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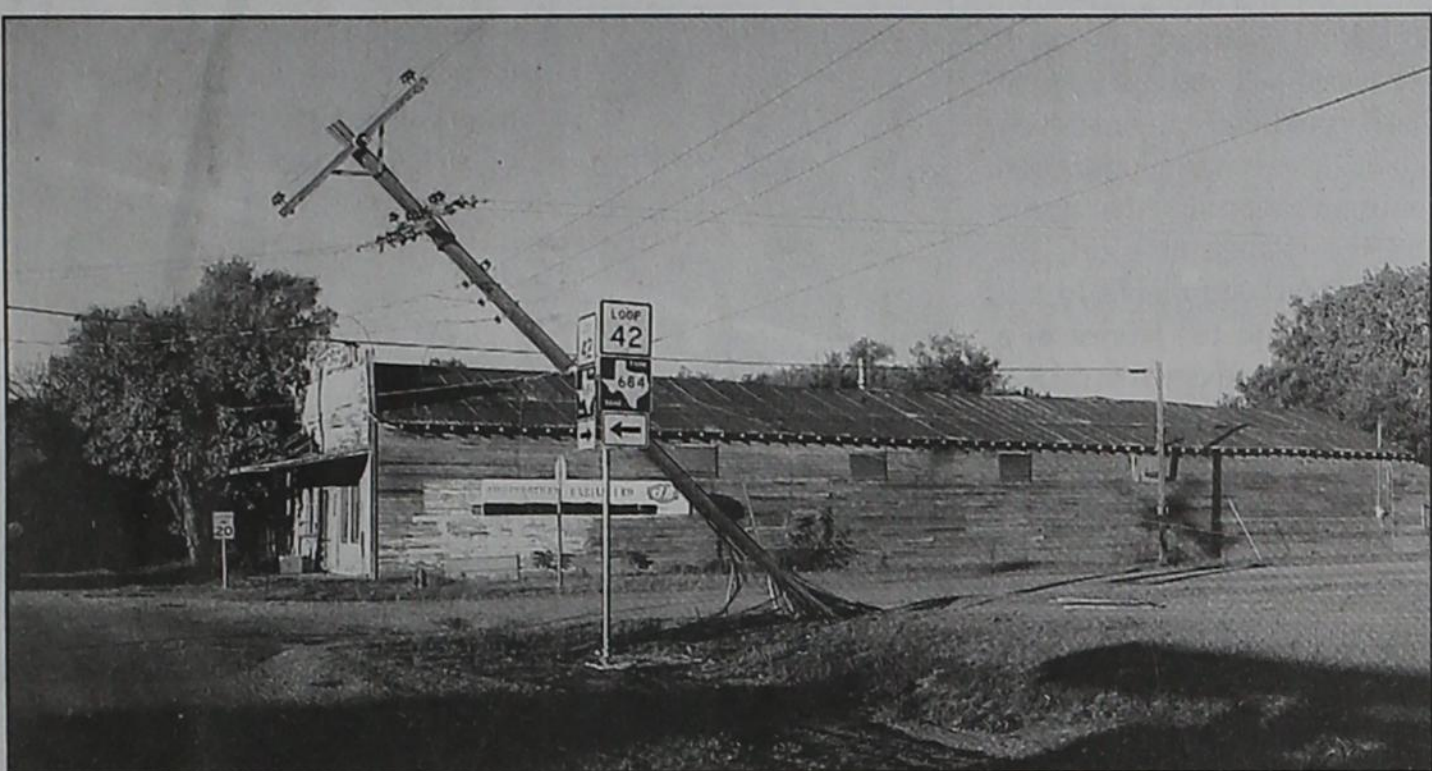
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Pole struck in Roaring Springs



On Tuesday, October 20, 2009 at approximately 1:30 a.m. someone struck the pole at TX 684 and Poplar St. in Roaring Springs. The vehicle fled the scene without reporting the wreck. Anyone with information may contact the Sheriff's office at 806-347-2234.
photo by Julian Zabielski

State issues call for transportation enhancement projects

AUSTIN - TxDOT announces a program call for project nominations for the Transportation Enhancement (TE) Program. Submissions will be accepted until December 11, 2009.

The Texas Transportation Commission authorized TxDOT to conduct the \$67.5 million program call to solicit project proposals for development opportunities for non-traditional transportation related activities.

The federally-funded program supports transportation-related activities that promote the quality of the environment through aesthetic enhancements associated with transportation.

Projects will be selected on a competitive basis. Selection for funding does not constitute a grant. Selected projects are eligible for reimbursement for up to 80 percent of allowable costs. The entity nominating a project is responsible for the remaining cost share, including cost overruns.

Projects should go above

and beyond standard transportation activities and be integrated into the surrounding environment in a sensitive and creative manner that contributes to the livelihood of the communities; promotes the quality of the environment; and enhances the aesthetics of our roadways.

Eligible projects must demonstrate a relationship to the surface transportation system through either function or impact. Project nominated must incorporate one of the following 12 categories:

- * pedestrians and bicycles facilities
- * safety and education activities for pedestrians and bicyclists
- * acquisition of scenic easements and scenic and historic properties
- * scenic or historic highway programs (including providing tourist and welcome center facilities)
- * landscaping and other scenic beautification
- * historic preservation

* rehabilitation and operation of historic transportation buildings, structures, or facilities (including historic railroad facilities and canals)

* preservation of abandoned railway corridors (including conversion and use for pedestrian and bicycle facilities)

* control and removal of outdoor advertising

* archaeological planning and research

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* environmental mitigation to address water pollution due to highway runoff or reduce vehicle-caused

wildlife mortality while maintaining habitat connectivity

* establishment of transportation museums.

Applications should be submitted to local TxDOT district offices. For more information about the TE program, visit: <http://www.txdot.gov/business/governments/te.htm>

Birthday celebration honors local resident

Matador resident Winifred Darsey celebrated her birthday with about 100 friends and family at Hotel Matador, Saturday, October 17.

Friends from as far away as Huntington Beach, California and Lovington, New Mexico and family from Midland, Granbury, Austin, Denton, Houston, Lubbock, and local guests enjoyed a lavish assortment of savory and sweet hors d'oeuvres along with a gourmet birthday chocolate cake with raspberry filling.

The dining room at the hotel was decorated with fresh flowers, highlighting a centerpiece of roses and lilies on the

front-and-center serving table glistening with crystal cups and plates, silver utensils, and crisp linen napkins. A three-tiered white serving platter topped with fresh flowers was laden with dainty prime rib and spiral ham sandwiches on homemade rolls with on-the-side horseradish sauce; bacon-wrapped stuffed jalapenos, miniature stuffed potatoes, and honey-garlic chicken in shot glasses.

The table fare consisted of Brie En Croute, assorted cheeses and crackers, spicy black pepper almonds with dried cranberries, gourmet olives, and a sparkling red punch

with fruit. Fruit compotes were cleverly designed with assorted melon chunks, strawberries and pineapple, speared to stacked fresh whole pineapples by a single-serving toothpick. A crowd-pleasing flat pretzel topped with a melted Rolo and a pecan; and ricotta and orange blintzes with strawberry sauce were sweet treats that encouraged many repeats.

Following a resounding rendition of "Happy Birthday and Many More," the birthday cake was cut. The raspberry filled chocolate cake was handily devoured by appreciative guests and served with steaming hot coffee.



Celebrating the birthday of Winifred Darsey at Hotel Matador last Saturday were long-time friends (left to right): Margaret Jane Hill, Winifred Darsey, Beverly Vinson, and Mary Elizabeth Pitts.

Photo by Carol Campbell

4-H Food and Nutrition Show



On Sunday, October 25 the 4-H Food & Nutrition County Show was held in the school cafeteria. All of the participants did a great job. The first place winner in each category will advance to district, which will be held in Vernon on Saturday, November 14.

In the Jr. Division, Carley Turner placed 1st in the Bread & Cereal category, Dode Gleghorn was 1st and Brendan Fisk placed 2nd in the Main Dish

category, Chloe Gleghorn placed 1st in the Desserts category, Caitlin Seigrist was 1st and Gage Baker was 2nd in the Fruit & Vegetable category and Grant Potts was 1st in the Nutritious snack. Carley Turner won best interview and Chloe Gleghorn won best garnish in the Jr. Division.

In the Intermediate Division, Nutritious Woolsey won 1st in Nutritious Snacks, Mattie Brooks was 1st in Main Dish,

Cassidy Turner placed 1st in Fruits & Vegetables and Samuel Charette won 1st in Desserts. Kaylee Woolsey won best interview and Cassidy Turner was best garnish.

In the Senior Division, Jaci Zingerman was 1st in Main Dish and Alexis Osborn was 1st in Fruits & Vegetables. Jaci Zingerman won best interview. Each of these winners did a great job and worked hard to study and prepare their dish.

TSSWCB Receives Funding for O&M of Flood Control Dams

TEMPLE-(October 26, 2009) The Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB) received a \$15 million appropriation for the 2010-2011 biennium from the Texas Legislature to administer a state funded grant program to assist soil and water conservation districts (SWCDs) in performing operation, maintenance, and structural repair of flood control dams throughout the state.

