

THANK YOU

I want to thank everyone who attended the meeting Tuesday September 16 at the Baptist Church concerning the Motley County Clinic.

In addition, flu shots are available for ages three to adult at this time. Infant shots will be available in October.

Daphne Meredith, LVN

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

We would like to express our deepest thanks to Kay and Ron Bailey, all of the officers, and the wonderful people of Matador for the very best homecoming we have ever at-

Everything was so well planned and organized. The lunch was wonderful, the program most enjoyable, and seeing old friends, that are really like our brothers and sisters, was a treasured blessing that we will long remember.

The fellowship time at the Senior Citizens building and

the wonderful dinner that was prepared for us was the icing on the cake. The Friday night ballgame was a great time of fellowship, as well.

We topped the weekend off by attending Bible study on Sunday led by our dear lifelong friend, Jim Watson, and worshipped with Pastor Matt and the people at FBC. What a great weekend! Thanks again to everyone for the wonderful memories.

C.H. and Raynita Murphy

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community embrace the provider.

A: The purpose of this meeting is three-fold: to insure that this community understands that RHN's goal and mission is the same as the one of the community—to provide health care; to ensure that you understand that we understand your needs; and to get your ideas and feedback on how to solve the problem through a question and answer session focused on finding a solution.

Q: Until you find a provider, what are the options for this clinic?

A: The abbreviated clinic

schedule has been made public. We are ready to go with a doctor in Plainview who has agreed to provide telemedicine when the community will embrace it. (To which many in the audience responded negatively.) RHN cannot afford to put a locum, or contract temporary PA, out here. RHN cannot afford to put a physician in this community. Options right now are for the net-

work to continue month-tomonth with local providers.

RHN has signed a contract today with a head hunter (search firm) that will cost \$35,000 if they find a provider. We have never paid that much to hire a provider before.

Q: You say it is not about dollars and cents, but the financial statement through June 30th of this year shows that Matador is more profitable than any of the other community clinics. The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) pays a lot of attention to community needs and also to community commitment. It is very apparent that this community is making a significant contribution to the bottom line of run-

ning this clinic. It is one of the highest Medicaid revenue sources of any of the clinics. What I have heard tonight is almost like you are talking down to these folks, saying that the only reason there is not a provider in this clinic is because they don't want to come to Matador. If that is the case, I don't think there is any doubt that there are a bunch of people in the room that will actively help you recruit, because I think that you can find someone who wants to come to Mata-

A: That is not the message tonight-that is the reality that we live in. I don't operate in a fantasy work, I operate in

you are looking at, the bottom line from an accounting standpoint shows that the Matador Clinic made a significant profit. You back out the federal dollars allocated to this community, and you lost about \$80,000 year-to-date. You back out the 3.3 million dollars that I received, and again, not one of my facilities is making money. The fact that we allocated \$80,000 more than your break even....

Q: But that is what the grant is for. Part of Matador's service territory is for your grant application.

A: Matador as a percentage if they ask you about opera-

reality. And the numbers that work cut employees' hours and salaries and insurance. Why?

> A: You are asking for operational details on why certain decisions were made. I am not going to stand before you tonight to discuss those with you. I discussed those with the Board, and my Board sanctioned them, but I will not discuss those with you tonight. I am not going to answer one more question about who got hours cut and who got insurance benefits cut.

Q: You are a tax-supported institution, and you are answerable to this community both sides are going to have to ante up to get someone-you are going to have to work together.

A: The CEO said earlier that he has signed a \$35,000 contract today. RHN has earnest money on the table. They aren't doing nothing. I get the sense that some of you are very angry. It is important that you all understand that anger is not going to help you out here. Only working together with RHN is going to solve this problem. None of us here created this concern. We are doing everything we can to solve it.

Q: It seems to me that we missed the boat in retaining someone who wants to be here. We had somebody here we liked and who wanted to be here. You act like being in Matador is like being sentenced to Hell, but Gail Ream chose this community, and she was a vital part of it, as was her family. You talk about recruiting someone, but we had someone here, someone we liked and respected.

A: Clearly you all know something that the CEO doesn't know. He does not know why she left. She

did not communicate that. Q: Let me just say something. This is my wife here; Q: You've mentioned pre- I am her husband. He (Rick Love) did not even ask her, so he didn't really care. That is the problem right there. She offered to stay longer and work some part-time, but he didn't want her. He didn't even try like you said.

A: Maybe we can work out some kind of "opening the door forum" between what was here. That is one solution we can put on the table as an option for consideration.

That is what I hear you all say. You want her back. Why didn't you just say so? We heard your message. They will take that under due consideration. I don't serve on the board; I am not a paid staff member. All I can tell you is that is an option that is on the table.

Q: Why don't you take that \$35,000 and apply it to her salary?

A: They only have to pay that money if the search firm is able to recruit someone for RHN. It is not paid out of pocket.

Q: How is RHN selling our community to someone else? A: Quality of life. This is a beautiful community, wide open views of the sunset; not but about an hours drive to a major city, a great place, and a safe place to raise children. The conveniences of living in

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--audience member

of RN's total network represents about 4%.

Q: What is 4% of 3.3 million dollars?

A: The point I am trying to sions. make is that I have needs in other communities. You are natal care and teenagers, what not the only community that is looking for a provider. It does come down to money at some point in time because we have to be able to pay the bills.

