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Motley County School Receives \$221,930 Grant from Texas Education Agency

Motley County ISD is the fiscal agent for a \$221,930 distance learning grant from the Texas Education Agency. The grant will provide opportunities for high school students in four area school districts to complete high school courses online through the Texas Virtual School Network. And high school teachers in area districts will participate in a variety of professional development programs to enhance the integration of technology in the classroom.

Dr. Andrew Seigrist, superintendent of Motley County ISD, said, "I am so very excited about the possibilities these grant awards give our staff and students as well. This grant will provide new opportunities for our students and staff."

The Texas Legislature established the Texas Virtual School Network to provide a clearing house for online high school courses. All courses available from the Network have undergone a stringent review process to ensure they address all Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills. Teachers of record for the Network are all certified in the content area and have completed rigorous training to prepare

them to teach online courses. The availability of online courses will ensure that students in Motley County can access a variety of courses to meet the state requirements for a distinguished high school diploma and will provide students with a wider range of electives as well. Foreign languages available include German, French and Latin as well as Spanish. Physics and Astronomy are among the science courses currently offered through the Network.

Six Motley County ISD high school teachers will participate in online facilitator training to ensure they can support students taking high school courses online via the Internet. The teachers will learn to navigate courses in the Moodle Learning Management System so that they can assist students in the classroom.

Three high school teachers are also registered in a 30-hour online course to qualify them to be "teachers of record" for the Texas Virtual School Network. The Online Instructors' Training includes roles, collaboration and learner engagement; communication and student success; and ADA requirements, copyright, fair use and assessment. Teachers

who complete the course will be certified by the Network to teach students throughout the state online.

Equipment will also be purchased to support online courses. Motley County ISD will receive 20 new laptop computers to ensure students have access to the Internet for the online courses. Two new Qwizdom Learning Systems will be purchased for the district to provide interactive lessons throughout the curriculum and to access TAKS review material.

Additional professional development opportunities for all secondary teachers will be available in summer 2010 and summer 2011. The district will contract with Harcourt Learning to provide extensive technology integration workshops.

Other area districts participating in the grant are Paducah, Spur, and Turkey-Quitaque. All are part of the Rolling Plains Educational Technology Consortium, which offers the districts the opportunity for collaboration in the planning and implementation of technology-related programs. The collaboration also increases opportunities for funding to the small districts in the area.

Applications due for (ELAP) and (LFP)

Sept. 14, 2009 – Amy Hackler, Executive Director of USDA's Farm Service Agency in Motley County, TX today announced that producers may now begin applying for benefits under the provisions of the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP) and the Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP). These permanent disaster programs, authorized in the 2008 Farm Bill, replace previous ad-hoc disaster assistance programs and are funded through the Agricultural Disaster Relief Trust Fund.

"USDA is committed to meeting the needs of producers after suffering devastating losses due to a natural disaster," said Hackler. "These programs ensure that producers who have suffered agriculture losses receive the critical disaster assistance needed to remain financially solvent and help them continue on in their operations."

LFP provides payments to eligible livestock producers that have suffered livestock grazing losses due to qualifying drought or fire. For drought, the losses must have occurred on land that is native or improved pastureland with permanent vegetative cover or a crop planted specifically for grazing for covered livestock due to a qualifying drought during the normal grazing period for the specific type of

grazing land in the county. For fire, LFP provides payments to eligible livestock producers that have suffered grazing losses on rangeland managed by a federal agency if the eligible livestock producer is prohibited by the federal agency from grazing the normal permitted livestock on the managed rangeland due to a qualifying fire.

Eligible livestock under LFP include beef cattle, alpacas, buffalo, beefalo, dairy cattle, deer, elk, emus, equine, goats, llamas, poultry, reindeer, sheep and swine. For losses due to drought, qualifying drought ratings are determined using the U.S. Drought Monitor located at <http://www.drought.unl.edu/dm/monitor.html>.

ELAP provides emergency assistance to eligible producers of livestock, honeybees and farm-raised fish that have losses due to disease, adverse weather or other conditions, including losses due to blizzards and wildfires. ELAP assistance is for losses not covered under other Supplemental Agricultural Disaster Assistance programs established by the 2008 Farm Bill, specifically LFP, the Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) and the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments Program (SURE). ELAP is being implemented to fill in the gap and provide assistance under other conditions determined

to be appropriate.

For both programs, producers must have suffered losses that occurred on or after January 1, 2008, and before October 1, 2011. There is a total \$100,000 limitation per crop year that applies to payments received under ELAP, LFP, LIP or SURE. For the 2008 crop year, the \$100,000 limitation is per "person" as defined and determined under payment limitation rules in effect for 2008. For crop years 2009 through 2011, the \$100,000 limitation applies to payments received, both directly and indirectly, by a person or legal entity. Furthermore, individuals or entities are ineligible for payment under ELAP or LFP for 2008 if their average Adjusted Gross Income for 2005, 2006 and 2007 exceeds \$2.5 million. For 2009 through 2011, an average adjusted gross nonfarm income limitation of \$500,000 applies and is determined using the three taxable years that precede the most immediately preceding complete taxable year (for 2009, the applicable years are 2005, 2006 and 2007). For more information or to apply for ELAP or LFP and other USDA Farm Service Agency disaster assistance programs, please visit your local USDA Service Center or FSA county office. Information can also be obtained on line at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

Roaring Springs Lions Club meets

By Corky Marshall

The Roaring Springs Lions Club met Thursday, the first of October for our monthly meeting at the Windmill Café. We had twelve members and five guests present.

Fredda Buckner 2T2 District Governor was our special guest as well as Linda Key, Zone chairperson for Zone 4-B. Linda Key introduced Fredda as the first Lady Governor for our district. Fred-

da gave a very inspiring talk about the work of the Lions.

Eight members of the Roaring Springs Lions Club went to the Hackberry Creek Care Center to entertain the residents with bingo games. Nine residents played and really enjoyed the game and winning quarters. Those Lions assisting in the bingo game were: Buzz and Tince Thacker, Ken Abbott, Alex Crowder, Wes and Lynn Campbell and Corky and Monta Marshall.

Discover the past

Caprock Canyons State Park and Trailway in conjunction with the Texas Historical Commission will host a full day of events to celebrate Texas Archeology Awareness Month. The event "12,000 Years of Caprock Canyons People" will be held at the park's amphitheater and interpretive pavilion on Saturday, October 10, 2009.

Guided hikes to learn about the plants that people have used for survival will begin at 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. From 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., demonstrations and displays will span the history of humans in the area, from Paleo-Indian hunters to pioneers and ranching. Games, hands-on learning, artifacts, flint knapping demonstrations, spear-throwing, and resources for teachers will be available.

TxDOT to Lose \$742 Million in Federal Funding More than \$8 billion of unobligated federal highway funds rescinded nationwide

AUSTIN - Faced with deteriorating pavement quality scores and growing congestion, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) was required to return more than \$742 million to the federal government Wednesday as part of an \$8.708 billion rescission of highway project programming authority.

