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Four applicants file for two City Council seats in Roaring Springs

The Roaring Springs City Council met in regular session, April 12, 2010, in city hall. Attending were Mayor Corky Marshall, council members Alex Crowder, P.K. Green, James McCleskey, Kelly Keltz, Water Manager Robert Osborn, and City Secretary, Zella Palmer.

Mayor Marshall called the meeting to order; Alex Crowder gave the invocation.

The March 8, 2010, regular city council meeting minutes were approved, and bills were approved to be paid as presented.

The Council voted unanimously to appoint Nancy Long to serve as election judge for the May 8, 2010, city election at the Community Center to elect a mayor and two council members.

Corky Marshall filed an

application for the mayor's seat; James McCleskey, incumbent, C.E. Foster, Perry Gullede, and James Sanders, filed applications for a place on the council.

Bids were opened for the 1996 White Ford pickup. Berry Bush bid \$850.00; and Perry Gullede bid \$1050.00. Council voted to award the bid to Perry Gullede.

West Texas Democrats meet at Hotel Matador

The Coalition of West Texas Democrats met at Hotel Matador on Saturday, April 17, for training on how to form a political action committee. The meeting was hosted by Motley County Democratic Chairman C.W. Moore, who said the Coalition likes to meet in Matador "because it is not only centrally located but they enjoy the hospitality and charm of Motley County." Coalition members travelled from Wichita Falls, Amarillo, Lubbock, and Austin.

In addition to C.W. and his wife Precinct Chair Pat Moore,

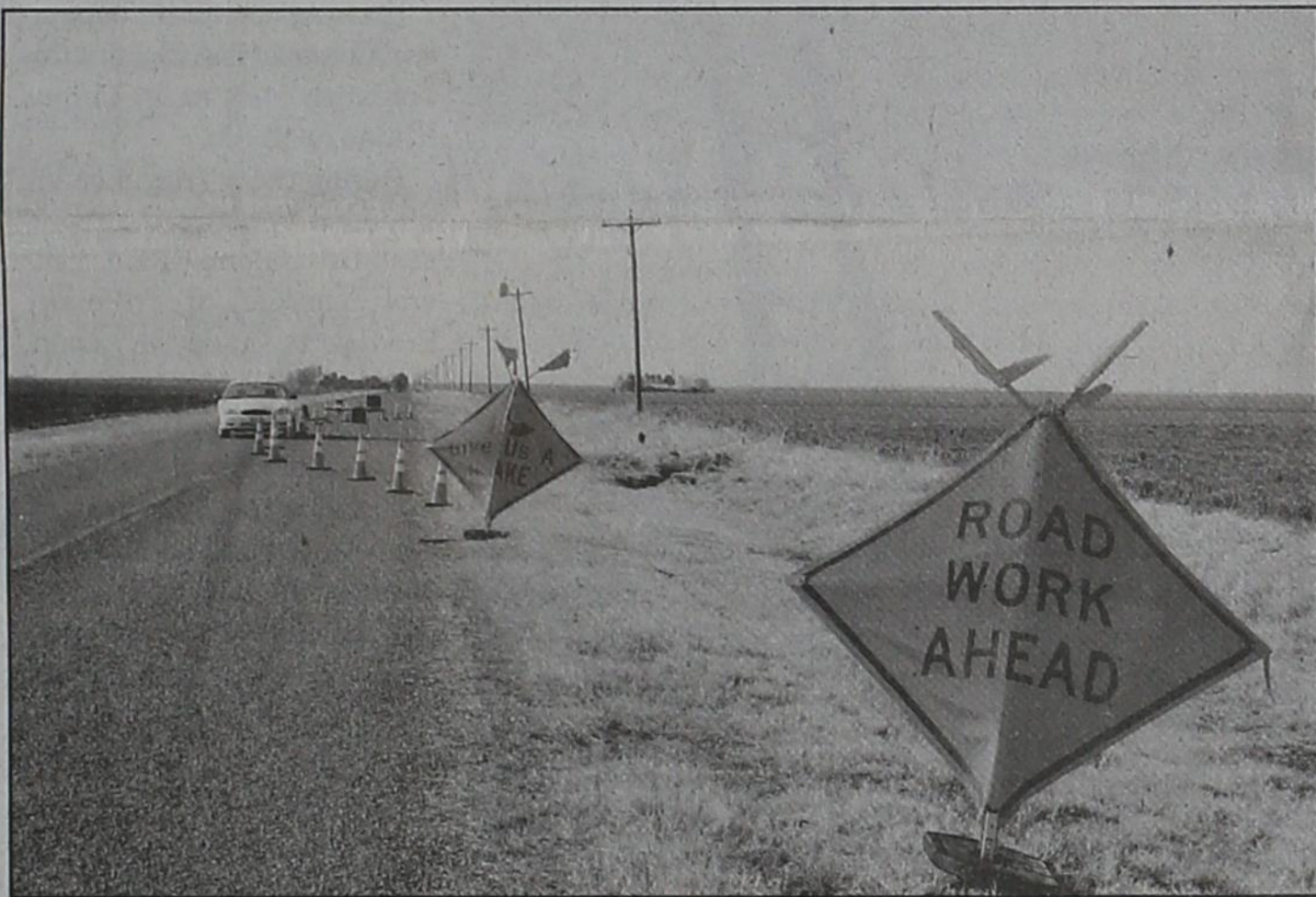
also attending were: Bruce Bender, Lubbock County Democratic Party Vice Chair of Lubbock; Robert Ricketts, Treasurer, West Texas Coalition of Democrats (WTCD) of Lubbock; Mary Hatfield, Secretary, WTCD, Lubbock; Vice President of the WTCD, Jim Perkins, and his wife, Sylvia Perkins, Amarillo; T.G. Caraway, West Texas Field Director for Bill White for Governor; and Jane Hedgepeth, political consultant, Austin.

The meeting involved training by Jane Hedgepeth, a political consultant from Austin,

Texas, on how to establish and maintain a Federal Political Action Committee (Fed-PAC).

After the training, the Coalition members enjoyed a tour of the historic jail, courtesy of Carol Campbell, Chair of the Friends of the Historic Motley County Jail, who regaled the group with stories of the early lawmen. Following a social hour in the home of C.W. and Pat Moore, many of the group went to supper at the Windmill Café in Roaring Springs, and several stayed the night at Hotel Matador.

TxDOT Observes National Work Zone Awareness Week



AUSTIN – For many motorists, the first word that comes to mind when encountering a highway construction work zone is delay. The word that should come to mind is caution.

Each April, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) joins with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), national transportation associations and numerous other state DOTs for National Work Zone Awareness Week (NWZAW) to remember victims and to raise awareness of safety precautions for workers and motorists in work zones. This year, NWZAW will be observed April 19-23.

Work zones can be hazardous for motorists as well as highway crews working to

improve Texas' highways. TxDOT maintains approximately 80,000 miles of highway with more than 1,000 construction or maintenance projects underway at any given time. With so much construction, it is all too common for motorists to encounter work zones.

In 2008, 175 people were killed in highway construction and maintenance zones in Texas.

More than four out of every five work zone fatalities are motorists traveling through the work zone.

