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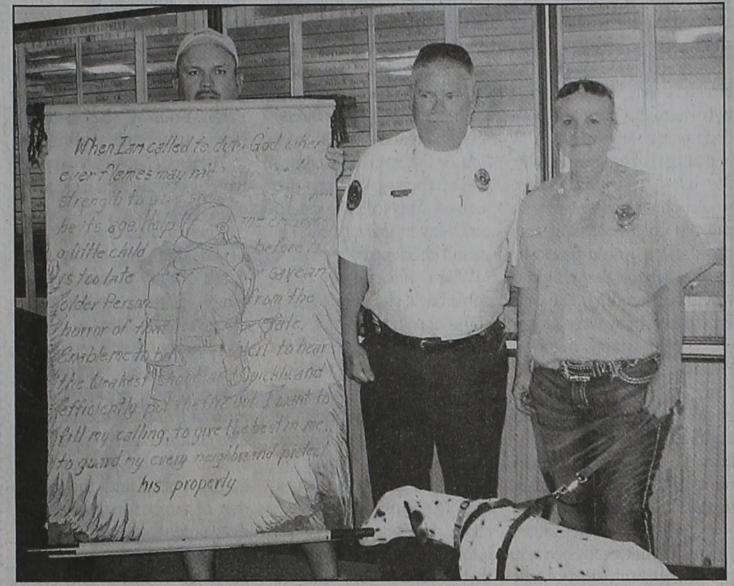
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Roaring Springs Fire Truck Dedicated



Left to Right: Les Woolsey holding banner of fireman's prayer. Curtis and Denisa Brown of Dalhart Fire Department and Hope, the Dalhart Fire Department's mascot

By Monta Marshall Motley County Tribune

On Sunday afternoon, September 9th a ceremony was held to dedicate the new Roaring Springs Fire Truck.

About 45 people congregated at the Roaring Springs Community Center for the dedication ceremony. Firemen Les Woolsey, Matt Woolsey, Bret

Pierce, and Jacob Woolsev were on hand to hear Mike Crowley, minister of the Church of Christ, bring a message of how a community working together accomplished the seemingly impossible task to raise funds to purchase a dependable new fire truck for Roaring Springs.

Curtis and Denisa Brown of the Dalhart Fire Department were a big part of making it possible to obtain the new truck.

Last winter, Curtis and Denisa were visiting Denisa's parents, Alex and Jo Crowder, when they were made aware of the dire need for new fire equipment in our community, especially after seeing the devastation of grass fires in our county. Curtis had knowledge of writing grants to secure funding from the United continued on page 3

Motley County Library loses state funding

· The Motley County Library, as well as other public libraries across the state of Texas will no longer receive funding of any kind from the State. The library received their last funds from the state through Lone Star Libraries in January of 2011. No funding was received in 2012 and will not be received in the future unless likely at this time.

The Lone Star Library grant provided from \$3,000-\$4,000 per year to the Motley County Library. Those funds were used to purchase books and other materials for patron check-out. "This cut in library," said Larry Hoyle, Library Board President.

Because of the state cuts, the West Texas Library System also ceased to exist, and as of August 31 the offices closed. The Motley County Library has been a part of the West Texas Library System since its establishment. Through the support of West Texas Library System, the library received technical support, training, librarian support, books, shared grant funds, computers and supplies. WTLS has also provided speakers for various community programs and sponsored a computer

training class last year.

West Texas Library System provided financial payment for the library's circulation system, KOHA, which keeps track of all items available for check out in the library, as well as other libraries in the system. KOHA is a necessity for the library, and without WTLS financial support, the changes are made and funds Motley County Library will are reestablished, which is un- now have to pay for the system, which is an estimated additional \$500-\$1000 per

With the loss in funding from Lone Star Libraries and the additional financial obligation Motley County Library now has, it will be a struggle funding is devastating for our to survive. There has been no increase in the library's budget in several years. With the rise in operational cost, including utilities, propane, etc. the library is in dire need of assis-

The Motley County Library is open 22 hours per week. In those 22 hours, an average of 150 people make use of the library each week. The library provides reading material, audio books and DVDs for checkout. The library also has 8 computers and wireless internet for patron use, and a wonderful genealogy department. "The number of people who take advantage of the oppor-

tunities our library provides proves the necessity of this library's existence in Motley County," said Suzanne Abbott, longtime librarian and Friends of the Library member.

"We truly appreciate the financial donations we receive," said Carla Meador, librarian. "But, they are very minimal. Although every penny helps, currently the library receives an average of maybe \$50 per month from outside donations for memorials. The money collected from fines and copies is also minimal."

This is a critical time for the Motley County Library! Without the help of financial donations the library's existence is in danger! The library board, the librarian, as well as the Friends of the Library would like to express their appreciation to the loyal supporters of the Motley County Library, and thank those, in advance, who donate.

"Your continued patronage and financial support is very much appreciated," said Mr.

"Our library is here for Motley County and the residents of this area to enjoy. We invite you to stop by anytime. Our hours are Monday, 2-5 p.m.; Tuesday - Thursday, 1-6 p.m. and Friday, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.," said Mrs. Meador.

Come explore the Caprock Foothills

By Marisue Potts Motley County Tribune

Come join us as we explore the history and the archeology of the Caprock foothills with an excursion tour on September 21-22, 2012. Included in the twoday affair are visits to local "grassroots" museums, a jail with hanging gallows, a restored drugstore, and a line camp, coupled with outstanding food and entertainment.

A welcoming reception will be held at Hotel Matador at 6 p.m. and later a walking tour of downtown Matador will outline its colorful history, including walk-throughs of Hotel Matador, the Motley County Jail, and the Motley County Museum.

On Saturday the tour will start from Hotel Matador and travel to Crosbyton to the Pioneer Memorial Museum, noted for its expansive collection of Native American artifacts. The newly opened wing dedicated to collector Wayne Parker features a Ken Young photographic panorama. Plans also include a visit to Joe Taylor's Mt. Blanco Fossil Museum that has a city block of paleontology

lunch will be served in the dents from Andrews ISD. historic City Drug Store.