"Every SWCD that reported an operation and maintenance (O&M) need in the last year of the previous funding cycle has been allocated a percentage of what they reported, and notification of those allocation amounts has been sent to those SWCDs so that work can begin," said José Dodier, Chairman of the TSSWCB.

Dodier added that the TSSWCB would provide a

mechanism that allows for other local sponsors of flood control dams to receive an eligible SWCD's allocation if the SWCD provides a written request to transfer the allocation.

John Foster, TSSWCB Statewide Resource Management Programs Officer said that all O&M reimbursement requests will be paid by the TSSWCB at 90 percent of the total reimbursement request amount. Ten percent of the total reimbursement request amount must be paid through funds not originating from state appropriations.

"What's happened is that over the last 60 years nearly 2,000 floodwater retarding structures or dams have been built within 148 watershed project areas in Texas for the primary purpose of protecting lives and property by reducing the velocity of flood-

waters," said Dodier.

"These are earthen dams that exist on private property. They were designed and constructed by the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS formerly Soil Conservation Service) with the understanding that the private property owner would provide the land, the federal government would provide the technical design and expertise including the funding to construct them, and then units of local government would be responsible for maintaining them," added Dodier.

Local units of government include SWCDs, counties, cities, and Water Control and Improvement Districts.

"The problem that has arisen over time is that when the projects were planned and structures built, the major

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Foothill Country Connections

Community, Diversity, History, Art

By Larry Vogt

My wife tells me that I am an addict. The name of the addiction is YouTube. I am in complete denial. I say I use it for research and development. I say that I will turn it off whenever there is a request to turn it off. I think the problem may come from the fact that it takes a long time to do the research. It's funny how time slips away when a person keeps going deeper and deeper. Let's say you want to see an old performance of Bob Wills. All you do is have the search engine find Bob Wills and there you are with many possible videos.

There is Waylon Jennings doing "Bob Wills is Still the King" and also a version of the same song by The Rolling Stones. Not all of the videos are performances, some are audio tracks that have various types of video blended with the audio. Each video gives you dozens of others each of which gives you dozens of others. Next thing you know, an hour or two has passed you by and you didn't even know it. If you're not careful you may not remember what your original search was. Maybe it is time for me to apply to a 12-step program. Anybody know where the nearest chapter of YouTubeholics Anonymous is?

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WRITING COMMUNITY

Letters Home from Cross Cultural Solutions in Dharamsala, India

by Stevie Welch, daughter of Steve Zabielski, granddaughter of Grace Laverne Tilson Zabielski

Hi Everyone,

This week has been eventful to say the least. Last email, I talked about an impromptu English class I was involved with running. That encounter resulted in an invite to the monk's house for lunch. On the menu was momos, a Tibetan dish of dumplings filled with either veggies or meat, boiled then fried. We accepted- you don't get invited to a monk's house everyday! Another volunteer and I went up to meet him in McLeod after volunteering last Wednesday. We took a taxi up the mountain, then walked another twenty minutes down a seldom-used, crumbling dirt and gravel road that turned into a rocky path that wrapped around the mountain-side. There was no human influence in sight, except the road.

The views were breathtaking! On the right side of the path, the mountain jutted upwards, and on the left side it dropped off into a deep valley. Forests surrounded us but we could still see for miles; layers and layers of mountains, including all of Dharamsala. We walked with the monk, trying to converse through his broken English. We turned around a ledge and were welcomed with hundreds of Tibetan prayer flags hung from trees. The colors of red, blue, green, yellow and white of the flags surrounded us.

We followed the path upwards and finally got to his little house that he shared with the other monk from the English lesson. The house was a tiny, one-room building with a small stove, two small beds, a table, books, and an altar dedicated to Buddhist symbols and the Dalai Lama. We hung out, drank chai, helped make spinach, cheese and onion momos then ate them. They were delicious! We gorged ourselves and they wanted us to keep eating from the never-ending plate of momos!

Finally, we decided to go for a walk, maybe it would make more room in our stomachs. We walked to a rocky clearing, filled with prayer flags, which looked out over the mountains.

We sat there and joked around with the monk and he pulled out his cell-phone and played some ring tones for us. That completely changed my perception of the seemingly conventional monks! Talk about a contradiction of the view of monks being simple and traditional! Unfortunately, we had to depart from this dream-like experience and head back before they started to worry about us not being home for dinner.

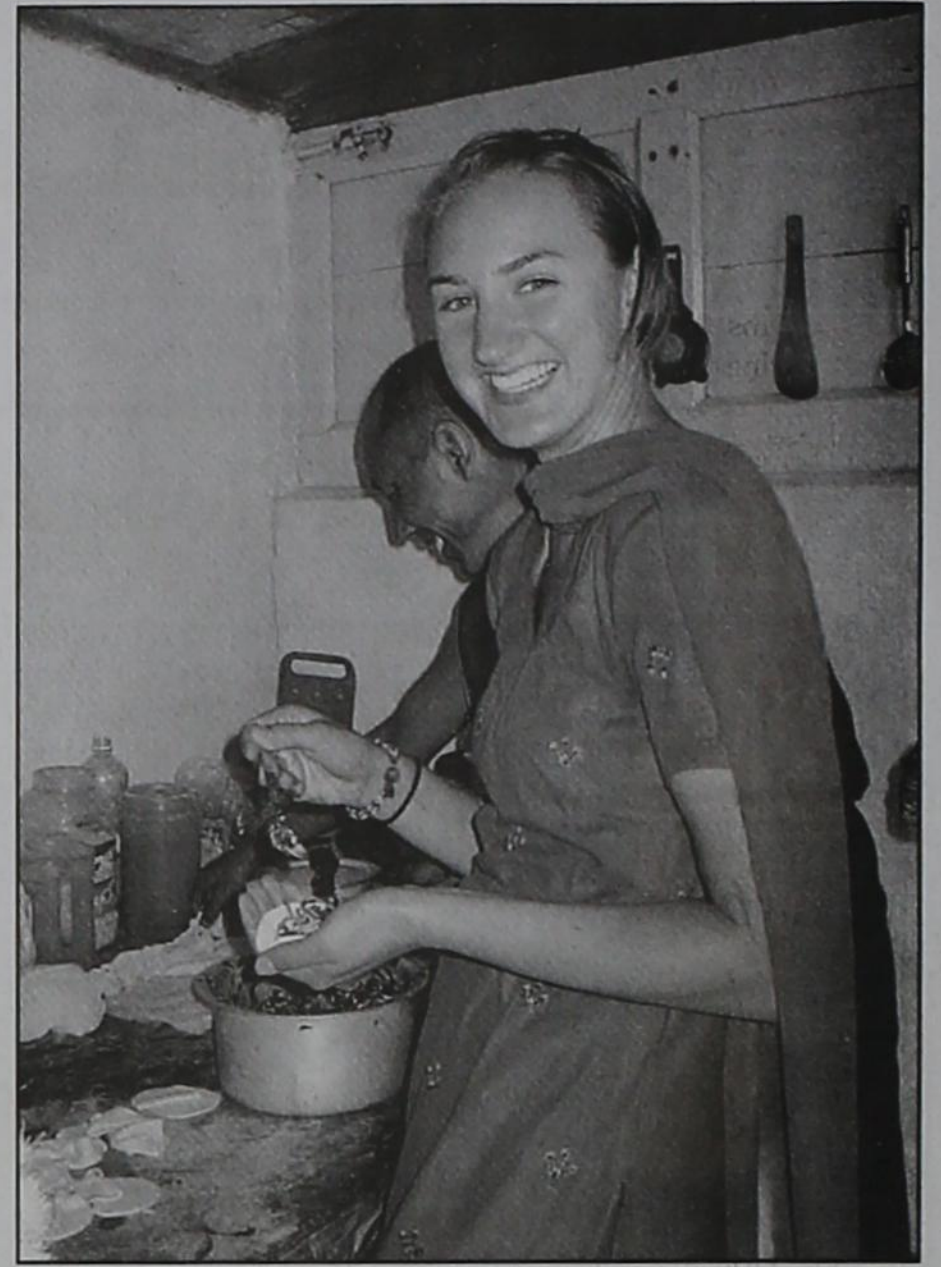
A week ago from last Saturday, I gave the health presentation to the women's group. It went very well and it was great that I could facilitate a conversation. There was a lot of open communication in the group and the women and girls felt completely comfortable to ask questions and tell stories in a safe and relaxed environment.

I am planning on making this a regular even on Saturdays and covering several topics during my stay here. They were eager to share their thoughts on future topics and I am excited to lead these discussions!

Monday was my first day at the new volunteering placement. I am no longer at the daycare and am now at Harmony through Education, a local school for children with special needs. I have been placed with two children that I alternate one-on-one care with for one month then switch to two new children for the second month.

The two kids I have now, both have autism and mental disabilities. It is quite difficult to teach them anything because their attention span is only a few seconds and I have virtually no experience working with children with special needs. I have been treating this first week as a time to form a relationship with them and getting to know their strength and weaknesses. The language barrier is extremely difficult! Eventually, I am expected to teach them a couple things from the goal sheet the advisors at the school gave me my first day there.