Rescissions, or reductions in the funding allotted by legislation, are not new. Historically, rescissions have been flexible, allowing states to decide which spending categories to reduce. This allows TxDOT to limit their impact on the state's planned funding levels.

The language included in the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 has

made rescissions much less flexible. States must instead reduce each spending category by a specific amount, including the equity bonus category, which is designed to bring each state's share of highway funding more in-line with the proportion of gas tax dollars paid into the system by that state. This results in a reduction in Texas' obligation authority and causes TxDOT to award fewer contracts.

"In the past, we've worked hard to minimize the impact of rescissions on Texas drivers," TxDOT's Chief Financial Officer James Bass said. "For this rescission, however, the limited flexibility offered and sheer magnitude of it has translated into our ability to award contracts being

reduced at a time when our communities need transportation funding to improve mobility and enhance economic opportunity."

Congress attempted to repeal the rescission while extending the current surface transportation program, also known as SAFETEA-LU. Their efforts were unsuccessful.

As part of this rescission, Texas was required to return \$1.9 billion to make up for a shortfall in the amount to be returned from the state of Nevada. Prior to this rescission, TxDOT had already been required to return approximately \$1.2 billion to Washington. Together, the rescinded amount since 2006 equals about \$260 per Texas household.

September a good month for agriculture interests

By Earlyne Jamison

Soil moisture was adequate with over two inches of rain in September to help fill cotton bolls and winter wheat planting in Motley County. Cotton is loaded up with bolls and popping open during warm afternoons giving additional

crop gains. Cold snaps the last of September dropped nighttime temperatures below normal, but well above freezing and no frost so crops continuing to mature. Pastures and cattle in good condition.

Mostly County National Weather Service Volunteers

report the total moisture for September 20089; Buzz Thacker, Roaring Springs 2.34 inches; Ronnie Bailey, Matador 3.45 inches; Clois Shorter, Flomot 2.02 inches; Lawrence Allen, Whiteflat 2.45 inches; Betty Simpson, Northfield 2.62 inches.



Thomas Petru, RRC Trainer, explains the propane supplemental system on the Wylie LP service truck as members from the Matador and Floydada Volunteer Fire Departments look on. The Texas Railroad Commission and Wylie LP recently sponsored a propane training event for area fire departments.

Foothill Country Connections

Community, Diversity, Art

By Larry Vogt

As I recall from my child rearing days, children seem to have a natural desire to help. I am talking about children in their early mimic everything years.

If a parent is lucky and provides a pretty good example, the child will keep some amount of that natural helpfulness on into the teen years and may even volunteer for projects outside the family.

Here is where the stage may be set for a spirit of volunteering for all sorts of activities that benefit the community at large. Teenagers have been tremendous helping hands in Habitat for Humanity projects, tutoring to younger stu-

dents in their own schools, and countless other projects.

Almost all spiritual teachings refer to going outside oneself and lending a helping hand wherever necessary. The references have to do with the spiritual growth that occurs when one is working with a team of other volunteers at work on a project that has a beneficial result for many members of the community.

There are many opportunities to help out in many places in ones own community. No matter how much time you think you have or don't have, anything you can do to help will be appreciated and you will gain an immeasurable amount of good feelings for yourself in the process.

By Laverne Zabielski

More letters this week regarding the Senior Citizens Center.

It's always risky to express yourself, your ideas and your visions. Somewhere in life it seems we get the idea that we want everyone to like us or agree with us, when actually all we can ever really expect is to have our differences respected. That is the ultimate American freedom. And for that reason the newspaper exists to give citizens the vehicle for their

ideas through letters to editors and opinion editorials.

Own your ideas, cite your sources and write responsibly. We will do our best to publish a diversity of voices and views on our editorial page and strive to keep the conversations going. Unfortunately for small papers there is not always room for all letters. Don't let that stop you from writing. Even if your letter is not published, you win because your thoughts are more clearly defined from the act of writing.

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Letters Home from Cross Cultural Solutions in Dharamsala, India

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

September 22, 2009

I've been in Dharamsala for about a week now and absolutely love it! The "home base" is a beautiful house with a river and ravine next to it and a view of the Himalayas and the city, including the Cricket Stadium. Cricket is the same for Indians as football is for Americans- we have been playing a bunch with the staff this past week- its tons of fun!

The staff is really nice and friendly and we all have been joking around and having fun. We have competed against them (volunteers vs. staff) in some cricket games, soccer, and tug-of-war. Today, we had a picnic and Anil, the program director here in Dharamsala, decided that I would be the first target of the epic water fight. It ended that everyone was soaked head to toe!

Volunteering has been so rewarding. At first, the children were really quiet and seemed scared of us, but they warmed up fast. My partner at the placement, Anganwadi Dari day care, is named Skylar. Vijay is one of the children there and a regular. He is about four and a half years old and one of the oldest. He is a born leader and likes to help and hang out with us. Radhika is the cutest kid and has called me Didi (an endearing term meaning Big Sister in Hindi). She is my little buddy and has the best laugh and laughs about everything! The first day there, we had a selection of toys consisting of one marble, moldy flashcards, and two beads. There are no chairs, carpets, lights, sink or bathroom, and the building looked like a jail cell (before we painted it- that story will come in a minute). It is a one-room building that is about 20x15 feet, with dark gray cement walls, ceiling and floor. There are four windows with iron bars.

We knew we needed to brighten it up so painting it was definitely going to be on our agenda! Today, we just finished two days work of painting the walls yellow! It looks so good- but at a cost! With no cross-ventilation, it was stifling and

fumeey and I think I was sick from sniffing so much paint! Maybe that's an exaggeration, but I definitely had a killer headache and was very tired! I found it interesting that the teachers actually preferred the kids to stay inside the building and closed the door, which was asphyxiating!

Painting also introduced me to the giant spiders that inhabit this region. The walls of the day care were covered with posters and charts, and the first one I took down had a HUGE spider living behind it, which scurried out and made me scream and jump and do a little panic dance. The kids and teachers were laughing at me and many of the other posters had spiders behind them as well. I feel slightly guilty that I decided to occupy myself with taking pictures of the kids instead of helping take posters down.

Everyday, I ride to work and feel so much pleasure in where I am. I am truly so happy to be here and am really enjoying my time!

Stevie

Letters To The Editor

Open Letter to the Mayor

Dear Editor:

I can't imagine why the Mayor of Matador had such a "fit" about the Senior Citizens Community Center. Doesn't he know that three quarters of the citizens in Matador are senior voters? Seniors pay property taxes and sales taxes, utilities and some still drive, so they buy gas. Despite what the mayor suggests seniors do support our little town.

The young couples are trying to make a living, sending their children to school. Parents are doing everything they can to help on different proj-

ects so the mayor can't blame them for much.

Not all families came to Matador in the early days by "wagon train." When the settlers came and saw a neat valley to settle in they stayed and raised a family. In those days land was free and if you picked a place and stayed on it, and made it home, you kept it. Land was 10 cents per acre. So naturally, they had found a "promised land."

I'm proud of our community and our county for all they have accomplished. Our senior citizens deserve a nice center and a good hot meal. And they pay for it.