To respond to this dollars and cents thing from a different perspective, the federal government does not require that RHN split the grant money by percentage, Federal dollars are supposed to be a safety net between what the network can generate and what is needed to operate.

Q: The Matador Clinic would have more volume if we could get an appointment.

A: We reduced our payroll this spring, and we knew our volume would be lower. RHN had an across the board 20% reduction of productive man hours. Why? Because historically that time of year, when school is out until about August 15, there are fewer billable hours. There is less demand. Almost all of our clinics are now back up to 100% staffing with the exception of Matador because this clinic is not open every day of the week.

Q: Does the dollar application of a grant request make a difference if it is for a rural area or a frontier area?

A: No, it does not.

Q: The clinic was running in the black, and then the nettional details. That is their business.

A: I will not answer questions about operational deci-

about senior citizens? Most of these people don't even drive.

A: It all boils down to having a provider. What are you willing to do to make this community attractive to a potential provider?

Q: RHN will have to compensate the provider to make this community more attractive. The community has a role in that as well, but most of all it should be the job of the Board and the CEO to do that. While the cost of living is lower, a community the size of Matador has less to offer than Amarillo so RHN will have to compensate for that financially.

A: They are called community health centers because they are communities. They are community driven and community designed. They are about you all; they are not about the CEO.

Q: I want to stick this in about a being provider. I am a provider, and I've tried to recruit emergency physicians to Big Spring. To do that I have to get someone who wants to live in Big Spring, and you have to get someone who wants to live in Matador. You have to make it beneficial to them and make them feel welcome. What I am pointing out is that from the standpoint of a provider,

Farris Foundation announces gift

of the Thomas Kinder and Martha W. Farris Charitable Foundation, Inc. has announced that a \$25,000 donation has been made to the Motley County EMS for the purchase of Cardiac Monitors for the service's ambulances.

Mrs. Farris stated that these emergency response services are "extremely important to the citizens of rural areas like Motley County," adding, "we are pleased to play a part in the addition of this life-saving equipment for the Motley County EMS."

In addition to Mrs. Farris, members of the Board of the Farris Foundation are George

Martha Farris, President, R. Farris, Thomas K. Farris, Jr., John C. Farris and Elizabeth Farris Figari.

The Motley County Hospital Board said that the local community is very fortunate to have been the benefactors of such a generous gift.

"The timing of the grant could not have been more fortuitous," said hospital board member C.W. Moore. "The needed cardiac monitors were actually on sale and this allowed the board to purchase two machines at a substantial savings. The machines are state-of-art and will allow the EMS crews to better monitor patients who are being transported to emergency rooms."

THE GOD QUESTIONS - EXPLORING LIFE'S **GREAT QUESTIONS ABOUT GOD**



THE GOD QUESTIONS -EXPLORING LIFE'S GREAT **QUESTIONS ABOUT GOD**

- 1. Is God real?
- Is the Bible true? 3. Do all roads lead to

heaven?

- 4. How can a good God allow suffering?
- Does Christianity really work?
- What's the purpose of my life?
- Where did the world come from? 8. Was the Bible written by God or by men?
- 9. What about the errors in the Bible?
- 10. What do Muslims, Hindus, and Buddhists believe?
- 11. What do Christians believe?.
- 12. Did God create evil?
- 13. Can a loving God really send people to Hell?
- 14. Isn't Christianity a crutch for weak people?
- 15. What happens to me when I die?
- 16. What are my priorities?
- 17. Does God actually answer questions?

Ever wondered why things are the way they are? Ever been dissatisfied with how things are supposed to be? This journey is designed for believers and searchers alike. No question is too bold to ask! Bring your friends, bring a pioneering spirit... Join us as we explore the possibilities!

Matador Church of Christ September 28-October 1, 2008 Sunday 10 a.m. Evening 6 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, 7 p.m.

Michael G. Crowley, Sr.

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NEWS AROUND MOTLEY COUNTY

Roaring Springs News By Monta Marshall

Aren't these cool mornings wonderful? The fall equinox arrived today (September 22). Seems we're right on schedule temperature wise. Aw, shucks, I forgot, I was never going to make any weather statements again. Likely it'll turn hot as August again just for my speculating. I will say I believe all God's creatures and vegetation are enjoying the weather. Flowers seem brighter, animals more rested and playful. Even our old wienie dog Wixie is playful. She is getting so fat in her old age!

Don't forget, Dinah Young will be writing the news next week. If you have news, please call her at 348-7330; if she is busy working, leave a message and she will call you back.

The First United Methodist Study Guild met after their summer break at the Lula Swim Memorial Fellowship Hall, Wednesday, September 17. Pearl Patten was hostess. After a short business meeting, finger sandwiches and a delicious fresh apple pie with ice cream was served. Chelsea Read brought the lesson on a parable written by Max Lucado from his book, In the Grip of Grace. Those attending were: Debbie Martin, Ethel Smith, Callie Giesecke, Joy Beeson, Billie Sue Stuck- his 6th birthday with a famey, Chelsea Read, Pearl Patten and a guest, Monta Marshall.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Swim celebrated their 69th wedding anniversary with lunch at the Hitch 'N Post Restaurant. They were married on September 17, 1939 in Bovina, Texas, at the home of Imogene's mother, Mrs. H. T. Hastings. J. T. and Imogene are parents of two sons: Sam Swim whose wife is Reba of Lubbock; J. R. (Rogene) Swim whose wife is Stella of Abilene, Texas. One granddaughter, Dr. Emily Swim-Redding whose husband is Greg Redding of Lubbock; two grandsons: Dr. Ed Swim whose wife is Kimberly of West Point, New York, and Ruston Swim of Lubbock. J.