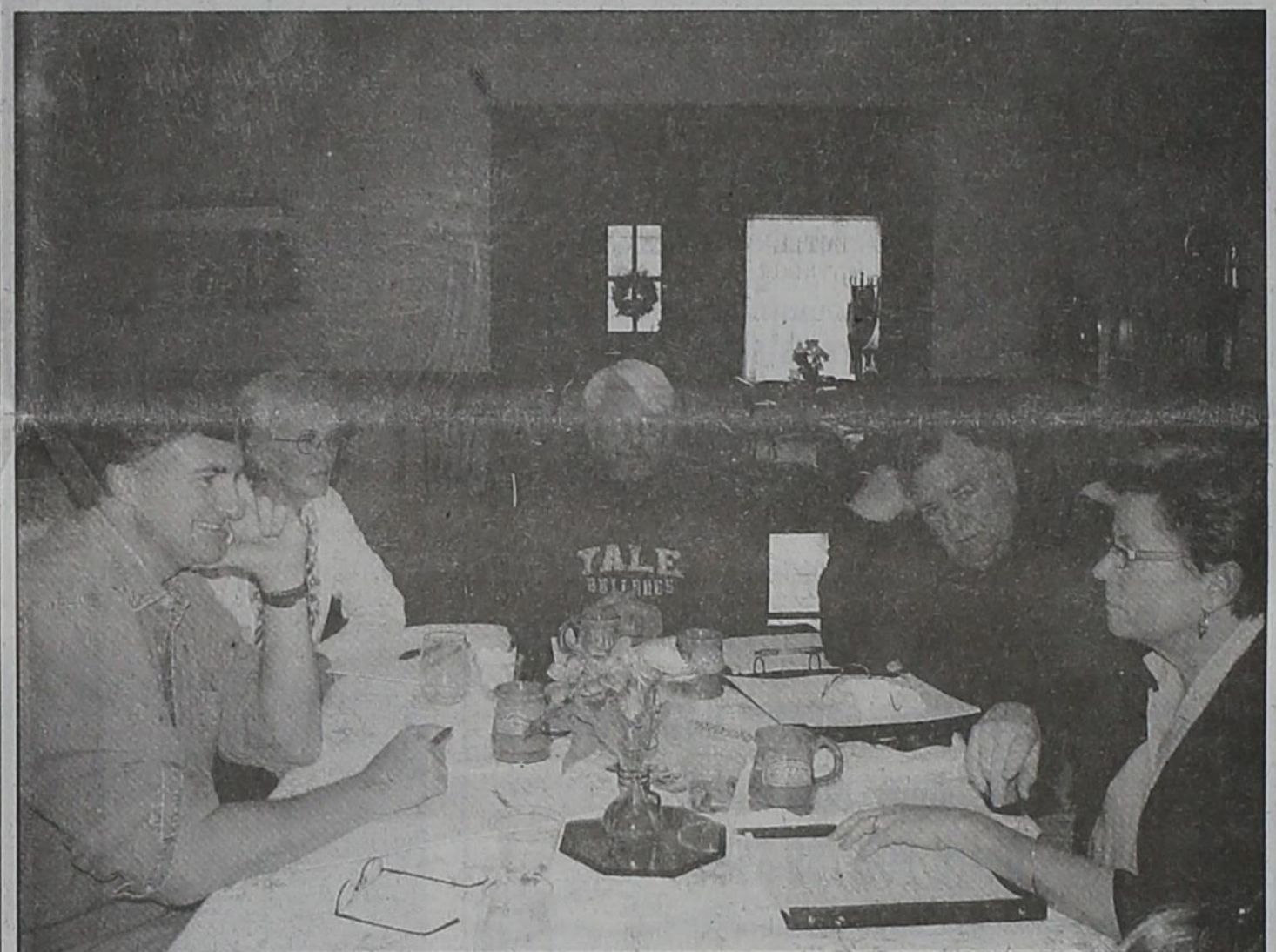
Thirty-four percent of all work zone fatalities for 2008 were drug and alcohol-related.

In 2008, 71 percent of work zone fatalities were male.

One in three work zone crashes is a rear-end collision. "Speed and inattention

are the leading causes of work zone crashes," said Fred Underwood, Texas Transportation Commissioner. "Each of us has the power to protect and save lives. We just need to put our cell phones down, stop messing with the radio and focus on driving. As a result, we can reduce the number of fatalities that occur in work zones."

Underwood said everyone should take responsibility for work zone safety, from engineers and planners to drivers and pedestrians. For more information about work zone safety or to download our newest Public Service Announcement, go to www.tx-dot.gov, search work zone.



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Shortage of doctors in rural areas could get worse

Rural America has been dealing with a chronic shortage of doctors, specifically primary care physicians, for years, but that problem may grow -- and thus make it even more difficult for rural areas to recruit physicians.

The Association of American Medical Colleges says that as health reform expands the number of insured people and they seek medical treatment, the U.S. may face a shortage of 150,000 doctors by 2015, Suzanne Sataline and Shirley S. Wang of The Wall Street Journal report. AAMC reports

the shortage will be most noticeable among primary-care physicians, who will take on added importance under the new reforms. You can read our most recent report about primary care physician shortages in rural America here.

Increased enrollment in U.S. medical schools will not solve the problem by itself, the reporters write, because the growing number of medical students face a fixed number of residency positions upon graduation. Would-be doctors are required to complete at least three years of residency

at hospitals or clinics upon graduation. "It will probably take 10 years to even make a dent into the number of doctors that we need out there," Atul Grover, the AAMC's chief advocacy officer, told the reporters. The health care reform does include one attempt to solve the residency problem by reallocating funding for unused spots to other institutions that can fill them with primary-care or general-surgery residencies.

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RELAY FOR LIFE APRIL 23

Boonedockers Grand Prix APRIL 25

Foothill Country Connections

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

By Larry Vogt

Laverne and I attended the annual convention of the Panhandle Press Association this past Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. This happened to be the 100 year celebration of this convention and it was held in Canadian, Texas, which is also where the PPA got its start.

Laverne, Carol Campbell, Monta Marshall, and Marisue Powell received a third place award for their work on the Old Settlers edition from last year. The Tribune is grateful to have dedicated work from people on a project like this. The community newspaper is alive and well in Motley County, Texas!

We heard from political candidates for state office, an award winning editorial cartoonist, an

excellent photo-journalist, an author who is also an editor of an online weekly, the director of an institute for rural journalism, and an author whose book on rural newspapers is close to publication.

There were many encouraging words as well as inspirational sentiments expressed and we came to Matador with a very positive and upbeat demeanor. There is something about getting together with your fellow travelers in the newspaper business that helps put the daily work that newspaper people do in perspective with regard to service to the local community and the role that a local newspaper can play in the life of a rural county in Texas.

By Laverne Zabielski

Roaring Springs and Matador City elections are coming up and I look forward to reading each candidate's profile.

I love Ryan Rankin's poem in this week's Writing Community. Send more please.

The best news is the news is

the news you send. If you attend a meeting take notes and forward them to us. If we have questions we will call you. So don't hesitate. Some weeks there is not a lot happening. Other weeks are action packed. If we aren't printing what you want us to cover, send it our way.

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WRITING COMMUNITY

The Saddle My Granddaddy Rode

By Ryan Rankin

It sits on a stand by the tack room door,
with the latigo cracked and the seat so wore.

The spirit lives on by the cowboy code,
This old, old saddle my granddaddy rode.

The stamp on it is faded,
the makers name I can't tell,
the place where it sat, right under the swell.

The colts that it started, the times it had been throwned,

This old, old saddle my granddaddy rode.

Screw worm days 'bout did'er in,
the horses it been on, the cattle it penned.

Sure it was made with the heaviest of leather,
The beatin' it took, the rain and the weather.

It stood it's time, and sure carried its load,

This old, old saddle my granddaddy rode.

Roaring Springs native selected tops in cotton ginning for the state

Tom Byars, a native of Roaring Springs, Texas and currently a resident of Lockney, Texas, was recently named the "Cooperative Ginner of the Year" for the state of Texas. The award is made annually in recognition of the top general manager of a farmer-owned cooperative cotton gin in the state.

In making the award, he was cited for his many years in the cotton ginning business, having helped to build the co-op gin in Enochs, working for the Beck Gin Company in Lubbock, assisting in a major turnaround at the co-op gin in Friona, running Welch Farmers Gin for a brief period, but spending most of his career and raising his family in Seminole where he ran his own gin.

He was also recognized for his work at rebuilding, establishing, and managing over 15 gins in Mexico. With his

international background, his ability to assess the situation and bring remedy to a gin, he was later summoned to build two cotton gins in Africa. He took on all those assignments with an open mind, a focus toward efficiency and a commitment to see things to completion.