There are about 10 meals

a day delivered to Roaring Springs. Some of our citizens are not able to drive any more, so a good hot meal is taken to them. They would not come to town to eat at any of the places that serve meals.

Meals at Flomot are delivered by Briscoe County and our county supports that. Our seniors here in Matador help with the cost of meals for these people.

Mayor Smith is owner of Billie Dean's Restaurant on Highway 70. The highway intersects with state highway 70, north and south. His location at the intersection faces a Shell gas station. At noon almost everyday big

semi-trucks are parked on the right-of-way where the drivers are having a meal at the restaurant. Also our east-west traffic stops at the mayor's restaurant for a burger and sandwich lunch. None of that trade would take the time to find the Senior Citizens Center downtown. If the mayor wants more business, maybe he could stay open on Friday nights, Sundays or holidays. So why has the mayor had a fit about a few seniors getting together at noon, eating and enjoying the fellowship? Tell me a good answer, and I'll hush.

Name Withheld on Request

Dear Editor

I would like to respond to "Now, the Rest of the Story", in the September 24 Tribune Letter to the Editor section, and present comments on and questions about its rationale.

I. "My tax dollars are being used by the County to fund a cafe that's open to the public in direct competition with me..." is a specious argument.

the dispersal of tax money, which all too often is controlled by self-aggrandizing politicians interested in their own pocketbook rather than the best interests of their constituents. We all pay taxes for things from which we receive no benefit. Not everyone will benefit from the MSCS, but in Motley County, senior citizens are a large part of the population and deserve some benefits for the taxes they pay.

There are more businesses in Matador than just cafes. The MCSC purchases a lot of groceries from Lowe's, aiding the local grocery store's sales figures. For Lowe's, the MCSC is a positive. A question: Do the restaurants buy their stock from Lowes, or do they purchase their supplies from out-of-town wholesalers?

The MCSC provides a payroll for three people. Those people pay taxes, make purchases from local businesses, and pay sales taxes on those purchases. In an area with few job opportunities, how will destroying those jobs and that income be helpful to the community--or the cafes?

surd. As a member of SPAG (South Plains Association of Government), MCSC cannot, by law, charge anything for its meals nor its services. It may only ask for donations. Many patrons who can afford to do donate more than the suggested minimum. Those who can't afford to donate, don't. There are no "prices" to raise.

The implication that the MCSC does not "contribute to our county" is specious and insulting. It provides several important services, including meals on wheels to the homebound in both Matador and Roaring Springs. Periodic free health fairs help seniors catch medical problems early and stay healthy. Flu shots are scheduled. Occasional seminars provide information and help on senior citizen issues. The MCSC provides a place and equipment for a morning exercise group, open to any who wish to participate. It provides a social activity/game night on Thursday evenings. It aids the health and well-being of Motley County's senior citizens, and those citizens pay taxes. It is supported by fund raisers to cope with financial shortfalls, which are all too frequent. What SPAG funds it receives are contingent upon the number of folks who eat there.

the city/county as a part of the matching funds and that the building itself belongs to the Senior Citizens organization, but would revert to the county should the MSCS go bankrupt, ceasing to function. Such an eventuality would be disastrous for the seniors of this county and for the ambience and attractiveness of our community. What 'better use' than its present one could the building be put to by the city or county?

However, as to property taxes, since the last definitive records (1983) seem to show that the county owns the land, and the Mayor says it also owns the building, it goes without saying that no property taxes would be paid on it. Property taxes are not paid on any municipal or county property. Inhabited or vacant, government property pays no taxes. In addition, as with any grant funded project, the community was and is required to furnish matching funds and/or some sort of quid pro quo. The annual \$3,000 donated by the county to the MSCS goes into the required special cash-match fund. Insurance on the building and its contents also contributes to required matching funds. When an addition to the building was needed, the citizenry of Motley County had to raise the money for it, and diligently did so, donating a lot of time, effort, and money. Neither city nor county donated a penny to the addition, I'm told.

The Motley County Senior Citizens (MCSC) is hardly "in direct competition" to any restaurant in the county. The vast majority of its patrons would not go out to eat in some local cafe for lunch if the Senior Citizens did not exist. Most of the occasional non-seniors would go home to eat or brown-bag. Most of the seniors would eat at home. One of the attractions of the Senior Citizens for lunch is the element of sociability, knowing that there will be friends there with whom to visit. A cafe cannot provide that incentive. Bankrupting the MCSC will not add to any private business's clientele, but it certainly will create an antipathy toward those who short-sightedly engineered it, which will not serve their business interests nor the community well. Few businesses are sufficiently indispensable to force patronage by shutting down all competition. Restaurants are not among them.

Most, if not all, of the patrons of the MCSC pay property taxes and sales taxes for their local purchases, which, in the aggregate, exceeds the taxes paid by any single individual or business. My tax dollars (and everyone else's, I'd bet) are being used by the county and the city to fund projects from which I (we) derive no benefit and/or are opposed to. That is the nature of government taxation and

II. "... if the Senior Citizens raised their prices approximately .30 cents per plate. . . I even suggested a .60 cent raise per plate, and then they could also contribute to our County. . . some could be paying a lot more than the minimum price. . ."

Less than a year ago, after the city began charging the Center a water bill, (because, as I understand, the Mayor and Counsel found a long-buried law that made donating water illegal,) the MCSC raised its suggested donation from \$3.00 to \$4.00, a 33% hike, just to stay solvent. The MCSC is a 501c tax exempt organization; therefore the veiled suggestion that the MCSC should be taxed is ab-

III. "To my knowledge the County owns the building, collects 0.00 dollars in property taxes, furnishes insurance on the building and contents, and pays the Center 3000.00 per year."

The MCSC building was constructed with grant money to build a community senior citizens' center. SPAG was a grantor, and SPAG rules have to be followed. The deed seems not to be clearly recorded, and records seem incomplete, but I'm told that at some point the land was donated by

IV. "I'm NOT trying to close our Senior Citizens building as some would like to suggest. . . The Senior Citizens should be thriving and would be doing so without County assistance if the right people who support the center would step up and do the right thing"

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MC cross-country meet at Spur

The Motley County Cross-country teams participated in a meet at Spur on Saturday morning, Oct. 4th. The runners did very well. This year Spur hosted a 3/4 mile "fun run" that the 6th grade girls were able to participate in. Those running were Mattie Brooks, Lexy Gulledge, Natalie Jameson, Maci Marshall, Hannah Mason, Thalia Quilimaco, and Kaylee Woolsey. Although they didn't give places in this race, Macie Marshall was the 2nd girl finished. The others competed very well and did a great job.

In the 2 mile races, those competing for the Jr. High girl's team were Katie Barton, Shayla Clay, Shelby Elliott, Virginia Gutierrez, Meagan Ford, Lorian McNair, Gabby Silva, Cassidy Turner, and

Catherine Ward. Catherine finished the race in 5th place. The Jr. High boy's team had three finishers in the top 15. They were Dillon McCleskey, 4th place, Conner Mason, 7th place, and Caleb Clary, 10th place. Also running for the JH boys was Tallon Pollard.