Around 1 p.m. the tour will travel through Blanco Canyon, setting for the best-selling novel Empire of the Summer Moon by S. C. Gwynne. Points of interest on the way include the ruins of the Hank Smith house, the white cliffs that have produced fossil bones including a three-toed horse and a camel, and a view of H.H. Campbell's dugout site.

Upon arrival at Mott Creek Ranch, located on the headwaters of the Middle Pease, there will be an exploration of the history and archeology of the Caprock foothills. Strenuous walking is required for the ranch tour. Visitors are reminded to wear jeans and sturdy walking shoes or boots and watch for snakes.

The outback excursion will touch on a homesteader's dugout, a buffalo hunter's camp, a Pastore (sheep herder) fence, a flint-knapping site, and a prehistoric Native American buffalo processing site. The Indian camp is the subject of an ongoing archeological survey and excavation supervised by Texas Archeological Society Stewards and carried

exhibits. A Mexican food out by middle school stu-

Also included will be the history of the Cottonwood Mott Line Camp, part of the historic Matador Land & Cattle Co. of Dundee, Scotland, for 69 years. The line camp was the scene of several gun fights, and historical re-enactments may occur. The historical background of the causes of the violence surrounding these events will be offered. At the end of the tour, guests will enjoy a campfire meal and musical entertainment.

The cost of the tour is \$70 with proceeds from the Mott Creek Ranch Tour going to the Motley County Museum. To make reservations for the tour, call 806 269-1098 or 903 261-1044. For more information, go to the website bit.ly/LM-MTOURS - under current

Lodging is available at Hotel Matador Bed & Breakfast (806-347-2939) and Billie Dean's Motel & Restaurant (806-347-2310). Please make your reservations directly with them.

Repeat: Strenuous walking is required for the ranch tour. Visitors are reminded to wear jeans and sturdy walking shoes or boots and watch for snakes.

Commissioner Court meets in regular session

Commissioner Precinct One resigns, New appointment announced

By Carol Campbell Motley County Tribune

Commissioners' Court met in regular session at the county courthouse on Monday, September 10, 2012, covering a 12-item agenda.

Following the invocation, Judge Jim Meador announced the resignation of Commissioner Roy Gene Stephens effective Friday, September 7, 2012; and the appointment of Guy Campbell to fill the unexpired term of Commissioner Stephens. Also in attendance were Commissioners Donnie Turner, David Stafford, Franklin Jameson, Judge Jim Meador, County Attorney Tom Edwards, County Clerk Kate Hurt, Sheriff Chris Spence, and TxDOT representative Shawn Elliott.

In a telephone call to Commissioner Stephens, he said he was resigning due to "personal reasons." Campbell, a longtime resident of Motley County, is a fourth generation rancher in Motley County and the great grandson of the first county judge in 1891, HH Campbell.

County Clerk Kate Hurt read the minutes of a Special Open Meeting held on August 24, 2012, where the 2012-2013 Proposed Budget was reviewed by Commissioners Roy Gene Stephens, Donnie Turner, and David Stafford. Commissioner Franklin Jameson was absent.

Following the review, Donnie Turner made a motion to accept the proposed budget of .68726 per \$100.00 taxable value. The Motion was seconded by Commissioner Stephens, and passed by unanimous vote.

The Motley County Commissioner's Court will meet on September 24, 2012, at 9:00 a.m. in the Motley County Commissioner's Court room for the purpose of adopting the 2012-2013 FY Budget. This is an Open meeting and the Public is invited to attend and express their comments.

Shawn Elliott, TxDOT, reported that he needed a location to dump about 700 yards of asphalt material as a donation to the county. Following a discussion on where to stockpile the material, Judge Meador said he would get back with TxDOT on a suitable location.

Meador reported that County Treasurer Eva Barkley had requested raising the Jury Service Fee from \$6.00 to \$10.00. Commissioner Stafford made a motion to raise the fee, seconded by Franklin Jameson. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Turner reported about \$600 worth of scrap metal and salvage material at Flomot needed to be sold or removed from county property. According to the County Attorney, since the value of the metal was under \$5,000, no bids

would have to be taken to have the material removed. No action was taken on this agenda item.

Judge. Meador reported that the county policy regarding passengers riding in county owned vehicles needed to be updated. According to the current language in the Policy Manual, "Personal use of county vehicles, equipment, supplies, tools, and any other county property is not permitted."

To clarify the use of county owned vehicles, the following language was discussed and adopted: "No individuals other than County Officials, Employees and Specifically Approved Volunteers are allowed to ride in county owned vehicles, including law enforcement vehicles, road maintenance vehicles or any other vehicles owned by Motley County. This does not in-In other business, Judge clude individuals "under arrest; being transported as a detainee; as a patient in an ambulance or emergency response vehicle; specific case approved individuals; or for emergency use of the vehicle." By not following this mandate, and in case of an accident, Meador said, "county employees will be held personally liable for any claims made against Motley County; may be terminated from the position held with Motley County; or have the county owned vehicle confiscated."

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Foothill Country Connections

Community, Diversity, Art When you have history, you have pride.



By Laverne Zabielski

Don't you just love government? I do. Most of the time. I especially like the language of government. Clear and articulate. I admit, sometimes, it can seem a little overwhelming with too many rules and regulations. Some rules, however, you just can't argue with.,

I like that government is the perfect arena for community dialogue. It's how we know what is going on. Sometimes, we spend too much time watching Fox News, CNN, or NPR for national news when what we really should be doing is going to city council meetings and commissioners' court for local news. Sound far fetched?

I like that the Texas Government Code on ethics and public information makes it clear that "the fundamental philosophy of the American constitutional form of representative government adheres to the principle that government is the servant and not the master of the people."

