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Motley County FFA Members Attend State Convention



The Motley County FFA Chapter was well represented at the 84th annual Texas FFA Convention held July 9-13 at the America Bank Center in Corpus Christi.

Representing the Motley County Chapter were Catherine Ward, Seth Baxter, Meagan Ford, and Michael Martin.

They were accompanied by Chapter Advisor Jim Cooper and his wife Judy.

In addition to seeing many of the sights of Corpus Christi and the coast, the members attended sessions of the convention, passed a budget for the upcoming year, and elected a slate of state officers to lead the

organization. The new state president who will lead the organization until the next state convention in July 2013 is Blake Vinyard, of the Lubbock Roosevelt Chapter in Area I.

Attendance at this year's convention topped 9600 members and guests who registered for the convention.

Juan M. Garcia Named Farm Service Agency Administrator

WASHINGTON, July 16, 2012 — Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today announced the appointment of Juan M. Garcia as Farm Service Agency (FSA) Administrator, effective July 15, 2012.

Garcia previously served as deputy administrator for Farm Programs where he managed all FSA programs under the Production Emergencies and Compliance Division, Conservation and Environmental Programs Division, and Price

Support Division.

Garcia served as state executive director for Texas and as the agricultural program manager (APM) for the Farm Service Agency in Texas. Prior to his selection as the APM, Garcia worked as a district director and served earlier in his career as county executive director. During his 35-year career with USDA, Garcia has received numerous honors and is a three-time recipient of the prestigious FSA Admin-

istrator's Award for Service to Agriculture.

A native of Lyford, Texas, Garcia was raised on his family's 500-acre farm. Garcia received a Bachelor of Science degree in Animal Science from Texas A&I in Kingsville (now Texas A&M University-Kingsville) and was recognized as the College of Agriculture's 2010 Hall of Honors Alumnus. Garcia and his wife, Belinda, have three grown children.

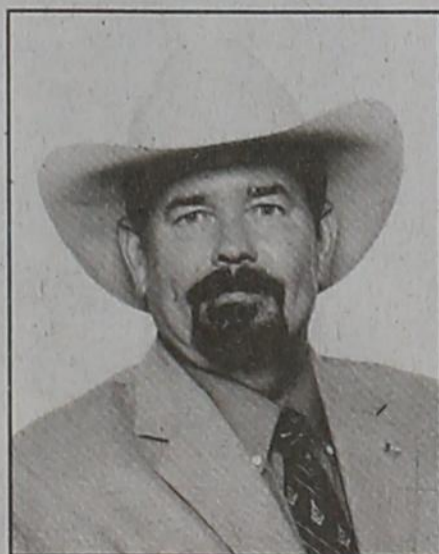
Billy Patrick (Pat) Peacock installed as Worshipful Master

Billy Patrick (Pat) Peacock, son of Billy (Bill) and Ruby Lea Peacock, of Roaring Springs, was installed as Worshipful Master of Blessing Lodge #411 A.F. & A.M., Texas Masonic District No. 32, on Friday July 13, 2012.

Pat was initiated into the Matador Lodge #824 A.F. & A.M. and moved his membership to Blessing when he moved to Palacios, TX. Pat is a 1972 graduate of Roaring Springs High School and a 2005 graduate of the Agriculture and Sciences Department of Texas Tech University with a BS degree in Ag and Applied Economics.

In attendance was his wife, Sharon Kay (Fox) Peacock, his mother, Ruby Lea (Henderson) Peacock, of Floresville, TX, and his daughter Amelia LeeAnn Peacock of Houston.

Of further interest to our



local population is the installation of Dr. Andrew Seigrist, formally Superintendent of the Motley County ISD, as Junior Deacon. Dr. Seigrist, a member of the Matador Lodge previous to moving to the Blessing area to serve as Superintendent of the Tidehaven ISD in Matagorda County and is also a member of the Blessing Lodge #411 A.F. & A.M..

Caprock Canyons August Events

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

Our annual "Bat Tours" continue through the month of August so be sure to reserve your seat on the tour! Clarity Tunnel is an abandoned railway tunnel on the Caprock Canyons Trailway, which is home to about half-a-million Mexican free-tailed bats each summer. During these guided vehicle tours along the Trailway, visitors will view the bat emergence flight and enjoy spectacular views of the rugged and beautiful breaks of the Llano Estacado. Tours are conducted each Friday evening and take about 4 hours to complete. Reservations are required due to limited space in

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82 golfers attend MC Varsity Cheerleaders' night golf tournament



By Tina Brooks
Motley County Tribune

On Friday July 13, 2012 the Motley County Varsity Cheerleaders hosted a night golf tournament at the Roaring Springs Ranch Golf Course. 82 golfers attended for a fun evening of golf while helping raise funds for the cheerleaders. Golfers played the front nine starting around 5 o'clock, returned to the club house for hamburgers provided by the cheerleaders and prepared by Robert Osborn, Tim Ward and Brent Marshall. While everyone was eating, the golf course was set to glow. The last 9 holes were then played in the dark. Glow stick were attached to the flags and dropped into the cups.

Golfers were provided with glow stick for themselves and their golf carts and glow in the dark balls were provided

to each golfer. Then the fun began! The golfers began their back 9 holes around 9:30, through the evening you could hear lots of cheering and laughing, but could only see little flashes of light all around. 20 teams began the night with 11 teams completing all 18 holes. The team placing first was from Paducah consisting of Dallas Lupton, Kris Fields and Cary and Dianna Mayo. Home Town Team of Timmy and Christian Brooks, Lee Hurt and Lee Jones placed second, and placing third was a Turkey/Quitaque Team consisting of Neal Edwards, Keane Cruse, Bret Tyler and Mark Stanley. It was a great night!

The cheerleaders have been working hard to raise money for camp, suits and money to support the athletes of Motley County. Donations from business and individuals

made this night possible. The Cheerleaders would like to say "Thank you" to everyone for a successful fundraiser and to those that made it all possible, the Roaring Springs Ranch Club, Main Street Café, Delicious, Billie Dean's, Terry Lambert, Momar Chemicals, Pinnacle Propane, Wade and March Henderson, Conway Clary, Robert and Olivia Osborn, Bobby and Yolanda Kautz, Darrell and Brenda Cruse and each and every golfer who participated in the tournament. The fundraiser was very successful and the Motley County Cheerleaders really appreciate you. This year's Motley County Varsity Cheerleaders consist of Head Cheerleader Sabra Pope, Katie Barton, Cat Ward, Mattie Brooks, Natalie Jameson, Macy Marshall and Mascot Shelby Elliott. They are sponsored by Jessica Ballard.