Running for the High School girls were: Danielle Gwinn, Alexis Osborn, Sabra Pope, Alyx Smith and Jaci Zingerman. Lexi finished in 4th place. Weston Griswold ran in the High School boys JV division. In the 3 mile race he finished 2nd.

Then next cross-country meet will be Oct. 17th at Guthrie and the District meet will be held Monday, Oct. 26th at Copper Breaks State Park in Crowell.

Motley Co mauls McClean 69-48

Motley County Matador took on McClean Friday night. Coach Bigham said, "The boys did a good job on winning the last game before district. We had a good turnout from the fans, and we are going to start district healthy."

Rushing: Jonathan Osborn 28 carries- 2 TD's - 219 YDS. Augustine Chavez - 25 carries - 5 TD's- 220 YDS. Austin Taylor- 1 carry- 7 YDS
 Passing: Austin Taylor 2-3 1 TD 11 YDS

Receiving: Andrew Martin 1 catch 1 TD 11 YDS. Augustine Chavez 1 catch . Jonathan Osborn - Kick off Return 42 YDS TD. Augustine Chavez- 2- Fumble Recoveries. Juan Flores- 7-9

Extra Points, Tackles:
 Andrew Martin 3
 Colby McCleskey 6
 Augustine Chavez 16
 Jonathan Osborn 6
 Austin Taylor 10
 Juan Flores 9
 Britt Simpson 2



Jonathane Osborn runs for a touch down against McClean on Friday night. photo by Shonda Elliott

Matador Assembly Church Hosts East Plains Sectional

Pastor O.K. Neal and local church members hosted the nine nearby churches of the East Plains Section in the West Texas District of the Assembly of God Church on Tuesday, September 22, 2009. The Purpose of the meeting was to coordinate mission projects, encourage one another, and worship. Pastor Neal Brought the message, Presbyter Neil Unwin of Childress conducted a healing service, and

Martha Wallingsford of Matador coordinated refreshments for the 18 participants.

On Friday, October 2, this group met in Crosbyton to supply some twenty-five missionaries. Matador will deliver a special offering for Pleasant Hills Children's Home in Fairfield, Texas. Call Mission Coordinator Jean Cooper at 806-347-2411 to learn how you can help.

Thank You

My family would like to thank those who were there for us during our time of need with: prayers, phone calls, cards, flowers, memorable donations and food. The funeral service for my 98 year old step mother Leda Young, was held September 25 in Gravette, Arkansas. We brought her 500 miles to the Guthrie cemetery to be buried beside my dad, Mann Young. The graveside service was on Sunday, the 27th, a typical 95 degree, windy West Texas day. There is no longer a café, gas station, or public rest room in Guthrie. It was truly a blessing those who came to be with us at the service then had a lovely lunch prepared for us at a site they had secured. It was such a special gift to us and my extended family. Thank You. Thanks also to Nathan for his help. God Bless you all. Chelsea Read and family.

*We shall gather
 by the river
 that flows by
 Newlin and Bundy
 Matador Assembly of God*

Letters To The Editor continued from page 2

Whether "trying to close" the MSCS is the intent or not, the proposal being made to defund the Center would effectively do just that--close it. The MCSC skates on the edge of insolvency most of the time. To remove \$3,000 from its required local matching funds would push it over the edge. The Center stays solvent by the hard work and continued fund raising activities of many in the community. It would be virtually impossible to raise an extra \$3,000 a year, especially in this time of economic downturn, which has hurt us all. Just what is this "right thing" that "the right people" are not doing? Digging into their own pockets to cough up \$3,000 on top of the taxes they pay and the already extensive fund raising they do? Everyone I know has gone to the mat to keep the MSCS solvent and functioning, because it is a great boon and benefit to the community and the county and an attraction to those who are thinking of moving here.

V. "... a few people that have moved back to Matador and want to make our town like the town they moved from. ... Instead of working to build our County and City they want to spend our County money."

Oh? "They want to spend our county money" on projects they have, through expe-

rience in other areas, found beneficial and think would help "build our county and city," but with which some "locals" disagree. As citizens of this county, these "few people" pay taxes and by moving here have invested in the community and want to see it prosper and grow. Is the idea that just because "we" have never done it that way before, (and "we" have never been outside the county to observe any other system), what "they" suggest has to be wrong? Obviously, many big city ideas are not suitable for a small town, and some spending projects are neither viable nor desirable, but that does not mean none of them are. Sneers against recent and new citizens of the county who enhance our population and business growth potential just because they have ideas with which some "locals" do not agree is not helpful.

I remember that when I returned home in 1995, having come from a state where the biggest tax receipts for state, county, and city came from snowbird retirement communities, a great financial boon, I suggested to some folks that Matador was a perfect place for a retirement community, which would help grow our population, our tax base, and bring in businesses to serve that added population. I was greeted with horror. You might have thought I'd suggested bringing in a

warehouse. "We ain't gonna have none of them furiners in here" and "we want to keep our old cowtown feel" were the responses. Fortunately, over the years, we've had some forward thinking "moved back" and "moved in" people who have had the same retirement community idea and have pursued it. They understand that a town either grows or dies, and they prefer a growing, vibrant town rather than a dying, soon-to-be ghost town. With some of their good ideas implemented, Matador gained population in the last census. Unfortunately, some of those who "moved back" shrugged their shoulders at the intransigence and insults of the "locals" and moved out again--not very helpful to the development of a vibrant community.

The short-sighted who want to prevent or stamp out competition eventually, by so doing, destroy their own businesses as the town deteriorates into a ghost town for lack of social services and activities to attract population growth or to provide jobs so our young people can stay.

V. "I work full time at the cafe, donate my time to the City as Mayor, work for EMS as a paramedic, and have made donations to the school. ... pay my school taxes. ..."

The citizens of this area, including me, are grateful for

Mr. Smith's paramedic work with EMS and for donations made to the school, and any other services given for the welfare of the county and community. Mr. Smith was elected mayor after choosing to run for the position. If the job has no salary, that was manifest before he ran; if there is a salary and he chose to donate it back to the city, that is laudable. However, many in the community volunteer, makes donations, and pays taxes, including school taxes. Elected officials who "believe THEY know what's best for our County" just because they "have lived in our community for most or all of their lives" may or may not be right. Length of residence in an area guarantees neither knowledge nor wisdom. Other citizens, whether "local" or "move in", have opinions which should be taken into consideration. What is sadly manifest is that since the current incumbents have taken office, some of them have made continual attacks against the solvency and functioning of the Motley County Senior Citizens, not because it is not of great benefit to the county and to the citizenry thereof, but because they feel, erroneously, as I have pointed out, that it is not in their personal best interest.

