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## Motley 4-H visits Hackberry Creek Care Center to give snacks to the residents



Pictured left to right on the back row: Mattie Brooks, Stormy Guerrero, Jaci Zingerman, Lexi Osborn, Cassidy Turner, Caitlin Seigrist, and Grant Potts. front row: Carly Turner, Brendan Fisk, Chloe Gleghorn, and Dode Gleghorn. The resident is Silver (Max) Hill

## 'Hog cam' could give upper hand on feral hogs

New, inexpensive automatic cameras best  
weapon in feral-hog war

By: Robert Burns

Know your enemy better than your friends, the saying goes.

As for feral hogs, knowing when, how many and where they visit is critical to controlling them, said a Texas AgriLife Extension Service expert.

And one of the best ways to monitor feral hog activity, either with trapping or hunting in mind, is by using remote-sensing cameras, said Dr. Billy Higginbotham, AgriLife Extension wildlife and fisheries specialist.

In Texas, feral hogs cause an estimated \$52 million in damage to crops and pastures annually, he said.

"And that does not include damage to wildlife food plots, wildlife feeds and feeders, or to recreational areas like parks, golf courses and landscapes," Higginbotham said.

From the standpoint of either recreation or economics, the impact of feral hogs on deer hunting in Texas is large, he said. Deer hunting has an economic impact of more than \$2 billion dollars annually, and feral hogs compete with white-tailed deer for food and territory throughout their habitats.

"Feral hogs are impressive adversaries," he said. "They're smart and wary of both hunters and traps. Remote-sensing cameras can swing the advantage to the side of hunters and trappers trying to abate damage."

The film cameras of 20 years ago were tripped electronically, either by motion or infrared sensors, he said. The digital cameras of today are weather-proof and easier to set up. And in the past few years, prices have dropped significantly, with entry level cameras costing about \$80 and higher-end cameras in the range of \$600, with many options in between.

"The utility of these little de-

vices extends well beyond patterning deer," Higginbotham said. "Their capability to record the date and time of events captured digitally is what makes them especially useful for combating feral hogs."

For trapping, when the landowner spots a herd of feral hogs, called a "sounder," or finds damage, he or she can put out shelled corn as bait and set up a camera to monitor activity. By taking a head count of the sounder, the landowner can determine the best size trap to put out.

"The idea is to have a trap large enough so the last hog enters through the gate before the first hog trips the gate trigger, usually located near the back of the trap," Higginbotham said. "Maximizing the distance between the gate and trigger means using bigger traps if large numbers of hogs make up the sounder."

Higginbotham recommended using a camera to continue monitoring hog activity long after the trap is erected.

"It may take several days or even a week or more for the hogs to become accustomed to the freshly erected trap. Pre-baiting both outside and inside the trap toward the trigger mechanism should continue. Once the hogs are regularly entering the trap to feed, you can set the gate to trip — based on camera data — and be confident that you will catch hogs."

As for removing feral hogs with firearms or bows, using the cameras in conjunction with solar-charged spotlights is highly effective, Higginbotham said.

As with trapping, the strategy is to use shelled corn or soured grain as bait, and then set up a camera to determine the patterns of their visits. A blind is erected downwind of the bait sites. Solar powered spotlights are set on T-posts to illuminate the bait.

"The spotlights are the key,"

Higginbotham said. "If you leave them on continuously, the hogs get used to them."

Hogs are primarily nocturnal, visiting the bait sites between dusk and dawn, Higginbotham noted.

"The spotlights are placed so they point away from the blind to avoid creating glare," he said.

Landowners have successfully used this technique with both rifles, crossbows and compound bows, Higginbotham said, but noted there are some definite advantages to using a bow.

"Unlike firearms, the use of bows does not frighten the hogs, allowing for multiple removals in some instances," he said.

The rest of the sounder, particularly the large boars, will often stay around the bait allowing for more to be taken.

Also, there's no gun report to disturb neighbors, he said, an important issue in some areas as hogs are nocturnal and best hunted at night.

Higginbotham noted that removing hogs with firearms or bows at night is legal in Texas.

"But a courtesy call to the local game warden is recommended to those planning on discharging firearms after dark," he said.

Higginbotham said he knows of instances where this technique allowed the removal of as many as three boars at the same site the same night, and boars will often come back night after night.

Sows tend to be more wary, he said. All large sows in a sounder must be taken the same night or they may not revisit the bait site for weeks, he said.

"Rather than spending hours swatting mosquitoes and missing sleep, the cameras allow the landowner to pattern hog activity and concentrate their time afield when it really counts," Higginbotham said. "The goal is to abate damage to agricultural enterprises, so maximizing efficiency is the key to trapping and shooting marauding feral hogs."

## City Council reviews investment policy Tax rate increase approved in previous meeting

By Carol Campbell

The Matador City Council met in regular session on Thursday, October 9, 2009. Attending were Mayor Pat Smith, City Secretary Debra Scott and Councilmen Pat Seigler, Shane Jones, Chuck Ream, Kay Bailey, and Alvin Alexander. City Superintendent Steve Barton was absent.

Previously, a called meeting held on September 30 at 7:30 a.m. included a Public Hearing for the 2009 Proposed Tax Rate. There was no public participation at this hearing. Alvin Alexander made a motion to set the 2009 tax rate at \$.45085 per 100 dollar evaluation, seconded by Pat Seigler. Kay Bailey and Shane Jones voted against the new rate.

The October 9 meeting covered an eight-item agenda, including a tabled review of the city investment policy and approval of a resolution to pursue funding made available through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act for energy efficiency. The minutes and expenditures for

the month of September were unanimously approved, including approval to pay association dues to Caprock Wind Energy Association in the amount of \$250.00.