MCISD Football players had "a blast" in Canada

By Jennifer Lawler
Motley County Tribune

On July 2, 2012, traveling in a passenger van, the Texas boys, Christian Brooks and Jonathan Osborn, and the Colorado boys went to Bigger, Saskatchewan to participate in the Canadian Bowl, an annual all-star 6-man football game. The game was held July 9th.

"It was a blast playing with the best talent," said Jona-

thon. When asked, what they will remember most about Canada, Christian said the "Double Big Mac from McDonalds and that the people were really nice."

The major highlight for both Jonathan and Christian, without hesitation, was winning.

Jonathan said, "The people were really nice and the town was way different from Texas." For instance, he said

the bowling ball in Canada is the size of a baseball and he couldn't wait to get back to Texas food.

Christian said "I want to thank everyone, before and after, for their support, and thank Jesus Christ, because without him none of this would have been possible."

Both boys also wanted to thank the Coach from Canada and Coach Chesley and Coach Bigham for the experience.

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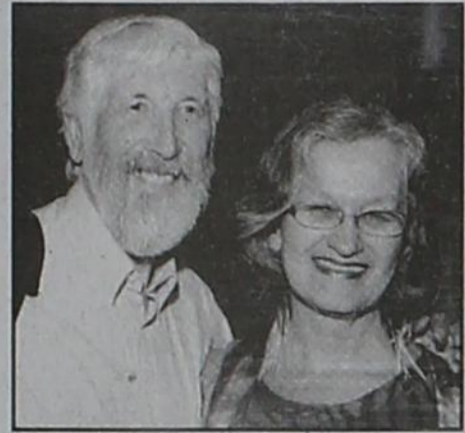
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By Larry Vogt

I have played music at a lot of weddings round and about, but I always get special pleasure when I get to play at one of my children's wedding and so it will be when I play for my son and his fiancé in San Rafael, California on Monday, July 30. In some ways it was like other wedding planning: we had a beginning phone conference about musical material and I offered suggestions and they had requests. Nowadays, you can send a link to a performance on the Internet and come up with all kinds of possibilities. So it was with this wedding plan. They had ideas and I made suggestions and we traded emails and links and then we came up with a plan for the wedding ceremony.

A very special part of this wedding is the reunion of all my offspring. We haven't been all together since the

Christmas of 1994. We have had several gatherings but since we all live so far apart and have busy schedules the grand get together does not occur often. Perhaps we will get to play some music together in various combinations. There are two violinists, a cellist, singers, and spoken word artists. The gathering should be a dynamic event with all the parents and stepparents in addition to all the folks from the family of the bride. There will also be numerous friends of the bride and groom. Goodness, we might have to get nametags.

I have a special picture from 1936 of a wedding that took place, I believe, in Minnesota. My Aunt Rose was getting married. In the picture you can see my grandfather and grandmother with all their children married and single, the bride in her lovely gown and the men in their finest suits and the women dressed in the fashions of the 1930s. It's an informal picture that was taken out of doors and everyone looks good in their dressed up best. Maybe I will try for a picture like that and have it for all our special friends and neighbors who read the Tribune.

Editors note: Stevie Welch follows in the footsteps of her Texas and Motley County ancestors without ever knowing them. Her great great grandfather was a missionary among the Indians. Stevie's story as a missionary in India is worth sharing. We talk about how we look like our parents and ancestors. What is equally fascinating is how they influence us, and we may never have met them. If you have similar stories from your children and grand children please send them. There is much to be said of those that have gone before. However, they have influenced the current generation and their stories are equally informative. It's not bragging. It's sharing. It's being proud. It's recognizing our own for their accomplishments.

Continued from July 19, 2012

Today, I experienced God's presence in another small child. Unfortunately her mother did not see this same radiance. From what I have heard, this three-year-old girl had been rescued from a local village about a month ago. Her mother had brought her into the Dispensary on a day when we brought our supplies to the village and Sister Margaret had recognized the child's dire condition. She was severely malnourished and dying of starvation.

Her mother had eight children, hardly enough food for even a few of her children to have a decent meal, and this little girl has developmental disabilities. Sister Margaret brought her to the orphanage to be revived, but recently, the mother of this three-year-old told them she didn't want her back. The orphanage is little Sonya's new home. Who is to blame in this situation? I don't think anyone can be blamed, except maybe a corrupt government that doesn't provide for it's poor. Without education and birth control how is a mother supposed to limit the size of the family? Without adequate money and food, how is the family supposed to be fed? If a child cannot provide for the family, it is a burden. It is not right to abandon the child, but in

the conflict between survival of the family and the survival of one child, it is a torturous decision for a mother to make.

I see Sonya, a three year old that looks like an infant, sitting in a cradle having just been fed lunch. Her delayed growth may be due to her delayed brain development or malnutrition, but most likely due to both. She has the most incredible smile that makes me want to play with her all day! I tickle her neck and she laughs; her eyes are smiling as well! Her grin shines so bright it seems the whole room livens up. Little creases on either side of her mouth makes her smile even more pronounced. She laughs when we touch her stomach and yearns to be played with more when we turn our attention to another child. I have never seen a more spectacular smile that draws me in! As we go to leave, Amazing Grace starts playing over the speaker. I start to get teary eyed. Sonya is in a loving and supportive home now. One which will nurture and care for her as she grows.

These three examples are heartbreaking accounts of the personal experiences I have had through volunteering with the Missionaries of Charity so far. These individuals are fortunate enough to be brought to the houses to be cared for, with the grace of God. There are millions still on the streets, dying and suffering everyday. I ask Sister Margaret, "How do I cope with the immense poverty on a day to day basis without being consumed by it?"