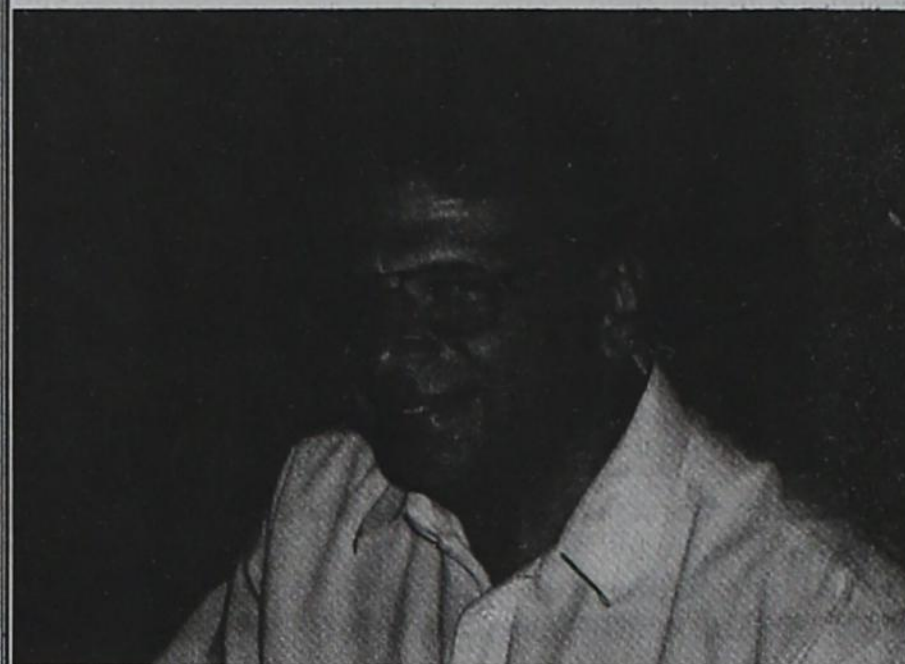
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Harvest Festival 2009

First United Methodist Church in Matador

Sunday, October 11, 2009

10:30 a.m. - Special Worship Service
 12:00 noon - Turkey and Dressing Dinner



Dr. Will Cotton
 Preaching

Senior Pastor at St. Luke's UMC, Lubbock, Tx.

Everyone is welcome to attend this celebration.

Members may bring a side dish or dessert for the dinner.

The choir of First United Methodist Church, Lubbock, will lead us in singing.

The Roaring Spring Ex Students will hold a meeting Thursday, October 15, 2009 at Petticoat Junction at 7:00 P.M. to elect officers and set a date for the 2010 reunion.

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CONFUSION OR CERTAINTY



In the world around us today one can easily see the confusion. Confusion as to what is right and what is acceptable behavior before our God. Long ago the prophet Isaiah warn the people, "Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; who put darkness for light, and light for darkness: Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!"

(Isaiah 5:20). Those were some confused folks. That verse of the prophet comes to mind with some of the happenings of today. Yet, there has always been a wide gulf between what God expects of those who are His and those whom the world counts as acceptable. The earliest biblical example of this is found in Genesis chapter 4 with Cain and Able. Abel had respect for God's word while Cain proved himself as a man of this world. Tragic is the outcome of that story.

We need to remember that Christians are to influence the culture and not the other way around. Sometimes it is easy to become distracted and confused. If this state of mind is allowed to continue, alienation from God is the sure are certain result. God's Word will clear up any confusion of right and wrong. We can live lives acceptable to our Lord. The apostle Paul tells us that in hearing God's word it is... teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age." There is nothing confusing about that statement.

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

NEWS AROUND MOTLEY COUNTY

Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

Last night a skunk was on my front porch. Before opening the door to let Wixie out before going to bed I turned on the light and there was this medium sized skunk right against the door. I wonder if it had been peering in. It nonchalantly ambled on around the deck in a few minutes. Wixie wasn't aware a skunk was that close and didn't bark. I waited until it was well away before opening the door for fear she would give chase. Wixie did have to smell around a good bit and had to be urged to go on and get her business done. I have a fear of a skunk coming inside when they are that fearless. Several times I have gone outside at night to get something and I always go quietly and peer around the corner; several times I have seen a skunk finishing up Prissy's leftovers. Last week there was a raccoon eating from her dish. Corky leaves the shotgun handy but they are too wily for me. He killed a skunk about a month ago and also blew the leaves off one of my caladiums.

If I leave the door closed but not clicked shut; if Toot is around she seems to always be aware that it isn't completely shut and will open the door and come in. She must listen for the click. Stinky Le Phew could do the same. "Shudder, Shudder!"

Last Tuesday, Josh Elliott flew back to his home in Chicago after visiting with his mom and stepdad, Dinah and Ken Young. Josh and his wife Victoria visited over the weekend and Victoria flew home because of her work schedule. Josh was to visit a few more days but Victoria had a fall and was hospitalized and needed him to come home earlier.

Other visitors in the Young's orchard that week were the monarch butterflies. They stopped over as they migrated and rested several days in the pecan trees. This is the second year in a row they have made the orchard their butterfly hotel.

J. T. Swim returned home

from his stay in the Heart Hospital early last week.

There will be a second Town Hall Meeting at the Roaring Springs Community Center Monday, October 19th at 7:00 p.m. All Motley County and surrounding counties are welcome to come.

Lion Fredda Buckner the District Governor of district 2T2 spoke at the Lions Club meeting on Thursday. While speaking of the work the Lions do in their communities, state, national as well as international she quoted her mom's saying, "He that 'tooteth' not his own horn sometimes does not get tooted at all!" The gist of her speech was to be involved and recruit others to be Lions so that the good work of the Lions doesn't die out. They are heavily involved in eye banks; glasses and hearing aids for those who cannot afford them, working with the blind; the Texas Crippled Children's Camp at Kerrville; helping to build Hope Lodge, a place for cancer patients and their families to stay in while getting treatment. Lubbock's Hope Lodge will be the first one located in Texas as Lubbock has two well known cancer treatment centers.

Marisue Potts, the Motley County Historical Chairperson has been instrumental in getting the City of Roaring Springs in touch with Quana Childs of the Texas Historical Commission to see if there is an alternate and less costly way to restore the roof on the Roaring Springs Depot. She mentioned a metal roof might be acceptable which was good news! Replacing the tile was cost prohibitive for our small town.

Dudley and Mary Allen of Madison, Missouri visited with Dudley's mom, Pearl Patton this past week.

Laverne Zabielski and Larry Vogt visited with her mother Grace Zabielski. Laverne taught a bookmaking class and writing workshop and the Hotel Matador and Mott Creek Line Camp.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

The birthday of Mrs. Marihelen Wason of Matador was celebrated last Saturday with a luncheon at the Windmill Café in Roaring Springs by daughter, Mrs. Charla Maricle of Snyder, daughter and husband, Brenda and Darrell Cruse of Flomot. They were joined Saturday afternoon for birthday cake and all the trimmings in the home of Mrs. Wason by son and family, Mark and Kathleen Wason, Dalton and Valeena of Lubbock.

Visiting last weekend with Sandra and Jerry Barclay were grandchildren, Tylee, Trent and Trevor Barclay of Matador. Visiting this weekend with them was son, Lance Barclay of Lubbock.

Family members omitted from attending the bridal shower for Mary Morse of Lubbock and Fiance, Cary Franks of Idalou were Mary's mother and sister, Mrs. Lynda Morse and Laura Morse of Gladwater, Mrs. Cara Cowart of Big Spring and Mrs. Dena Washington of Roaring Springs. The shower was held in the home of Mrs. Janie Campbell in Matador.