T. and Imogene have two great-grandsons, Jacob and Colter Swim of Lubbock.

Kenneth and Suzanne Abbott have returned from a 12-day vacation. They visited in Salida, Colorado, with Kenneth's mother, Mrs. Dorothy Abbott. From there they toured northwestern Colorado and saw the Colorado National Monument and on into Wyoming to the Flaming Gorge with its beautiful lake in the bottom of the gorge. They continued north to Jackson Hole, Wyoming, and Yellowstone National Park. From there they went on up to the northwest corner of Montana to Glacier National Park. As the laws have changed, a passport is now necessary to cross over into Canada, so they did not go further north. They returned by Browning, Montana, and down on the more eastern side of Wyoming. They made many beautiful pictures.

Bobby Fletcher is in the Heart Hospital in Lubbock. His son Payton has been here with him.

Sybol Brandon was taken by ambulance to the hospital in Crosbyton on Sunday evening. She was treated and released after a few hours and is feeling much better today.

Keygen Woolsey celebrated ily birthday party. He had the stomach bug on his birthday and said this wasn't as much fun as most birthdays, but is feeling better today.

Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Herrera, parents of Teresa Woolsey, attended church with her at First Baptist Church on

Willie and Shelly Palmer of Lovington, NM, visited with Willie's mother, Pearl Patten over the weekend.

Zella Palmer went to Lubbock to visit her son and daughter-in-law, Johnny and Tammy Palmer. They attended the South Plains Fair. Zella said she really enjoyed the exhibits.

Flomot News By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

Out bicycling one day with my eight-year-old granddaughter, I got a little wistful. "In ten years," I said, "You will want to be with your friends and you will not go walking, biking or swimming with me like you do now." She shrugged. "In ten years you will be too old to do all those things anyway."

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter honored his brother, Louis Shorter of Fort Worth with a party on his 50th birthday Saturday afternoon in their home. They served refreshments of finger foods and a beautiful decorated cake with punch.

Those attending the happy occasion were his wife, Beverly Shorter of Fort Worth; his father, L.E. shorter of Flomot; sister, Mrs. Judy Rhodes of Houston; Ms. Jenifer Moncrief, Allison, Matthew and Broden of Matador; Mrs. Salina Marks and Grayson of Lockney; Laverne Zabielski and Larry Vogt of Roaring Springs and Mrs. Geneva Martin, resident at Hackberry Care Center.

ter, Savannah and sister, Kelby Williams met her mother, Mrs. Christi Yates of Andrews in Lubbock, Friday. Savannah and Kelby returned home with her to visit the weekend. When in Lubbock they also visited Brianna Sperry.

Michael and Virginia Davis of Lovington, N.M. and his mother, Mrs. Jackie Lynn Davis of Fritch visited from Friday until Sunday with her parents, Jack and Nada Starkey.

Clois and Kathy Shorter met his sister, Mrs. Judy Rhodes of Houston at the Lubbock Airport Thursday and she visited them and her father, L.E. Shorter until Sunday.

Mrs. Elisa Wigley of Lubbock visited from Thursday until Monday of last week with her mother, Mrs. Aleda

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barclay were in Borger, Saturday to attend the football game in which grandson, Ashley Barclay played. He and his teammates won the game. They visited his family, Mr. and Mrs. Cody Barclay and Lane.

Alvia Joe Calvert of Dumas, Gwen, Tim and Peyton Mandrell of Lubbock visited Sunday with their family, Mary Jo and Doyle Calvert and Glen Calvert.

Butch Hughes is having chemo treatment once a week on Tuesdays in Lubbock. We wish him the best.

Richard and Tina Rogers of Lubbock and Donnie Rogers of Flomot were luncheon guests of Mrs. B. Rogers Saturday. Kolt McDaniel of Sundown, great-grandson of Mrs. B. Rogers, who was seriously ill with collapsed lungs, has returned home and making a good recovery. His parents are Shay and Jimmy McDaniel.

Mrs. Barbara Payne had recent knee replacement surgery in Lubbock. Her daughters, Mrs. Laveda Crawford of Liapan and Mrs. Susie May-Mrs. Cally Sperry, daugh- field of Sulphur Springs were with her during surgery and are with her during recupera-

> Michael and Lori Starkey of Canyon accompanied his father; Jack Starkey to emergency at the Veterans' Hospital in Amarillo last Saturday. He was a patient until Monday for high blood pressure treatment.

> Joe Ike Clay and Anna Beth Clay, daughter and children, Mrs. Julie Edwards, Jaxon and Laney of Turkey attended the football game in Panhandle Thursday night. The Clay's grandson, Tanner Clay and his Junior Varsity team played Claude.

Matador News

Visiting Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. H.R. "Skeet" Jameson was their son, Lance Jameson and friend, Vickie Fennel of Vernon.

Mrs. Marihelen Wason returned home Thursday from Amarillo following knee replacement surgery at the Baptist-St. Anthony Hospital.