"This association represents us in Austin and is our only hope of getting transmission lines to run through the edge of our county," Kay Bailey said. A \$6,000 bill from the OJD Engineering firm on the sidewalk grant was held pending clarification.

A sample of a "generic investment policy" and a copy of the Motley County investment policy were presented to the council for review. City Secretary Debra Scott said the investment authority and scope of the policy are outlined in these two review documents, including limitations on the Investment Officer, providing a level of accountability for the Council, she said. A motion was made by Councilman Alexander and seconded by Councilman Seigler to table the discussion on the investment policy until further review.

In the Financial Report, City Secretary Debra Scott report-

ed that the Water Works Fund had a balance of \$152,000 thus far in 2009, compared to \$135,000 for 2008, an increase in funds of about 11 percent over the previous year. Thus far, the General Fund has .14 percent more in 2009 at \$66,000, compared to 2008 at \$65,000.

Further, the City Secretary reported that in order to submit a \$25,000 grant for energy conservation through the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant program, the city would need to pass a resolution and provide a Letter of Intent to apply for the funds. The grant money would be used to repair the windows at City Hall and to provide funds for other energy savings projects.

Items for future consideration by the council included an announcement by Mayor Pat Smith that due to letters submitted by the City Attorney Tom Hamilton to owners of properties that pose health and safety hazards, several properties have now been slated for demolition, including properties on north Main Street.

## Motley County Residents face vote on water district

Voters in Motley County will decide in the upcoming November election whether to follow in the footsteps of Hardeman, Foard, Cottle and Childress counties, and join the Gateway Groundwater Conservation District. If approved, the district will allow an appointed board of local citizens to regulate groundwater resources within the district.

"Water in our area is one of the main resources that we still have. We have good water, and we're very fortunate in that respect," said James Timmons of the Upper Pease Soil and Water Conservation District. "But we have to maintain it and use it properly and wisely to protect it. We can do that better ourselves than someone from outside who doesn't know our local needs and uses."

Under Texas water law, groundwater is treated differently than surface water, or water in lakes, rivers and streams. The state controls surface water, and people must obtain a permit for

the right to use a designated amount of water. In contrast, groundwater falls under the "right of capture" rule, which generally means that landowners can pump as much groundwater as they are able to without being liable if they make neighbors' wells go dry.

Texas first provided for the formation of groundwater conservation districts in 1949 in order to allow some local control and management of groundwater use. In 1997, the state legislature passed Senate Bill 1 which said that groundwater conservation districts are the state's preferred method of managing groundwater resources.

Groundwater conservation districts allow a local group to monitor aquifer resources, and let people know what their current water situation is on a timely basis. They also help with educational programs to explain how to conserve the resource and better plan how to use the limited resource to meet demands in their area," Timmons said.

For example, districts can regulate how far apart wells must be spaced to reduce occurrences of pumping in-

terference between adjacent landowners. However, regulations extend only to residents within the groundwater conservation district. Rules do not apply to neighboring counties that are not part of a conservation district unless a process is undertaken to annex that area into an existing district.

"I think it's important to stress what can happen if Motley County doesn't have a district," said Mr. Timmons. "If the district is created, it allows us to set our own rules to manage and protect our groundwater resources. If we don't take the initiative, the state may come in and control it if the law changes."

The main reason the groundwater district has been proposed is to plan the future of the aquifer. Motley County needs an understanding of our underground water supply, and how to conserve it so that it will be available for this generation and future generations.

For more information, please contact Buffy Crutchley at the Upper Pease Soil & Water Conservation District. 806-347-2263x3



# Foothill Country

## Connections

Community, Diversity, Art

By Larry Vogt

When I first heard the "Rolling Plains" designation for the West Texas area and Motley County, I was kind of puzzled. It all seemed flat, miles and miles of flat. Then I approached the county from different directions and I realized that it did roll and there was canyon country close by and it all made sense.

I especially like coming into the county from the south. On the highway one has the sense of the stark rangeland and then it seems as though Roaring Springs is an oasis. The trees and the name give one a suggestion that this might be a good place to stop and rest awhile and I can imagine the original inhabitants camping around the spring and sending out hunting parties. The tribal cultures that thrived around the spring

must have appreciated that oasis quality of the waterfall that still magically appears from the earth.

As the traveler continues North to the city of Matador the "rolling" is very evident and the approach to the town has a dip or two in the road to let you know that you are, indeed, rolling. Going north from Matador, there is the farm and ranchland that continues to the county line, all the while going up and down small "rolling" hills. Even though there are miles of flatness combined with rises and dips, there is a certain amount of diversity of landscape that is very pleasing to the eye, and every approach to the county has its own variation that lends itself to a feeling of appreciation for the land and the people who reside in this area.

# WRITING COMMUNITY

## Letters Home from Cross Cultural Solutions in Dharamsala, India

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

October 2, 2009

Hi everyone!

As always, it has been very eventful here in India! I have been painting at the daycare, visited the Dalai Lama Temple, been a part of candle-lit vigil for a Tibetan prisoner, visited the capital of Himachal Pradesh, and had my share of monkeys, scary mountain roads and strange cab drivers (lack of communication could have been the problem).

The Anganwadi Dari Daycare is where I am now volunteering and will be at for the next week and a half. Then I will transfer to the Harmony through Education Special Education School for two months. The Anganwadi Dari is a UN sponsored daycare, along with a few others in the Dharamsala area. Therefore, all the schools are supposed to have the same things, such as chairs, desks, and supplies. Our school is severely lacking, which is sad because it shows the corruption and the children are the ones to suffer.

Painting the daycare has really brightened the cold cement

walls and we painted the ABCs, #'s 1-20, and a chalkboard on the walls, and had the kids put handprints outside on the pillars. It looks like more of a welcoming place now. I think it is really appreciated because, while painting, school children would stop by in groups and get really excited about it and shake our hands. It was quite endearing!