Butch Hughes has had to resume medical treatment in Lubbock once a week. His wife, Janice has been with him.

Visiting the weekend with Connie and Coy Franks were children, Cary Franks, Cory and Amy Franks, Hudson, Madison and Heston of Idalou. They also visited Mrs. Erma Washington.

Joe Ike and Anna Beth Clay

attended last Friday night the basketball game in Tulia in which grandson, Tanner Clay of Panhandle played. Mr. and Mrs. Clay helped with the Kairos Prison Ministry held in Childress last weekend.

Mrs. Janice Hughes attended the graveside services of Mrs. Charlene Randall held Sunday afternoon at the Dreamland Cemetery in Turkey.

Tim Kendall, Cub Scout Master of troop 274 attended a Scout Leader Training held Saturday at Buffalo Springs in Lubbock. His sons, Jere and Jacob also attended.

Tina and Richard Rogers of Lubbock visited the weekend with his grandmother, Mrs. B. Rogers and uncle, Donnie Rogers. Donnie accompanied B. to Lockney Clinic Monday morning.

Linda and Travis Kendall visited the weekend in Midland with son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Cory Kendall, Chancey and Connor.

Weekend visitors of Jack and Nada Starkey were daughter and son, Mrs. Jackie Lynn Davis and Michael of Fritch.

L.E. Shorter, Kathy and Clois Shorter and houseguests, Mrs. Cindy Calvert and son, Cade of Istanbul, Turkey visited during the weekend in Kiowa Lake with daughter and family, Christi and Dwain Milam, Haley and Emily. They celebrated the 10th birthday of Emily with a fun filled skating party Saturday afternoon.

Matador News

Tom and Deanie Edwards were in Lubbock on Monday to celebrate Marge Edwards 96th birthday at Ventura Retirement Place. Deanie was also there for A Dr's appointment.

Deanie Edwards returned to Lubbock on Wednesday to stay with Marge Edwards and get things in order for Marge's move to Hackberry Creek Care Center in Matador on Friday. Marge will spend Friday night with Tom and Deanie and then take up residency at the Care Center on Saturday. Her Mailing Address will be PO Box 120, Matador, Texas.

Sunday, Marisue and Ralph Powell and Chelsea and Tru-

itt Read served members of their Sunday School classes a hot dog lunch. Then they took them to Post to the Ragtime Gospel Theater's production of "The Baptist." Pastor Bill Manny and other church members helped provide transportation, 20 members and guests made the outing. Vic Read, another church member was part of the cast as a member of the Sanhedrin.

Betty and Wayland Moore recently visited with her brother and sister-in-law, James and Audrey Hawks in Churchville, Maryland. They also attended Betty's 57 High School Reunion in Havre de Grace, Maryland.

Northfield hosted 47th annual homecoming

Northfield community hosted the 47th annual homecoming at the Senior Citizen in Matador. We had a good crowd with 50 attending. It was the first time that 15 of these had attended one of our Homecomings. It was really nice to be able to welcome the new attendees. They were Glenda Lynn Martin and Mari-on Martin from Dumas; Dwight Cook and Tommie Brown from Amarillo; Qwinn and Sharon Courtney, Kaylea and Kyle all from Dalhart, Shann Courtney Smith from Big Springs. Joe and Donna Settlemiers from Blanchard, Ok. and Turkey, Tx.; Bonnie Sloss from Estelline; Janette Cox Wayner from Hedley; Anna Price from Quitque; John Patterson from San Angelo.

Others attending were Suzie Rhinehart and Cortez Dobbins from Clarendon; Marie Timmons Cruse and J.M. Dickson from Turkey; Travis Hoover, Rowena Fulgham Nunn, Tommie Fulgham, Billie Thomas Clifton, Montie Timmons Dawson and Donnie Dawson from Amarillo; Sue D. Bird from Big Spring; John and Jodi Thomas from Estelline; Dynell Timmons Meadow from Holiday; Laquita Hoover Cox and Rheta Hoover Hutchings from Hedley; Bill and Alice Thompson Everett, Ray Don and Heide Dawson all from Lubbock.

Those attending from Childress were Eddie Cook, Margie Timmons Cook and N.L. Cook, Clem Timmons, Eddie J. Leary, R.E. "Bub" Hoover and Mary Jones Hoover.

Those attending from Matador were Calvin Nimmo and Virginia Moore Nimmo, Vaden Hays, and Steve Stevens.

The ones attending from Northfield were R.C. and Jackie Elliott and Billy Paul and Betty Simpson.

Our memorial list included Loys Cox Campbell, Nellie Mae Hoover Martin, and Leslie Wright.

We had several good donations made to our Cemetery Fund. We appreciate all the wonderful donations. Some of it will be put into our CEMETERY TRUST FUND. Our plans are to eventually have enough to pretty much make our Cemetery self supported.

Joe Settermiers and his wife Donna along with 2 other exes are going to put on a benefit concert in November 2010. What they make will be donated to Northfield Cemetery.

Let me feel you in on Joe Settlemiers, his family lived at Northfield in the late 40's and early 50's. He is the youngest member left that played in Bob Wills Band. He comes back to Turkey every year to play with the existing band members. He is teaching music at a college in Oklahoma City. He is really into helping our area that needs a fund raiser. He is bringing his college band to Turkey on November 7th. This is a fund raiser for TURKEY'S VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT. They are trying to raise enough money to finish their new building. He inform us today that his program that he was bringing to Turkey was as good as any program that we would see in Branson. Go out and support this program for our joining county. And we hope to see you next year when he does a fund raiser for Northfield.



Matador High School Class of 1959 Fifty Year Reunion. Back Row L-R: Lewis Fair, Bobby Williams, James Stanley, Pat Seigler, Ray Davis Baxter, Larry Hoyle, Ronald Bailey, James Bearden, Kent Gray, Tommy Scaff; Front Row L-R: Sherill Rigsby, Karen Webb Bumpas, Betty Davis Simpson, Gerald Pipkin, Karmen Jenkins McCulloch, Peggy Welling James, Rosemary Shanks Webb, Harry Campbell, Pauline Ward McCormick. Also attending but not pictured: Bobby Cross, Dahl Clower, and Harry Hamilton.