Last weekend and this week, the Dalai Lama has been giving talks in McLeod Ganj. It only cost me 10 rupees (about 20 cents) to get an unlimited pass



Stevie Lynn Welch making spinach momos.

to the temple where he will be talking and I have already been to three sessions. He is an amazingly inspirational person! Even though, what he talked about was a lot about Buddhist texts and it went way over my head sometimes, I appreciated being in the same building as him. He is a beloved world leader and I felt honored to have been so close to him! I will be going to more talks this week, hopefully, and he will be talking about the Four Noble Truths.

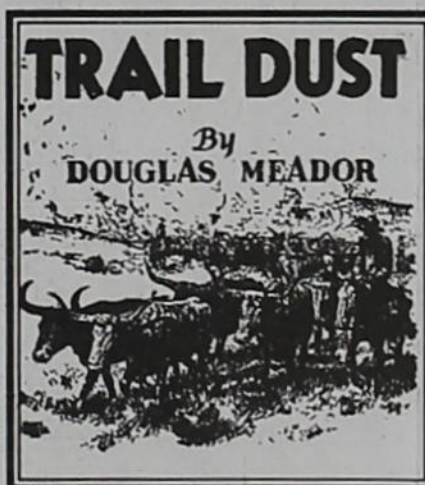
Lastly, this past weekend, from Thursday to Monday, was the Diwali Festival. This is a holiday that is one of the biggest in the Hindu culture, and is considered the "Festival of Lights" because legend has it that it started when the wife of a prince knew her husband was going to die a few days after their wedding day. She stayed up all night with lights on so as to scare death away and it worked.

In reality "light" symbolizes spiritual enlightenment and knowledge that individuals from all religions strive to at-

tain. All the staff and volunteers decorated the house and put designs, called Rangoli, on the porch and painted some other designs, hung strings of marigolds up, and got all dressed up. I wore a sari for the first time and beautiful silver earrings and bangles. We all performed "Puja," which is the process of praying to the gods and goddesses of the holiday (Lakshmi, Saraswati, and Ganesh), and then got sweets and the staff (and many of the neighbors surrounding us) put on a show of fireworks and sparklers. Even the next morning people were waking up and deciding to continue the celebrations by putting off more fireworks at 6 a.m.! The celebrations here are always going on for something, it seems like, and they really like their fireworks that sound like bombs, but don't have much light!

Until next time...

Take care,
Stevie



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The citadel of youth is impressive in the sun with its bronze cannon of courage, unsullied by powder smoke, trained upon the territory of tomorrow. Fair winds stir the bold standard haughtily against the sky as if to challenge the futures charging battalions. After the conflict, when the drums of the heart throb silently, little of importance will remain to be inscribed upon the field reports of creation, except, perhaps the manner in which the garrison fought and fell.

When the soul weighs anchor at the wharf of life to embark as a solitary mariner upon the wide expanse of eternity, the source of fear is no longer a mystery. No other adventure approaches in magnitude, this journey inspired by enchanting visions at the frontier of death. An unfamiliar but gentle light arranged to shine in such a manner that no shadows remain must reveal the secrets hidden from the prospectors in the gulches of the living. And here perchance the soul will look back as a child at

a broken discarded toy, and regret that fear of the grave had been allowed to infect and disfigure the seasonable flower of joy. Calm reasoning may ponder the enigma of terror at crossings and boundary of life while in the same hour, rejoice in birth as if any difference existed in the two transitions.

A yellow bull calf twisted from under my weight in a stubble field while I still wore tight pants with three buttons at the knee and destroyed my earlier ambitions to be a cowboy. Since that day I have been satisfied to remain in the grandstand and watch others achieve the glory which might have been mine nor do I recall a single instance when I would covert an exchange of places. The man who has listened to the jingle of spurs to arouse his weary dreams as he toiled through spirited breaking labor, deserved the occasional view from the doughy hills of romantic endeavor.

The memory has a certain price of embarrassment because it is number one act of a purposeless life and permits small hope for improvements after twenty-five years. The knickerbockers trousers of my rough woven mail-ordered suit and suffered by neglect in construction and had not even one watch pocket while the suits of some of my companions boasted. My Knowledge of tailoring was limited at that time and has changed little through fourth of a century, but I secreted myself in the dug out with scissors cloth needle and thread and made the alteration under constant strain

of fear that my brother would find me before the work was completed.

I am warned with pride to this way of that work however, I fear my parents did not share my enthusiasm nor appreciate my talent they reminded me a number of ones that I did not have a watch.

Good and evil are evidently ever there planted beneath the surface the seeds of flowers and weeds own by the winds to become covered by dust and await the rains of effort to bring them to the light. A man once told me that his wife forbid his riding through Hollywood Boulevard in broad daylight because the film capitol is so wicked she feared for safety. For six years my home was located at a few blocks from that famous thoroughfare and never in that time did I see one thing one thing to warrant the lady's fears. God-fearing people are struggling with problems common to average cities everywhere. In fact my most impressive lessons on wrong were taught in small west Texas cow-town after return from Hollywood. I hope I do not loose sight of that hum.

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Circus Is Coming To Town
Stevens Brothers Circus is coming to Matador

Under the sponsorship of the Matador Volunteer Fire Department, it was announced by advance agent Tom McLaughlin. The big modern circus (three trained elephants) will give two performances. The show, which travels in a fleet of new Chevrolet trucks, will be billed in all adjoining counties. The clean wholesome entertainment will include six ages of wild animals in the managerie, Bob Grubbs liberty horses, a trained camel and a host of big time circus acts. No games are conducted in connection with the circus and no gambling is allowed on the circus grounds.

The Paducah Clinic
Flu shots
\$15

NHS Collects Pop Tabs

The National Honor Society is still collecting pop tabs in support of Ronald McDonald House. This is an ongoing project. The collection box is at school in the hall by Mr. Cochran's office. Any NHS member will be glad to pick up the pop tabs from you if you cannot bring them to school. Please contact Kyla Simpson, President of NHS, or Kathy Gillespie, NHS sponsor.

Thank you for your support of this service project.

Copper Breaks State Park Trooper visits 4th and 5th graders

On October 9, 2009 Trooper Carl Hopper from Copper Breaks State Park held a presentation and played Indian games with the 4th and 5th graders. He discussed classification of animals and showed the students different animal skulls and skins within the presentation. He then took them out for the exciting Indian games that the Indians played to help them develop good hunting skills. One game that was played was kicking the stick. Trooper Hopper is very involved with the students and will be coming back to present more programs during the year.

PIP's progress underway

PIP's (Players in Progress) is underway and it is going to be a great year. We have 35 students from Motley County that will be participating in PIPs this year. Camp was held on October 27, 2009, at the high school gymnasium. Level 1 and 2 PIPs had a camp from 4:30-6:30 to learn basic skills. This level can improve and finish basic training to move on to the advance skills.

From 6:30-8:30 the advanced session was held to learn the advanced skills such as circles and around the back. All of PIPs is designed to help with coordination and basic ball handling drills. At each practice we will be improving and maturing in basketball. We will set up stations during practice, so each PIP will be

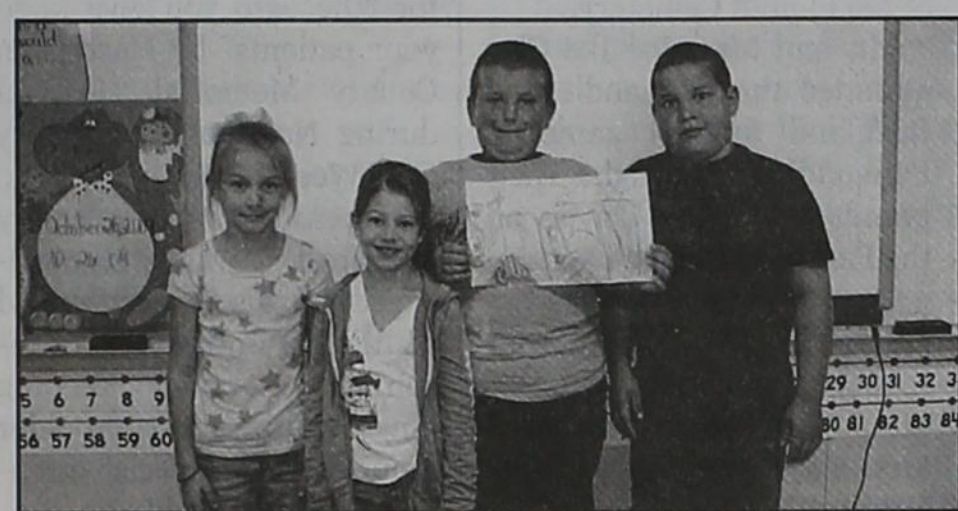
Science class studies mountains, canyons, valleys, plateaus, and barrier islands

After studying mountains, canyons, valleys, plateaus, and barrier islands in science, the third grade class did research and presentations on The Great Barrier Reef, The Grand Canyon, Caprock