She responds, "With a diligent prayer life." It is normal to feel that what we are doing is never enough. Humans are born to feel remorse and sadness over the difficulties of others. Prayer, simply a dialogue with God, is a way to ask for guidance and strength in overcoming these seemingly insurmountable obstacles. Mother Teresa said, "The fruit of silence is prayer, the fruit of prayer is faith, the fruit of faith is love, the fruit of love is service, the fruit of service is peace." To have peace, one must have silence. This silence is a way

to contemplate one's actions and listen to messages from above. "In the silence, God speaks."

Through the past two weeks, I have developed a routine to allow me the time I need for solitude, introspection, and forming the friendships that are so crucial to survival here. Every morning I wake up at about 5:15 a.m. Some mornings are easier than others! I have been going to 6 a.m. Mass at Mother House regularly and after each Mass, I pay my respects to Mother Teresa by thanking her for bringing me to Kolkata and asking her to lead and accompany me in the work for the day. Breakfast of a banana sandwich (which I actually have began to crave every morning) and chai with the volunteers follows.

Then I go to the Dispensary. It is a five minute stroll from the Mother House, which the other four volunteers at this site and I, walk together. We are like a family there. Currently, there are ten of us in all: the five of us volunteers, three Sisters and two Novices (Sisters-in-training). Next week, all four of the other volunteers are leaving, though, which makes me sad and nervous, yet enthusiastic to see who will come on board to help out at the Dispensary. Yes, I am hopeful I will get some replacements! Back in St. Mary's on March 29th, I sit in the chapel and ponder the situation I am in.

It is clear that my prayer life is what will allow me to endure, psychologically and emotionally, here in Kolkata. Prayer and meditation have become one in the same for me. Without God, I am nothing, but another wondering soul. God gives me purpose to my life. He holds my hand through life and carries me when times are tough. I will leave you with this poem. It is one of my favorites and was mounted on the wall at St. Mary's. I read it during the silent meditation and fought back tears.

Footprints

One night I had a dream -
I dreamt I was walking along
the beach with the Lord.
Across the sky flashed scenes
from my life.
For each scene I noticed two
sets
of footprints in the sand;

One belonged to me,
and the other to the Lord.

When the last scene of my life
flashed before me,
I looked back at the
footprints in the sand,
I noticed that many times
along the path of my life,
there was only one set of foot
prints.

I also noticed that
It happened at the very lowest
and saddest times of my life.

This really bothered me,
and I questioned the Lord
about it,
'Lord, you said that once I de
cided

to follow you,
you would walk with me all
the way.

But I have noticed that
during the most troublesome
times

in my life,
there is only one set of foot
prints.

I don't understand why in
times when
I needed you most,
you would leave me.'

The Lord replied,
'My precious, precious child,
I love you and would never
ever leave you.

During your times of trial and
suffering,
when you saw only one set of
footprints,
it was then that I carried you.'

Namaste,
Stevie

In addition, if anyone is inter-
ested in joining me on my jour-
ney through Kolkata, besides just
reading these emails, I strongly
recommend reading *The City
of Joy*, by Dominique LaPierre.
It is extremely well-written and
takes the reader on a personal
(and true) account of a peasant
farming family that was forced
to move to a slum in Calcutta. It
weaves historical figures such as
Rabindranath Tagore and Moth-
er Teresa with the narratives of
the destitute living on the streets.
Its great so far and he is a fabu-
lous writer!

continued next week

WRITING COMMUNITY

Namashkar Friends and Family, "In the quiet of the mind, God speaks."

By Stevie Welch

Daughter of Stephen Zabielski, Granddaughter of Ray and Grace Zabielski
Great Granddaughter of Tom and Stella Tilson, Great Great Granddaughter of Gabriella and Andrew Butterfield

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Understanding Behavior



lives.

Before we act, we should think about how our actions might affect the other person. Before speaking, we should consider what kind of impact that our words will have. If there is a question in our minds as to what we should do in certain situations or say, we need to open our Bibles. It is in the Bible that we learn acceptable behavior. Not only will God be pleased with us but others also. If you can find the time, please read Paul's comments to Timothy found in I Timothy chapter 3.

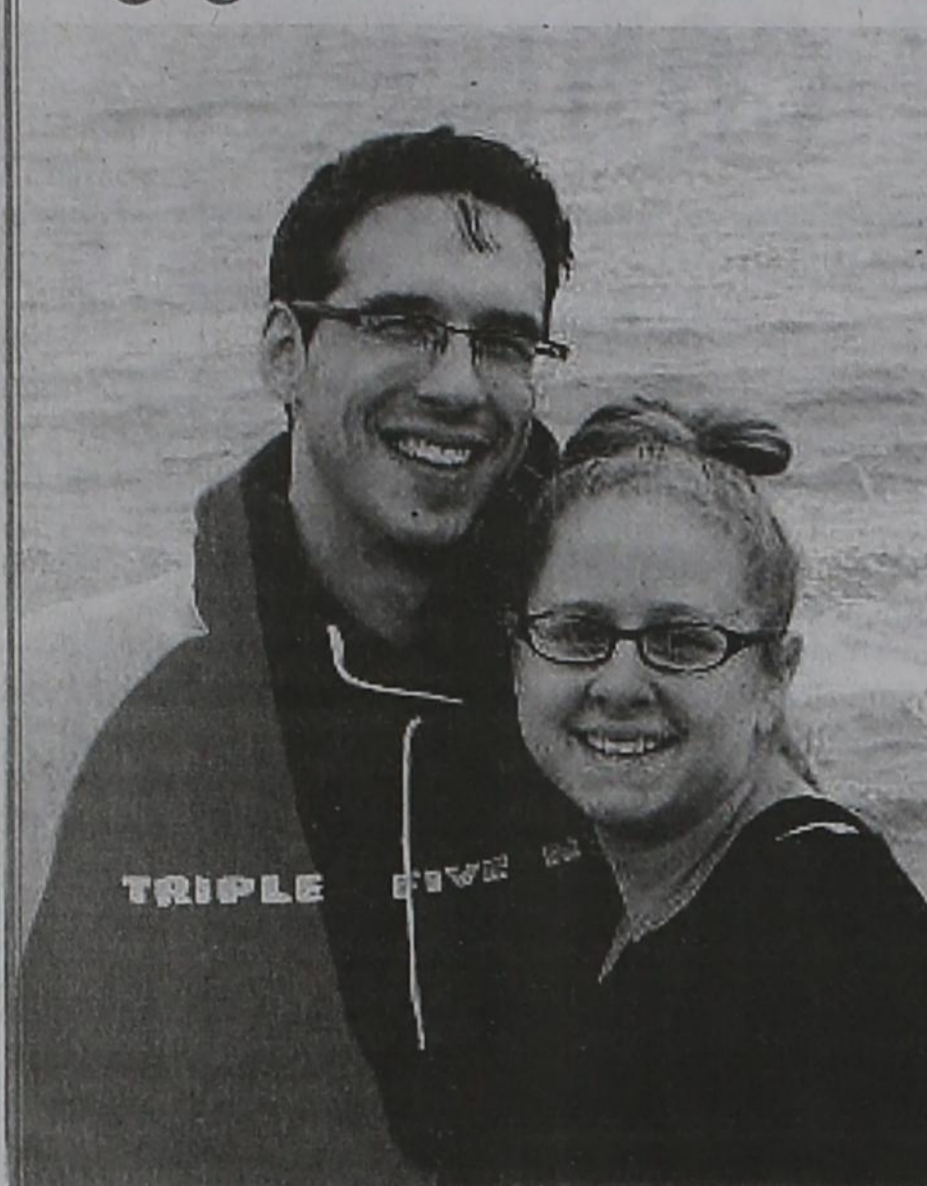
In reading the Bible we find instructions that were given to the early churches by inspired writers. Also, in the Gospels there are found Jesus' words of instruction concerning our conduct in society. When these are followed there is a lack of conflict and stress. Good Christian behavior is a powerful force when demonstrated in any situation or circumstance. Our behavior is a reflection of Jesus, isn't it?