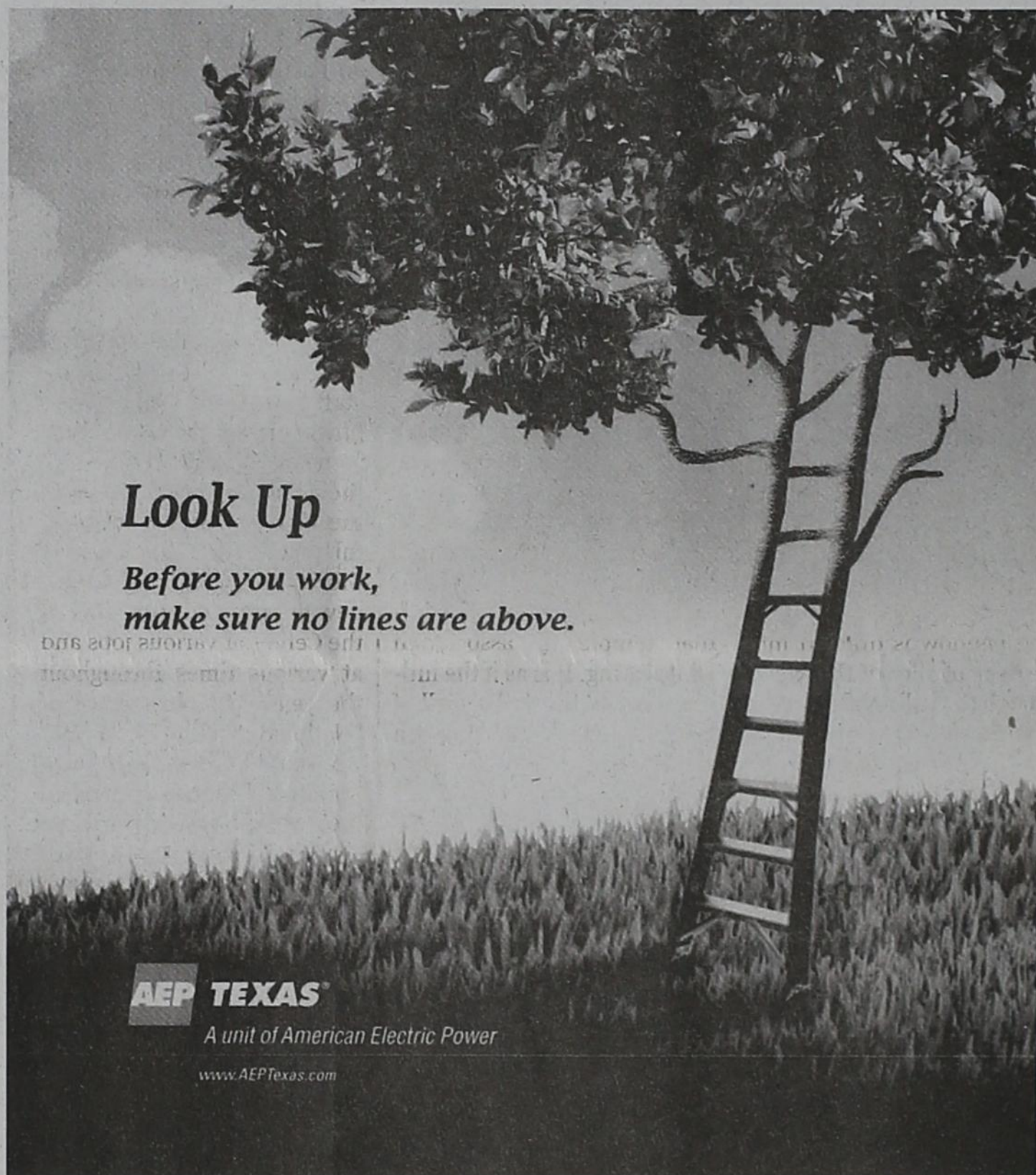
Prior to landing his present job as general manager of Lockney Co-op Gin in 2005, Byars was asked to take his skills to Mississippi to restore a troubled gin in that state. As it was noted in his presentation, everything he touched seemed to turn to gold and he quickly developed a reputation as a staunch turnaround specialist.

He and his wife Patsy, of 39 years, have a daughter living in Colorado and a son in Lubbock. Over the years, he served on the Seminole Independent School District Board of Trustees, president of the Seminole Ag Boosters club, and is a member of the Masons in Plainview and the VFW in Lockney. He was drafted into the military at the age of 24 and was stationed in Germany achieving the rank of sergeant.

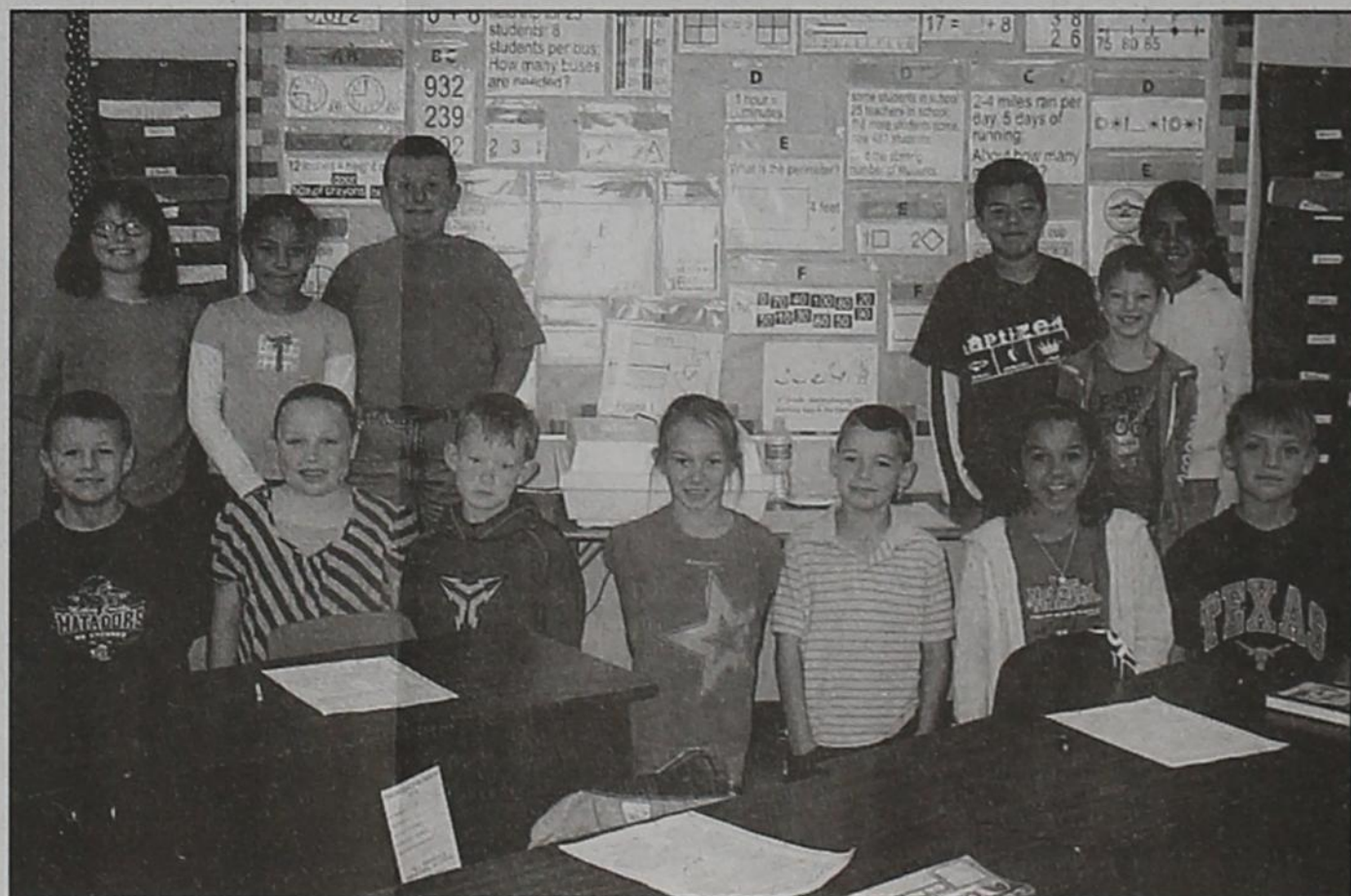
Byars is an avid hunter, likes arrowhead hunting and gun shows, and enjoys his annual visit to Colorado in the summer.

Byars was recognized during ceremonies at the CoBank / Texas Agricultural Cooperative Council (TACC) Joint Cooperative Meeting in Corpus Christi in March.

During the 4-day meeting attended by some 350 representatives, Randy Reid, general manager of TriCounty Producers Co-op in Loop, Texas, was elected president of TACC. In addition, John Cowan, the CEO of the Texas Association of Dairymen in Grapevine, received the "Cooperator of the Year" award and Ed Bercot, an agribusiness CPA living in Boerne, received the Distinguished Service Award.



Motley County Shining Stars



Thanks to our local 4-H Ag Extension Agent, Ryan Martin, the Motley County 3rd grade class has had the opportunity to explore the life cycle of a chicken. An incubator, along with fertilized eggs was provided for the class to take care of. Each day during the incubation process students have to keep data, such as, incubator temperature, room temperature, and water levels in the incubator.

Chickens are scheduled to hatch the week of May 3rd.