All eleven other volunteers and the staff met with the secretary of the Department of Information and International Relations of the Tibetan Government in Exile on Wednesday and learned about the Tibetan refugees' situation regarding the Chinese government and the Tibetan Government in exile.

After the meeting, a few of us continued up the mountain to McLeod Ganj, the upper part of Dharamsala and the place where the Dalai Lama Temple is and many of the Tibetan refugees live. We went to the Temple and caught the end of a prayer ceremony, so we got the experience of the chanting and the people there, but also got to walk around and see the temple after everyone had left.

It was awe-inspiring to think about where I was at the moment. This is such a peaceful place with so much culture and hardship, but the Tibetans are persevering against immeasurable odds! What's even more amazing is that they are staging a completely violence-free resistance from China; while the Chinese government is doing such horrific things to these people. I am going to try to see the Dalai Lama speak in mid-October!

This past weekend, a few of us went to Shimla, the capital city of the state Dharamsala is in. The drive there and back was about seven miles each way and it was exhausting. I have never gotten motion sick before and this almost did it to me! It was the smell of exhaust, dust and pollution for the entirety, along with winding, mountainous, one-lane roads with constant hard breaking and quick swerving. A couple times I thought I was going to die- driving off the road or something- like when a bus was driving full force ahead and we had to dodge it at the last second! The views were priceless, though! Shimla is a beautiful city with

European charm and Indian vitality! There, we walked to the Jakhu Temple and a monkey jumped on my back and stole my glasses right off my head! Luckily a nice man threw some food to the monkey and he forgot about the glasses and I got them back! Sunday, we went to the Catholic Church there led by a cute, little Indian priest, who talked about living in the present and having a giving and loving soul. Sunday night we saw a Bollywood Movie at the local movie theatre, which was a fantastic experience! It is amazing how the entire movie was in Hindi, but I could completely follow the story line. Also, Bollywood films rock because they randomly break out in song and fantastically choreographed dancing.

On the drive back from Shimla on Monday, we stopped at Tattapani, a town known for its hot springs and beautiful river, which we went white-water rafting in. And this was all in just one week!

Until next time,  
Take care,  
Stevie

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## Gone to Texas by Jan Barton Hamilton

This was a message left on the doors of many Barton homes in the south in the mid 1800's. A wagon train made its way from South Carolina, Virginia and Tennessee to the Austin area and settled around Bertram. Uncle Billy Barton named Barton Springs, which flows into a stream called Barton Creek where he and others watered their cattle herds and established residences about 160 years ago.

A statue in bronze of the Barton's stands in the area Zilker Park is now located at Barton Springs in Austin and the life size figures shows uncle Billie and two other Barton relatives in their elder years. The creek is still named Barton Creek and has become Town Lake for the City of Austin. Many Bartons stood on the banks at sundown and watched the bats emerge from a day of resting August 28, 2009 as part of the recent Barton Reunion.

At the nationwide Barton Reunion cousins and relatives from nine states and three other countries were represented at the Hyatt Regency Hotel held on Barton Creek Rd. in Austin. Terry Barton, President of the Barton Historical Society presided at a business meeting at the Texas State Capitol. He is currently in England researching family genealogy. He is organizing a Barton Tour of Europe for next year. He along with first cousin Betty Barton, dedicated the Barton House

at the Ranching Heritage Center in Lubbock, Texas July 4th weekend. The stories of the blizzard of 1836 and the Kansas burial site of A. L. Barton's wife and baby who were with him on a cattle drive; tales of taking cattle to the miners in the Gold Rush in California to the area now known as San Francisco; legends of drought and hard times wove a common thread of the survival and tenacity of the Barton Clan and their journey across the ocean from England and France, followed by a wagon train from the East Coast to Texas. And as you may have guessed, the Bartons in West Texas went further still and occupy the land acquired by their great-grandparents, A.L. Barton, his three wives and children. Some of the ranch land once belonged to Charles Goodnight and was part of the old F Ranch.

Wilburn and Ella Orr Barton's descendants who live in Motley County are Mary Ellen (Dude) Barton, Opal Martin's children, Wilbur Martin and Waydie Clay; Allie Hart's daughter, Judy Renfro; Mollie Burleson's children, Stanley Burleson and Marisue Powell; and France Barton's daughter, Dixie Campbell.

The names on grave stones at a church outside of the small village of Barton near Cambridge University in England have familiar names of Charles, John, Robert, Wilburn, Alfred, Milda; Mary, Burr; names also

found in Motley County, Texas today. Descendants of Charlie and Madaline Barton are the children and grandchildren of C.M. Barton Jr. (Jan, Cherri and Max) and June Barton Keltz Lovell (Larry Terry and Kelly). Descendants of Alfred Barton are Alfred Jr. and Pauline Barton Groves, local residents are Kenny Barton and Joanie Barton Stevens, descendants of Wilburn Barton are Mary Ellen (Dude) Barton, Marrisue Burleson Potts, and Stanly Burleson (their mother was Mollie Barton), France Barton: children are Dixie Barton Campbell, the late Mike Barton, Coke Barton, and Bridget Barton. (Jan is asking that all family members bring updated information of new family members to update the family records). Since A. L. Barton fathered 14 children and the records have previously only reflected the genealogy of the fathers, there has been an uprising of the Barton females that was featured on the front page of the Austin Statesman. The article topic was BBM and brought to light by a former Motley County, Matador High graduate, Edna (Barton) Mattern who now lives in New Jersey, with her beloved family. The term soon to be implemented into the Barton genealogy data bases will be the blood lines birthed by Barton women, hence, BBM, birth by mother.