Roaring Springs Church of Christ
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Flower merchant in Kolkata, India

Engagement Announced



Nightsnow Vogt and Melissa Waldman announced their engagement on March 17, 2012 and plan to be married at Falkirk Mansion in San Rafael, California on July 30, 2012. Nightsnow is the son of Motley County Tribune publishers, Larry Vogt and Laverne Zabielski. His mother Diana Keyes lives in Davis, California. Melissa is the daughter of Laura and Brian Waldman of Ontario, California. After their marriage the couple plans to reside in Santa Rosa, California.

Absolute Deadline

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

On Tuesday, July 31, there is an important runoff election for state representative in House District 68. Voters are encouraged to research the candidates and assess who will be the strongest supporter of public schools. Education finance will be a top priority in the 2013 legislative session, and rural schools need an advocate in Austin.

If there is no one to stand up for our schools at the Capitol, then the big city legislators will push for consolidation of school districts, eliminate finance formulas that help rural schools or enact other programs harmful to our small town schools.

Your next state representative will be selected on July 31st, **not in November.**

Your vote is critical in this election.

Don Rogers
Executive Director
Texas Rural
Schools Association

Dear Editor,

I am saddened and angry that people can be so cruel to attack innocent people in a movie theater. I am enraged that when this occurred that movie owners didn't immediately ban the movie from their theaters. I am further enraged that on the same page in the *Lubbock Avalanche Journal* that reported this latest carnage, the entertainment critic that writes for the *AJ* would have the audacity to say that (and I quote from the paper) "However, it is, far and away, the best film I have seen so far in 2012."

Don't you believe that such 'entertainment' affects how we think and act? Who are our heroes? Are we as a nation so sick that we can only be thrilled by blood and gore?

Where are the decent folks that don't want these things available to their children or even want them available for adults? When will we wake up and smell the stench of a people that seem to come straight out of hell?

It is time American people realize what today's 'entertainment' is doing to our country's morals. It is time we decide that blood, gore, outlandish indecent garb, drugs, alcohol, vulgar language and using the Lord's name as a by-word is not cool. What will it be by the time our little grandchildren and

great grandchildren are teens and young adults? Will the perverted young adults and youth of today be in charge of the country? What will the situations our posterity face be like? Will they be able to live decent lives? It scares me to death, how about you?

We hear that America has slipped to 25th place in academics in the whole world. Do you suppose what we fill our minds with could be part of the cause of this disgrace?

Monta Marshall
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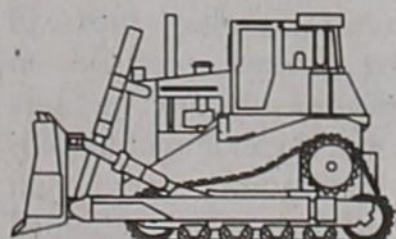
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Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

On a personal note

On Friday, my daughter-in-law, Tracie McClaran and granddaughter, Kenzie and Tracie's older daughter, Alexia Orasco, visited a short while. They had been to Childress to pick up a darling corgi puppy for a welcome home present for Alexia's husband, Adam who will soon be returning from a tour of duty in Afghanistan. Dixie loved the puppy and thought she should herd him around. They had named the puppy Sebastian. I thought puppies and kittens were to be named short names so they learned their names easier, must not be so!

In the community

Billie Stuckey was taken to Baptist Saint Anthony Hospital in Amarillo last Thursday. She was released to come home on Saturday. Billie needs our prayers; she is having a tough time.

Don't forget to vote in the run-off elections. Absentee voting begins today and ends on Friday at the courthouse. The main election will be held at the Motley County Courthouse for the Republican and Democratic Primary run-off. All precincts will vote in Matador.

The Marshall family reunion will begin at 1:00 p.m. at the Springs Ranch Club for swimming and golf. It will continue in the evening

for a cookout at the Roaring Springs Community Center followed by a dance. The entertainment will be provided by Mike Porter. Sunday morning will find the family back at the Community Center for church services at 10:00 a.m. (The doors will be open at 9:00 a.m. for coffee and visiting). A catered noon meal will be available. Singing, visiting and a business meeting will be held after lunch. You don't need to bring anything, just yourselves and your family.

There will be another Cowboy Church service on Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m. at the Windmill Café. A potluck Mexican dinner will be served. Bring Mexican food dishes. For more information call Dena Washington at 806-407-2111.

Boyd and Laura Long had quite a few family members visit this past weekend. They were: Bo Long, Brianna Redden, Kay Woolridge, Matt Easter and friends of Brianna, Kabryn and Mason. Laura's grandchildren and friends have been here for two weeks.