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Large rains bring out flooding and water dogs

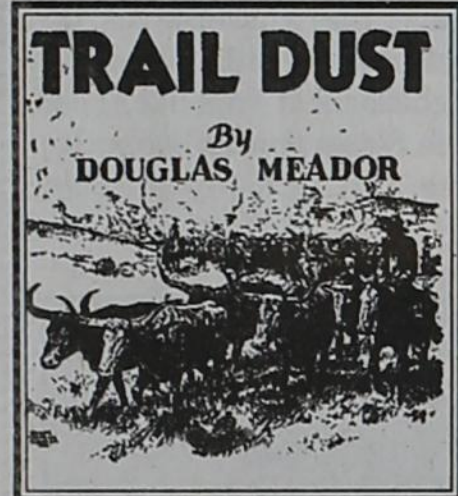


Creek overflows at the bottom of Park Hill.

photo by Charli Bigham



On Thursday morning Matador residents woke up to a wet day. It stayed wet all day long and in the evening it started raining even more. By Friday, the runoff from streets and small streams leading to Motley County joined and formed a mini rolling river that flowed down next to the park and went over the road at the bottom of park hill. Thursday through Saturday's rainfall were about 7 inches in the area. Above, a water dog appears. photo by Charli Bigham



Matador Tribune
June 27, 1935

Floating somewhere in that sagasso as of memory with the ghoulish winds fluttering the stained remnants of a once proud sail, is the battered hulk of a ship that never

reached port. in a covenant with destiny it's bow struck the sharp, fatal rocks of reality during a storm which churned the blue sea into seething anger. Broken and helpless, it drifted into that fate of ships denied the final honor of burial after they are dead.

Deep in the murky hold beneath the soggy cargo is a cask of oil for the lamp of love, unopened. the gossamer flame is unlighted and the beating of wings outside and the darkened window is drained into the river of silence that flows through the valley of dreams.

Crumbs shaken from the lap of poverty do not provide a wide choice of selection for the gleaner, especially when

hunger dwells as a formidable giant close in the shadows of each evening. And possibly there is something irregular in my view of a certain condition that confronted me through much youth and continues to haunt me at times when thoughts should be diverted into more partical channels. I have never been able to associate food and romance. It seems that there is something too fragile about great love to allow the pillage of it's spiritual temple by association while eating. It is as if the intimacy would break the spell of enchantment as a fracture in a golden bowl.

TAKS Week Cometh

Students in grades 3 through 11 will be taking TAKS tests during the week of April 26.

These tests are important to the academic growth vertical scale given to each student by the state as well as the school's accreditation rating.

Please encourage the students to eat breakfast each morn-

ing and to get plenty of rest the evening before. Also, remind them that there are to be no cell phones or other electronic devices at school on these days. Please do not schedule doctors' appointments or plan trips on these days.

Due to the need for various testing scenarios, all teachers

and all rooms will be in use. Therefore, some high school students will not be required to come to school until lunch on testing days. A brief description for each grade can be found in the chart that follows.

Please encourage your children to give their best effort on these exams. Your cooperation is appreciated.

| Grade | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|-------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 3 | Reg. Classes | Math TAKS | Reading TAKS | Reg. Classes | Reg. Classes |
| 4 | Reg. Classes | Math TAKS | Reading TAKS | Reg. Classes | Reg. Classes |
| 5 | Reg. Classes | Reg. Classes | Reg. Classes | Sci. TAKS | Reg. Classes |
| 6 | Reg. Classes | Math TAKS | Reading TAKS | Reg. Classes | Reg. Classes |
| 7 | Reg. Classes | Math TAKS | Reading TAKS | Reg. Classes | Reg. Classes |
| 8 | Reg. Classes | Reg. Classes | Reg. Classes | Sci. TAKS | So. St. TAKS |
| 9 | Reg. Classes | Come at noon | Come at noon | Math TAKS | Reg. Classes |
| 10 | Reg. Classes | Math TAKS | Come at noon | Sci. TAKS | So. St. TAKS |
| 11 | Reg. Classes | Come at noon | Math TAKS | Sci. TAKS | So. St. TAKS |
| 12 | Reg. Classes | Come at noon | Come at noon | Come at noon | Come at noon |

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New women's Bible Study by Beth Moore "Here and Now...There and Then"

This is a lecture series on the book of Revelation. It is an eleven week study and will be held in the basement of the First Baptist Church, Matador each Tuesday morning at 9:30 am beginning April 27, 2010. Listening guides will be \$9.00 and scholarships will be available. There will be very little homework so come join us. Contact is Dixie Campbell and telephone is 806 347 2893 or mail dbcamp@caprock-spur.com if more information is needed. Come join us and bring a friend.



HACKBERRYHAPPENINGS

BY CARLA MEADOR, MARKETING DIRECTOR

The old saying "Cleanliness is next to Godliness" certainly applies to Hackberry Creek Care Center in Matador. The excellent housekeeping department works non-stop to keep the Center spic and span. Housekeeping department head, Melissa Kendall, and her staff 'whistle while they work' as they dust, sweep, mop and shine every area of the Center. Don't ever make a bet that you'll find dust at Hackberry, because you would most likely lose that one. If you'll notice next time you visit the Center, there is always someone cleaning. Housekeeping staff members smile and laugh while they work, demonstrating the pride they put into their work. Visitors are greeted with the pleasant fragrance of "clean" when they enter the doors. Hats off to Melissa and her staff for the fine job they do at the Center.

This week has been a busy, but enjoyable one at Hackberry. On Monday, April 19, Bill and Linda Perryman of Roaring Springs, treated the staff and residents to a good old-fashioned cook-out. Everyone enjoyed the delicious meal of hamburgers and all the fixins'. We appreciate the generosity of the Perryman's and extend a big THANKS!

The fun continued on Tuesday when the Hackberry staff hosted an appreciation luncheon for the many awesome volunteers who give of their time and energy to make the Center such a wonderful place. There are over 75 Motley County residents who devote hours of their time at the Center at various jobs and at various times throughout the year. In observance of "National Volunteer Week," we wanted to let them know how much we truly appreciate their work. Hackberry kitchen staff, headed by Alyssa Daniell, prepared a delicious lunch of chicken salad sandwiches, macaroni salad, chips, fruit and cookies. Each volunteer

was presented with a small token of appreciation.

While we are on the subject of cooking, we are planning to put together a Hackberry Creek Cookbook. If you now have or have had a family member as a resident at Hackberry, we would love to have some of their recipes. We would also like to include something personal about your loved one. If you have a short story or funny anecdote you would like to share, please include it with your recipes. For more information contact me at 806-347-2942. You can mail your information to my attention at Hackberry Creek Care, P.O. Box 347, Matador, Texas 79244 or email to cmeador@hackberrycreek-care.com.

The new Hackberry satellite system is now up and running. The center will have its own station, channel 37, available to view on any one of Hackberry's TV sets. This station will include announcements, calendar of events and photos. The new system has greatly improved the quality of viewing at Hackberry. Television is now much clearer and easier on the eyes. If you have questions regarding the new system, our Environmental Services Director, Fred Parson, would be glad to help. Fred keeps everything in working order at Hackberry, inside and out. He's always on his toes going from one project to another and never runs out of anything to do. He's just another reason Hackberry is such a great place for your loved one.

SR. HEALTH TIPS

Many elders find it more and more difficult to eat, even though they may have always been big eaters earlier in life. One of the reasons for this is that metabolism slows down with age. Elders simply need fewer calories to operate. In many cases, this is the reason that there is a big reduction in

their interest when it comes to eating. However, there are often other reasons for elders not wanting to eat.

Top 7 Reasons why your elder can't or won't eat

1. Mouth sores, gum disease, poorly fitting dentures or dry mouth: Elders produce less saliva, which can make chewing and swallowing difficult tasks. Try having your elder sipping their drink between bites. Mixing food with gravies, broths and sauces can also help.

2. Sense of taste and smell aren't what they used to be: This can take a lot of the enjoyment out of eating. Adding more seasonings can help quite a bit as can sweetening their foods - as long as their doctor approves.

3. Trouble using silverware: Muscle weakness can cause issues for elders when it comes to using a knife. Cutting their food for them before setting the table and only setting it with a fork and spoon can be a big help in these instances.

4. Depression: Appetite loss, coupled with a drop in weight can be a cause of depression and is something that should be treated.

5. Constipation: Perhaps they don't want to eat for fear of the associated pain of constipation. Constipation is not an issue to be taken lightly as it can cause mental confusion and temporary memory loss.

6. Worry or distraction: Elders who are worried or distracted or are nervous about something may cause them to either overeat or avoid food altogether.