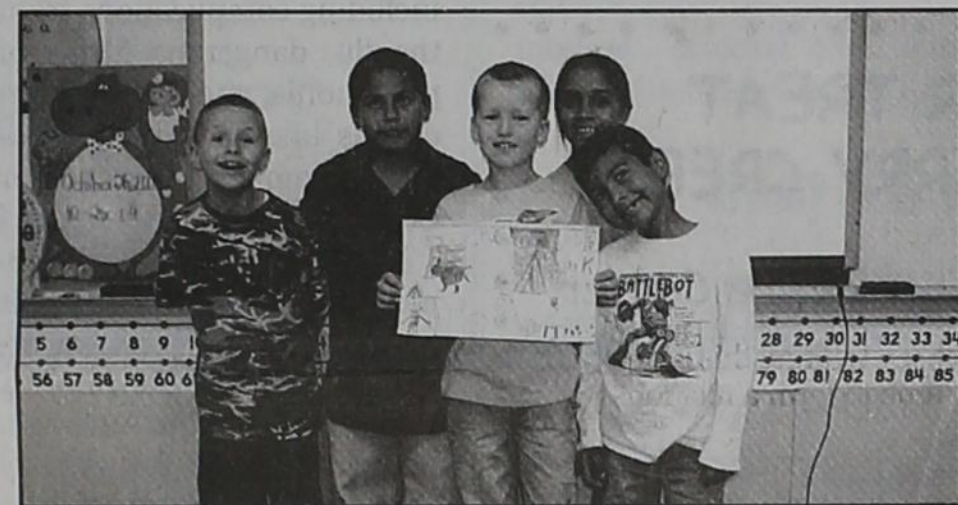
Canyons State Park, and Palo Duro Canyon State Park. Among the many things that each group had to research were: where it is located, it's size, what plants and animals live there, and it's history.



Great Barrier Reef. Ethan Mason, Logan Jones, Kyler Degan, and Rebecca Santos



Grand Canyon. Jacie Taylor, Rivers Marshall, Cameron Stafford, and Ricardo Baca



Caprock Canyons State Park. Tadley Pollard, Joseph Chavez, Tucker Barton, Alycia Silva, and Leon Quilimaco



Palo Duro Canyon State Park. Trinity Seward, Carley Turner, and Jonathan Flores, not pictured, Mercy Klebahn

ready for the drills at PIP Festival, and performing in front of a crowd. We will put all of the skills into a routine to perform during half-times of the high school games. The PIPs will also be performing at Wayland Baptist in the new year.

The Elementary and Jr. High UIL contest this year will be held at Crowell school. It will be on Tuesday, December 8. More information will follow about this event.

MCISD advances in channel 11 KCBD Spirit Contest

Thanks to all Motley County fans and students for voting last week for our school and helping us advance in the KCBD Pep Rally contest! Although we defeated Denver City last week by a narrow margin, it was enough to keep us in the running.

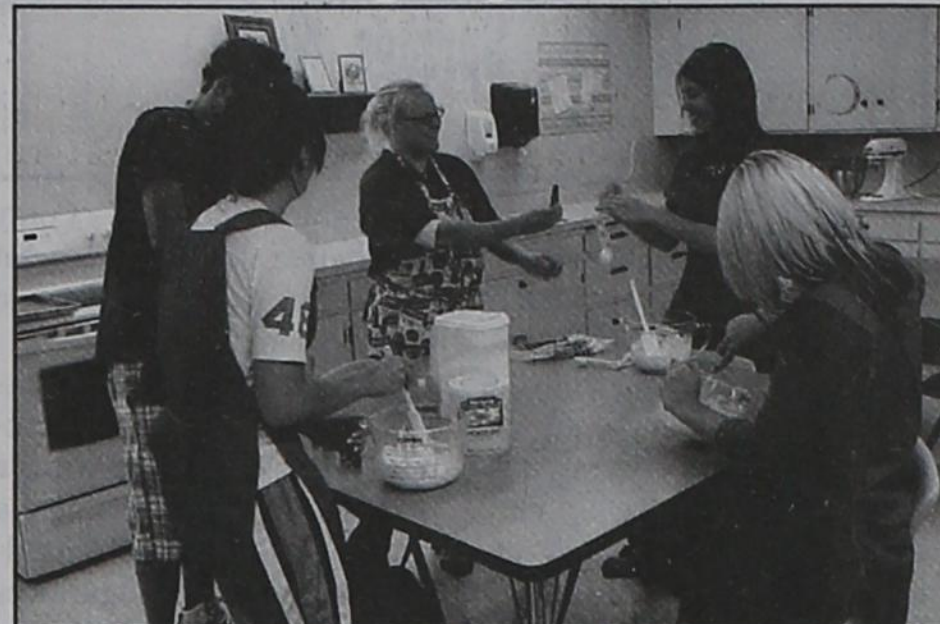
Our next round of voting will begin this Thursday, October 29 and will continue until 3:00 p.m. on November 5. Motley County will be competing against Idalou ISD which is a much larger community, so it will be very important for everyone to vote as often as possible.

Make sure you only vote one time per minute so that your votes will be counted.

This is a great way for our school and community to pull together and be recognized in a positive way, so keep that support coming! Remember the grand prize at the end of the contest is \$3,000 for the winning school.

Once again, Thanks for your support. Mark your calendar for Thursday. Just keep on voting!!!

Family and Consumer Sciences students learn food preparation



Family and Consumer Sciences students learn the techniques of preparing fondant and using this product in cake decorating. Guest speaker, Lyndee Ward, aids FCS students in accomplishing that task. (Pictured are Anna Daniell, Ky Christopher, guest Mrs. Lyndi Ward, Hailey Blanco, and Sara Ferguson)



Mrs. Brenda Osborn demonstrated basic cake techniques to FCS student, Danielle Gwinn.

2nd grade participates in Virtual Field Trip



Front Row: Dawson Baker, Emma Hackler, Cambrie Marshall, Chris Flores, Dereck Fisk, and Tatum Guerrero. Back Row: Emily Jameson, Zowie Barton, Autumn Perryman, Freddie Hess, Nellie Shannon, Emma Cagle, and Mrs. Kautz. Not in the picture is: Jaylee Flowers and Matthew Moncrief

The second grade class participated in a Virtual Field Trip; a forty-five minute presentation about reptiles. This program is sponsored by the Science Spectrum in Lubbock and is broadcasted via the Motley County ISD ITV Lab.

Mr. Thacker, an instructor from the Science Spectrum, taught the second graders an interesting program full with lots of facts about reptiles. Throughout the presentation, the students were able to see different kinds of reptiles such as snakes, tortoises, turtles, salamanders, and lizards.

The second grade students' favorite part about the presentation was being able to communicate with the instructor via the ITV communication link. The second graders stated, "We loved everything about the presentation especially Princess the tortoise, the Matador coral snake, and the lizards that lose their tail."

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Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

Tuesday, October 20, was a very eventful morning in Roaring Springs. In the wee hours of the morning a truck broke off a utility pole across from the Post Office. The highway was blocked off and several utility workers with several utility trucks worked until early afternoon restoring electricity to Roaring Springs. Thankfully no one was hurt, though the lines were down on the Popular Street and on the Frank Mitchell Memorial Loop.

While this was going on, the Swims had a fire in their back yard and the fire department was called to put it out. It seems a grass fire caught a stump on fire in their yard.

It is wonderful that we have utility companies a phone call away and the fire department to depend on when we have problems. We doff our hats to them. Roaring Springs has new volunteer firemen in need of fireproof gear. A great way to show our appreciation would be to make a donation for their need. We never know when we might need them to come to our home.

Well, I really had my information wrong last week. Kenneth and Suzanne Abbott did not go to Denver as I reported. They went to Kansas City, MO to visit Ken's sister who lives there. Suzanne said the highlight of their trip was a visit to the National World War I Museum in downtown Kansas City. Through film, charts, extraordinarily detailed artifacts, donated by family members of WWI veterans, the museum told the story of the war from start to finish. They also visited the historic Elmwood Cemetery in Kansas City, a beautiful old cemetery with ornate crypts and monuments surrounded by beautiful red and gold fall foliage. Jonesport, MO, an Amish village was another place of interest. There they visited an Amish furniture store lit with gas lights and featuring beautiful handmade furniture and quilts. Another stop was an Amish cheese factory where they purchased delicious cheese to bring home. In Motley County we have deer crossing signs; there they have buggy crossing signs! (More about their trip will be recounted in my next week's column.)

Kelly and Pennie are the proud grandparents of another granddaughter born to Kevin and Lisa Keltz of Spur. The new baby is Kennedy Jordan Keltz. Kennedy is the Keltz'

fifth grandchild and Corky Marshall's eleventh great grandchild. Congratulations to the Keltz family.

Pearl Patton is in the hospital in San Angelo Community Hospital. Pearl had a heart attack while attending a housewarming for her granddaughter, Angie. Angie lives in the San Angelo area where she and her husband teach school. She is the daughter of Larry and Willeta Burkes of Paducah. At this time it is believed that Pearl will be undergoing a quadruple bypass open heart surgery on Wednesday in San Angelo.

The 2010 Roaring Springs High School Reunion is in the planning stage. The date has been set for June 19, 2010, at the Roaring Springs Community Center. You can begin to plan your vacation dates to coincide with the reunion. Judy Cartwright is in the process of updating the alumni list. If you have a change of address of know of a classmate who has moved or died please contact Judy at P.O. Box 234, Matador, TX. J. N. Fletcher is filling the slot of reunion president. Les Mullins was elected in 2000; after his death Karen Davis took the job but because of her husband's ill health she asked to be replaced.