Johnny Thacker of Abilene spent the day with Buzz and Tince last Wednesday.

The Roaring Springs Community Volunteers will meet at the home of Christi Ward on Tuesday evening at 6:00 p.m. All members are urged to attend to discuss business.

Corky Marshall attended a Lions Club cabinet meeting at Crosbyton on Saturday.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

Overheard

The greatest gift you can give someone is the gift of inspiration and love.

Arriving Friday to visit this week with Johnie Starkey are Mrs. Nola Long of Winnewood, Oklahoma, Mrs. Bobbie Hanna of Warner, Oklahoma, L.T. Starkey of Ralls, Mrs. Denise Petty of Wichita, Kansas and Jewel Starkey of Clyde.

Luncheon guests of Mrs. B. Rogers Sunday were Mrs. Jackie Lynn Davis of Fritch and son, Donnie Rogers of Flomot.

Mrs. Janice Hughes visited in Floydada Thursday with son and family, Roger, Tiffany, Brody, Reagan and Tara Hughes.

Mrs. Cindy Stallings of

Canyon visited Saturday with Mrs. Nada Starkey and accompanied her daughter, Taylor Stallings to Canyon where she visited until Monday. Visiting Nada the weekend was daughter, Mrs. Jackie Lynn Davis of Fritch.

Louis and Beverly Shorter of Fort Worth visited Clois and Kathy Shorter Tuesday. They accompanied home his father, Everett Shorter who had visited with family members in Dallas, Houston and Fort Worth the past two months.

Karlee Kleibrink of Clifton is visiting her grandparents, Anna Beth and Joe Ike Clay.

Kellan Roberts of Clarendon visited Ruth and Orville Lee Thursday. Visiting them Sunday was grandson, Robert Lee and son, Josiah of Lubbock.

Matador News

Craig and Charise Christian of Denton, TX, visited with Lucretia and Carol Campbell on July 18-19, 2012. The group enjoyed a tour to Caprock Canyons State Park with an up-close view of the 10 new bison babies. The herd cooperated by sticking close to the road. Winifred Darsey joined the Christians and Campbells for a hamburger cookout

and homemade ice cream on Thursday evening.

Shannon Jameson of Santa Fe, N.M. visited from Thursday until Sunday and accompanied his father, H.R. "Skeet" Jameson to Lubbock Thursday for a medical appointment. He received a good report and returned home Friday from the Lockney Rehabilitation Care Center.

Thank You

Thank you for your love and concern during this difficult time in our lives. We appreciated your flower arrangements, calls, cards, gifts, food, visits and most of all your prayers. May God bless you for these thoughtful acts of kindness and friendship.

H.R. "Skeet" and Earlyne Jameson

Obituary

Robert Lee Copeland

Robert Lee Copeland was born on February 20, 1934, in Hill County, Texas, to Willie Francis and Donnie Mallie Lloyd Copeland. He was the youngest of nine children. He lost his father at a young age, and the family eventually moved into the Dickens County area. He married Wanda Wright on June 11, 1955, in Dickens, Texas. She preceded him in death in February 2003, after over 47 years of marriage.

Bob and Wanda settled onto a farm in the Afton area in February, 1966, where they remained, raised two daughters, lots of calves (some with bottles), and dry land crops. They were farmers, ranchers, custom harvesters, and custom farmers. They worked hard to provide for their family, and Bob continued farming until his very last day, July 21, 2012, when he went to sleep and departed this life to be with his Lord and loved ones in Heaven.

Left behind to rejoice through our tears in loving memories are his niece and

close friend, Doris Reams of Afton, TX; two daughters and sons-in-law, Barbara and Doug Meador of Ozona, TX, and Susan Copeland and Terry Pardue of Jayton, TX; two honorary daughters, Charlene Wyant of Levelland, TX, and Brenda Leighton of Waco, Texas; an honorary son, Jim Stephens of Nacogdoches, TX; two grandchildren, Doug Meador, Jr. of Houston, TX, and Sherri Thomas of Childress, TX; six beautiful great-grandchildren; and one brother, Audie Junior Copeland of Irving, TX.

Bob is now reunited with his beloved wife, his parents, three sisters, four brothers and other family and friends. Family visitation will be from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sunday, July 22, 2012, at Campbell Funeral Home in Spur, TX, and a celebration of his life will be held at 10:00 a.m. Monday, July 23, 2012, at Campbell Funeral Home Chapel in Spur, TX, with C. L. Atkinson under the direction of Campbell Funeral Home.

FEMA Announces Development of Youth Preparedness Council;

DENTON, Texas - Today, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announced the formation of its first Youth Preparedness Council.

FEMA's Youth Preparedness Council is a unique opportunity for a select group of youth leaders to serve on a highly-distinguished national council and to share their opinions, experiences, ideas and solutions to strengthen the nation's resiliency for all types of disasters. Council members were nominated by individuals who can attest to their preparedness activities; they also demonstrate a willingness to represent the youth perspective on emergency preparedness and to take information back to their communities for sharing.