The Bartons have always loved the land, cattle, a good rain, listening to the windmill,

and the rustle of cottonwood leaves in a gentle West Texas breeze. A story that goes deep into West Texas memories is the one about a dose of fermented liquid to enjoy at the end of the day. There were those in the county that built stills and made their own. This innovative endeavor became widely known and a couple of religious lawyers decided they would put an end to this sinful activity. So the feds were called. Once word got out that the authorities were on their way, these holy men went to the landowners and vowed that their land and secret stills would be overlooked for a fee. Some paid in cash, others in cows and some in land deemed to the greedy entrepreneurs. The ones who had no bartering implements went to Federal Prison. If anyone in Motley County knows of this foul play, come to the reunion on Oct. 17, 2009 at the home of Jan Barton Hamilton at 914 Walton Rd. Matador, Texas, and tell us your version.

Wilson Barton was the star of the reunion in 2008 and we are hoping Dude Barton will tell us her family stories this year. The family heritage of hard work, integrity and devotion to freedom remains a strong fiber in the Barton family today. That was evident in Austin, Texas as observed from calloused hands, sun drenched cowboy hat lines, and the silent grin that means, "All is Well."

## Letter to The Editor:

When I moved back to Matador, Jake Edwards remarked to me, "It's nice all you people are moving back, but where are all the child-bearing people?"

What attracts the Child-bearing people?

Opportunity!

Opportunity will draw them in and keep them here, but opportunity must be created, nurtured, and sometimes sacrificed for. Sometimes we have to band together, even compromise, to

produce opportunity.

Opportunity brings change. Change is not always comfortable-but inevitable- until you die.

We need to examine the alternative to opportunity.

Not everyone wants to encourage or cultivate opportunity.

The status quo is comfortable, but with limited opportunity.

Dr. Clinton Burns

## THE TRANSFORMED LIFE



The transformed life is proof positive of a relationship with Jesus. Paul tells us about this in Romans 12:1-2. Also found in the Book Acts we read there that the gospel had changed the lives of thousands. In the accounts from Acts 2 through chapter 16, lives are being changed. How? The gospel of Jesus Christ, that's how. The

gospel changed the life of a jailor in Phillip. It improved the quality of a good man named Cornelius. The power of the gospel is clearly seen in the changed life of a Jew named Saul of Tarsus. The gospel is still the power that creates changed lives.

The gospel is still changing lives today. It changed my life and I am sure that many of you would say the same. The gospel is the "good news" that death could not hold Him. We believe that Jesus died for our sins on Calvary and rose again the third day. We serve a risen Savior who gives us the power to overcome sin. That changes lives. We are transformed through the awesome power of God's Word in our lives.

Believing that Jesus rose from the dead is the very heart of the gospel. This belief did not grow up within the church. It is the belief around which the church itself grew up. The early church understood that the resurrection of Jesus is the only explanation for the tomb being empty. Jesus called us who believe "blessed." Why? Because... "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." The gospel is still the power that changes lives today. Truly, God has provided for our salvation.

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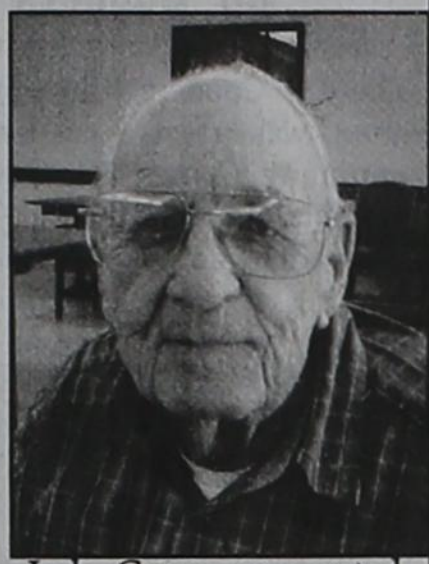
# Hackberry Creek Care Center

Employee of the Month Resident of the Month



Jennifer Salinas was voted employee of the month. She lives in Paducah with Steven Cruz and her 4 children: Tyler, Emily, Elizabeth, and Carley. Jennifer says that she really loves working with the elderly and enjoys taking care of them.

**Congratulations Jennifer!!**



Jack Green was voted resident of the month. He was a home builder here in Matador for many years. He was married to his wife Decima, for 70 years and they raised 4 children together. Stop by and take a look at the pictures of the homes he built.

**Congratulations Jack!!**

## Motley 4-H Club and Adult Leaders Association to host 2nd Annual Benefit Concert

On November 14, 2009 the Motley 4-H Club and Adult Leaders Association will be hosting a 2nd Annual Benefit Concert. The concert will start at 7:30p.m. at the Old Settlers Grounds in Roaring Springs. This year 3 bands will perform on stage, Woolley and the Sandbillies (a Merle Haggard/Waylon Jennings style band consisting of Kermit Woolley, Steven Reynolds and Gary Dunlap)

will start the night off followed by Southern Crossing (a southern rock/classic rock style band from Stephenville). Trent Willmon will finish the night in an acoustic set that includes guitars and a fiddle. A full concession stand will be offered this year with all proceeds going to benefit the Motley County Jr. Livestock Show. Heaters will also be set up on the dance floor, donated by Wylie LP Gas

- Matador. Tickets locations in Matador include Matador Motor, Wylie LP Gas, Matador Floral, Capital Farm Credit, Motley County Extension Office and in Roaring Springs at Alexander Fuel. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the gate, only 500 have been printed. Come out and enjoy some good entertainment while supporting the local youth of Motley County.