7. Medication side effects: If your elder has just started taking a new medication, it could be interfering with their appetite

If your elder loved one is experiencing any of the above mentioned symptoms, it would be wise to seek a doctor's advice before any over the counter medication is given.

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Fine Peaches

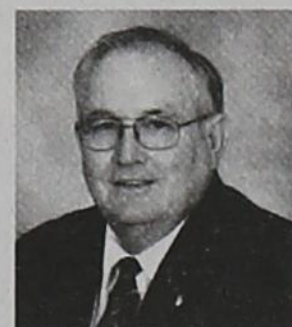
B.F. Simpson of Northfield community visited the Tribune Office Saturday and bestowed a generous bucket of luscious ripe peaches from his orchards.

Mr. Simpson declared that his peach crop this season is the best it has been in a num-

ber of years. Mr. Simpson said that during one day last week, 120 quarts of peaches were canned from his trees.

Outstanding Record
Canyon, June 26--Mrs. Grace Cammack McDowell of Matador was one of fifty-five students who made outstanding scholastic records at the West Texas State Teachers College during the Spring Semester.

WANTED... A GOOD CROP



It would be extremely rare in our part of the world to hear of any farmer praying for a crop failure. If we did we would consider that to be ridiculous. A farmer naturally wants the seed he has planted to grow up to be a strong and healthy plant. Even though we are aware of this principle

of every day farming, sometimes upon reflection of our past we would hope those wrong decisions would produce nothing.

Perhaps there have been times in our lives when we have managed to get into some trouble or situation and wanted the consequences to disappear. When they don't then we are ready to be angry with God. It is easy to blame God for our troubles when all along we choose to forget, "...for whatever a man sows, this will he also reap." God is simply reminding us that sometimes we must live with the consequences of our sin whether we have repented or not.

Why then do some pray for a crop failure in their personal lives? The answer is, because of the principle stated in Galatians 6: 7, 8. Why not live the kind of life which will be rewarded with good things? I am sure that all of us would rather plant seeds in life that will lead to good consequences. Let us live our lives in such a way that we pray for a successful crop.

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

On a personal note . . .
The rain was just wonderful. I know that we had lots of rain in January and February but in my yard it was getting dry. After the dry summer, the underground deep moisture wasn't that good. This will really put a good underground seasoning for cotton; the plains were badly in need of deep moisture. At the farm Southeast of Acuff, my son said they had a little over 5-inches as we did here in Roaring Springs.
Have you noticed how all the early shrubs are blooming or have already bloomed? The lilacs at Sheila Lefevre's were really pretty a few days ago. I haven't been out much this last week but what I have seen is really pretty. Now the irises are getting pretty. If my hip and leg would let me I would be out pulling weeds and digging. My house could use some TLC too, but that can wait!

In the community . . .
Devonne Dillard is out of the hospital following knee surgery and is in Crosbyton taking rehabilitation and doing well.
Don Dillard was taken back to the hospital in Crosbyton on Monday, April 19. He has pneumonia again. Don is really having lots of trouble. Please pray for this family.
Pearl Patten is in the Heart Hospital in Lubbock following surgery for an aneurysm that she has had for years. They didn't want to operate until it was absolutely necessary. I know that it is a relief to Pearl to have that taken care of. She has worried about it a lot. She is almost ready to be released and will be coming home very soon. One of her daughters, Veda, will be here to take care of Pearl when she returns home. Several of her children are with her at the hospital.
Sunday a week ago, Scotty, Nesa and Seth Palmer visited with Zella Palmer. They live in Mesquero, New Mexico.

Glennard and Edith Daniell took a day off on Sunday and went to Lubbock and relaxed awhile. Dale Daniell is back home after a week's haul in his truck.
Last Monday, April 12, Buzz and Tince Thacker traveled to Abilene and visited Johnny and Jana Thacker. They went from there to Fredericksburg. Buzz said the wildflowers were beautiful. While there they visited the wild flower seed farm. They were really impressed with the acres and acres of wildflowers. Not all were in bloom yet. Tince visited the Christmas Shop and purchased a Santa for her collection. She really enjoyed seeing all the displays. They spent one night in Kerrville and then on to Austin to visit Tince's grandsons. Tince's grandson, Justin has a great coffee shop called the Summer Moon Coffee Shop. They got to spend time with their great-grandsons, Everest and Sawyer. This was the first time they had seen baby Sawyer. While there, they were able to visit her other grandson, Todd, who is a minister in Austin. Wildflowers were along the roadsides all the way from Abilene to Austin.
The Relay For Life night golf game fund raiser was rained out. It has been postponed until June 4. Two committee members of Relay For Life stories weren't written; not because they weren't important but because we just couldn't make connection for an interview. They are Brittany Moore and Amy Hackler. I believe that Brittany is the Luminaries' Chair and Amy the Team Capitan Chair. They both lead busy lives working and are hard to catch to tell me more about their goals. Don't forget to see a Lion to purchase tickets for the diamond ring and Committee Members to purchase tickets for the patio furniture and grill. The furniture and grill may be seen at New To You.

Flomot News

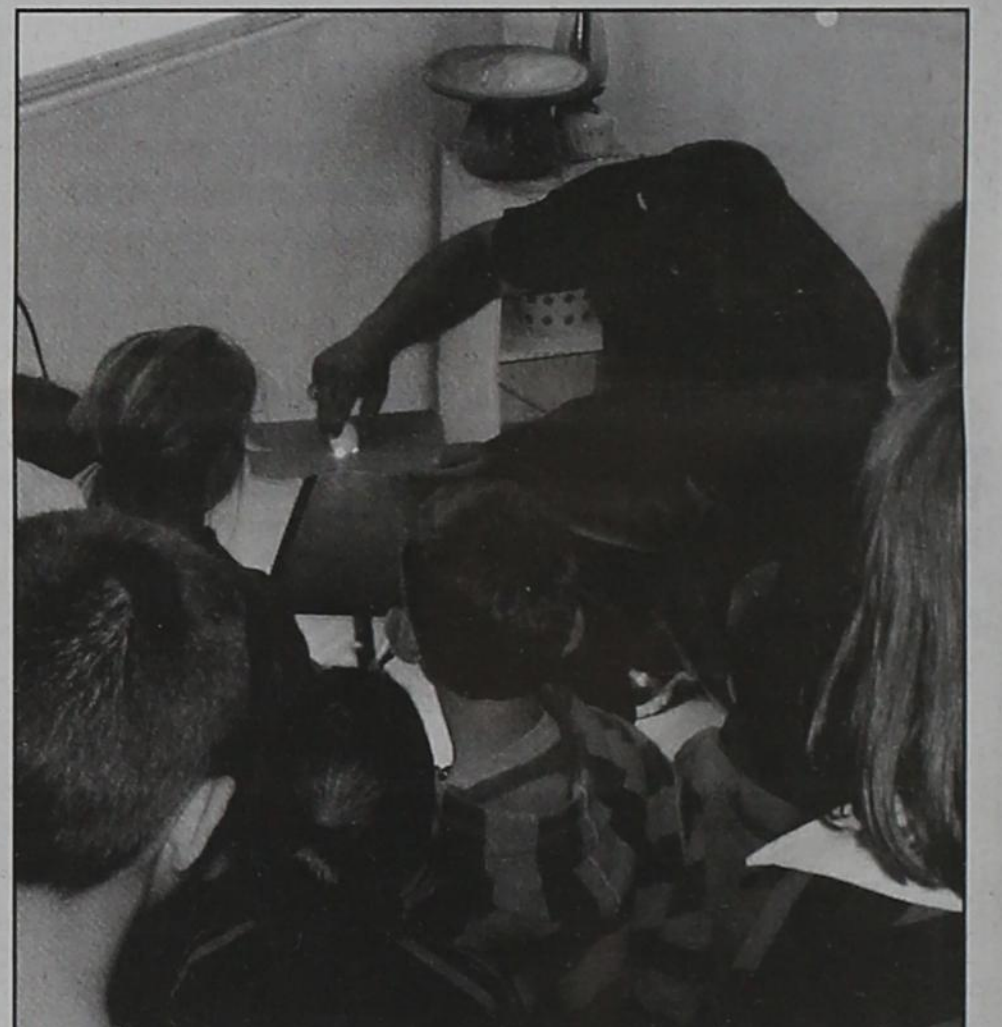
By Earlyne Jameson

Overheard
Southern Women Know: Everyone's first name: Honey, Darlin', Shugah
Movies that speak to their hearts: Driving Miss Daisey, Steel Magnolias, Gone With the Wind.
Their vacation spots: the beach, the rivah, the crick
Their elegant men: men in uniform, men in tuxedos, Rhett butler men may come and go, but friends are fahevah.
Has Surgery
Mrs. B Rogers had hip surgery Thursday, April 15 at the Baptist St. Anthony Hospital in Amarillo. She suffered a broken hip Tuesday, April 13 following an accident when working in her yard.
Her son, Donnie Rogers has been with her during her hospitalization. Others visiting her in Amarillo were Ellen and Shannon Nall of Bushland, Coy and Jaquiline McKay of Amarillo and Trent and Sherri McKay of Quitaque.
Mrs. Waydetta Clay and Wilburn Martin visited in Granbury from Sunday until Tuesday of last week in the home of their sister and husband, Nita and Ervin Merritt. Joining them there to visit were Mr. and Mrs. Steve Merritt, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Merritt, Mrs. Amy Hutchins, Claire and Jillian of Granbury.
Darrell Cruse attended the Texas Cotton Ginners Association Thursday held at the