It's during school board and civic meetings where the national debates really occur in such a way that we can actually participate in the discussion by making our opinions known in open forums, or one on one with elected officials. Debates can thrive on many issues. Should local government be in the real es-

tate business providing housing; what welfare programs does the community want to support for its senior citizens or for those with inadequate housing; and should we drug test our school athletes?

I like that it is the policy of Texas that each person is entitled, "... complete information about the affairs of government and the official acts of public officials and employ-

Motley County is fortunate to have such sound infrastructure. I like that we have ordinances that insure safety. I don't like that they can't be enforced.

I like that "our public servants don't have the right to decide what is good for the people to know and what is not good for them to know." It's important that we stay in-

Knowing that people can't always make it to meetings, Larry and I want to make more local news available to our readers. When burglaries occur there is a genuine need to know. According to Steve Westbrook, Executive Director of the Sheriff's Association in Austin, arrests and charges are public information. And in burglaries, the victim's name, address and what was stolen are public information.

Larry and I can't always be at every meeting. If you would like to be more involved and help cover what's happening in Motley County let us know.

For more information the Texas Government Code: http://www.statutes.legis. state.tx.us/SOTWDocs/GV/ htm/GV.552.htm

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WEST TEXAS. . . WHERE THE HEART IS "THE DAIRY YEARS"

By Janelle Jackson Shirley © 2010

The bleakness of a December day in 1924 could not diminish the feeling of relief Jim and Byrd felt on arriving in Matador. After enduring almost three years on the plains of West Texas, Jim and Byrd and their children were happy to be at home in the Motley County foothills. The farm house that was their new home was an improvement over the one on the plains, though not as spacious as the one they had left in Erath County, and there was no fireplace. They missed the fireplace and all the happy times the family had enjoyed as they gathered around the glowing fire on cold winter nights in their Erath County home. But knowing they were once again. among family and long-time friends was enough to warm their hearts, and melt any misgivings that might linger about their move to West Texas.

The family had become smaller as the oldest son was away working for an oil company, and the second-born son had enlisted in the army before the family left the plains. The rest of the family soon settled into their new community. The girls quickly made new friends, but also enjoyed spending time with friends and cousins they hadn't seen since leaving Erath County. The young boys

explored the countryside and found much to their liking. Byrd was happy to be reunited with her father and siblings again, and to renew the friendships of their friends from Erath County, who had moved to Motley County earlier. Jim was pleased with the prospect of a farm capable of producing a crop profitable enough to meet the needs of his family...a family that would soon be larger, as they awaited the birth of another child.

As time drew near for the blessed event, it was decided Byrd and the younger children would stay in town at her father's home until after the baby was born. There would be a phone nearby to call the doctor when it was time, and it would be closer to the school the children would be attending. The wait for the new baby wasn't long. On a cold wintry night in February, Byrd woke her father. "Pa, it's time to call the doctor." He quickly dressed and headed for the neighbors to use their phone to make the call. In his haste in the dark, he fell over the wood pile beside the house. Details of that event became part of the family story of that night. With no damage done, except to his ego, Pa made it to the neighbors without further delay. After the doctor was called, a family friend was called to go to the farm to let Jim know it was time to come to town.

When the knock on the door in the night came, and Jim heard his name called. he knew why he was being summoned. He woke his oldest daughter, who was staying at the farm, and they immediately left for town. When they got to the gate leading from the farm to the road, Jim got out of the car to open the gate and to close it after his daughter drove the car through. A simple task, but daughter was a little too eager to get on their way, and before Jim could get out of her way, she had him pinned against the gate. After discovering no real damage done to Jim or the gate, they continued on their way. When they arrived. Jim told his daughter, "Stay in the car until I go in and check on everyone."

When her father didn't come back, she decided to do some checking on her own. Hearing voices coming from the area on the west side of the house, she investigated and found her grandfather and the six younger children huddled together in the cellar. At her grandfather's urging, "Come on down, there's room for one more," she joined them, and together they awaited word that the baby had arrived. When word came, "It's a girl!" they were all delighted, for now the family was equally balanced again with five boys and five girls. With the birth of the new baby girl, the family was complete.

When school was out in May, Byrd, the new baby, and the other children, joined Jim at the farm, but only for a short time. It wasn't long until an opportunity came along that Byrd saw as a way to better their lives. She encouraged Jim to buy a dairy, which included a large house and garage, a smaller house, a windmill with a concrete water tank, a milk house for bottling milk, a barn and stock pen, and the necessary livestock to begin operations immediately. Also, for the first time since leaving Erath County, they would have a telephone, and much to Byrd's delight they would have electricity for an electric cook stove.

When asked how it happened that the family left Erath County known for its many dairies, and ended up owning a dairy in Motley County, Byrd's explanation was logical. "I thought it would be an easier way to make a living for our family. The children and I would be able to do much of the work at the dairy, and the burden of supporting the family wouldn't fall entirely on Jim and the uncertainty of farming." Evidently, her logic convinced Jim, the dairy was soon theirs, and Byrd's "Home Is Where the Heart Is" sampler now graced the wall of their new home in northeast Matador.

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A memory from Marian Clements Smith daughter of Warren and Faye Clements

Dear Editor,

I was recently visiting my grandmother, Marian Smith, who grew up in Matador. She currently lives in a nursing home in Carlsbad, NM. She had a copy of the Motley County Tribune on her bed and I was asking her if she'd had anyone to read it to her yet. (She's nearly blind.) She said she had and was telling me about Matador's centennial celebration this year and about some of the various "old-timers" stories you had run.

I said, "Grandma, you should tell your tamale man story. I'll write it down if you'll tell it to me again. I'll send it to the newspaper and see if they'll publish it." The idea was really exciting to her, so attached you'll find her story. She has a copy of each week's paper delivered to her at the nursing home and someone

reads every article to her.