# Obituaries

## Doyle Calvert

Private Family Graveside for Doyle Calvert, 79, of Flomot once again on October 12, 2009 at the Flomot Memorial Park Cemetery. Mr. Calvert passed away Friday evening Oct. 9, 2009 in Lockney. Arrangements are under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home of Matador. Mr. Calvert was a lifelong resident of the Flomot Community and a farmer.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Jo, of Flomot, TX; two sons, Glen Calvert of Flomot, TX and Alvia Joe Calvert of Dumas, TX; two daughters; Sheryllyn Foster of Lubbock, Texas and Gwendolyn Mandrell of Lubbock, TX; two brothers, George Calvert and Ray Beryl Calvert; two sisters, Barbara Jo Bush and Mary Browning; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials to the Flomot Do-Gooders or the Flomot Cemetery Association.

## Melba Ann Spray Rosser

Members of the Spray clan journeyed home to Witeflat once again on October 8, 2009, the occasion shockingly unexpected and heartbreaking. After a poignant memorial service in Lewisville on October 7, we came to lay to rest our youngest, the last born of Jack and Rosa Spray, who spent their entire life together in Motley County. Melba Ann Spray Rosser brought joy to our home on June 7, 1949 when she was born at Traweek Hospital in Matador. She departed this life suddenly on October 1, 2009, a routine Thursday after work in her enchanting home in The Colony during her habitual "chilling" time after work while watering her incredibly lovely forest of house plants.

Survivors include her husband Roy Rosser of The Colony; two sons, Michael Rosser of Dallas and Tony Ridley and his wife Kelly and son J. D. of Carrollton; two daughters and families, Leesa Ruderman and husband Jan and son Evan of Middletown, Maryland, and Stephanie Jones and husband Matthew and sons Logan and Cody and daughter Whitley of Waxahachie; a father-in-law, Bobby Rosser and brother in law, Randy Rosser and wife Barbara of Mesquite; a sister-in-law, Jerry Chappel and husband Jerome of Killeen; two brothers, Norman Spray of Bedford and companion, Billie Huggins of Palo Pinto and Billy Jack Spray and wife, Sylvia of Las Cruces, New Mexico; and one sister, Geney Stan of La Plata, New Mexico. She is sur-

vived also by several nieces and nephews, cousins and a host of friends.

Melba enjoyed the carefree life of childhood on a farm until she grew into some of the chores of its upkeep, which she willingly accepted. She attended Matador public schools, where she graduated as salutatorian of her eighth grade class and earned a bachelor's degree in business from the University of Texas at Dallas. Among her accomplishments was one which she shared with all of us, a narrative of much of her early life, generous and beautifully written.

Valued for her many professional skills at National Envelope as an administrative assistant, she had worked also in other companies in the Dallas area and for many years at Harris Computers, making friends wherever she went. Melba's open warm nature embraced whatever she encountered with love and enthusiasm not only at work, but especially in her home and among her family, friends and neighbors.

Up and down North Colony Boulevard and beyond, Melba was a bright spot, sending cheery greetings to all she met as she and Roy walked China, their prissy little Border Collie, well groomed and sporting her bright red bandana.

Melba loved all things beautiful, cultivating it in her surroundings and in her relationships with all she knew. She loved sequins and rhinestones, blonde coiffures and perfect make-up; she loved the color

pink, and lace and satin in her home, along with roses in garlands and festoons and cascades; sparkling crystals and winking candle light, delicate tinkling wind chimes and splashing fountains -- and plants, plants, beautiful burgeoning plants everywhere.

Just like the glitter and glamour of her person, she brightened the space she entered with her spirit, uplifting the hearts and moods of all she touched. She was so friendly that she never knew a stranger, and that's because as soon as she met someone, they were no longer a stranger. Among our recent eulogies and recollections, Melba emerges as the flower of every reunion, sweet and gentle, a peace maker, full of fun and laughter, the one who always made everything all right -- and from her husband of 35 years, "the very best person I've ever known." She knew how to keep on keeping on, no matter how tough the going, no matter the obstacle. Her spirit was far too generous to ever hold a grudge or engage in back biting; she was never spiteful or mean or petty.

As we gathered in sight of the lovely Quitaque Peaks in the quiet peace of the prairie, how nice to be met by long-time friends and neighbors and to have words of comfort spoken by Minister Crowley. As we reflect on melba's beauty, her sparkle and glitz, her glamour and glitter, we know that what she really teaches is the beauty of her spirit. As she so often said, as her mother said before her, "beauty is as beauty does."

Motley County vs Cotton Center at Matador on Thursday  
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# NEWS AROUND MOTLEY COUNTY

## Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

Corky ran over Clyde our old cat last week. It really made him sad. Clyde was such a quite gentle natured cat that hardly ever got ruffled about anything. He never seemed to get in a hurry and often we had to wait for him to decide he really needed to give up his spot on the driveway when we came home. Clyde was about 14 or so years old and I expect his hearing was not good. He didn't move from under the pickup wheel and Corky didn't see him in front of the back wheel when he got into the pickup. I was gone for the day but Corky held a proper burial for him beside his twin sister, Bonnie who took a nap in the street several years ago and was run over. It seemed these two cats had no awareness of danger. They surely wouldn't be poster cats for the 'nervous as a cat' adage.

Clyde Cat did one really remarkable act in his lifetime. He did lots of funny things but this was different. One night the outside door of the sun room wasn't securely fastened and I guess the wind blew it open. Clyde who seldom meowed audibly and was outside came into the bedroom and meowed loudly and woke me. Though I was almost sure that I had put him out, I guessed he had just stowed away to spend the night in the house and put him out the back door. Shortly he came back into the bedroom and woke me again. I realized there must be a door open and shut it. He knew it wasn't supposed to be open and was alerting me. Clyde will be missed.

Ronnie Tucker visited his aunt Mozelle Hand last week. Ronnie lives in Midland.