Mrs. Frances Dixon returned home Thursday from a 10-day visit with granddaughter and family, Kobbi, Brian, Journey and Dixon Blair in Salem, Oregon. She enjoyed the beautiful weather and tourist attractions. She and daughter, Mrs. Elaine Risser were in Plainview, Friday where they met Kaci Risser of Lubbock for lunch and to visit.

Carol and Lucretia Campbell and Winifred Darsey traveled to the historic town of Westcliffe, CO, to visit Ann and Jim Huffman, Denver, who have built a beautiful vacation cabin on an old historical property in the spectacular Wet Mountain Valley. The Huffman's renovated an old 1800s historic barn on the property, preserving an old root cellar, numerous wagons, harnesses, and hand plows. The picturesque property has a river running through the 350 acres, with deer, elk, and rainbow trout. The group toured a 1870s renovated cottage by artist Tedi Rankin, the historic community of Westcliffe, including a renovated turn-of-the-century ranch, fully restored by the Westcliffe Historical Society. They traveled the scenic highway 125 through the beautiful San Isabel National Forest, enjoyed a picnic on the banks of the San Isabel Lake, and toured Bishop's Castle, an ongoing 38-year project by one man who has constructed a large castle from available stone, complete with turrets, a mote, and towering stain-glassed windows. They traveled to Tin Cup, Colorado, via Monarch Pass for an overnight visit with Molly and Morris Todd, before heading home.

Visiting in Matador recently for the biannual homecoming events were class of 1967 members and guests Gary Markham and Lin Post of Manvell, Larry and Casey Elliott of Beaumont, Karol King

DeVries and her husband Jim of Austin, Susan Hunt and Bill Wall of Lubbock, Bob and Judy Gwinn Hempel, also of Lubbock, Rosanne Terry West and her husband Ron of Livingston, and Luis and Rotha Moore of Dumas.

Larry Elliott's sister, Linda, of Anson also stopped in for a visit with her brother and his new bride.

A breakfast for the class of 1967 was served at Hotel Matador Sunday morning.

Annette McWilliams Wilkerson of the class of 1948 attended from Kemp, along with her sister, Ouida McWilliams Moore of Georgetown.

The unfortunate event of car trouble turned out to be a pleasant interlude for Melvin and Margie West of Meadow. They spent the unscheduled days at the Hotel Matador and had their car repaired by John Alexander who has recently opened shop in the old 66 station (or the old Texaco station, depending on your age).

Darryl and Teena Calley and Keith and Carla Clements, all of Snyder, stopped for an evening at the Matador Hotel recently on their motorcycle trip to see Caprock Canyons State

Tracy Nelson of Koch Industries traveled from Wichita, KS, last week to do an initial walk-through of the new Matador Ranch hunting lodge.

Marilynn and Randy Hicks were traveling home from Lubbock last Monday evening when they hit a black cow on Highway 70 at the Floyd and Motley County line. Travelers from Lubbock returning home in the westbound lane also hit one of the cattle in the road. There were no injuries, except for three dead cows and both vehicles. Both the Motley and Floyd County sheriffs responded along with the Motley County EMS and Volunteer Fire Department, who did double duty as cowboys as they cleared the roadway of stray cattle.

Randy and Vicky Hanes of Sweetwater were in Matador last week. Their goal is to visit all of the counties in Texas, and they spent their time in Motley County relaxing at Hotel Matador.

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Notes from the Library

By Buffy Crutchley

Isn't it funny how time flies? This week I get to celebrate my one year anniversary with the Motley County Library. It seems like just yesterday that we were celebrating Suzanne's retirement, and I was too shy to talk to anyone. Boy how things change. Well, I am still too shy to talk to a crowd, but the library has quickly become my home away from home. And that makes my new library friends seem more like family. I've gotten to know so many wonderful people in such a short amount of time. If the past year is a sign of things to come, I can't wait to see what's headed our way.

Our new color printer is finally up and running. I'm

so excited! So, if you're ever in need of a print, or even a color copy. Stop on by. Just be aware, I read the instruction manual, but there are still so many buttons to figure out. So if you're one of the first to test it out, please be patient. We can learn together!

We've got two new books in this week by the same lady who wrote "Water For Elephants". Her name is Sara Gruen, and the books are about a woman and her love of horses. The first book is called "Riding Lessons" and the story is continued into a second book titled "Flying Changes". I know how much I loved "Water for Elephants", so I can't wait to begin reading these!

School Board votes to replace locks **Accepts Coach Hendrickson's resignation**

The Motley County Independent School District Board of Education met in regular session on September 15 in the Board Room at the School. The board voted to accept a plan to install new locks with a key pad system. The Motley County ISD Board of Education also met in a special called meeting on Monday, September 22, 2008. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss in closed session the assistant coach and Social Studies position and the cell phone infractions of students. After discussion the Board voted to accept the resignation of Coach Hendrickson and the meeting was adjourned.

Present at the called meeting were board members J.D. Russell, Tina Brooks, David Stafford, Mark Seigler, Don Baxter, Gilbert Guerrero, Lewis Drum, and Interim Superintendent Dr. Tom Alvis.

Present at the regular meeting were board members J.D. Russell, Tina Brooks, David Stafford, Mark Seigler, Don Baxter, Gilbert Guerrero and Interim Superintendent Dr. Tom Alvis. Also attending were Denise Ford, Business Manager, William Cochran, Principal, Larry Vogt and Laverne Zabielski, Motley County Tribune.