On September 10th, she will be 89 years old. The published story will be a sweet (belated) birthday present. With thanks and sincerity, Karen Haggard

"I was probably 14 or 15 in the 1930's. My parents owned the Matador Hotel and my daddy was the town barber. On Saturdays, the cowboys would all come into town and Daddy would keep the barber shop open until 2 in the morning to allow them all to get a bath, a haircut and a shave. Mother and my brother and I would go with Daddy and stay in town for the evening. There was a black man named Budlow who sold tamales on the corner and that would be our supper. We looked forward to

Marian Clements Smith

Dear Editor,

Why is it that people think small towns and country folks need more cats and dogs? Yesterday there was a small black puppy someone had dumped out on the highway between the Roaring Springs Cemetery and FM 1045. The poor little thing did not know what had happened to it and it ran back and forth trying to find its home. Do folks know that the little domestic animals are not likely going to survive on their own? I know it is hard to find owners for litters of kittens and puppies; it is expensive to have the female pets neutered but it

is cruel to put them out to fend for themselves. First there is not food for them and then the perils of being run over or eaten by a wild animal is a reality. Do not think they will find a haven out in the pastures and fields or that someone will be anxiously awaiting a dropped off animal to give it a home. If you can't afford to neuter your pets at least keep them contained during breeding season. For dogs and cats breeding season occurs in the winter and in the fall.

Please be responsible for your pets and their offspring.

Thank you, Sue Shannon

IT WAS GOD ...!



And God said, "Let there be light." And there was! Light had no choice but to be. Then the Bible says, "And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness.

"God called the light Day and the darkness He called Night. So the evening and

the morning were the first day." Genesis1:3-5.

"By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, all the host of them by the breath of His mouth. He gathers the waters of the sea together as a heap: He lays up the deep in

the world stand in awe of Him. For He spoke and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast. Psalm 33:6-9.

"Let all the earth fear the lord; Let all the inhabitants of

"I will extol Thee, my God, O King; And I will bless Thy name forever and ever.

Every day I will bless thee, and I will praise thy name forever and ever. Great is the Lord. And greatly to be

"My mouth shall speak the praise the praise of the Lord, And all flesh shall bless His holy name forever and ever." Psalm 145:1,3, and 21.

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



Marian Clements Smith, center, with her two oldest granddaughters, Kim Goodman, left, and Karen Haggard, right.

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Commissioner Court meets in regular session

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A motion was made by Commissioner Turner and seconded by David Stafford to approve the updated language of this policy. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

A Resolution for Indigent Defense Grant Program was passed by unanimous vote of the court. Under the provisions of the grant program, the county will be eligible to receive grants from the Texas Indigent Defense Commission. "We have about \$4,000.00 to spend on appointing attorneys for indigent defense," Judge Meador said, explaining that the state sends a portion of that expense back to the counties.

Judge Meador informed the court that after posting a Request for Proposal for two weeks in the local newspaper for an Administrator of the Home Grant Program, that only one application was received by the county.

The South Plains Association of Governments (SPAG) submitted a proposal.

SPAG is a voluntary association created by the local governments within State Planning Region Two, encompassing 15 counties. SPAG is charged with development of the economic, social and physical environment of local governments and has administered numerous successful grant projects in the past, Meador said. "We are still waiting to be approved for the Reservation Program by the state, but if we are approved, by selecting an administrator, we can move forward." Commissioner Stafford made the motion to approve SPAG, seconded by Commissioner Turner. The motion passed with four votes "for." Judge Meador abstained from the vote because he serves on the Board of SPAG.

Roaring Springs Fire Truck Dedicated

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States Forest Service. He offered his help in writing a grant for the Roaring Springs Fire Department.

With the grant money received and donations of residents, businesses, land holders and other interested parties, enough money to purchase a new truck and have it customized for use in our area was possible.

Last week, City Councilman Alex Crowder, Fire Chief, Matt Woolsey and fireman, Brant Bearden purchased an additional truck for the fire department to be converted into a water truck to work in conjunction with the fire truck giving them much better equipment to work with to efficiently to put out fires.

Already, the new truck has been used in nine fires in our area. The community is thankful to have good equipment and dedicated firemen in our city.

Susan Abbott and Don Stuckey worked together to make a banner for the Fire Department. This fireman's prayer is printed on the banner:

When I am called to duty God,

MC Matadors beat Highland and Kress

By Charli Bigham Motley County Tribune

The Motley County Matadors began the 2012 football season with a big win over the Highland Hornets 60-12.

"We played well at times," said Coach Bigham. "We were pleased to start off the season with a win, but we and improve to achieve our goals."

The Matadors won their second game of the season over the Kress Kangaroos 77-27 on the road last Friday night.

"We played very disciplined and physical all night long," Coach Bigham said. "We are getting better on offense and our defense is getting to the ball quicker," adding, "Kress made us better."

"We had a number of boys score for the Matadors Friday night," Bigham reported. Austin Taylor led rushing 18 times for four touchdowns and 215 yards. Juan Flores rushed 14 times for two touchdowns and 106 yards rushing. Conner Mason,

whenever flames may rage,

some life whatever be its age.

the weakest shout and quickly

To guard my every neighbor

before it is too late

the best in me,

the horror of that fate.

and protect his property.

Author Unknown

Braden Bigham and Austin Taylor all threw touchdowns passes. On the recovering end of those passes were Britt Simpson and Austin Taylor.

Leading the defensive side of the ball was Juan Flores with 16 tackles, Britt Simpson with 13 and two big sacks and Austin Taylor with nine tackles. "The coaching staff know we must play better was excited with the outcome of the past two games but know that we must work on the little things to continue to get better and be successful in the future," Coach Bigham said.

The coaching staff would like to thank the fans and cheerleaders for their great support. "We always travel deep and are loud from the stands. We have the best fan base and support in the State!"