Carter Luckett and Donny Jackson of Matador visited with Bill Hand last week. Bill really appreciates his friends stopping by for a visit. His daughters, Trudy Hand of Amarillo and Kim Watson and granddaughter, Abby from Lubbock visited with Bill recently as well. Today,

Loretta Sossman and Fred Stinson of Paducah are visiting the Hands.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim McAteer stayed at the Traveler's Inn while attending the Spur Homecoming.

Margaret Leonard is visiting her brother, Larry Hamilton and family in the southeast corner of Missouri for a few days.

On Sunday evening, October 18th at 6:00 p.m., Kim Woolsey will bring pictures and tell of her trip to Denver last year to work with the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry with Samaritan's Purse at the First Baptist Church at Roaring Springs to kick off our annual Christmas Child Shoe Box activity. This will be about the 6th year the First Baptist Church has participated in this program to bring needy children Christmas and the good news of Jesus. Kim will be returning to Denver again this year to work in that ministry again. Come and see what a wonderful thing is being done for children and enjoy fellowship afterward.

There are many in this area that participates in this ministry. It will be exciting to hear from Kim as she tells of going and working in one of the region centers for receiving and getting the boxes packed with literature for the children in the language of the country they are being sent.

Johnny Morris and his wife Connie resigned as the pastor of the First Baptist Church in Roaring Springs. Johnny feels the call to begin a non denominational work elsewhere. Gene Meecham, Director of Missions of the Caprock Baptist Association will fill the pulpit on Sunday morning, October 18th.

Don't forget the second Town Hall Meeting being held on Monday, October 19th, 2009 at the Roaring Springs Community Center at 7:00 p.m. A representative from Congressman Thornberry's staff will be in attendance.

## Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

### Overheard

I dialed a number and got the following recording: " I am not available right now, but thank you for caring enough to call. I am making some changes in my life. Please leave a message after the beep. If I don not return your call, you are one of the changes."

Derrick Cruse and girlfriend, Christina Burrow and son, Cash of Gillett, Wyoming visited from Thursday until Sunday with his parents, Brenda and Darrell Cruse. Other guests at a luncheon Sunday in the Cruse home were Mrs. Marihelen Wason of Matador; Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse, Brand and Jodie Cruse, Branson, Baylor and Brason of Turkey; Monica and Tanner Smith, Cutter and Jaxon of Floydada; Mrs. Judy Cruse and Roegan, Cliff and Tachael of Flomot; and Gwen and Marion Gion of Plainview.

Mrs. Janice Hughes was a special guest at the 12th birthday party of granddaughter, Reagan Rogers Thursday held in the home of her family, Roger and Tiffany Rogers, Tara and Brody. They enjoyed hamburgers, hot dogs, soft

drinks, decorated cake and ice cream. Over 40 relatives and friends attended.

Jack and Nada Starkey were in Amarillo, Tuesday for her a medical appointment. Meeting them there were daughter and son, Mrs. Jackie Lynn Davis and Michael of Fritch.

Ruth and Orville Lee attended to business in Plainview, Saturday.

A spaghetti luncheon was held at the Flomot Baptist Church last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay visited in Clifton Wednesday until Saturday with daughter and family, Lori and Kevon Kleibrink, Kyler and Karlee. They attended the funeral services Thursday morning of Kevon's grandmother, Mrs. Christine Kleibrink held in Clifton. They attended Thursday night the football game of Kyler and his Junior Varsity Clifton teammates in Meridian.

Mrs. Janice Hughes enjoyed Pumpkin Days held in Floydada, Saturday.

Chad Calvert of Istanbul, Turkey was met at the Lubbock Airport Friday by wife, Mrs. Cindy Calvert and son, Cade, Clois and Kathy Shorter and accompanied to Flomot for an extended visit.

## Mavericks Maul Silverton Jr. High Owls

The Motley County Mavericks defeated the Silverton Jr. High Owls by a score of 51-6 last Thursday at Burseson Field.

The Mavericks dominated both sides of the ball, rushing for over 120 yards and passing for 115 while allowing the Owls only 50 yards of total offense, most of which came on one long run.

Quarterback Braden Bigham passed for over 115 yards and threw touchdown strikes

to Jamie Jameson, Coby Cochran, and Caleb Clary. Conner Mason accounted for 93 yards rushing while scoring three touchdowns, and added another on an interception return for a TD.

The Mavericks continue their unbeaten streak, stretching their season mark to 4-0. Their next game is Thursday, October 15, 5:00 PM at Burseson Field against the Cotton Center Jr. High Elks.

## Artful Halloween Décor at Do Gooders' Club Meeting

The Do Gooders' Club of Flomot was greeted at the Community Center Tuesday afternoon, Oct 6 with an artful array of Halloween decorations.

Adding to the holiday observance, hostess, Mrs. Kathy Shorter wore a costume and hot pink wig. She presided at a Halloween designed service and cloth centered with a scarecrow flanked by Jack O Lanterns with blinking lights. A white ceramic ghost was filled with decorated cookies. Other refreshments served were chips and crackers with vegetable and fruit dips, Trail mix, coffee and fruit punch.

Mrs. B. Rogers won the Hostess gift, the scarecrow centerpiece when her name was drawn.

Mrs. Connie Franks conducted the business meeting. The club's next meeting was postponed to Wednesday, Nov. 4 due to election being held at the Center, November 3. They thanked Mrs. Mary Jo Calvert for putting the bind-

ing and hemming the Bazaar quilt. The will put the beautiful quilt on display at the bank in Quitaque.

They voted to have the Club's Fall Bazaar Saturday, Nov. 7 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. They are selling chances on the Bazaar quilt for \$ 1.00 each or six for \$ 5.00. The name of the winner will be drawn at the Fall Bazaar and does not have to be present to win. Booths are available for \$15.00 each. An announcement of Bazaar will be published in papers at a later date. For more information you are to contact Anna Beth Clay 806-469-5249 or Connie Franks at 806-469-5358.