Dr. Gene Perry of Plainview will fill the pulpit at the First Baptist Church on November 1.

Bernice Young of Albuquerque, the sister of Don Stuckey visited Don and Billie this past week. She came on Wednesday and returned home on Saturday.

Leslie Guy of Amarillo and her sister, Julie Tarpley of Austin were guests in the home of Corky and Monta Marshall. The sisters are childhood friends of Monta. They spent Thursday night and part of Friday visiting.

Bob Lewis, who grew up here has died and was buried in South Carolina on Friday. His brother Jim of Corpus Christi had planned to e-mail the obituary so it would be in this week's paper and evidently it failed to come in. I talked with his wife, Zana, this morning and they were in route home. She said they would send in the news when they return. The Lewis family lived in Roaring Springs for many years; they are close friends of many here in Roaring Springs. We offer our condolences to the Lewis family.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

Overheard

I was always taught to respect my elders, but it keeps getting harder to find one!

Boy Scouts selling pop corn

Tim Kendall, Boy Scout Leader, announced that Troop 274 started selling pop corn this weekend for holiday treats. Scout members from Matador, Quitaque, Turkey and Flomot will be contacting you with this worthwhile project.

Ronnie Rogers of Lubbock visited his mother, Mrs. B. Rogers and brother, Donnie Rogers, Tuesday. Visiting them Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Trent McKay of Quitaque and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Smith of Fairmot. Donnie reported his good grain crop was completely wiped out by hogs one night this past week!

Jack and Nada Starkey visited overnight Wednesday with son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Starkey in Canyon. Also visiting were Mrs. Cindy Stalling and children. Michael accompanied them to Amarillo, Thursday for medical appointments and visited

Mrs. Bessie Reid. En Route home, they visited granddaughter, Tanya Starkey, a student at West Texas A&M University in Canyon.

Visiting Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton Sunday was Mrs. Judy Renfro of Matador.

Mr. and Mrs. Travis Kendall, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Kendall, Jere and Jacob enjoyed the PAWA Trade Days in Quitaque Saturday and Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee of Amarillo visited Friday with his grandparents, Ruth and Orville Lee. Also visiting them Friday was son, Joey Lee of Clarendon.

They had family visitation and a lunch at the Flomot Community Center following the Joyce Speer graveside services Saturday morning held at the Flomot Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay attended the Panhandle and Bushland football game in Panhandle Friday night. Their grandson, Tanner Clay is on the Panhandle team.

Connie and Coy Franks visited in Idalou Sunday with sons and families, Mr. and Mrs. Cary Franks, Mr. and Mrs. Cory Franks, Madison, Hudson and Heston.

Mrs. Erma Washington had 20 deer on her wheatland

Catholic Family Services had their 25th anniversary on Friday October 23 at 6:00 pm celebrated at Christ The King Cathedral in Lubbock. Attending from Our Lady of Guadalupe in Matador was Pastor the Rev. Angelo Conseneno, Pastors Virginia and Randy Reeve of Roaring Springs and Joan Patton of Matador. After the mass celebrated by Bishop Placido Rodriguez the people that numbered between 80 to 100 proceeded to the adjoining building where a sit down supper was served.

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Mrs. Marihelen Wason visited the past weekend in Snyder with daughter and husband, Charla and Bennie Marracle. Sunday, they visited in Sweetwater with Shihala and Allen Horsher and celebrated the 3rd birthday of their daughter, Kenley Horsher. Visiting Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. H.R. Skeet Jameson was son, Lance Jameson and Vickie Fennell of Vernon.

Lance Jameson receives award

Lance Jameson, son of Earlene and H.R. "Skeet" Jameson, was recently honored for "the care you give ... to your patients" by Hardeman County Memorial Hospital during National Respiratory Care Week.

Jameson, a Respiratory Therapist, was acknowledged for his "expertise and dedication" in the field of respiratory therapy. "Keeping lungs healthy as we get older requires some special attention," Jameson said.

According to Jameson, seniors are especially vulnerable to respiratory problems, including complications from the flu, dangerous forms of pneumonia, and chronic conditions like chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, or COPD.

Luckily, there are steps senior can take to keep their lungs in proper working order as they age. Respiratory therapists from the American Association for Respiratory Care (AARC) offer the following tips to help seniors avoid respiratory problems as they get older.

If you smoke, find a smoking cessation program in our area to help you quit, and check with Medicare to see if they will cover the program under their new smoking cessation counseling benefit.

Get an annual influenza shot. These shots are usually offered every year beginning in October and are particularly important for older people, who are more likely to suffer serious complications from the flu.

Receive the one-time pneumonia vaccine, which is usually given at age 65 or older. This protects you from some of the most deadly forms of the disease.

Make dietary changes to keep your weight in check.

Get regular exercise to keep your lungs -- and the rest of your body as well -- in good working order.

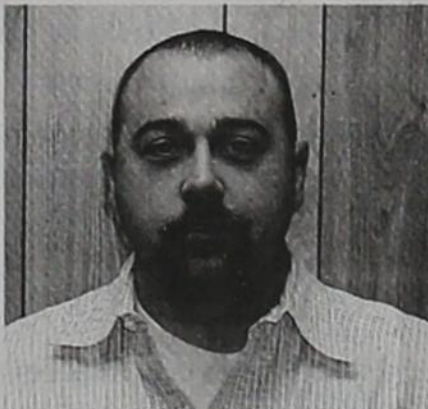
"If seniors will follow these guidelines they can see remarkable improvement and lung health benefits such as additional years of life and better quality of life," Jameson said. "For more information on good lung health at any age, you can also visit the AARC's consumer web site at www.YourLungHealth.org."

Respiratory therapists are specially trained and licensed respiratory health care professionals assisting physicians in diagnosis, treatment, and management of respiratory diseases. Respiratory therapists provide care in hospitals, outpatient center, physicians' offices, skilled nursing facilities, and patients' homes.

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NRCS in Matador Welcomes new employee



Hello, I'm Jim Crawson from Laguna Park, Texas. I recently graduated from Tarleton State University with a bachelor's degree in Agronomy and a minor in Range Management. Before joining the NRCS, I was a full time student and also ran my own commercial cattle operation. I'm 24 years old, and in my spare time enjoy golf, hunting, fishing and raising cattle. I look forward to working with the NRCS team, and the people of Motley County.

MCISD Football at Amherst, Friday, 7:30pm

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Weather Trivia

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By Buffy Crutchley

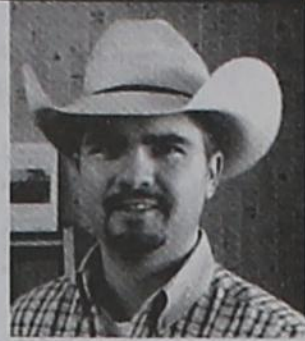
I'm proud to announce the arrival of the 2009 Texas Capitol Ornament. This years is absolutely beautiful! Stop in today to get yours before they're gone. And don't forget, we've still got a few of the Motley County Library tote bags available at the reduced price of \$8. Great stocking stuffer!! I think I'll be buying one for my entire family at that price!!

Our next Friends of the Li-

brary meeting will be November 5th. We've got lots to talk about, with the upcoming book sale and late night shopping, so please make plans to join us!

New books in this week: "206 Bones" by Kathy Reichs, "Hothouse Orchid" by Stuart Woods, "The Professional" by Robert B. Parker, and my personal favorite "Nine Dragons" by Michael Connelly.

County Agent's News



by Ryan Martin, Agri LIFE EXTENSION Agent

Texas Animal Health Commission Tick-Transmitted Horse Disease Detected on South Texas Ranch

A tick-borne disease known as equine piroplasmiasis has been confirmed on a ranch in South Texas. Additional testing is being conducted to determine the extent of infection. Horses on the ranch are quarantined to their premises, and a thorough disease investigation is underway.

Equine piroplasmiasis can affect horses, donkeys, mules or zebras and cause clinical signs common to many diseases, including poor appetite and weight loss.

Death losses can occur. Some infected equine animals may exhibit few or no signs of disease. Those animals that survive the acute phase of infection may continue to carry the parasite, which has been identified as Theileria equi (formerly known as Babesia equi), for long periods of time.

"Although equine piroplasmiasis is not considered to be endemic in the U.S., cases have been detected on occasion," said Dr. Bob Hillman, Texas' state veterinarian and head of the Texas Animal Health Commission, the state's livestock and poultry health regulatory agency. "In June, equine piroplasmiasis was detected in Missouri, with a related case found in Kan-

sas. In 2008, the infection was detected in Florida. These cases have been closed."

"As many as 15 tick species are capable of carrying and transmitting the blood parasite responsible for causing equine piroplasmiasis," Dr. Hillman explained.