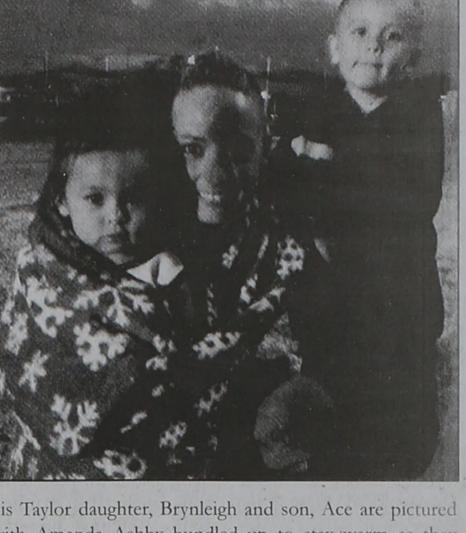
The next game will be against the Amherst Bulldogs at Matador on Friday, September 14, starting at 7:30 p.m. The pep rally will be at 3:00 p.m. in the gym. "Come support our Matadors and cheerleaders," Coach Bigham said.



hosting an Open House and Title One meeting on Tuesday, September 25, 2012, beginning at 6:00 p.m. The Title One program provides extra resources to school districts that have a high proportion of low-income families. The main focus of the resources is to help students meet the standards of the state mandated tests.

The meeting will begin with a Title One meeting in the gymnasium for parents; and then teachers will be in their classrooms for meetings with parents. The Motley County Parents Club will be serving refreshments.

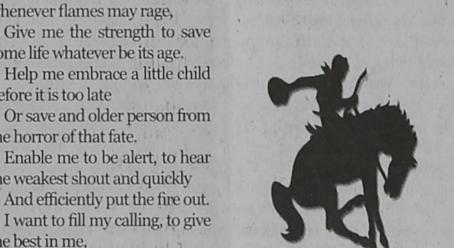
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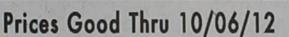


Sis Taylor daughter, Brynleigh and son, Ace are pictured with Amanda Ashby bundled up to stay warm as they watch the Matadors. photo by Jennifer Lawler

Motley County ISD will be dent William Cochran said, "I would like to send out a special invitation to any community member who has not seen our new renovations, inside the building. If you have not seen the new floors, this would be a great time to come in and take

> a look." New flooring was laid in the hallways, bathrooms, cafeteria, and gymnasium hallways and locker rooms. The carpet was replaced in the four classrooms that had carpet and also in the offices. "We are really proud of our school and the improvements just make for a better learning environment." Cochran said.





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NEWS AROUND MOTLEY COUNTY

Roaring Springs News By Monta Marshall

On a personal note

Many people came out to the dedication of the new fire truck for the Roaring Springs Fire Department held at the Roaring Springs Community Center. The truck was on display and many were interested in seeing all the bells and whistles' on the new truck. A few enjoyed sitting in the driver's seat! Mike Crowley spoke on how much could be achieved for the good of the community by working together for a common cause. He used an interesting analogy of how a lone zebra stood out and was certain prey for a lion but a herd community of zebras is able to confuse the hunter by their stripes. When a herd moves together, the optical illusion they create deters the predator and they are safe. A community in one accord can accomplish much toward keeping their community safe.

In the community

We have a new resident in Roaring Springs, Dell Bearden moved here from Santa Fe, New Mexico, during the Labor Day weekend. She lives in the pink house on Second Street across from the school building. We are glad to welcome her here and look forward to getting acquainted. Dell is the mother of Brant Bearden and I am sure her grandson Tanner will be glad to have his grandmother nearby.

Mozelle Hand visited her daughter and son-in-law, Missy and Ken Davis during Labor Day weekend in Grandview, TX. While she was there she attended a wedding of a dear friend.

Mozelle's brother, Mac Tucker of Paducah has been in the hospital in Childress. He was taken to the hospital for tests at the hospital in Altus, OK and then returned to the Childress hospital. Today, Mozelle said they were planning to move him to an assisted living center. His wife is a resident there.

Ken and Suzanne Abbott went to Weatherby Lake, MO, to be with his sister, Nancy Loveless and her children. Nancy's husband Kim M. Loveless, 78, died on August 23rd. The Abbotts left on Sunday, August 26th and returned home on September 4th. Kim Loveless was born in Abernathy, TX and was a pilot in the Navy and then was a commercial pilot tor TWA for many years. He was buried with military honors at Leavenworth National Cemetery.

On a sad note, the Windmill Café is now closed for good. A buyer is needed for this well kept café. The Gulledges will be missed as they are moving back to Alabama.

Louis and Beverly Shorter have been here helping their daughter, Jennifer Lawler and children move to Matador. They plan to sell the house on Third Street in Roaring Springs in the near future.

Flomot News By Earlyne Jameson

Overheard

rest and play, much of our youngsters have lost the fun of a sandlot ballgame where there are no adults and no one really knew the rules.

Community News

Visiting last Sunday with Mrs. B. Rogers and Donnie Rogers were Ronnie Rogers and sons, Richard Rogers and Randy Rogers of Lubbock.

Mrs. Janice Hughes attended to business in Amarillo Thursday. Roger Hughes and son, Brody and Rickey Hughes and son, Kason of Floydada visited her Sunday.

Ruth and Orville Lee visited in Turkey Sunday with daughter and family, Teresa and Tom Heck, Kacee and Cody. Other visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Kellan Roberts and Addie of Clarendon.

L.T. Starkey of Ralls visited We have forgotten how to Thursday with his brother, Johnie Starkey. Visiting him Saturday were Mr. and Mrs. Monty George and children of Lubbock.

> Beverly and Louis Shorter of Fort Worth were guests at a birthday luncheon in the home of Kathy and Clois Shorter Tuesday honoring their father, Everett Shorter on his 92nd birthday.

Brooke Sehon of Wolfforth visited Thursday and Friday with her grandparents, Kathy and Clois Shorter.