Those attending were Messdames Barbara Payne, Doris Vinson, Judy Stark, Kathy Shorter, Connie Franks, Erma Washington, Anna Beth Clay, B. Rogers and Waydetta Clay. Guests were Mrs. Cindy Calvert and son, Cade who wore a mask and was very entertaining.

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75/48	69/47	73/50	76/54	78/54	74/51	75/53

### Weather Trivia

What was the costliest hailstorm in the United States?



Answer: In July 1990, Denver had received damages totaling \$625 million.

### Weather History

Oct. 15, 1954 - Hurricane Hazel struck the Carolina coastline. The hurricane demolished every pier along a 170 mile stretch from Myrtle Beach, S.C. to Cedar Island, N.C. and obliterated entire lines of beach homes. Hurricane Hazel also destroyed 1,500 homes as it moved inland.

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## Notes from the Library

By Buffy Crutchley

I've had lots of requests for new audio books, so I went on a mini shopping spree. I figured as the holiday's get closer, there will be an increased demand as everybody hits the open roads. We've got new titles by Nora Roberts, Sue Monk Kidd, Barbara Delinsky, James Patterson, Danielle Steel and Karen Kingsbury, just to name a few.

Come browse the new selections!

And as the cold weather creeps up on us, don't forget all the wonderful movies we have. New titles this week are "Hotel for Dogs", "Horton Hears a Who", "27 Dresses", "Transformers", and "Marley & Me" which is SUCH a good movie!

## Obituary

### Olive Aileen Russell Mantooth

Olive Aileen Russell Mantooth died Sunday October 4, 2009 at The Lutheran Home in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. She was born to John Calvin and Ora Olive Moore Russell June 8, 1923, in Matador, Texas. She married William (Bill) Lafayette Mantooth March 16, 1946, in Matador. A 1940 graduate of Matador High School, she became a registered nurse after graduating from the Plainview School of Nursing in 1943. She was then employed by Clovis Memorial Hospital in Clovis, New Mexico. During this time she was introduced to Sgt. Bill Mantooth of Commerce, Texas, who was stationed at the Clovis Army Airfield. They were married five weeks later.



then shared family stories. Aileen proved family lines to join the Frances Cook Van Zandt Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, the Nancy Hunter Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Hugenot Society, and the Colonial Dames. She was a member of the Pierce Chastain Family Association, the Oline Chapter, the Gann Family Association, and the Rich Family Association.

A woman of faith, Aileen was an active member of Grace United Methodist Church of Cape Girardeau. She was also a member of the Eastern Star. She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother, John Merwyn Russell of Matador. Aileen is survived by her husband of 63 years; her sister-in-law, Dorothy Russell of Matador; nieces and their husbands and families Marlynn and Randy Hicks of Matador, Linda and Tom Roy of Weatherford, TX; and Caron and Jesse Perkins of Odessa, TX; a nephew and his wife, John Douglas and D'anna Russell of Matador; very special friends, Marilyn and Paul Schnare of Cape Girardeau and Nicole, Gary, Kelsi, Coby, and Kory Siebert, also of Cape Girardeau; and many dear cousins and relations both near and removed.

Church Services were held at the First United Methodist Church, burial followed in East Mound Cemetery in Matador, Texas. Family suggest memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Foundation, of America ([www.alzfdn.org](http://www.alzfdn.org)), 322 Eighth Ave. 7th Floor, New York, NY 10001, 866-232-8484, or to the Motley County Library, P.O. Box 557, Matador, Texas 79244.

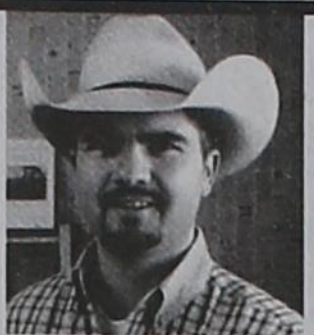
Throughout his years with the railroad, the couple were transferred to cities along the company's line such as Jonesboro and Pine Bluff, Arkansas, Belleville, Illinois, and finally to Cape Girardeau, Missouri, in 1980. In Cape Girardeau they finally put down roots and decided to stay after Bill's retirement from his job as trainmaster.

The couple enjoyed traveling. Besides Canada and Mexico, they visited 49 of the 50 states and were scheduled to visit the remaining state of Alaska when a sudden illness prevented their departure. They included each of their three nieces on many of their trips. However, when asked about her favorite place to visit, she always answered "home," in reference to her beloved Matador or spending days fishing with her father-in-law, Harvey Mantooth, on the banks of stock tanks near Commerce.

Aileen loved family and family history. Many hours were spent searching courthouse records and historical archives for mention of ancestors, and she and Bill were successful in compiling impressive genealogical records. She eagerly collected and

## County Agent's News

by Ryan Martin, *Agri LIFE* EXTENSION Agent



### Important H1N1 Flu Information

#### What is H1N1 (swine) flu?

H1N1 (referred to as "swine flu" early on) is a new influenza virus causing illness in people. This new virus was first detected in people in the United States in April 2009. Other countries, including Mexico and Canada, have reported people sick with this new virus. This virus is spreading from person-to-person, probably in much the same way that regular seasonal influenza viruses spread.

#### Why is this new H1N1 virus sometimes called "swine flu"?

This virus was originally referred to as "swine flu" because laboratory testing showed that many of the genes in this new virus were very similar to influenza viruses that normally occur in pigs in North America. But further study has shown that this new virus is very different from what normally circulates in North American pigs. It has two genes from flu viruses that normally circulate in pigs in Europe and Asia and avian genes and human genes. Scientists call this a "quadruple reassortant" virus.