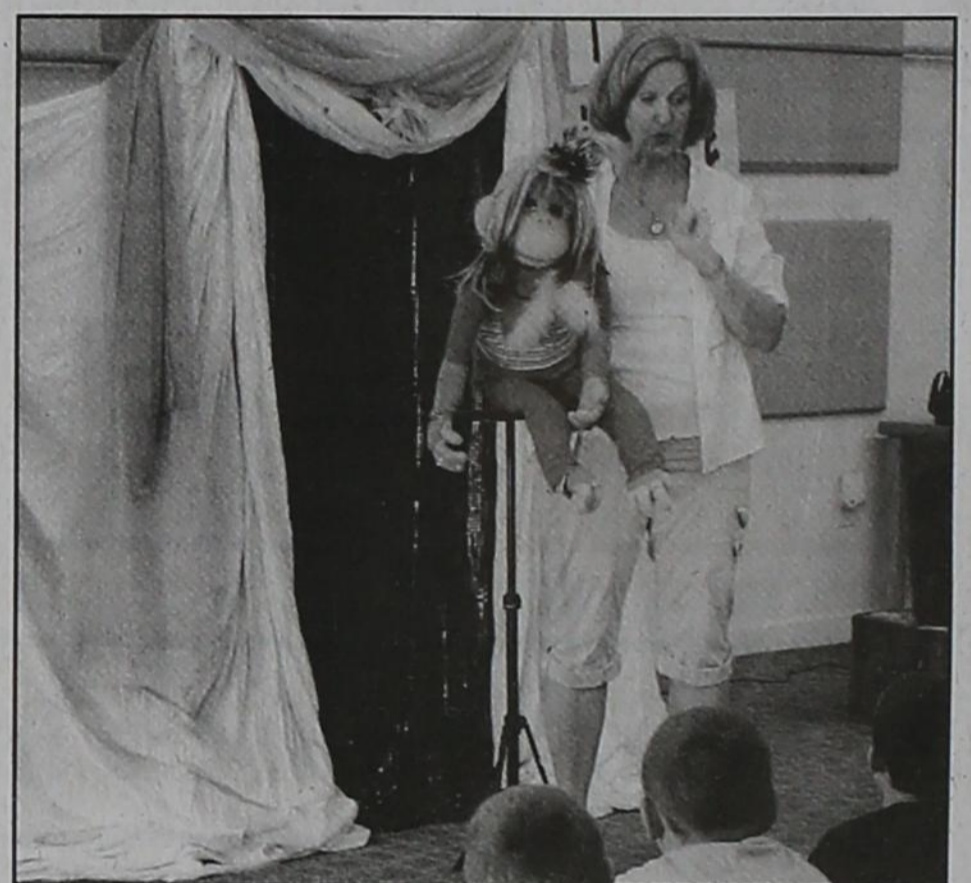
"Young people are integral part of preparing the nation for all hazards," said FEMA Region 6 Acting Administrator Tony Robinson. "They influence their family and their

friends to be more prepared for any disaster that may happen."

The Youth Preparedness Council is comprised of 13 members (13-17 years of age) from across FEMA's 10 regions. They are all dedicated to public service; are making a difference in their community; and are expanding their impact as a national advocate for youth preparedness.

The distinguished members from FEMA Region 6 are Dorian TreVaughn Gregory from Breaux Bridge, La., and Jonathan DeLong from Austin, Texas.

Council members will have the opportunity to participate in a community preparedness roundtable event in Washington, D.C., where they will advise and ask questions on youth disaster preparedness with the leadership of national organizations working on this critical priority. Council members are eligible to serve for two years.



Summer Reading participants enjoyed a program by Dallas area Ventriloquist, Nancy Worscester for their first get-together at the library in June. photo by Carla Meador

Caprock Canyons August Events

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the Park van. Please call 806-455-1492 for reservations. Reservations may also be made in the Park Headquarters office until 12:00 noon on the day of the tour. Fees are \$10.00 per person. For more information, please call 806-455-1492.

"Skins, Skulls, and Scat", a program that is sure to fascinate kids of all ages, will be held Saturday, August 4 @ 10:00 a.m. and again on Saturday, August 18 @ 10:00 a.m. Kids will get to see and touch animal skins and learn about some of the "critters" that live in Caprock Canyons 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, August 11 @ 10:00 a.m. and again on Saturday, August 25 @ 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 archeo-

logical site as well as experiment with an ancient technology.

Also in August, evening slide-show presentations include "Caprock Critters" which will be held on Saturday, August 4 @ 9:00 p.m. and again on Saturday, August 25 @ 8:45 p.m., "Bats of TX & Clarity Tunnel" on Saturday, August 11 @ 8:45 p.m., and "The Texas State Bison Herd" on Saturday, August 18 @ 8:45 p.m.

Go "batty" with us in the Children's Discovery Center every Saturday of this month starting at 2:00 p.m. where we will be learning all about bats! Play a fun game of echolocation and create a bat craft that you can take home. Program is available for children 4 and up.

Park admission: adults, \$4; seniors, \$2; children 12 and under, free. Camping is available, along with hiking, biking, fishing, and many other outdoor and recreational opportunities. All programs are free with paid park entrance fee.



Children gaze with curiosity at the cages containing snakes during the "Get a Clue about Snakes" program presented by a representative from Matador Wildlife Management. photo by Carla Meador

EMERGENCY FARM LOAN APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED

Applications for emergency farm loans for damages and losses caused by drought, on January 1, 2012 and continuing are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) located in Paducah, TX Tonya R. Watson, Farm Loan Manager said today.

Motley county is 1 of 252 counties in Texas recently named by Secretary of Agriculture Thomas J. Vilsack eligible for loans to cover part of actual production losses resulting from drought on January 1, 2012 and continuing.

Tonya R. Watson said farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 100 percent of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue the agricultural business, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest rate is 3.75 percent.

"As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for an FSA emergency loan," Drennan said. Farmers participating in the Federal Crop Insurance program will have to consider proceeds from those programs in determining their loss.

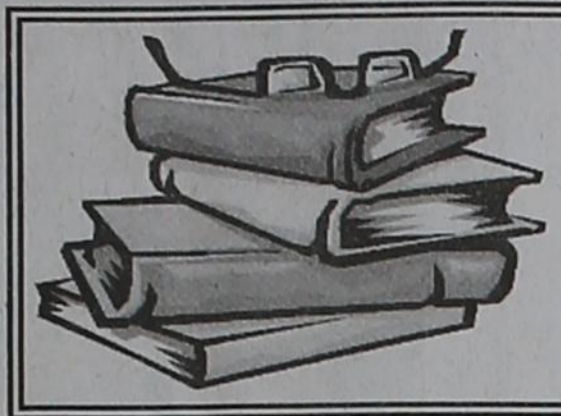
"Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until 3-12-2013 but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing, with possible delays into the new farming season", Drennan said.

FSA is a credit agency of

the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It is authorized to provide disaster emergency loans to recognized farmers who work at and rely on farming for a substantial part of their living. Eligibility is extended to individual farmers who meet U.S. citizenship requirements and to farming partnerships, corporations or cooperatives in which U.S. citizenship requirements are met by individuals holding a majority interest.

The FSA office in Paducah is open from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday.