Thankful Rains

Flomot was blessed with "thankful rains" Wednesday, September 5, 2012. Clois Shorter, National Weather Service Volunteer, officially registered 2.70 inches; Joe Ike Clay reported 4-inches,

Do Gooders Bazaar Quilt "Lost Socks" is Completed

at their monthly meeting Tuesday afternoon September 4, 2012, at the Community Center in Flomot.

ing and Mrs. Anna Beth Clay read the minutes that were approved. Members of the club made up of a patchwork of friendly, talented and caring women have completed their colorful Bazaar quilt, "Lost Socks." They voted to sell chances on it for \$ 1.00 a ticket or six tickets for \$ 5.00. The name of the winner will be drawn at the Community Center in Flomot. The winner does not have to be present to

They were reminded that

The Do Gooders' Club met Mrs. Lou Burleson of Floydada will be the featured guest presenting "Minnie the Depression" October 2 at 5:30 p.m. at the Community Cen-Mrs. Waydetta Clay pre- ter. The public is extended a sided at the business meet- cordial invitation to attend. Refreshments will be served.

The club's serving table was laid with a white cloth and centered with a beautiful bouquet of yellow flowers. "Help yourself" refreshments of chicken salad sandwiches, cookies and raspberry punch was enjoyed by those attending, Mesdames Connie Franks, Erma Washington, Cora Gale Johnson, Anna Beth Clay, Mary Jo Calvert, Waydetta Clay, Kathy Shorter and Tommie Jo Cruse.

Matador News

Mr. and Mrs. Shannon Jameson of Santa Fe, N.M. visited the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H.R. "Skeet" Jameson. As usual, he supplied needed help for them. Skeet had a medical neurologist appointment in ' Lubbock Thursday.

Charles Cullin died Monday September 10, 2012, at his home in Denton, Texas. . Christian, and Callan Parra. Charles is the son of former

residents George and Essie Cullin (deceased). He is survived by his two daughters, Charise Cullin Christian, and her husband Craig Christian of Denton; Charyn Cullin Parra and husband Mark Parra of San Diego; and son, Mitchell Neal Cullin of Los Angeles; and granddaughters Cameron Christian Welter; Caitlin

2012-2013 Box Tops for education contest

Motley County Parents Club will sponsor the Box Tops for Education Contest Sept. 10, 2012 - Feb. 15, 2013. ALL Grades are welcome to participate in the contest. Students, teachers, administrators and community members are encouraged to start collecting Box Tops. The more Box Tops collected the more money for Motley County School to help send our students on End-of-Year Field Trips. So start gathering, counting and placing them on a collection sheet or in a baggy, write your name on the sheet or baggy, along with your grade. It really helps if you have your Box Tops already counted. Just for your information and to make it a little easier boxing up the labels, Box Tops are sent in bundles or stacks of 50, so you could put 50 labels in a baggy or place 10 on a collection sheet. Collection bins will be set-up in town or you may bring them to the school. Bin locations will be announced in the coming weeks. You can also help MCS earn e-Box Tops by shopping on the www.boxtops4education.com/ marketplace website and designate Motley County School as your school of choice.

Also, Pre-K thru 5th Grade will compete against each other for one Year-End Prize, and 6th - 12th Grade will compete against each other for one Year-End Prize.

The Class with the Most Box Tops Per Student WINS! In the past, the prizes have been: Ice Cream Party; Pizza Party; Day at the Park/Museum and Lunch; Trip to Mott Creek Ranch and Lunch; and Tour of Thacker Jewelry. Any prize must be approved by the teacher and prin-

Last Year's Winner was Mrs. Overton's 1st Grade Class and the class chose a Day at the Park and Lunch at Main Street Café!

Our Box Tops for goal for MCS 2011-2012 was 5,000 labels. Our kids collected 5,970 Box Tops which equals \$597.00 for MCS!

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PIP camp will be held this year on October 6th.

PIP camp will be held this year on October 6th. Motley County students grades K-6 can become a PIP. PIP's (Players in Progress) is a National Organization that requires a membership fee of \$65. Money and Forms will need to be

turned in by the end of Sep-

tember. Please start saving and let's make this one of our biggest groups to perform during the half-time of games as well as develop coordination and basketball skills for our youth of Motley County.

Students that are interested in signing up for PIP's, anyone wanting to sponsor a PIP, or is interested in helping with the program please contact Lacey Rankin.

Matadors **Amherst Bulldogs** at Matador Friday 7:30 p.m. Pep rally 3:00 p.m.

Come support our Matadors and cheerleaders!

RS Lions Club News

By Corky Marshall Motley County Tribune

The Roaring Springs Lions Club met at the Windmill Café for their September meeting. Thirteen members and three guests were in attendance. Boss Lion, Lyn Campbell opened the meet-

Guest Barbara Bogart of Cap Rock Telephone Co-op, talked about the progress being made on installing transmission lines in the region. She also answered questions about the quirks of cell phones and the glitches on the resident phones from time to time.

Kathy Morton of High Point Village spoke about their work helping children with special needs, especially children with autism or other congenital handicaps. They have recently built a facility for life enrichment of these children. At High Point Village, they offer crafts, gymnastics, pottery making and

other fun things all children love to do. They offered summer camp this past summer which was a first opportunity to be an ordinary kid going to

The group has donated land near Shallowater with plans to have a safe environment for children who have become young adults to live and work. Training skills in becoming independent will be offered.

Due to the closing of the Windmill Café, the Lions will be meeting at the Roaring Springs Community Center beginning with the October meeting on October 4, 2012. Lion Chris Spence will be preparing the meals. The meeting time will continue to be 11:30 a.m.

The Lions are still selling chances on a diamond necklace from Thacker Jewelry. The drawing for the winning ticket will be shortly before Christmas. See a Lion to buy tickets.

OUR FALL GOSPEL MEETING

September 23rd Through September 26th

Matador Church of Christ, Matador Texas

Our speaker will be Mike Crowley, Jr., of Sweetwater, Texas

THEME: "Why Did Jesus Do That?"

Sunday A.M. Bible Class 10 a.m. "That's NOT Going To Work!" John 3:9.