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<p>October 6th Breakfast- Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk Lunch- Rib B-Q, Gratin Potatoes, Black Eyed Peas, Corn Bread, Cantalope, Milk</p>	<p>October 7th Breakfast-Waffle, Sausage or Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk Lunch- Chicken Nuggets, Creamed Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans, Hot Roll, Orange, Milk.</p>	<p>October 8th Breakfast- Cereal, Blueberry Muffin or Toast, Juice or Milk. Lunch- Pepperoni Pizza, Salad, Pineapple Chunks, Milk</p>	<p>October 9th Breakfast- Biscuit, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon or Cereal, Toast, Juice or Milk Lunch- Soft Taco, Corn, Tortilla Chips, Juice, Bar, Milk</p>
<p>October 12th Breakfast- Cereal, Toast, Sliced Peas, Milk Lunch- Fish Sticks, Mac/Cheese, Hush Puppy, Salad, Orange, Milk</p>			

This Week's Local Forecast

Thursday T-storms 74/54	Friday Mostly Cloudy 67/46	Saturday Mostly Sunny 66/42	Sunday Mostly Sunny 64/41	Monday Mostly Sunny 66/45	Tuesday Mostly Sunny 72/50	Wednesday Partly Cloudy 70/48

<p>Weather Trivia</p> <p>What is <i>ombrophobia</i>?</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: 2em;">?</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">ANSWER: Ombrophobia is the fear of rain.</p>	<p>Weather History</p> <p>Oct. 8, 1982 - An unusually early snowstorm hit the northern Black Hills of Wyoming and South Dakota. The storm produced up to 54 inches of snow and winds as high as 70 mph. Rapid City, 20 miles away, received just a trace of snow.</p>	<p>Moon Phases</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%; text-align: center;"> <tr> <td>Last</td> <td>New</td> <td>First</td> <td>Full</td> </tr> <tr> <td>10/11</td> <td>10/18</td> <td>10/25</td> <td>11/2</td> </tr> </table>  <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">© 2009. Accessweather.com, Inc.</p>	Last	New	First	Full	10/11	10/18	10/25	11/2
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Notes from the Library

By Buffy Crutchley

I consider myself to be an artist, even though I'm about as creative as a tied shoelace. So when I heard about the "Picturing America" grant, I knew it was something I wanted to apply for. And when I found out we were awarded this wonderful opportunity, I couldn't have been happier. The Picturing America grant is a free initiative from the National Endowment for the Humanities that helps teach American history and culture by bringing some of the country's great art directly to classrooms and libraries.

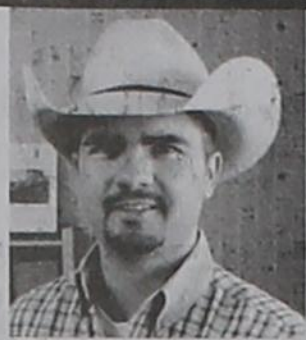
As a result of this grant, the Motley County Library was awarded a set of large, high quality reproductions of great American art from a variety of artists and time periods. These great works are currently on display in the library annex. You

are invited to take a minute and come browse the beautiful pieces. I'm curious to know which one is your favorite.

This grant is sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities. The NEH is an independent grant making agency of the United States government dedicated to the study of the humanities—history, literature, philosophy, and the arts. The study of the humanities helps us explore what it means to be human, and enables us to understand the world and our place in it.

New books this week: "The Time Traveler's Wife" by Audrey Niffenegger, The autobiography "True Compass" by Edward Kennedy, "Alex Cross's Trial" by James Patterson, and "The Last Song" by Nicholas Sparks.

County Agent's News



by Ryan Martin, Agri LIFE Extension Agent

Texas crop, weather Rain helped, but it's not all hunky-dory yet

By: Robert Burns
903-834-6191

COLLEGE STATION – Rain alleviated drought conditions throughout much of the state. However, many regions need considerably more rain to fully recover, according to Texas AgriLife Extension Service personnel.

Depending on location, the Coastal Bend area has only had 6 to 9 inches of rain for the year, said Dr. Dan Fromme, AgriLife Extension agronomist based in Corpus Christi.

The average rainfall is about 29 inches in the Corpus Christi area, according to Fromme. As most of the region is in dryland crops, the drought has hit local agriculture particularly hard. Fromme said he has been getting calls from local media expecting him to say things are just rosy now, but it isn't so.

"We've got a long way to go before things begin to look hunky-dory down here as far as soil moisture is concerned," Fromme said.

Still, things have improved considerably. Farmers don't plant corn until February; cotton, not until March, he said. More moisture will be needed between now and then to ensure good conditions at planting, and the long-range forecasts are favorable for a wet fall.

"It would be nice to have another 5 or 6 inches," he said.

Much of East and North Texas have different problems; frequent showers and wet fields are keeping them from taking another cutting of hay. In the Panhandle, growers are hoping for warmer days to help cotton and sorghum mature. AgriLife Extension agents from most regions reported that the condition of livestock improved thanks to the green up of pastures and rangelands. And stock water tanks have either been partially filled or completely filled in many regions as well.

If anything is hunky-dory this year, it might be peanuts, reported Jeff Wyatt, AgriLife Extension agent for Dawson County, south of Lubbock.

"They started digging this week, and everything looked pretty good, though of course we don't have any numbers back yet," Wyatt said.

Peanuts are first dug and the nuts are turned upside down to dry. Once dried, specially equipped combines will be used to complete the harvest. Dawson County has about 2,500 acres of peanuts, all irrigated, this year, he said.

Feral hogs have been a problem this season, Wyatt said.

"They're about to take us over," Wyatt said. "They stick their nose in at one end of the row and just go to the other. It's just amazing."

Wyatt said a herd of feral hogs (called a "sunder") can destroy as many 50 acres of peanuts in a night. Figuring income loss of about \$400 per acre, a farmer can easily see losses of \$20,000 or more in a single evening, he said.

"They're getting to be a real problem," he said.

Information Center at <http://agriflife.tamu.edu/drought/>.

The following summaries were compiled by AgriLife Extension district reporters:

PANHANDLE: Soil moisture was short. Cool days left cotton and sorghum needing more heat units to mature. All corn needed for harvest were a few dry, breezy days. All other crops were in good condition. Sunflowers were 5 percent harvested. Farmers continued planting winter wheat, with 35 to 85 percent planted and, in irrigated fields, 20 to 80 percent already emerged. Dryland wheat needed moisture to fully emerge. Silage producers reported good yields. Cattle were in fair to good condition.