Civic Center in Lubbock. It was a very informative meeting about the latest ginning technology and key topics in the cotton industry. It was the 103rd cotton show in Lubbock.
Loretta and Harry Race of Dover, Arkansas visited Saturday in the home of Mrs. Judy Renfro in Matador. Other guests were Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton, Mrs. Waydetta Clay and Wilburn Martin of Flomot and Mrs. Dixie Campbell of Matador. Mr. and Mrs. Race toured the Matador Hotel before continuing to Salt Lake City, Utah to attend the wedding of their grandson.
They did not have the Baptist Church services in Flomot Sunday as the Reverend Nathan and Wife, Kathy Mulder of South Plains due to flooding rains were unable to reach Flomot.
Brenda and Darrell Cruse visited in Amarillo, Sunday with daughter, Leah Cruse.

Elementary Students Learn About Coach Bigham's Egg Hatching Project

By Charli Bigham
On Tuesday, April 13, Coach Bigham, along with Mrs. Cooper and Mrs. Green, took elementary classes to see Coach Bigham's egg hatching project.
One by one the classes were brought in to get a mini lesson on how to raise chickens. The classes that came to listen to Coach Bigham and see the chicks were the third, fourth and fifth grades.
He told them that the eggs have to stay in the incubator at 99 degrees and after 21 days they would begin to hatch.
Coach Bigham first showed them the incubator that can hold up to 350 eggs at one time, though there were only about 12 eggs in there then. He explained how the incubator is on a timer and it turns the eggs from side to side to keep the yolk from sticking to the shell of the egg. He also told them how the incubator keeps the eggs warm like the mother hen would do when she sits on the eggs.
After telling the classes about the incubator Coach Bigham took an egg out and showed the classes how to tell if the egg is alive and explained the process of candling. He used a lamp and a piece of cardboard with a hole cut out in the middle of it to check the fertility. "Here you can see the veins in the egg and that's how you can tell there is a baby chick in there," Coach Bigham said. All of the children got up to get a closer look and see if they could see the veins for themselves.
Then the classes looked at the chicks in the clear brooder to see the end result of the long process of the eggs hatching. The chicks were only a couple days old. They looked mainly yellow with some parts of them brown.
The three teachers took the classes outside to look at where the chicks came from. They could only see the rooster because the mother hen was sitting on eggs inside the chicken coop.
Coach Bigham with wife Charli and son Braden are raising the chickens as a project to eventually show the chickens at fairs like, The South Plains Fair in Lubbock, Texas.



Elementary Students Learn About Coach Bigham's Egg Hatching Project photo by Charli Bigham

Weather Report

Rain gauges were overflowing during the weekend of April 15-17 with Flomot registering from 8-9.5 inches and Whiteflat 8-12 inches. The north Pease and Middle Pease Rivers have water gaps washed away. Terraces were damaged and farming operations have come to a halt.

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Notes from the Library

By Mary Ann Potts

Friday was such a wet, wet dreary day that I thought I was going to float away with the library books never to be seen again. What kind of Library Appreciation Day would that have been?! Eventually the rain subsided and the Friends of the Library, the dedicated souls that they are, waded through the ankle deep water collected at the curbside to bring scrumptious home baked cookies to enjoy with all who ventured through our doors. Next time we will be certain to send a memo to the weather station requesting sunshine for our next appreciation day.

And yes, the books are still safely located on the shelves with additions arriving weekly. This week the library is featuring *Let's Roll* by Lisa Beamer. This is an inspirational book that deals with Beamer's husband, Todd, who

was killed on United Flight 93 on 9-11, and the challenges, grief and joy she's endured since her husband's untimely death. Next is *Major Pettigrew's Last Stand* by Helen Simonson which takes place in a small English village surrounded by rolling hills and thatched cottages. The cast of characters are both hilariously original and as familiar as the members of your own family. And for you politically charged readers, we recently acquired a second copy of Sarah Palin's, *Going Rogue*. This is a must read book because it does not even make it to the library shelf!

And right now we are awaiting *Something Borrowed* by Emily Giffin, the latest in her series, and *When Did I Get Like This?* By Amy Wilson. So please come in to keep current on all the new releases.

Arts & Crafts

By Winifred Darsey

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The Motley County Arts and Crafts Club met April 15, at the Senior Citizens Center for a workshop taught by Mrs. Joyce Meredith as instructor for the class.

President Nova Dale Turner conducted a brief business session. Vee Gordon, Secretary, read the minutes; and then the members were anxious to begin the working on the angels.

It was an Angelic Class with all students working on the darling angels made from Popsicle sticks. It was amazing such charming angels were made from sticks. The results were varied, some dressed like country, others painted bright and shiny. They are to be used for Christmas decorations.

These will be on sale at the next bazaar. Joyce was a great teacher. She had all facets needed and ready.

Members present were: Dorothy Knight, Vee Gordon, Bonnie Vandiver, Jo Trammell, Roy Baxter, Nova Dale Turner, Joyce Meredith, Loretta Thompson, and Winifred Darsey.

The class for May will be a lesson on landscape painting; the focal point will be an early day windmill. The instructor will be Joyce Archer. Those that love to paint be sure to come.

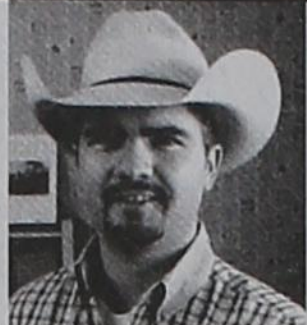
The moral to today's program: "Don't throw away anything; it might be something to make a cute present."

May 3 is the date for painting class.

See you there!

County Agent's News

by Ryan Martin, Agri LIFE EXTENSION Agent



Beef Cattle SPA Workshop to be Held

VERNON – There's nothing like a wet winter followed by a good calving season to make ranchers feel better. Couple this with higher overall cattle prices and there may just never be another bad day in the ranching country. If that were only true. Ranchers know that growing conditions and prices come and go and to make steady progress takes planning and analysis. The best time to determine how a ranch is performing is during these times. Areas of weakness can be identified and addressed such that as the price or grazing situation changes, these areas will already be improved. For commercial ranchers to prosper during all conditions, it is imperative that they know how their operation is performing from both a production and financial standpoint.

To assist ranchers in determining these numbers as well as other performance measures, the Texas AgriLife Extension Service is offering four Beef Cow-Calf Standardized Performance Analysis (SPA) Workshops. The dates, times, and locations are:

- April 20, 2010, 8:30 a.m. at the Young County Arena in Graham, Texas
- May 5, 2010, 8:30 a.m. at the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center near Vernon, Texas
- May 20, 2010, 8:30 a.m. at the Nolan County AgriLife Extension Office in Sweetwater, Texas
- June 8, 2010, 8:30 a.m. at the Brown County AgriLife Extension Office in Brownwood, Texas

These are working workshops where the ranchers will be assisted in completing their own analysis. SPA provides ranchers an opportunity to analyze their ranch operation from both a production and financial side. SPA facilitates the comparison of an operation's performance between years, producers, production regions, and production systems. Completed ranch data will be compared to summary data from over 200 herds in Texas. SPA is intended to be used as an annual tool by the cow-calf producer.

These are intensive workshops with the intent being ranchers completing the anal-

ysis for the 2009 calf crop. Registered participants will be sent forms to organize data before the conference. Confidentiality of the producer's data will be maintained. Individual conferences will be held with producers. Each ranch will be provided an assistant and a computer. It is important to register early so you can be advised on how to organize your data for the SPA analysis.