Sunday A.M. Worship 11 a.m. - "What's He Got To Do With It?" John 4:16.

A POTLUCK MEAL WILL FOLLOW OUR MORNING SERVICE AND ALL ARE INVITED TO JOIN US.

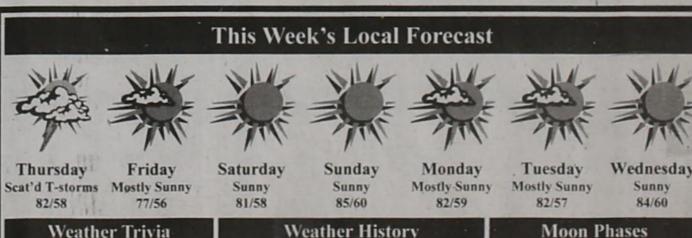
Sunday P.M. Worship 6 p.m -"Jesus B.C. (Before Coffee??)" Mark 11:21.

Monday Evening 7 p.m. - "In Which Beginning?" John1:1.

Tuesday Evening 7 p.m. - " A Messed up Miracle!" Mark 8:25.

Wednesday Evening 7 p.m. - "Who Sinned?" John 9:2.

We invite you to come be with us as a warm welcome is awaiting you. Please come and join us in this Fall Event. Refreshments following each evening service.



Weather Trivia Weather History

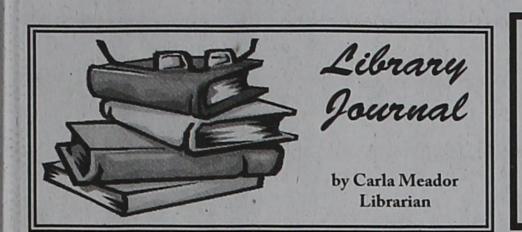
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Answer: Chionophobia is the fear of snow

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Friday night lights are shining again in Motley County! With football season back in full swing, everyone's excitement is evident by the red and black attire, football tee-shirts, and spirit flags posted on the sidewalks. The Matadors are well loved and supported by Motley County residents.

We have several books featuring football stories. We also have the Kenny Chesney movie, The Boys of Fall.

Our featured book this week is Through My Eyes: A Quarterback's Journey by Tim Tebow. Tim Tebow grew up playing every sport imaginable, but football was his true passion. Even from an early age, Tim had the drive to be the best player and person he could. Through his hard work and determination, he established himself as one of the greatest quarterbacks in the history of college football and as a top prospect in the NFL. In Through My Eyes: A Quarterback's Journey, Tim shares the behind-the-scenes details of his life, on and off of the football field, revealing how his Christian faith, his family values, and his relentless will to succeed have molded him into the per-

son and the athlete he is today. This is a very touching and positive story. The book includes photos of Tim's family.

I have several new books scheduled to arrive soon, so be sure to read next week's column for a list of titles. New DVDs include The Lucky One and Walt Disney's 101 Dalmations.

Speaking of Walt Disney, we actually have very few classic Disney movies on our shelves and numerous requests. The movies are actually quite expensive, so we are unable to purchase all the great stories that are loved by young and old, such as Sleeping Beauty, Beauty and the Beast or Snow White. If you have Disney movies on DVD that you no longer need, we would greatly appreciate you donating them to the library. This would give you an opportunity to clean out and give us the opportunity to share these wonderful movies with our patrons.

We would like to thank Sue Adams of Midland for her donations of some great children's books. We appreciate supporters from other areas of our state who remember our library in good old Motley County for donations.

CAPROCK CANYONS SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Come join in all the fun activities at Caprock Canyons State Park during the month of September.

Caprock Canyons State Park more information, please call is extending the weekend "Bat Tours" into the month of September. These popular tours offer visitors the unique chance to enjoy spectacular views of the rugged and beautiful breaks of the Llano Estacado in the comforts of a park vehicle all while traveling down the Trailway, an abandoned railroad of the Fort Worth and Denver South Plains Railway. During these guided vehicle tours down the Trailway, visitors will view the bat emergence flight of about half-a-million Mexican Freetailed bats fly out from historic Clarity Tunnel. Tours will be conducted Friday, September 7th, 21st, and 28th and take about 4 hours to complete. -Reservations are required due to limited space available. Please call (806)455-1492 for

reservations. Reservations may also be made in the park Visitor's Center until 12:00 noon on the day of the tour. Due to public demand, Fees are \$10 per person. For the park at (806)455-1492.

> "Skins, Skulls, and Scat", a program that is sure to fascinate kids of all ages, will be held Saturday, September 1st and 22nd @ 10:00 a.m. Kids will get to see and touch animal skins and learn about some of the "critters" that live in Caprock Canyon's State Park by looking at their skulls and scat.

"Paleo-Indian Ingenuity", a program about the Paleo-Indian influence at what is now Caprock Canyons State Park, will be held Saturday, September 8th and 29th @ 10:00 a.m. This program is fun for all ages and visitors will be able to view the replica archeological feature found at the Lake Theo archeological site as well as experiment with an ancient technology, the atlatl.

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County Agent's News



by Ryan Martin, Agri LIFE EXTENSION Agent

AgriLife Extension pert: Drought lingers, outof-state hay required again Hay production hit miss' across

COLLEGE STATION -Some areas are making hay while the sun shines and the rains fall, but others just never had a chance, according to a Texas AgriLife Extension service specialist.

"We've had a better year than last year, but that isn't saying a lot," said Dr. Larry Redmon, AgriLife Extension state forage specialist in College Station. "We had great winter rains and some in spring, but then the rains shut off for the most part.

"There are some areas that have had 8 to 10 inches this summer, but it is not widespread."

Dr. Travis Miller, associate department head and AgriLife Extension program leader in the Texas A&M University soil and crop sciences department, said the state overall continues to face drought, with notable exceptions along the Gulf Coast and parts of East North Texas.

"While showers along the coast and in North Texas eased drought conditions and greened up hay meadows, conditions are worsening over most of the southern and western parts of the state, where livestock producers are continuing to supplement cattle with hay and feed and are struggling to maintain water supplies," Miller said.