In other business the board voted to table the agenda item regarding a total security system and accept he only bid for propane from Wylie, LP.

The proposed Chapter 41 agreement with Guthrie and Spur was accepted. Under a chapter 41 agreement, a property wealthy district, such as Jayton-Girard, Guthrie and Spur, must send money back to the state or give it to a consortium made up of several property poor schools for use in purchasing computers and other electronic communications equipment and or ser-

The process that the state has set up is for the wealthy schools to purchase weighted average daily attendance from the schools that have less cost per student. The wealthy schools purchase WADA from the schools with the lowest cost per WADA. Due to MCISD's small enrollment, there is a higher WADA cost than some other schools in the consortium. MCISD can only sell one WADA to the property wealthy schools. The MCISD consortium consists of Motley County ISD, Jayton-Girard, Spur, Guthrie, Valley, Paducah, and Patton Springs. Most of the school's computers and electronic equipment come from this consortium.

The meeting was adjourned after a report from Principal Cochran that stated enrollment was holding steady at 185 students.

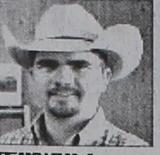


IUDY RENFRO registers guests at 1st Ag Credit's yearly Stockholders Appreciation Dinner, September 16.

First Ag Credit Announces Judy Renfro Retirement Party September 30, 2008, 1:00 to 4:30 p.m. First Ag Credit Building,



County



by Ryan Martin, Agri LIFE EXTENSION Agent

Feral Hog Appreciation Day

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Topics will include new rules and regulations for feral hogs effective October 1, 2008 by Texas Animal Health Commission, "Coping with Feral Hogs", feral hog diseases, hunting license requirements for hog hunters, and a feral hog I.Q. test.

CEU's will also be offered for private applicators. This educational program is offered to educate residents on feral hogs and how to cope with them. Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability, or national origin.

B. Dick Hamm, Sr.

Services for B. Dick Hamm, Sr., 76, of Brownfield were held September 22, 2008 at Brownfield First United Methodist Church with Rev. Ruby Moultrie, Chaplain Don McWhorter and Homer Jones officiating. Burial followed in Terry County Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Brownfield Funeral Home.

Dick passed away Thursday, September 18, 2008 in Brownfield. He was born June 15, 1932 to L. D. and Clara Laster Hamm in Brownfield. He graduated from Wellman High School in 1949. He then graduated in 1954 with a BS in Bacteriology from West Texas State University. He was a U. S. Army Veteran of the Korean Conflict. He married Marlene Bailey on January 4, 1954 in Clovis, New Mexico. He was a member of Brownfield First United Methodist Church. Dick is preceded in death by a son, Billy D. "Duke" Hamm, Jr; three brothers, Robert, Mont and L. D. Hamm, Jr.

Grandsons Cody Hamm-Brown, Westley Everett, and William Everett, all of Lub-

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bock, and Brian Sidlowe of Brownfield served as pallbearers, along with nephews Ace Hamm of Brownfield, Scott Hamm of Wellman, Mike Hamm of Colorado Springs, Colorado, Gary Hamm of Wink, Tim Hamm of Bowie, Lance Bailey of Lamesa, and Praise . Kevin Bailey of Sundown.

daughters, Cindy Everett of 5th grade, are invited to Kids' children.



Dick is survived by his wife It's Kid's Praise time again!

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By Ace Reid

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Motley County's first round School Spirit Showdown.

Marlene of Brownfield; a son, All children in the commu-David Hamm of Aubrey; two nity, three years old through Sundown and Sandra Hamm Praise on Wednesday, Ocof Brownfield; and six grand- tober 1, 5:00 - 6:00 p.m., at First Baptist Church, Matador. Online condolences may be There will be songs, crafts, made at www.BrownfieldFu- a Bible story, food, and fun for all. PARENTS: Children should arrive as usual in the fellowship hall (downstairs), but beginning this week, the final activity of the day will take place in the auditorium, so please pick up your child from the front of the church (upstairs).

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a small town-the same reason I chose to move from Dallas to Plainview and not to live in Amarillo or Lubbock. That is how I would sell it.

Q: Is that how you ARE selling it?

A: I'll be honest with you. I have not had anyone call and express an interest in this position. I have a lot of folks looking right now.

The RHN Chief Operations Officer (Michael Hemphill), who handles the majority of our recruiting, talks to midlevel providers every day who are looking for jobs, and we let them know where we have openings and what those openings provide in the way of amenities and quality of life. If they are interested in going beyond an initial conversation, at that point in time I get involved, and I come in and make the closing sell.

And I have been very successful over the last five years in finding people to go to places that quite frankly are difficult to recruit to. We have just been working on this about six weeks. It took me two years to find two practitioners to go into Hereford. It's taken me a year to find a dentist for Amarillo, and I still don't have

Q: So your priority is to recruit for larger towns.

A: My priority is to recruit a provider for every place that needs one. Every person who calls and expresses and interest will be given the same courtesy for here as for Amarillo because the need here is as great as it is in Hereford or 'Amarillo, and I cannot determine where someone may want to go. I've mentioned what people may look for, such as a temple because they

are from India. I can only do what I can do. It takes time.