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Please remember that if your child or grandchild participated in our Summer Reading Program and is taking part in our Reading Challenge, their cards must be submitted to the Library no later than July 27 to be eligible for the grand prize drawing, which will take place August 1. I have been so proud of the kids and their awesome participation. We have some smart kids in Motley County!

We have several new books on our shelves this week including *Gone Girl* by Gillian Flynn, *In the Kingdom of Men* by Kim Barnes, *The Last Kind Words* by Tom Piccirilli, *The 500* by Matthew Quirk, *Die a Stranger: An Alex McKnight Novel* by Steve Hamilton, *Criminal* by Karin Slaughter, *Son of a Preacherman* by Marlene Banks, *The Shoemaker's Wife* by Adriana Trigiani, *15 Seconds* by Andrew Gross, *Come a Little Closer* by Dorothy Garlock, and *Corduroy Mansions* by Alexander McCall Smith.

In our Juvenile section we have *Adventures of Sir Balin and the Ill Fated* by Gerald Morris and *Applewhites at Wits End* by Stephanie S. Tolan.

In our Children's section we have *The Tooth Mouse* by Susan Hood and Janice Nadeau. New DVDs include *The Descendants*, *Home on the Range*, *Seeking Justice*, *My Week with Marilyn*, *Paul Blart Mall Cop*, *Obsessed*, and *Stranger than Fiction*.

Previously, in this column, from time to time, I have featured a particular book. This week I will get back to that and try to feature a different book each week, telling you a little about the book and what

makes it interesting for the reader.

This week's featured book is *The Shoemaker's Wife* by Adriana Trigiani. Haled as one of the Summer's best reads by *USA Today*, this novel is a tale which begins in the majestic and haunting beauty of the Italian Alps at the turn of the twentieth century when Enza and Ciro first meet as teenagers. When Ciro catches the local priest in a scandal, he is banished from his village and sent to hide in America as an apprentice to a shoemaker in Little Italy. Without explanation to Enza he leaves her behind. Soon Enza's family faces disaster and she, too, is forced to go to America with her father to secure their future. The story follows the two as they build their lives in America and fate brings them together again.

From the stately mansions of Carnegie Hill to the cobblestone streets of Little Italy to the vast plains of northern Minnesota, these lovers meet and separate, until, finally the power of their love changes both of their lives forever. This book is a riveting historical epic of love and family, war and loss, risk and destiny.

We thank June Moss for her donation to the Library in memory of Wanda Bryant, the mother of Matador resident, Donna Hoyle. Donations such as this mean so much to the continued operation of the Motley County Library and are very much appreciated.

Library hours are Monday, 2-5 p.m.; Tuesday - Thursday, 1-6 p.m. and Friday, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Please stop and check out the many wonderful things we have to offer. See you at the Library!

Freezing, canning and dehydrating foods training offered in August in Amarillo

AMARILLO - Three different sessions of "Preserving the Harvest - Food Preservation Class" will be presented in August by Amy Wagner, Texas AgriLife Extension Service family and consumer sciences agent in Potter County.

Those attending the sessions will learn the basics of water-bath and pressure canning, freezing and dehydrating foods, and about home food preservation safety, Wagner said.

Each session will run from 9 a.m. until noon in the AgriLife Extension office for Potter County, 3301 E. 10th Ave. The session schedule is:

- Aug. 9 - Freezing and Dehydrating.
- Aug. 16 - Water-Bath and Pressure Canning.
- Aug. 23 - Water-Bath and Pressure Canning (continued).

The fee for the three sessions will include a training notebook, along with the University of Georgia's "So Easy to Preserve" book, snacks and preserved products, Wagner said.

Space is limited to 15, so those planning to attend should RSVP by Aug. 6. For more information and to preregister, contact Wagner at 806-373-0713 or AEWagner@ag.tamu.edu.

"We will be canning salsa, jams and jellies, freezing beans and dehydrating bananas," Wagner said. "If time permits, we will preserve more products."

AgriLife Extension sets regional alfalfa workshop in Dimmitt

DIMMITT - South Plains alfalfa producers can update their production skills at a regional alfalfa production workshop set for 8:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. July 25 at the Texas AgriLife Extension Service office for Castro County, 205 North Broadway, Dimmitt.

Dr. Calvin Trostle, AgriLife Extension agronomist at Lubbock, is the main speaker.

Trostle will discuss the suitability of Roundup Ready alfalfa to the area and irrigation management topics.

"With the advent of glyphosate-resistant pigweed species in the South Plains, alfalfa growers are not immune to developing resistant pigweed," Trostle said. "So sole reliance on glyphosate for weed control is inadvisable for alfalfa producers just as it would be for a cotton grower."

"Another issue looming on the horizon is limited irrigation water in the future," he said. "Most of the South Plains is in the initial phases of pumping limitations, which will decline to fixed levels in 2017. This will likely shrink the size of some alfalfa fields."

"I plan to speak on irriga-

tion management strategies, especially the fitting of irrigation capacity to land area. Alfalfa planted this fall will see decreasing limits of allowable irrigation water before the end of the stands' useful life, so planning now for limited water in the future is a very important consideration."

Other workshop topics include fall planting, variety selection and insect control. The program will conclude with a visit to a local alfalfa field.

Three Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units will be available for those with a valid pesticide applicator's license.

Individual registration is \$10. An alfalfa crop production handbook will be available for an additional \$20.

For further information contact the AgriLife Extension office in Castro County office at 806-647-4115, or Trostle at 806-746-6101, or ctrostle@ag.tamu.edu.

QuickBooks courses scheduled in Lubbock and Amarillo

LUBBOCK/AMARILLO - Texas AgriLife Extension Service will offer QuickBooks Pro 2012 computer short courses on Aug. 13-14 in Lubbock and Sept. 4-5 in Amarillo.

The trainings will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day at each location, said DeDe Jones, AgriLife Extension risk management specialist in Amarillo, who will coordinate the event in that city. Jay Yates, AgriLife Extension risk management specialist in Lubbock, will coordinate the Lubbock course.

Both events will be held at the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center in their respective cities. They are located at 6500 W. Amarillo Blvd. in Amarillo and 1102 E. Farm-to-Market Road 1294 north of Lubbock.