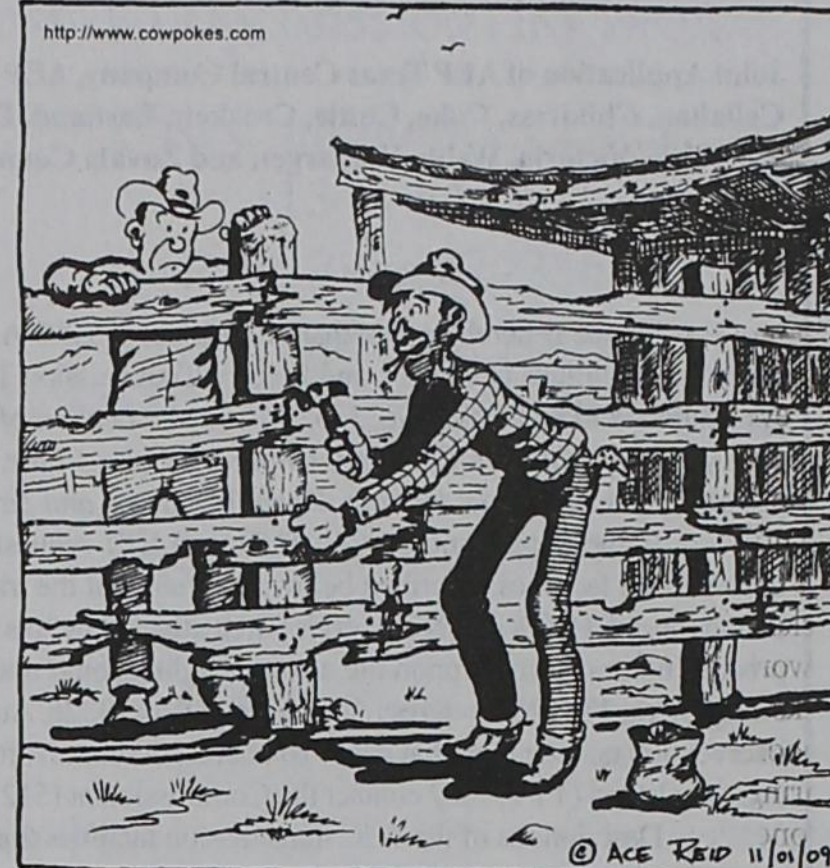
"At this time, we do not know which species of tick is responsible for transmitting infection on the South Texas ranch. Additional blood and tick samples are being collected and will be submitted for analysis to the National Veterinary Services Laboratory (NVSL) in Ames, Iowa."

Dr. Hillman said there is no vaccine for equine piroplasmiasis, and treatment generally is not effective against this tick-borne infection. To avoid spread of the disease, it is important to eliminate contact with ticks and to prevent the transfer of blood from one equine animal to another.

"Equine owners may want to consult with their veterinarians for recommendations on preventing tick infestation," said Dr. Hillman. "If equine animals exhibit signs of illness, a veterinarian should be contacted, so appropriate samples may be collected for laboratory testing. Currently, we have no indication that this tick-transmitted disease has occurred at other sites in Texas, but maintaining vigilance for this blood parasite is necessary in determining the extent of this disease situation."

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By Ace Reid



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Motley 4-H members compete in 2009 South Plains Fair



(picture L to R: Seth Baxter, Carley Turner, Cassidy Turner and Wyatt Hackler)

Motley 4-H Club members, Seth Baxter and Wyatt Hackler compete in the Lamb Show at the South Plains Fair while Carley and Cassidy Turner compete in the goat Show. These individuals did an excellent job showing their animals and representing the Motley 4-H Club. Cassidy Turner placed 11th with one of her goats and was the only one to place. Congratulations!

SWCDS Support Groundwater Conservation Districts Current Authority

Temple, Texas—(October 26, 2009) Soil and Water Conservation District Directors attending the 69th annual meeting of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts in Arlington, and who represent the state's 216 soil and water conservation districts (SWCDS), agreed to support Texas Groundwater District's current authority to manage the conservation, preservation protection, recharging and prevention of waste of groundwater throughout the state.

Larry Drgac, Chairman of the Trans Pecos SWCD with headquarters in Fort Stockton, and whose district sponsored

the resolution of support said, "There is a concern, that though recent legislation failed to pass, there will be continued effort to create a water supply district with expansive powers which could impact the State's current Groundwater Conservation Districts ability to achieve their statutory purposes."

"In short, Texas SWCDS do not favor any new entity that would add another level of bureaucracy that would diminish and compromise the authority and jurisdiction of local groundwater conservation districts," Drgac added.

IN GOD WE TRUST



Our God is such a magnificent God! His faithfulness toward us is amazing and His promises are greater than anything we could ever imagine. Christians have hope in God's calling, riches of the glory of His inheritance and His power that is our strong support. The early church understood what a great and glorious God he is. In reading the book of Acts and also the Epistles, one finds such expressions.

Our God is a powerful God. Incomparable power to raise the dead. That power demonstrated in the resurrection of Jesus. Power to seat Jesus on high and to give Him supremacy over all things.

Sometimes we forget that we need to trust God. "In God we trust." There is a statement that seems like would endure the test of time. Will it? There are times that we neglect to remember the precious promises that He made for us. When this happens we tend to try to live our lives apart from the powerful blessings found in being a child of God. A life such as that does not learn to trust in Him.

Let's not fail to recall who is still in control. Remember who has supremacy over everything. Have faith in our great God. He is faithful to His promises and to His people. Truly, what a great and glorious God He is! We can trust in Him.

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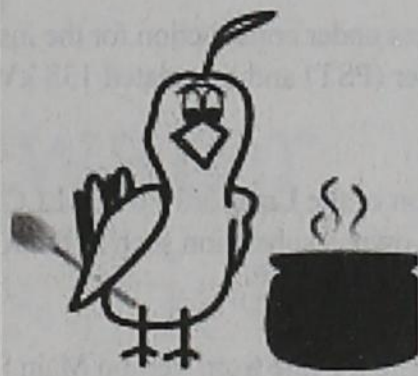
Motley 4-H members compete in 2009 King County Fair



(picture L to R: back row - Jaci Zingerman, Danielle Gwinn, Seth Baxter, Cassidy Turner, Gabby Silva, Mattie Brooks, and Michael Silva. Front row - Dode Gleghorn, Carley Turner, Alycia Silva, Chloe Gleghorn)

These Motley 4-H Club members competed in the 2009 King County Fair with their livestock projects and did an excellent job. In the steer show, Dode placed 5th and Chloe placed 4th. In the lamb show, Danielle placed 1st, 3rd, 4th and 10th while Seth placed 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 7th. In the goat show Cassidy placed 7th with all three of her goats, Carley placed 8th with two goats and 6th, Jaci placed 6th and 8th, Mattie placed 6th, Gabby placed 7th, Michael placed 4th, Alycia placed 3rd, and Seth placed 2nd and 7th. Congratulations to these 4-H members.

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Joint Application of AEP Texas Central Company, AEP Texas North Company, and Electric Transmission Texas, LLC to Transfer Certificate Rights and for Approval of Transfer of Facilities in Callahan, Childress, Coke, Cottle, Crockett, Eastland, Edwards, Frio, Hidalgo, Medina, Menard, Motley, Nolan, Nueces, Pecos, Reagan, Runnels, San Patricio, Taylor, Terrell, Tom Green, Upton, Val Verde, Victoria, Webb, Wilbarger, and Zavala Counties

PUC DOCKET NO. 37522

Notice is hereby given that on October 5, 2009 AEP Texas Central Company (TCC), formerly known as Central Power and Light Company, AEP Texas North Company (TNC), formerly known as West Texas Utilities Company, and Electric Transmission Texas, LLC (ETT) filed a joint application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission or PUC). The docket number and style of this application is PUC Docket No. 37522, *Joint Application of AEP Texas Central Company, AEP Texas North Company, and Electric Transmission Texas, LLC to Transfer Certificate Rights and for Approval of Transfer of Facilities in Callahan, Childress, Coke, Cottle, Crockett, Eastland, Edwards, Frio, Hidalgo, Medina, Menard, Motley, Nolan, Nueces, Pecos, Reagan, Runnels, San Patricio, Taylor, Terrell, Tom Green, Upton, Val Verde, Victoria, Webb, Wilbarger, and Zavala Counties, Texas*. TCC, TNC, and ETT are engaged in the transmission of electricity under certificates of convenience and necessity (CCN).

In their application, TCC, TNC, and ETT request that the Commission approve their proposal in which TCC and TNC will transfer to ETT TCC's and TNC's existing CCN rights concerning the transmission facilities described below; and find that the transfer of the facilities from TCC and TNC to ETT is consistent with the public interest. No new facilities are being sought in this filing; nor are the boundaries of TCC's or TNC's service area affected by this filing. Persons with questions about PUC Docket No. 37522 should contact Kent D. Curry, at (260) 425-2119. Persons who wish to intervene in the proceeding or comment upon the action sought, should mail their requests to intervene or their comments (along with 10 copies of your letter) to: Public Utility Commission of Texas, Central Records, Attn: Filing Clerk, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. The deadline for intervention in this proceeding is November 19, 2009 and the Commission should receive a letter requesting intervention no later than that date. To obtain additional information about this case, contact the Public Utility Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136.