Q: There are a lot of people here, and when you get this many people in one room, it is hard to come to agreement on anything. But there is consensus that we need a clinic. As a community, what are the things that we can do in addition to communicating with the representative that serves

ment. They have the same issues and needs that rural America faces all across this nation. It is pandemic right now. If you have been reading the newspapers and watching the news at night, there is a shortage, an epidemic level shortage of primary care providers in American today.

Q: But is there something that we can do as far as put-

Put together the best chamber of commerce package possible. . . . They are going to ask about schools. They are going to ask about churches. They ask about city government, affordable housing, recreational opportunities within a 30-minute drive, lakes, hunting, the kind of grocery stores you have, if there is a Wal-Mart in town, what kind of clothing stores you have. They will ask how long it takes to travel to the next biggest hospital.

on your board and with members of the Hospital Board? Maybe in that sales package that you are trying to present, or recruitment through our chamber of commerce-a packet that shows all the highlights of Motley County and the benefits of this community. You seem to be having a hard time selling living in this community. Is something like that being presented in that initial conversation?

A: It is not an issue necessarily specific to your county. It is recruiting providers to are going to ask about schools. rural areas in general. If we They are going to ask about have miss-communicated and churches. They ask about made you feel in any way that city government, affordable we are being personal to you, I apologize.

ting together a package to sell Matador? Something con-

structive. A: I think you could go out and hire a consulting group and put together the best chamber of commerce package possible. Plainview has one. Amarillo has one. And we do give it to new providers, people that are considering coming to the community. If you have something like that, give it to Mr. Chavez, and we will be more than happy to give this to applicants. They housing, recreational opportunities within a 30-minute We opened with that com- drive, lakes, hunting, the kind

of grocery stores you have, if there is a Wal-Mart in town, what kind of clothing stores you have. They will ask how long it takes to travel to the next biggest hospital. If you can put all of that in a concise package, I will be more than happy to make sure people get that because it helps me.

You have a board member in this community. You have two former board members in this community. It is helpful when you know the facts. It is obvious to me that there are rumors going around, and I don't deal in rumors and fantasy. I deal in numbers and facts. The more informed you can be, the more productive these types of events can be.

Q: I am very thankful to you guys for coming. You are doing a lot, and I want to thank you. And I feel that we are going to have someone. Thank you for everything you are doing.

Q: Is there a grant we can apply for as a poor county?

A: Almost every rural community in America is finding it almost next to impossible to recruit providers. There is a tremendous shortage of health care providers in America. It is not easy. We are not trying to make excuses. We are trying

Q: I am listening to you saying there is a shortage and it is next to impossible to recruit to rural areas. I run two funeral homes in this area, and there is a real shortage of funeral directors as well, but I was able to recruit a director from Dallas to Paducah. The package is going to have to look good enough when you present it to get them here, but it can be done. It will be difficult, but it is possible.

A: Like was said a minute

ago, bring us a package. That is a very positive outcome to this meeting. You know what is needed from you to sell this community. All things are possible. Is it practical?

Q: I talked to Thornberry (13th District U.S. Congressman Mac Thornberry), and he said there was little we could

A: You can call your Congressman or the feds. They can try to get you earmarks specific to your community, but pork barrel spending is unlikely and unpopular. There is already an agency that oversees FQHCs, and I can attest to the fact that this organization is compliant with every rule and regulation. There are never enough dollars to go around to do everything you want to do. There are FQHCs out there that do not hold a candle to this organization (RHN).

Q: We have a PA already living in Matador.

A: I don't know what happened with the former PA. Communication is a two-way street. We cannot talk about employment records in this kind of setting. We cannot solve this problem tonight about why your provider left. The CEO listens, and I am sure he heard you. He cannot honestly tell you anything more tonight. We will give the former PA consideration.

Gail Ream was a model pro-

nication. Are the minutes of the Board meetings available to the public?

A: Certainly. You can have access to these documents. There is an administrative protocol to obtain these documents. The best vehicle of communication is to have a well-informed Board member. Seven Alexander comes to the meetings, sees the agendas five days prior to the meetings, and knows about the actions that are being taken. What we hope happens is that when the Board members walk out of the conference room they speak with one clear voice after a meeting, whether they agree or disagree with whatever action that was taken.

Q: Is there an incentive program to develop a PA from the LVNs and RNs already living in this community? Is there a program that encourages people already living here to go back to school to become a practitioner? That person would then be required to commit to a period of time serving here.

A: That is a very good idea. We will consider it. There are some programs available, but I am not familiar with them personally. I don't know where those monies would come from, perhaps city or county funds.

I suggest that a sub committee is formed to look at those options. We are not experts

You can call your Congressman or the feds. They can try to get you earmarks specific to your community...

vider. There was not reason for us to be dissatisfied with her. The Matador Clinic is a good place to work.

has come up. To dispel the myths, the RHN law firm advised the organization not to engage in the practice of midlevel employees working under contracts. Possibly that was one of the issues. If that is an issue, I just want you to know that Gail was not singled out. I am not saying the practice is right or wrong. It is just the way it is.

Q: Can we have your email address?

A: Yes, you can. It is rick. love@regencehealth.net . You can get additional information from our web site, www. regencehealth.net. Our next board meeting is September

Q: I am concerned about the short-term fix. Will it stay as it is now?

guarantee that the temporary provider will agree to continue. We do not have a longterm agreement with Mrs. Anthony.