QuickBooks Pro is a double-entry business accounting program often used by agricultural lenders and producers, Jones said. In the two-day course, participants will learn to enter transactions into the program and analyze costs and profits. No prior computer experience is necessary.

Registration for each two-day course is \$125 and includes computer use and teaching materials. Couples are encouraged to attend and will be charged only one registration fee if they share a computer. Class size is limited to 15 people to provide a hands-on experience for all participants, Jones said.

Those planning to attend should RSVP by Aug. 6 for the Lubbock session and by Aug. 27 for the Amarillo session. Payment is due upon arrival on the first day of the course.

For more information or to register, call Yates at 806-746-6101 or email jayates@ag.tamu.edu or Jones at 806-677-5667 or dljones@ag.tamu.edu.

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Motley County has been approved for Emergency Haying/Grazing of CRP acreage. Please call the office for details. The reduction rate is 10% instead of 25%. Anything grazed in the last 12 months is not eligible to be grazed this time. A revised Conservation plan will have to be done by NRCS and you must have owner's consent to graze or hay the acreage.

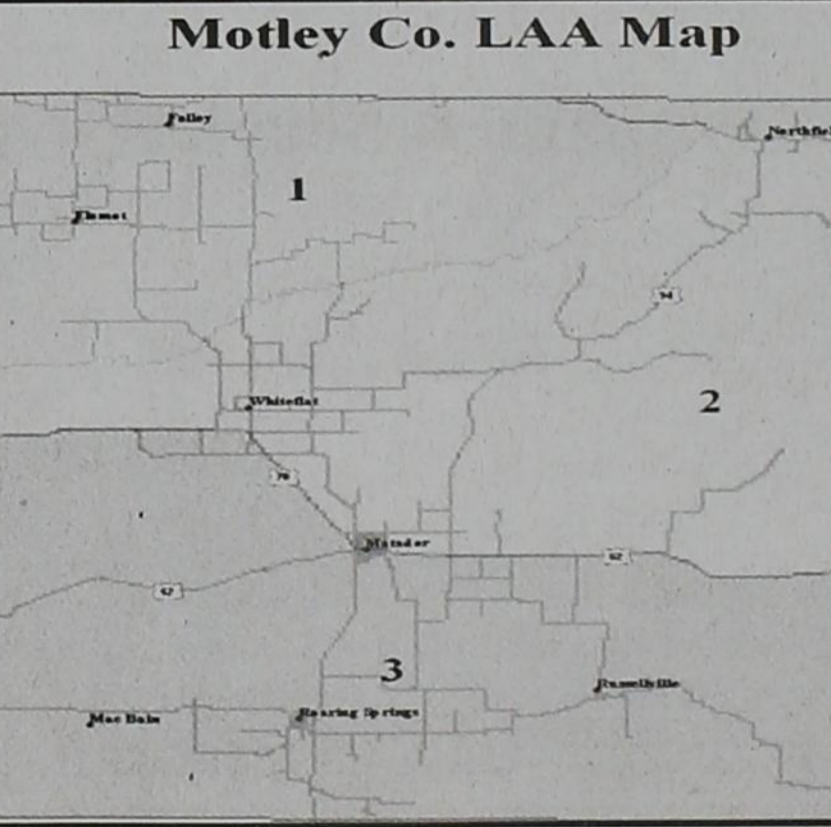
CCC-576 Manual notice of loss for insured crops and an automated CCC-576 notice of loss for NAP crops. If you have insured crops such as cotton and the adjuster has come out please contact the office to file this loss. The county office will also need appraisal sheets once they are provided to you. If you have NAP crops you must file a timely notice of loss and it must be within 15 days of you noticing there might be a loss. Most grass and haygrazer crops need to have a notice of loss filed soon.

NON-INSURED ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (NAP) DEADLINE

The NAP deadline for the 2013 coverage year is approaching. September 1, 2012 is the deadline for Wheat-GZ and December 1, 2012 is the deadline for all Grass for GZ or for FG. Please contact the office for details or to take out coverage.

COUNTY COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS DUE AUGUST 1ST.

It is time for county committee nominations and this year LAA#2 is up for election. This position is currently held by Rob Francis Jr. Persons interested in nominating themselves or somewhere else must do so by August 1st in the County office. Persons nominated must live in the LAA that is up for election and must meet all other eligibility requirements. Please see map below:










Kyler Beshirs, Reagan Davis and Krystin Ferguson use their creative talents as they work on the art project at the Summer Reading Program. photo by Carla Meador

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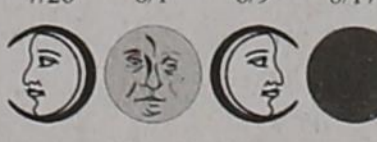
						
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Summer Reading kids give a smile as they sit in preparation for the program. Each Monday in June participants enjoyed a different program before checking out new books for their reading challenge. photo by Carla Meador



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EVENTS CALENDAR

August

- 2 Roaring Springs Lions
- 2 Friends of the Library Meeting, 3:00 p.m.
- 4 Senior Citizens Ice Cream Social Fund Raiser, 6 pm
- 6 Motley County Arts and Crafts Club, Motley County Senior Citizen Center in Matador from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm.
- 7 Matador Lions
- 8 Hospital Bd meets in the back of the ambulance barn, 7am
- 9 Matador City Council
- 9 Matador Chapter of the Eastern Star, Floy dada, Meal at 6:30pm, meeting at 7:30 pm
- 13 Commissioners' Court
- 13 Roaring Springs City Council
- 21 Matador Lions
- 24 Beans & Cornbread fundraiser at the Library
- 24-25 Old Settlers

September

- 3 Motley County Arts and Crafts Club, Motley County Senior Citizen Center in Matador from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm

October

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BID NOTICE

The City of Roaring Springs is now accepting bids to install insulation in the ceiling at the Community Center. The price must include installation, labor and supplies. Bids may be mailed to the City of Roaring Springs, PO Box 247, Roaring Springs, TX 79256 or may brought by City Hall during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. noon, Monday through Friday. Bids must be received by noon Friday August 10, 2012. The City has the right to refuse any or all bids. ct30

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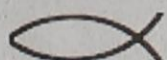
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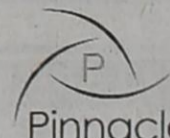
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