The registration fee is \$50 per ranch and includes the software, educational materials, lunch and refreshments. Interested persons can obtain additional information or register by contacting Stan Bevers, Extension Economist at Vernon at 940-552-9941, ext.231 or Bill Thompson, Extension Economist at San Angelo at 325-653-4576.

Weeds, weeds, weeds; how does my pasture grow?

Producers face weed pressure in East Texas and rest of the state

OVERTON -- Beef producers throughout Texas are having problems with cool-season weeds and will likely have problems with warm-season annual weeds as the year progresses, according to reports from Texas AgriLife Extension Service personnel.

Though it's not a crisis situation, it is a prevalent one reported by AgriLife Extension agents in many counties in the last few weeks.

"Some of the more common weeds in East Texas pastures are woolly croton, aka dove weed, blackberry or dewberry, thistles and nettles," said Dr. Vanessa Corriher, AgriLife Extension forage specialist. "The weed issues in other areas of the state will depend upon those particular ecologies. As you move into the western rangeland you often get into more brush species like mesquite, huisache and pricklypear."

East Texas still has ryegrass pastures, and henbit, chickweed and Texas groundsel, all winter annuals, are the most common weeds, she said. As soil temperatures rise, there will be more warm-season weeds such as thistles and woolly croton.

While many producers may suspect the unusually wet winter and spring to be behind the flush of weeds, the most likely cause, particularly when it comes to improved pastures, is a poor fertility program, Corriher said.

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ers such as nitrogen, potassium and phosphorus – means the improved forages such as Bermuda grass are less able to compete with weeds.

But high costs of fertilizers and the poor economy have forced many producers to cut back on their fertility programs, in some cases eliminating one of the primary nutrients altogether, Corriher said.

"Soil-test recommendations are no higher than necessary to maintain optimum yields and a persistent stand," she said. "However, if one must cut back, do so uniformly. If the recommendation is for nitrogen, phosphorous and potassium, be sure to apply each in the same proportion, even if you have to do so at a reduced rate. Just don't apply nitrogen alone."

This is because all the nutrients are interdependent, she said. Applying one or two without the others will likely mean the ones that are applied won't be effective, she said.

As for control of existing weeds, the options are mechanical or chemical control, she said.

"Proper use of a herbicide can be more economical than mowing or shredding," she said. "According to an AgriLife Extension study by Dr. Greg Clary (AgriLife Extension economist) and Dr. Larry Redmon (AgriLife Extension agronomist), producers can save about \$3.70 an acre with the proper use of a herbicide control."

Corriher noted the comparison study was made using a 40-horsepower tractor with either a 6-foot rotary mower or a 30-foot boom sprayer applying GrazonNext at one quart per acre.

Other general broadleaf weed control options beside GrazonNext include 2,4-D, Grazon P+D, Cimarrons (Plus, Max, Extra), RangeStar and Chaparral.

Corriher cautioned that when using herbicides, producers should follow label directions for application rate, timing of application, grazing restrictions, and cleanup and disposal.

And sometimes there is a third option for weed control: cattle. Sometimes the perceived weed is not a weed at all from the point of view of livestock, she said.

"Many producers hate to see crabgrass in their pastures or hay meadows," she said. "But in terms of nutrition, it can be on par with coastal Bermuda grass."

For proper identification of weed species, Corriher recommended producers consult with the AgriLife Extension office in their county.

Producers often call or e-mail Corriher with information about a weed they've found, but even when there's a picture included in the e-mail, it's not the most efficient means of identifying it. Mailing an actual weed sample doesn't work well either, because by the sample has arrived, it is most often too deteriorated to be of any use for identification, she said.

"In most cases, the county agent will be able to identify the weed and (quickly) recommend control measures for all but the odd-ball weeds," she said.

Contact information for the AgriLife Extension office in any county can be found online at <http://county-tx.tamu.edu/>.

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4-H youth compete in fashion show

The Rolling Plains District-3 Fashion Show was held Saturday, April 17, 2010, in Jayton, Texas, at the Jayton School. There are 22 counties in the Rolling Plains District-3. According to 4-H Leader D'anna Russell, "despite all the rain and wading in the water to get there, it was a great day."

Chloe Gleghorn competed in the Construction Casual category and received 5th place; she was also the 1st place winner in the cotton category. Chloe was able to demonstrate to the judges the many uses of cotton. "She knew that you used cotton not

only for fabric but to make feed for show steers (which the judges really liked)," D'anna said. Caitlin Seigrist competed in the Construction Specialty category and also received 5th place.

Dode Gleghorn entered the Dressy Buying category this year and compared three outfits, deciding which one to buy and why. She received 4th place.

"These girls have done an excellent job and have also made goody bags for the nursing home and head turbines for the cancer hospital," D'anna said, adding, "Way to go girls!"



Competing in the recent Rolling Plains District-3 Fashion Show Saturday in Jayton were: (L to R) Chloe Gleghorn, Caitlin Seigrist, and Dode Gleghorn.

Share the Fun contestants take top honors in Vernon

Rolling Plains District Roundup and Share the Fun Contest were held Wednesday, April 14, 2010, at the Wilbarger Auditorium in Vernon. The contest consisted of speeches, illustrated talks, reciting poetry and prose pieces, and singing and dancing.

The Motley County senior 4-H team consisting of Alexis Osborn, Christian Brooks and Jaci Zingerman received 1st place in the Safety category with an illustrated talk on wearing your seat belt.

"If you get the chance to see these kids present this, then please do so," 4-H Leader D'anna Russell said. "As some of you remember Alexis was ejected from a pickup just a few short years ago. It is a very touching and important

presentation."

This group will be representing Motley County at State Roundup in June at College Station. "They have done a great job," Russell said, "finding time between school, track, golf, and tennis just makes my head spin."

Other participants were Cassidy Turner, Seth Baxter and Shelby Elliott who presented a prose piece about self esteem. They also received 1st place and would be glad to present their piece. Carley Turner and Mattie Brooks did poetry pieces; one about "sneezing a dragon out of your nose" and the other one about The Ghost Eye Tree. They received 3rd and 5th place. "These kids have done an excellent job representing Motley 4-H," Russell said.



Earning top honors in the recent Share the Fun contest in Vernon (L to R, standing) were: Alexis Osborn, Jaci Zingerman, Christian Brooks, and Seth Baxter. (L to R, bottom row): Mattie Brooks, Cassidy Turner, Carley Turner and Shelby Elliott.

4-Hers enter 30 photographs in district contest 15 photos chosen to go to state contest in College Station

The Motley 4-H Photography Club has had a great year, 4-H Leader D'anna Russell said. "While this project is a lot of experimenting on your own and remembering to take your camera with you wherever you go," she said, "it is also about learning the basic and different ideas which were brought to the club in a workshop that Cara Wilson did for the whole group. She gave them some great pointers and ideas."

The junior and intermediate group consisted of Cassidy Turner, Seth Baxter, Mattie Brooks, Kaylee Woolsey, Kyler Degan, Caitlin Seigrist and Carley Turner. The kids were treated to an outing at the Matador Ranch and various other locations around town to take pictures as well as many took pictures on vacation and in their own backyard.

"They did an excellent job and had 30 pictures in the District Contest," Russell said. "They received many

Blue and Red Awards and just a few White Awards. They have done an excellent job and for many, it was their first time. Their pictures will be on display at the school."

The senior photo group consisting of Christian Brooks, Alxis Osborn, Jaci Zingerman and special guest Hanna Alexander were treated to an outing during spring break at Dickens Springs and around the area, accompanied by D'anna Russell. Later in the day, Lori Alexander met them and took them to Jeff and Sue Dawson's for some photo opportunities of horses and some great hospitality.

D'anna then took the group on to Lubbock where they met Shane'a Russell for lunch and then attended the Johnny Depp movie, Alice in Wonderland in 3-D. "It was a great day," D'anna said.

These 4-her's have 15 pictures going on to the State Contest held during Roundup Week at College Station.



The junior and intermediate group competing in the recent District-3 Photography contest were: (L to R, back row): Cassidy Turner, Seth



The senior photo group consisting of Christian Brooks, Alxis Osborn, Jaci Zingerman and special guest Hanna Alexander were treated to an outing during spring break at Dickens Springs, courtesy of D'anna Russell.