Q: What will happen if this temporary situation becomes too expensive? Is it a way to eventually close this clinic?

A: I can't answer this question. That is up to my Board of Directors. Even if the Board voted to close this clinic because it is not making any money and a replacement provider cannot be found, it is still not a done deal. RHN would still have to jump through a whole lot of hoops because they are receiving federal funding. We would have to file a Change of Scope application, and it is very thick. Then it has to be approved on the federal level.

There is no guarantee that the feds would even agree to the clinic's closing. All I have heard here is that the RHN to find a solution.

PAs that work for you. Give them the opportunity to come here and work for 90 days. Give them an opportunity to see that Matador is a wonderful place to live.

A: That is a good point, and I appreciate the idea.

Q: The purpose of this community meeting was commuon educating professional

O: As I understand it, there is no present intention to The question of contracts close the clinic. Even the idea of Telemed is not a desirable thing in this community. Is that a current option on the table?

Where you are right now is to do your very best to get us a PA here. Is the practitioner, and the shortage thereof, the only problem you see here? We started this off, and no one ever identified "the problem."

A: The problem is a shortage of rural health care providers.

Q: Are you comfortable that if you make up with Gail or find a replacement, we can continue as is here?

A: I can say this. The compensation package for a midlevel provider is what it is. If we can find someone who will accept that package, whether it be Gail or someone else, A: I hope so. There is no that person will have a place in Motley County to practice

> Q: The salary you referenced would probably be the highest in the county, besides possibly for the superintendent of schools.

medicine.

A: The compensation package includes many additional benefits beyond the salary.

Q: As I understand it, there is no deadline presently established to find a PA. We want to help you in any way we can as a community to get this done if you will commit to doing your best to help us.

If that means making up to Gail, fine. If it doesn't, we will help in any way we can. But we need to be informed and not blind sided on anything. Is that a fair approach?

A: It is the approach we have taken.

Savage then thanked those attending and said that if Love and the RHN Board needed Board and CEO are working to come back and talk to the community at a later time, Q: You have a network of perhaps they could do so.

> C.W. Moore suggested in a final statement that the members of the RHN Board of Directors and the Motley County Hospital Board of Directors have a joint meeting.

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Tuesday Evening 7:00 p.m. "Why Would a Good God Allow Suffering?"

Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m. "Who Are the Churches of Christ Really?"

WARM WELCOME AWAITS YOU!

Lighthouse Electric Co-op Sends Help to East Texas Co-ops Hit Hard by Hurricane Ike

Seven employees of Lighthouse Electric Cooperative are East Texas-bound to help rebuild power lines downed in the wake of Hurricane Ike. Ike, a Category 2 hurricane, struck the Galveston/Houston area of the Texas coast late Friday night/early Saturday morning, then continued on a path north and east through East Texas leaving major damage in its wake.

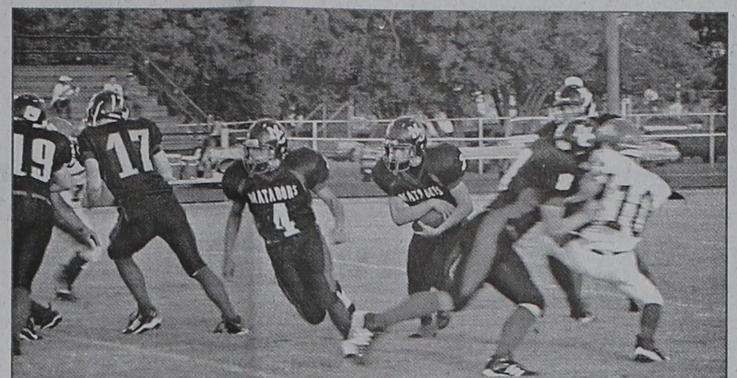
The volunteers include Foreman Johnny Gourdon, Todd Williams, Tate Glasscock, Adrian Martinez, Fidel Valdes, and Ray Perez from the Floydada headquarters, and Dickie Cloyd from the Hall County District office in Memphis. The crew left Monday morning to drive the 500 miles to San Augustine, Texas, headquarters of Deep East Texas Electric Cooperative, whose electrical system sustained major damage from hurricane force winds and torrential rains associated with Ike.

The Texas statewide association requested all available Texas cooperative workers be dispatched to assist their fellow cooperatives in East Texas, said Tiffin Wortham, vice president of member services/loss control for Texas Electric Cooperatives (TEC), the statewide cooperative association.

Even before Hurricane Ike pounded the Gulf Coast, Texas' electric cooperatives geared up for deployment to assist linemen in storm-damaged areas. "Only two days after land fall, in a true testament to the cooperative spirit, we have already dispatched approximately 281 men and their associated equipment from 32 TEC member systems to the 11 electric cooperatives with major damage," Wortham said. "The hardest hit systems begin their restoration efforts with 100% of their system without power, and the others average 50%-75% of their total system without power."

"If I was facing the situation these East Texas co-ops are facing, with power lines down and practically all my members out of power, the best thing I could hope to see would be Johnny Gourdon and his crew arriving to help," noted Lighthouse General Manager, Bill Harbin. "It's something we do as co-op people. We help each other."

Lighthouse Electric Cooperative, Inc., based in Floydada, serves over 8000 meters in 12 counties of the Texas South Plains, Panhandle, and Rolling Plains.