He said at this time, nearly 90 percent of the state ranges from abnormally dry to exceptional drought.

Redmon said some producers have already made one hay cutting and are ready to make another. These producers have taken care of their grass, applied fertilizer and had timely rains, so they won't be buying hay, he said.

"But just down the road, there may be producers who didn't get the timely rains and the grass simply hasn't had a chance to recover from last year," he said. "So it really depends on the management level of the property and whether it has received rain as to whether an individual made hay or has to buy it."

Looking around the state, Redmon said, North Texas seems to get a rain "almost whenever it wantsone." In Southeast Texas and the Houston and coast areas, good rains have fallen and producers are growing some hay. East Texas has had good rain in some spots and is in good shape.

But, up in the High Plains, it's been a tough year, he said. Same goes for Central Texas, West Texas and South Texas, where it has been spotty.

"Some of these areas look much like it was last year, so no matter how good of a manager you might have been, you just didn't get the

rain to make the hay," Redmon said.

"I'm afraid as we get closer to autumn, we will see more and more of those big 18-wheelers rolling into the state, but not nearly to the extent we saw last year," he said. "There are people cutting hay, good hay and plenty of it, but they might not be nearly as interested in selling as they have in years past."

Redmon said there will be producers with hay to sell in the state, but it won't be anything near a 'normal' year, and it won't be enough to supply hay needs across the state. "But it is much better than last year.

"As I drive across the state, I'm able to see hay bales sitting in the field. Last year, you could drive anywhere and not see bales of hav."

In addition to some areas not seeing the recovery of their grass, other areas have suffered through tremendous grasshopper infestations this year that have been just like a heavy grazing by cattle, he said.

"It has been a really tough year for areas of the state."

Redmon categorized hay into three categories: high quality alfalfa hay, grass hays that can range in quality and then the lower-quality stalk or straw hay.

Alfalfa hay is used primarily by the dairy and horse industry, he said. However, a lot of the lower quality alfalfa hay, the early cuts, does not go to either of those markets.

"This could be a good buy for the beef market, using it instead of the 20 percent crude protein cubes," Redmon said. "It is much less costly than buying the cubes. These square bales will come from Colorado, Oklahoma and New Mexico, primarily."

At the opposite end of the spectrum is straw or stalk hays from wheat, rice, sorghum or corn. This hay is lower in cost, but also lower in nutritive value, he said.

"This can be bought and used, but you need to know what you have so you can make up for the missing nutrients with the appropriate supplement," Redmon said. "This is sort of the hay of the last resort."

In the middle are the typical grass hays: prairie hay from South Dakota or Nebraska or the Bermuda or Bahia hays. The quality will depend on the stage of maturity when it was cut, and it can be just as low in value as the wheat straw or as good as alfalfa, he said.

"Forage testing is absolutely necessary for a producer purchasing hay," Redmon said. "If you don't test, you may think it is better than it is, and that can cause your cattle to crash in the middle of the winter. Or, you may think it is a lower value than it really is and cause you to buy extra supplement when you don't need to be spending that money."

SEPTEMBER 18TH TO 22ND

COWPOKES °

By Ace Reid



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USDA Extends **Conservation Reserve Program Emergency Grazing Deadline**

Motley County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Amy Hackler announced that the original Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) emergency grazing deadline was extended to Nov. 30, 2012. The CRP emergency haying authorization expired on Aug. 31, 2012, and was not extended.

This extension only covers general CRP practices. The extension is not authorized for the environmentally sensitive practices of CP8A, Grass Waterway-Noneasement; CP23, Wetland Restoration: CP23A, Wetland Restoration, Non-Floodplain; CP27, Farmable Wetlands Pilot Wetland; CP28 Farmable Wetlands Pilot Buffer; CP37, Duck Nesting Habitat; and CP41 FWP Flooded Prairie Wetlands.

"Previously, only counties classified as 'D2 - under severe drought' according to the U.S. Drought Monitor were eligible for CRP emergency grazing," said Hackler. "Now counties classified as 'Do - abnormally dry' are eligible for CRP emergency grazing," she said.

Producers who take advantage of the emergency grazing extension will not incur an additional CRP rental payment reduction. Previously, the 25 percent CRP payment reduction was reduced to 10 percent for all 2012 emergency grazing authorizations. Participants may now lease grazing privileges for profit under the new emergency provisions. However, subleasing of the grazing privileges will not be permitted.

Texas CRP participants who were previously approved for managed grazing may elect to switch to emergency use by contacting the Motley County FSA office to request approval. Based on a decision made by

the Texas FSA State Committee, CRP emergency grazing approval will only be available for those CRP lands that were not utilized for grazing during the previous 12 months.

"The grazing extension will provide more resources for livestock producers facing forage and feed shortages as a result of drought," said Hackler.

The eligible CRP acreage is limited to qualified acres located within the approved county. Eligible producers who are interested in grazing CRP under this emergency authorization and current CRP participants who choose to provide land for grazing to an eligible livestock producer, must first request approval from their local FSA office and obtain a modified conservation plan from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to include site specific grazing requirements.

For more information and to request approval for emergency grazing, contact the Motley County FSA office at 806-347-2263.

Death Notice

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MCISD Mavericks at Amheerst, 5:00/6:30 13 14-16 Caprock Canyons State Park to Host Bison Celebration Days, Asleep at the Wheel

Concert

MCISD Matadors vs Amherst, Home, 7:30 14 AA Meeting, 7p.m. Prayer Chapel behind 14

First Baptist Church, Matador

Matador Lions 20

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purposing to use the effective tax rate of .68726 per \$ 100

for the 2012-2013 Budget year. This is an Open meeting

and the Public is invited to attend and express their com-

Motley County ISD is taking applications for a Bus Driv-

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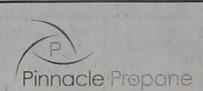
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