Jaci Zingerman, Alxis Osborn, and Christian Brooks, the 4-H Round-Up Senior group presented an illustrated talk "Get Your Buckle On." They will advance to State Round-Up in June.

Motley County Track Competes at Area Meet

On Thursday, April 15th, several Motley Co. track athletes competed in the Area 9-10 Track Meet held in Munday. Three of these runners, Lexi Osborn, Jaci Zingerman, and Andrew Martin, did well enough to advance to the Region 2 Track Meet to be held in Abilene on May 3rd & 4th. The results from the area meet are:

3200m run: Lexi Osborn--1st place, Mark Quintero--8th place

110m Hurdles: Nayo Santos--8th place

800m relay: Juan Flores, Britt Simpson, Jonathon Osborn, Austin Taylor--8th place

400m dash: Jaci Zingerman--3rd place, Andrew Martin--4th place

300m Hurdles: Nayo Santos--7th place

200m dash: Jaci Zingerman--8th place

1600m run: Lexi Osborn--1st place, Reagan Elliott--7th place

1600m relay: Andrew Martin, Jonathon Osborn, Colby McCleskey, Austin Taylor--5th place

Discus: Jaci Zingerman--7th place

The girl's 800 relay consisting of Alyx Smith, Kyla Simpson, Lexi Osborn, and Sabra Pope were unable to compete due to a last minute injury.

Three Motley County track athletes advance to regional meet

Three members of the Motley Co. track teams placed well enough in the Area meet to advance to the Region 2 Track Meet to be held in Abilene.

Lexi Osborn won the 1600m (mile) and the 3200m (two mile) race. Her times were 12:39 in the 3200m and

5:42 in the 1600. Jaci Zingerman qualified in the 400m run with a time of 1:04 and Andrew Martin qualified in the same event with a time of 53.55. These runners will compete at ACU in Abilene on May 3rd & 4th.

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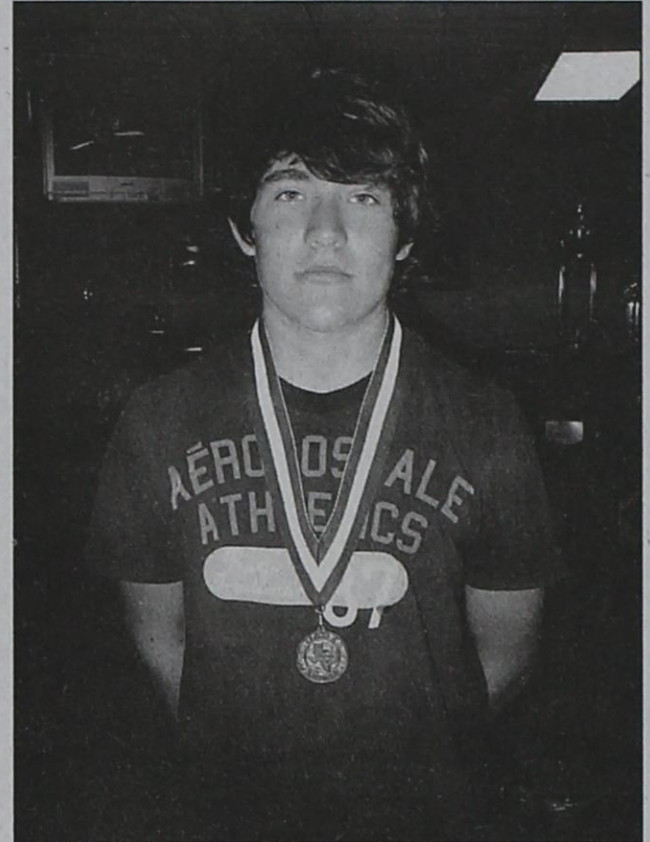
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Left to Right: Britt Simpson, Reagan Elliott, Christian Brooks, Jonathon Osborn, Chase Buckner, Juan Flores, Austin Taylor and Andrew Martin competed at the District golf meet in Childress and placed 1st as a team. They will advance to the regional meet. Christian Brooks also won the 1st place medal over all and Jonathon Osborn placed 2nd. photo by Tammy Simpson



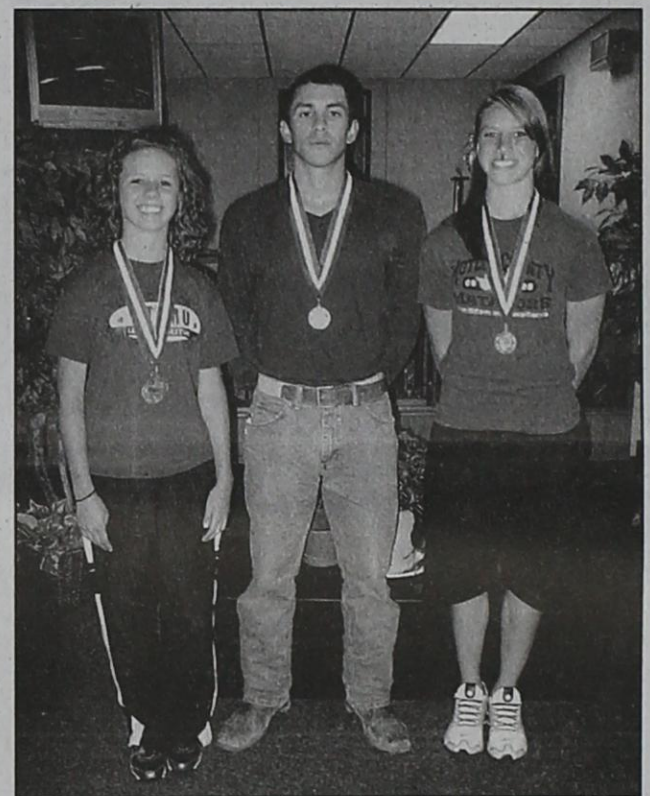
Braden Mason placed first at the district tennis meet and is advancing to the regional meet.

photo by Walter Taylor



Left to Right: Alyx Smith, Lexi Osborn, Kyla Simpson and Leanne Jameson placed first at the district golf meet in Childress and are advancing to regionals. Kyla Simpson also won the 1st place medal over all.

photo by Tammy Simpson



Left to Right: Lexi Osborn, Andrew Martin, and Jaci Zingerman placed in the area track meet and will advance to the regional track meet in Abilene.

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- 20 Matador Lions
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- 23 Relay For Life
- 25 "Boondockers Race" in April this year!!

May

- 1 Hwy 70 Garage Sale
 - 1 - State Horse Validation Due
 - 1 - District 3 4-H Leaders 4 Life contest
 - 5 Kids Praise
 - 6 Friends of the Library Meeting, 3:00 P. M. at the library
 - 8 - 4-H County Camp Carwash and Bake Sale Fund Raiser
 - 10-11 State Golf - Austin Boys & Girls
 - 13 "Rattlesnake Rodeo" Clairemont, Texas, sponsored by the Caprock Peace Office Association
 - 15 - District 3 4-H Trap Shoot in Iowa Park
 - 16 - Motley 4-H Club Meeting.
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NOTICE OF ELECTION CANCELLED AND SCHOOL TRUSTEES ELECTED

The Motley County Independent School District Board of Trustees met in regular monthly meeting on March 30, 2010 and declared the three unopposed candidates elected to office for new three-year terms and cancelled the May 8, 2010, election.

The board of Trustees elected to the new 3 year term as of this date are,

David S. Stafford
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The Roaring Springs Ladies Golf Association

is sponsoring a Babe Zaharis Golf Scramble
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The entry fee is a donation to the Cancer Society
 Call Cynthia at the pro shop (806-348-7267) to enter.

Plan to be there at 1:30 pm and tee off will be at 2:00
 The winning team will each receive a sleeve of balls

Motley County ISD in combination with the Amarillo Senior Citizens are looking for two employees to work 20 hours per week at Motley County Schools. Applicants must be at least 55 years old. Any interested person should contact Dr. Andrew Seigrist, Superintendent 806-347-2676 ex 2401 for further qualifications and information.

Public Notice

The City of Matador hopes to apply for community development grant funding to make **water system improvements**. These improvements will benefit the entire city. However, in order to be successful we need the help of the citizens of Matador.

The employees of the City of Matador along with SPAG employees will be gathering surveys in the month of April. The surveys will gather the information we need to be able to apply for the grant. Please assist us by filling out a survey and returning it to the City of Matador **by May 10th**. These surveys will be used only for the purposes of qualifying and applying for the grant funding.

If you have any questions on the survey or the water project, please contact Debra Scott.

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