Descriptions of the TCC transmission facilities that are the subject of this request are as follows:

CREZ Default 69 kV Line and Substation Facilities:

Hamilton Road to Fort Lancaster - TCC proposes to transfer its portion of the existing 114 mile Hamilton Road to Fort Lancaster 69 kV line to ETT. TCC will transfer certain 69 kV and 138 kV transmission facilities at Hamilton Road substation, except for the 138 / 69 kV autotransformer and associated facilities. TCC will transfer all transmission facilities at Comstock substation to ETT. TCC will transfer to ETT real property interests for TCC's portion of the Fort Lancaster to Hamilton Road line. TNC also owns facilities related to this project that will be transferred to ETT, as discussed below. From Fort Lancaster substation in southeast Pecos County in the proximity of the I-10 and State Highway 349 interchange the TNC portion of the line runs southeasterly ultimately entering Val Verde County where it crosses County Road 1024 (approximately the beginning of the TCC-owned portion) and State Highway 163 in the vicinity of Comstock substation. From Comstock the line continues southeasterly crossing the Amistad National Recreation Area to Rough Canyon substation where the line turns southerly generally along U.S. Highway 277 / 377 to Hamilton Road station near the intersection of U.S. Highway 277 / 377 and U.S. 90.

Port Aransas Transmission Substation Facilities: TCC proposes to transfer transmission facilities in the Port Aransas substation to ETT. The Port Aransas transmission substation is located on North Padre Island in Nueces County. The Port Aransas substation property will remain under the ownership of TCC.

Rocksprings Substation: TCC proposes to transfer transmission facilities in the Rocksprings substation to ETT and the segment of line including any related real property interests between the Rocksprings and PEC Rocksprings substations. The Rocksprings substation property located at the junction of U.S. Highway 377 and State Road 55 in Edwards County will remain with TCC.

Victoria 69 kV Substation Facilities: TCC proposes to transfer to ETT the transmission facilities in the Magruder substation and the 138/69 kV autotransformer that is to be installed at the Magruder substation, which was removed from service at the Highway 9 substation. The Magruder substation facilities are located immediately east of U.S. Highway 77 north of the City of Victoria in Victoria County. Magruder substation will remain the property of TCC.

Azteca Substation Facilities: TCC proposes to transfer the 138 kV facilities in the Azteca substation to ETT. The Azteca substation site is located southeast of the intersection of Caliche and Russell Roads in the proximity of the City of Edinburg in Hidalgo County.

Papalote Creek Substation Facilities: TCC proposes to transfer to ETT the initial tapped interconnection for the Papalote Creek 180 MW wind farm. The TCC facilities at the Papalote Creek generator-owned substation such as the RTU are also proposed to be transferred to ETT. The Papalote Creek Substation is located near the Papalote Creek 180 MW wind farm in San Patricio County.

West Batesville Substation Facilities: TCC proposes to transfer to ETT the transmission facilities in the West Batesville substation. The West Batesville substation is located on the north side of U.S. Highway 57 between the cities of La Pryor and Batesville in Zavala County. The West Batesville substation property will be transferred to ETT.

Lytle 138/69 kV Substation and Lines: TCC proposes to transfer the transmission facilities in the Lytle and Devine substations, the Big Foot to Devine to Lytle and the Devine to STEC Devine 69 kV transmission lines, and associated real property interests to ETT. The Big Foot to Devine to Lytle 69 kV line is 13.1 miles in length and Devine to STEC Devine 69 kV line is approximately 2.1 miles in length. The Big Foot to Devine to Lytle line travels northeasterly from Big Foot substation in Frio County and crosses I-35 near the State Highway 132 interchange. The line continues northeasterly to Devine substation situated between I-35 and State Highway 132. From Devine substation, the line continues northeasterly on the west side of I-35 and in the vicinity of Natalia turns directly north to Lytle substation. The Devine to STEC Devine 69 kV line runs east-west from the Big Foot to Lytle line beginning just south of Devine substation and crosses State Highway 132.

Laredo Topaz Generation Interconnection: TCC proposes to transfer to ETT three new 138 kV terminals added at the Laredo VFT substation. The Laredo VFT substation is located in the vicinity of I-35 and Del Mar Blvd. in the City of Laredo in Webb County.

Descriptions of the TNC transmission facilities that are the subject of this request are as follows:

CREZ Default 69 kV Lines and Substation Facilities:

Leon to Putnam - TNC proposes to transfer the existing 17 mile 69 kV Leon to Putnam line (up to the point of interconnection with Oncor) to ETT. Transmission facilities at the Cisco substation will be transferred to ETT. TNC will transfer to ETT real property interests for the Leon to Putnam line. The Leon to Putnam line follows I-20 on the north side of the highway in Callahan and Eastland Counties.

Hamilton Road to Fort Lancaster - TNC also proposes to transfer its portion of the existing 114 mile Hamilton Road to Fort Lancaster line to ETT. TNC will transfer all transmission facilities at the Illinois substation to ETT. TNC will transfer to ETT real property interests for TNC's portion of the Fort Lancaster to Hamilton Road line. TCC also owns facilities related to this project that will be transferred to ETT, as discussed above. From Fort Lancaster substation in southeast Pecos County in the proximity of the I-10 and State Highway 349 interchange the TNC portion of the line runs southeasterly through Terrell and Crockett Counties, crosses the Howard Draw River, and enters Val Verde County where it crosses County Road 1024 (the approximate end of the TNC-owned portion). The TCC portion of the line continues southeasterly to Hamilton Road substation.

Oklauion Substation - TNC proposes to transfer its existing 138 kV and 345 kV transmission assets operated within ERCOT in the Oklauion substation to ETT. Excluded from the transfer will be the HVDC tie and certain 138 kV equipment used to provide backup power to the HVDC tie. The Oklauion substation is located in Wilbarger County east of the City of Vernon. The ownership of the substation property will remain with TNC.

Paducah Clare Street Substation Facilities: TNC proposes to transfer the transmission assets, except for the 138 / 69 kV autotransformer and associated facilities, in the Paducah Clare Street substation to ETT. The substation property will be transferred to ETT. The Paducah Clare Street substation is on the south side of Paducah in Cottle County.

Abilene - San Angelo Area Transmission Facilities: TNC proposes to transfer to ETT the property and transmission facilities for the Steamboat substation. The Steamboat substation site is just south of the City of Bradshaw in Taylor County.

Also, TNC proposes to transfer the existing 48 mile Ballinger to South Abilene 69 kV line to ETT, including the Hatchell switches. TNC will transfer real property interests to ETT. The 69 kV Ballinger to South Abilene line in Runnels and Taylor Counties generally follows U.S. Highway 83 and over the 48 miles crosses several times to the opposite side of the highway.

Further, TNC proposes to transfer to ETT the property and transmission facilities for the Yellow Jacket substation. The Yellow Jacket substation is in the proximity of the City of Menard in Menard County.

Childress 69 kV Transmission Line: TNC proposes to transfer to ETT a new 69 kV line being built consistent with CCNs in Docket Nos. 36463 and 37248 from the West Childress substation to the Childress 20th Street substation. The Childress 69 kV line is located in the City of Childress in Childress County.

Rio Pecos / Big Lake Substation Facilities: TNC proposes to transfer to ETT property interests and facilities under construction for the installation of a static var compensator (SVC) and associated 69 kV facility upgrades at the Rio Pecos substation in the McCamey area and installation of a phase shifting transformer (PST) and associated 138 kV facility upgrades at Big Lake substation west of San Angelo. The Rio Pecos substation is in Upton County. Big Lake substation is located in Reagan County.

Langford Power Generation Interconnection: TNC proposes to assign to ETT facilities for interconnection of the Langford Power, LLC, wind farm. Access rights to the land and facilities are governed by the interconnection agreement being transferred to ETT. The TNC facilities at the Langford Power generator-owned substation such as the RTU are also proposed to be transferred to ETT. The facilities are located along and east of U.S. Highway 277 approximately 20 miles south of San Angelo in Tom Green County.

Vernon Area Substation and Line Facilities: TNC proposes to transfer to ETT approximately 5.5 miles of 138 kV line from Vernon Main Street to Vernon Southwest and transmission facilities at the Vernon West Sand Road substation. Applicable real property interests will be transferred from TNC to ETT. The facilities are located in Wilbarger County and the line runs generally north - south through the City of Vernon between Vernon Main Street and Vernon Southwest substations.

Also, TNC proposes to transfer approximately one mile, from Vernon Main Street substation to structure 24/4, of the existing 138 kV Lake Pauline to Vernon Main Street line to ETT. Real property interests will be transferred from TNC to ETT. The one mile segment of the existing 138 kV Lake Pauline to Vernon Main Street line in Wilbarger County lies to the north of U.S. Highway 287 and generally follows the highway from the northwest into the Vernon Main Street substation on the north side of Vernon.