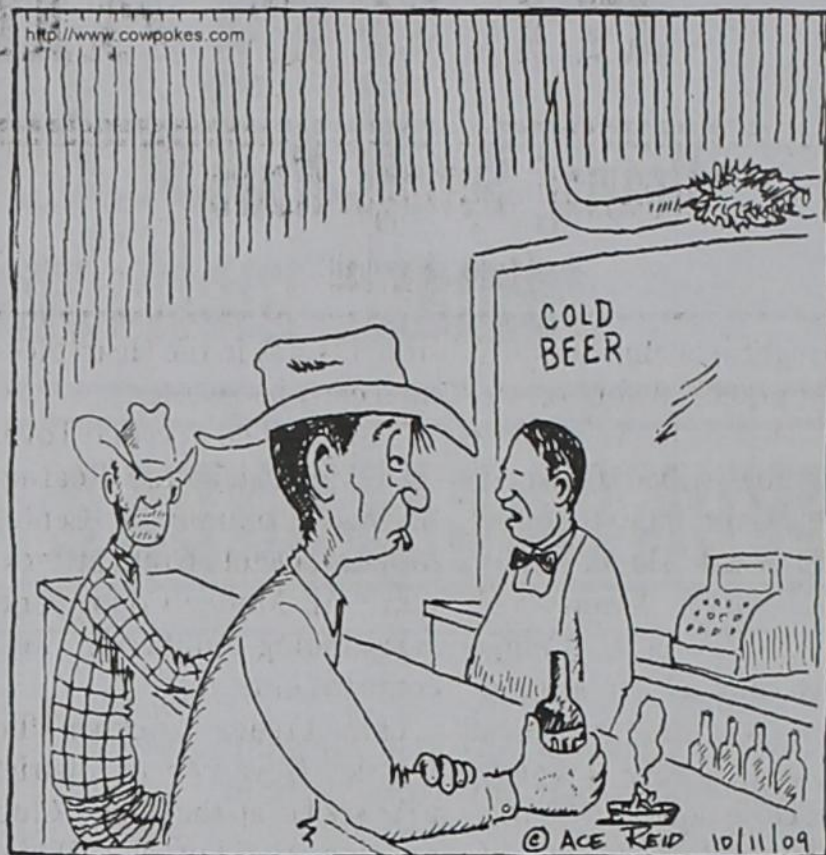
ROLLING PLAINS: The district had warmer evenings and cooler nights with some scattered drizzle and showers. Farmers were busy plowing and planting wheat. Volunteer wheat was thick in most fields due to moisture and producers having not harvested wheat for grain last year. Peanut producers were expecting a good crop. The harvest should begin in a couple of weeks. Dryland cotton producers were not counting on a good crop due to the dry summer. Irrigated cotton producers hoped for an average crop. The moisture greened up pastures and rangeland with winter weeds and ryegrass. Livestock were in good condition with some ranchers weaning calves. Most stock tanks were in decent shape but could use more runoff water.

2ND Annual Motley 4-H Benefit Concert

The Motley 4-H Club and Adult Leaders Association will be hosting a 2ND Annual Motley 4-H Benefit Concert featuring Trent Willmon. The concert will take place November 14, 2009 at the Old Settlers Grounds in Roaring Springs beginning at 7:30p.m. Woolley and the Sandbills will be the opening band that night followed by Trent Willmon. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the gate. Only 500 tickets have been printed. A full concession stand will be available this year with all proceeds going to benefit the Motley County Jr. Livestock Show. For more information contact the Motley County Extension Office at (806) 347-2733.

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By Ace Reid



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Obituary

Billy Jim 'Bill' McKelvey

Graveside Services for Billy Jim 'Bill' McKelvey, 79, of Matador were held October 6 at the East Mound Cemetery in Matador. Officiating was by Randy Hamilton of VistaCare Hospice. Mr. McKelvey passed away in Lubbock Saturday, October 3. Arrangements were under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home of Matador.

Bill had worked for the Matador Ranch for a few years as a young man and later as a

mechanic. He married Leola Allen October 2, 1954 in McAdoo, Texas. He was a resident of Motley County for 76 years. Bill was preceded in death by an infant child Stevie McKelvey and by his wife Leola on Dec. 23, 2006.

He is survived by two sons, Billy D. 'Butch' McKelvey and wife Teresa of Lubbock, Texas; Bobby McKelvey and wife Debra of Lubbock, Texas and 6 grandchildren.

Notice of Pending Memorial Services

Services are pending for Olive Aileen Russell Mantooth of Cape Girardeau, Missouri. Olive died October 4 in Cape Girardeau after a lengthy illness. Funeral Services will be held under the direction of Ford and Son's Funeral Home and will be held in Cape Girardeau. Interment will be under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home of Matador. A full obituary will appear in next weeks edition. Time of service in Matador is pending but will be posted on the door of the Hotel Matador when arrangements are completed.

Melba Ann Spray Rosser, 60, died suddenly in her home in The Colony, TX on Thursday, October 1, 2009. Funeral Services will be held on Wednesday, October 7, 2009 at 11:00 am at Dalton & Son Funeral Home in Lewisville, TX. Graveside Services to be held Thursday, October 8, 2009 at 2:00 pm in Whiteflat, TX, her final resting place. A full obituary will appear in next weeks edition.

Love never fails
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A celebration of Dan Barton's 91st birthday was held Saturday, September 19, at Hackberry Creek Care Center. Approximately 50 friends, family members, residents and staff came to help celebrate in the beautiful and spacious Grand living room in the care center. The table was decorated with a dozen yellow roses along with fall decor, Hawaiian lemonade punch, Coconut cake with blueberries, strawberries and bananas, carrot cake, pound cake and nuts. A DVD player and video was presented to Dan from her children and grandchildren of early day family events. It was a wonderful day and Dan says she appreciated all who attended. She loves being with friends and family. She also likes her room and the care she receives at Hackberry Creek Care Center.

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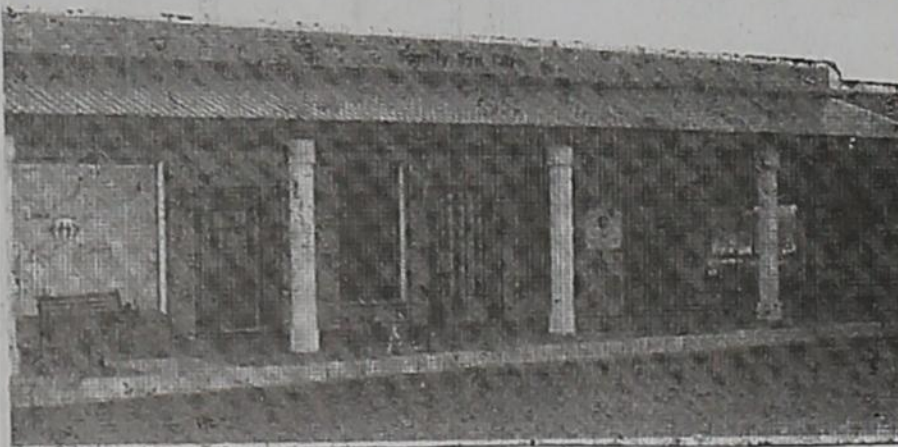
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EVENTS CALENDAR

October

- 7 Kids Praise
- 8 Jr. H Mavericks, Silverton at Matador, 5:00 P.M.
- 9 MCISD Football at Silverton, 7:30pm
- 10 - One Day 4-H
- 10 - Motley 4-H Club Awards Banquet
- 10 Copper Breaks State Park, Sun Fun, 5pm Starwalk, 9pm
- 15 Jr. H Mavericks, Cotton Center at Matador, 5 P.M.
- 16 MCISD Football at Cotton Center at Matador, 7:30pm
- 17 Cross Country, Abernathy
- 17 Annual Quilt Show 10:00a.m- 2:00 p.m. at the County Heritage Museum in Paducah
- 17 Barton Reunion, 914 Walton Rd., Matador, Texas, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Pot Luck Lunch
- 24 - King County Fair
- 26 Cross Country, District Meet @Crowell
- 28 - Food Challenge - Jacksboro
- 29 Jr. H Mavericks, Amherst at Matador, 5:00 P.M.
- 30 MCISD Football at Amherst, 7:30pm

November

- 4 Kids Praise
- 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
- 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
- 20 Regional
- 27 Quarter-Finals

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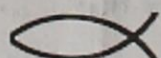
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