JONATHAN OSBORN had 7 carries with 3 touchdowns and a total of 133 yards gained.

Matadors shut out Wilson Mustangs

The mighty Matadors shut out the Wilson Mustangs 48 to o which resulted in the game ending at half-time due to the "mercy" rule. Jonathan Osborn had 7 carries with 3 touchdowns and a total of 133 yards gained. Augustine Chavez had 2 carries with 1 touchdown and 20 yards gained. Eric Simpson had 1 carry with 7 yards gained. Ezra Hendrickson was 2 for

4 passing with 2 touchdowns. One of those touchdowns was a pass to Andrew Martin for a 54 yard touchdown and the other was a pass to Justin Newman for a 29 yard touchdown. Eric Simpson had an interception which yielded a 37 yard touchdown and he also had a fumble recovery which put the ball back in possession of the Matadors. Augustine Chavez was 3 out of

7 for extra points as the Matadors steamrolled to victory.

Coach Bigham remarked that this was a much needed win and looked for some good spirit and determination as the Matadors move on to one more game before district play begins with a game with Silveton here in Matador on October 10.

I'm going to start our week off sweet. Just a laugh, my sister has been visiting for a few weeks since her husband is in the military. Sunday was her birthday; I asked her if she wanted me to bake a birthday cake or pie, here was her reply.

Buttermilk Pie By Dorothy Pope

1/2 cup buttermilk 1/4 tsp. flour

1 1/2 cup sugar 3 eggs

1/2 tsp. vanilla 1/2 stick margarine

Beat eggs in small bowl, add sugar and mix until mixed together well. Add flour, buttermilk, and vanilla. Bake in unbaked pie shell for 55 minutes at 350 degrees.

Biggest Cheer Contest

On September 20th, the Motley County Varsity and Junior High Cheerleaders traveled to West Texas A&M in Canyon to participate in the Biggest Cheer Contest. The Guinness Record was set in Beijing this past April when 1,200 cheerleaders performed simultaneously.

During halftime of the West Texas A&M football game 663 cheerleaders from parts of Texas, New Mexico, and Kansas performed three rehearsed cheers for the crowd. Although a new record was not set, the cheerleaders performed well and enjoyed the ballgame and activities.

School Menu

Thursday, September 25: Breakfast: biscuit, scrambled eggs, bacon or cereal, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: ham chef salad, baked potato, crackers, sherbet, milk.

milk. Lunch: hamburger/ cheese, lettuce, tomato slice, grapes, milk. pickles, sliced pears, milk.

Monday, September 29: biscuit, sausage, gravy, or cereal, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: chicken nuggets, French fries, gravy, salad, toast, sliced peaches, milk.

Friday, September 26: Tuesday, September 30: Breakfast: cinnamon rolls, Breakfast: cereal, toast, juice, or cereal, toast, applesauce, milk. Lunch: bean/beef burrito, salad, tortilla chips, fresh

Senior Citizen Menu

Thursday, September 25 Monday, September 29: Taco soup, tossed salad, tortilla chips, and apple cobbler.

grilled sirloin, baked potato, okra, tossed salad, apple

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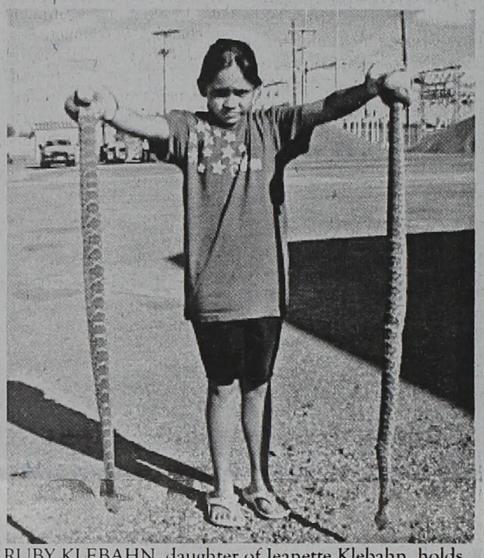
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sausage on bun, tator tots, carrots, baked apples.

Friday, September 26 Tuesday, September 30: chicken fried steak/gravy, baked potato, turnip greens, wheat rolls, and peaches.



RUBY KLEBAHN, daughter of Jeanette Klebahn, holds two rattlesnakes found by her grandfather, Frank Ortiz, near the TXDOT office in Matador. Frank warns everyone in this area to be wary of these creatures.



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- 25 MCISD JV vs Southland, Home, 7:30
- 26 MCISD VS Southland, Away, 7:30
- 29 Feral Hog Appreciation Day, Library Annex, 8:30

October

- 1 Kid's Praise, FBCM 5-6pm
- 2 Roaring Springs Lions, Hitchin Post, 12:30 pm
- 4 Northfield Homecoming
- 7 Matador Lions Club, Meth Church 12:30 pm
- 9 MCISD JV vs Silverton, 7:30
- 9 M City Council, 6:30
- 10 MCISD vs Silverton, Home, 7:30
- 11 Motley 4H awards banquet
- 13 Commissioners Court, 9:30
- 13 Roaring Springs City Council, 6 pm
- 14 RS Community Volunteers, Com. Center, 7:00 pm 17 MCISD vs Cotton Center, Away, 7:30
- 20 Motley 4H Club meeting, Courthouse, 6:30 pm
- 20 MCISD School Board Meeting, 7:30

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