Matador to Paducah 69 kV Lines and Associated Transmission Facilities: TNC proposes to transfer the Matador to Paducah Clare Street 69 kV transmission line, the Paducah Gate City Electric Co-op tap, and the Paducah City to Paducah Clare Street line to ETT. The Matador to Paducah Clare Street line consists of approximately 30.5 miles of 69 kV single conductor. The Paducah Gate City Electric Co-op tap is approximately 1.5 miles in length. Real property interests will be transferred to ETT. The subject facilities are located in Motley and Cottle Counties. Matador substation is situated in Matador immediately southwest of the intersection of State Highway 70 and U.S. Highway 62 / 70. The Matador to Paducah Clare Street line generally follows U.S. Highway 62 / 70 and crosses the highway east of Matador at Bullard Creek. Two additional U.S. Highway 62 / 70 crossings occur within Motley County. The line continues north of the highway crossing the Tongue River and into Cottle County. The line makes a final crossing to the south of U.S. Highway 62 / 70 at County Road 211. At County Road 207 the Paducah Gate City Electric Co-op tap follows the county road to the south approximately 1.5 miles crossing Salt Creek to the Gate City Electric Co-op substation. The Matador to Paducah Clare Street line continues to the east beyond County Road 207 approximately two miles crossing U.S. Highway 83 before turning north to the Paducah Clare Street substation on the south side of Paducah. The Paducah City to Paducah Clare Street line is approximately 0.7 mile in length connecting the Paducah Clare Street substation and the Paducah City substation to the north.

Bluff Creek to Oak Creek 138 kV Line: TNC proposes to transfer to ETT the Bluff Creek to Oak Creek 138 kV line. The line is comprised of the 14.3 mile Bluff Creek to Oak Creek 138 kV line and the 6.8 mile Abilene NW to Oak Creek 138 kV line. In addition, the transfer includes a 3,000 foot cut over from Oak Creek to the Nicole substation. Real property interests will be transferred to ETT. From Bluff Creek substation southwest of Abilene in Taylor County, the 21 mile 138 kV line generally follows U.S. Highway 277 to the southwest into Nolan, Runnels, and Coke Counties. The line crosses U.S. Highway 277 in Taylor County at approximately the County Road 1086 intersection. The line crosses State Highway 153 in Nolan County, and crosses State Highway 70 in Coke County just before entering Oak Creek substation.

For all of the TCC and TNC facilities described above, the transfer will include as applicable certain telecommunications facilities related to the transferred transmission assets.

TSSWCB Receives Funding for O&M of Flood Control Dams

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ity of the areas in which they were built were in a rural setting. Over time conversion from agricultural to urban land use has taken place and is continuing to intensify, so many of these structures that were originally constructed as low hazard are now classified as high hazard, or soon will be as a result of downstream urbanization and population growth. Compound that with the fact that it has been historically difficult for local sponsors to raise adequate funding for the operation and maintenance of these structures", added Dodier.

These earthen structures, most of which have been constructed in the central part of the state, are known by multiple names such as flood control dams, floodwater retarding structures, watershed structures, or flood prevention sites. Classified according to their potential to impact human lives and public infrastructure should a failure occur, these earthen dams are given a categorization as low hazard, significant hazard and high hazard.

Foster explained that a low hazard dam's failure would cause damage primarily to agricultural land, farm buildings and rural roads. The failure of a classified significant hazard dam has the potential to damage minor state roads and utilities

while a dam classified as high hazard has the potential to cause significant damage to urban structures, main highways and utilities as well as loss of life.

Foster added that the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) is the state agency responsible for dam safety inspections, but the TSSWCB would now be able to assist SWCDS and local governments in meeting the TECQ standards for safety.

Working in combination with the appropriation provided to the TSSWCB by the State Legislature, the USDA-NRCS received \$ 20 million in funding from Congress through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 to repair 20 dams and an additional \$4.8 million to rehabilitate or redesign and upgrade two existing dams. One is the Calaveras Creek Dam located in Bexar County and the other is the Plum Creek Dam in Hays County.

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Hackberry Happenings From the Desk of John Vunk

HCCC has a new addition to its family. Mrs. Arminta Hood was admitted on October 22, 2009. Mrs. Hood comes to us from Hospitality House. She is married to Mr. Riley Maurice Hood and they have four children, Laurie, David, Bill and Kitty. All the staff and residents would like to welcome her to her new home.

Mr. Silver Hill (Max) has returned to us after a short stay in the hospital. The staff and residents were very happy to have Max come back and they presented him with a banner signed by all welcoming him back home.

On October 23, 2009, residents, visitors and staff enjoyed a special treat of Bluegrass Music performed by Roy and Tommie Meriworth and Herman Herring from Artesia, NM. They played and sang from 4-5:00 p.m. It was a great treat for all.

Residents enjoyed a meal at the Dutch Oven in Paducah on October 16, 2009.

A new employee here at HCCC is Jessica Davis, from

Paducah. Jessica will be working in the Food Service Department.

A Halloween Costume Parade will be held at the center on Friday morning October 30, conducted by the elementary school children.

On Saturday October 31, 2009, HCCC will be host a community Trick or Treat activity. Cupcakes and punch will be served from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Attention: Family Members, Close Friends and Board Members: Thanksgiving will be here before we know it and now it is time for our annual **Thanksgiving Dinner**. We want to invite you to this special event on **Friday, November 20, at 6:00 p.m.** We are contacting just one person in each family so we ask that you contact your family members and then let us know by Monday morning, **November 16, at the latest**, how many will be coming. We are looking forward to having a wonderful time.



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE MEETINGS

FOR THE COTTONWOOD TO DERMOTT
345 kV TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT

Post Community Center
113 W Main
Post, Texas 79356

November 9, 2009

ANYTIME BETWEEN 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Spur School Cafetorium
800 Williams Avenue
Spur, Texas 79370

November 10, 2009

ANYTIME BETWEEN 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Wind Energy Transmission Texas, LLC (WETT) is proposing to construct a new 345 kilovolt (kV) electric transmission line project as part of the Competitive Renewable Energy Zones (CREZ) Program directed by the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) to increase the transmission capacity necessary to deliver renewable energy. The project consists of approximately 68 miles (depending on the route selected by the PUCT) of double-circuit capacity transmission line located in the Texas counties of Dickens, Kent, and Scurry. The proposed project will connect the proposed WETT Cottonwood Switching Station in Dickens County, Texas, to the proposed Oncor Dermott Switching Station in Scurry County, Texas.

The proposed route segments were identified by TRC, a consulting company retained by WETT for the project, in compliance with the rules and regulations of the PUCT, the Texas Utilities Code, and the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT). As part of the on-going routing process, WETT will hold two Public Open House Meetings to display the proposed route segments. In addition, the meetings will allow individuals to provide comments and ask questions about the proposed project. WETT is committed to working closely with local communities and addressing the values and concerns of the public during the routing process. Detailed maps and information are available at the meetings for review anytime between 6:00 - 8:00 PM. Please note there are no formal presentations at the Open Houses. Materials displayed will also be available for reference at the Crosby County Library, Kent County Library, Scurry County Library, Spur Public Library, and Post Public Library.

If you have any questions concerning the Open Houses, please contact WETT on the internet at <http://www.windenergyoftexas.com> or by calling toll free (877) 899-WETT (9388).

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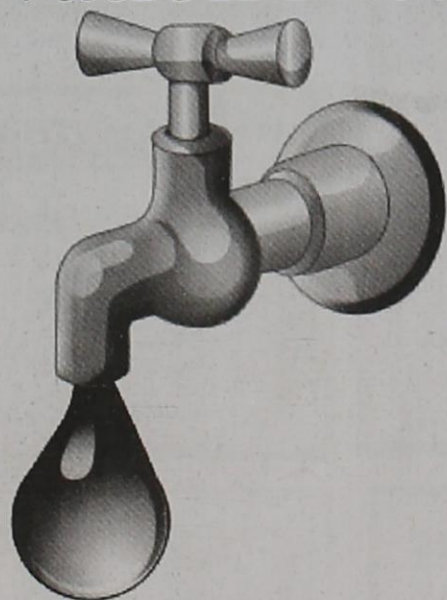
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EVENTS CALENDAR

October

30 MCISD Football at Amherst, 7:30pm

November

- 3 Matador Lions
- 4 Kids Praise
- 5 RS Lions
- 5--Friends of the Library Meeting 3:00 P. M. at the Library.
- 5 Jr. H Mavericks, Lazbuddie at Lazbuddie, 5 P.M.
- 6 - Ag Day in Memphis
- 6 MCISD Football, Parents Night, Lazbuddie at Matador, 7:30PM
- 7 Cross Country Regional Meet@ Arlington
- 9 Comm Court
- 9 RS City Council
- 10 RSCV
- 11 Hospital Board
- 12 M City Council
- 13 Bi-District
- 14 - District Food Show in Vernon
- 14 - 2nd Annual Motley 4-H Benefit concert featuring Trent Willmon
- 14 Cross Country State Meet @ Round Rock
- 16 MCISD School Board, 7:30 pm
- 17 Matador Lions
- 19 Matador Masonic Lodge, 6:30 pm
- 20 Regional
- 26 Thanksgiving
- 27 Quarter-Finals

December

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To apply submit Application form FSA-675 to Motley County Farm Service Agency, 700 Dundee Street, Matador, Texas 79244. Application forms may be obtained from Motley County FSA, phone number (806)347-2263 or any FSA office. The application period closes on Friday October 30th, 2009, and all applications must be received by that date.

Qualifications: High School diploma or equivalent. General office skills, typing, filing, skill using computer and good communications skills. Must be a US citizen and at least 18 years of age or 17 years of age for high school graduates. Farm background helpful but not necessary. Must have the ability and willingness to work with the public and co-workers. Salary is commensurate with qualifications and experience. FSA is an EEO employer.

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