#### How severe is illness associated with this new H1N1 virus?

It's not known at this time how severe this virus will be in the general population. CDC is studying the medical histories of people who have been infected with this virus to determine whether some people may be at greater risk from infection, serious illness or hospitalization from the virus. In seasonal flu, there are certain people that are at higher risk of serious flu-related complications. This includes people 65 years and older, children younger than five years old, pregnant women, and people of any age with chronic medical conditions. It's unknown at this time whether certain groups of people are at greater risk of serious flu-related complications from infection with this new virus. CDC also is conducting laboratory studies to see if certain people might have natural immunity to this virus, depending on their age.

#### What are the signs and symptoms of H1N1 (swine) flu in people?

The symptoms of H1N1 flu in people are similar to the symptoms of regular human flu and include fever, cough, sore throat, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue. Some people have reported diarrhea and vomiting associated with H1N1 flu. In the past, severe illness (pneumonia and respiratory failure) and deaths have been reported with H1N1 flu infection in people. Like

seasonal flu, H1N1 flu may cause a worsening of underlying chronic medical conditions.

In children emergency warning signs that need urgent medical attention include:

- Fast breathing or trouble breathing
  - Bluish or gray skin color
  - Not drinking enough fluids
  - Severe or persistent vomiting
  - Not waking up or not interacting
  - Being so irritable that the child does not want to be held
  - Flu-like symptoms improve but then return with fever and worse cough
- In adults, emergency warning signs that need urgent medical attention include:
- Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
  - Pain or pressure in the chest or abdomen
  - Sudden dizziness
  - Confusion
  - Severe or persistent vomiting
  - Flu-like symptoms improve but then return with fever and worse cough

#### How do you catch H1N1 (swine) flu?

Through contact with a person with H1N1 flu. Human-to-human spread of H1N1 flu has been documented also and is thought to occur in the same way as seasonal flu. Influenza is thought to spread mainly person-to-person through coughing or sneezing of infected people.

#### What should I do to keep from getting the flu?

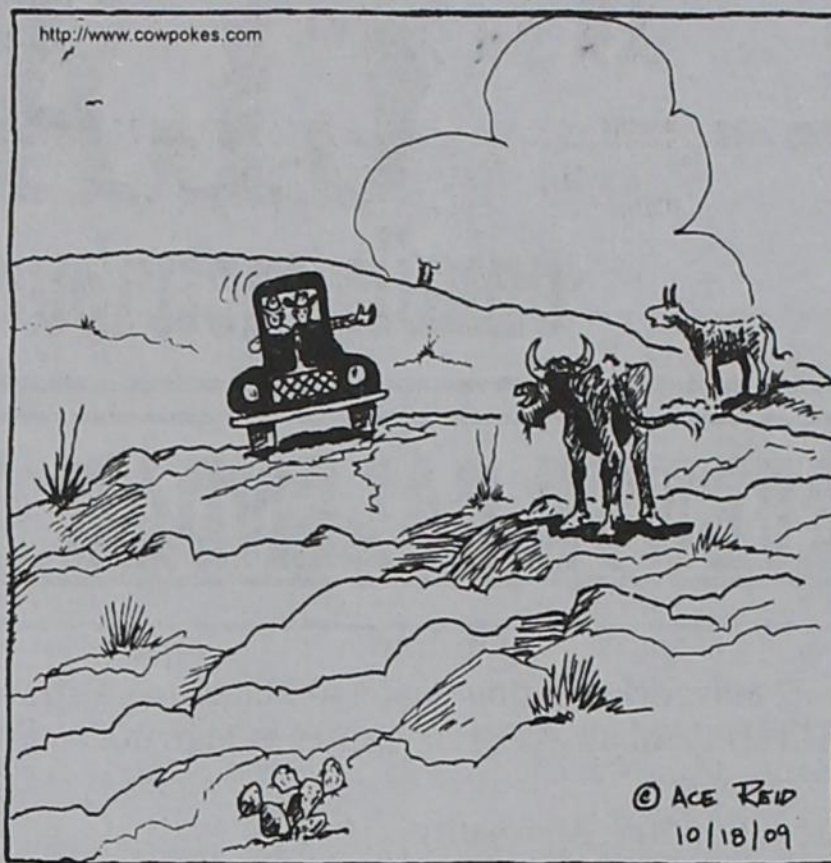
First and most important: wash your hands. Try to stay in good general health. Get plenty of sleep, be physically active, manage your stress, drink plenty of fluids, and eat nutritious food. Try not touch surfaces that may be contaminated with the flu virus. Avoid close contact with people who are sick.

#### What should I do if I get sick?

Contact your health care provider regarding the flu vaccine, or should you or a family member develop flu-like symptoms.

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By Ace Reid



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"The group we are targeting are mainly city dwellers who have purchased rural property for retirement, an alternative source of income or a lifestyle change," said Steve Sturtz, AgriLife Extension agent in Tom Green County.

"Most don't have an agricultural background, so once they've bought the property, they wonder what to do with it."

Sturtz said the series curriculum is based on landowners' requests to his office on those particular topics.

To pre-register and for more information, contact the AgriLife Extension office in Tom Green County at 325-659-6524.

By: Steve Byrns, 325-653-4576

Contact(s): Steve Sturtz, 325-659-6524, [s-sturtz@tam.u.edu](mailto:s-sturtz@tam.u.edu)

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- 15 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
- 27--Book Discussion--Same Kind of Different as Me 7:00 P. M. at the Library.
- 28 - Food Challenge - Jacksboro
- 29 Jr. H Mavericks, Amherst at Matador, 5:00 P.M.
- 30 MCISD Football at Amherst, 7:30pm

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