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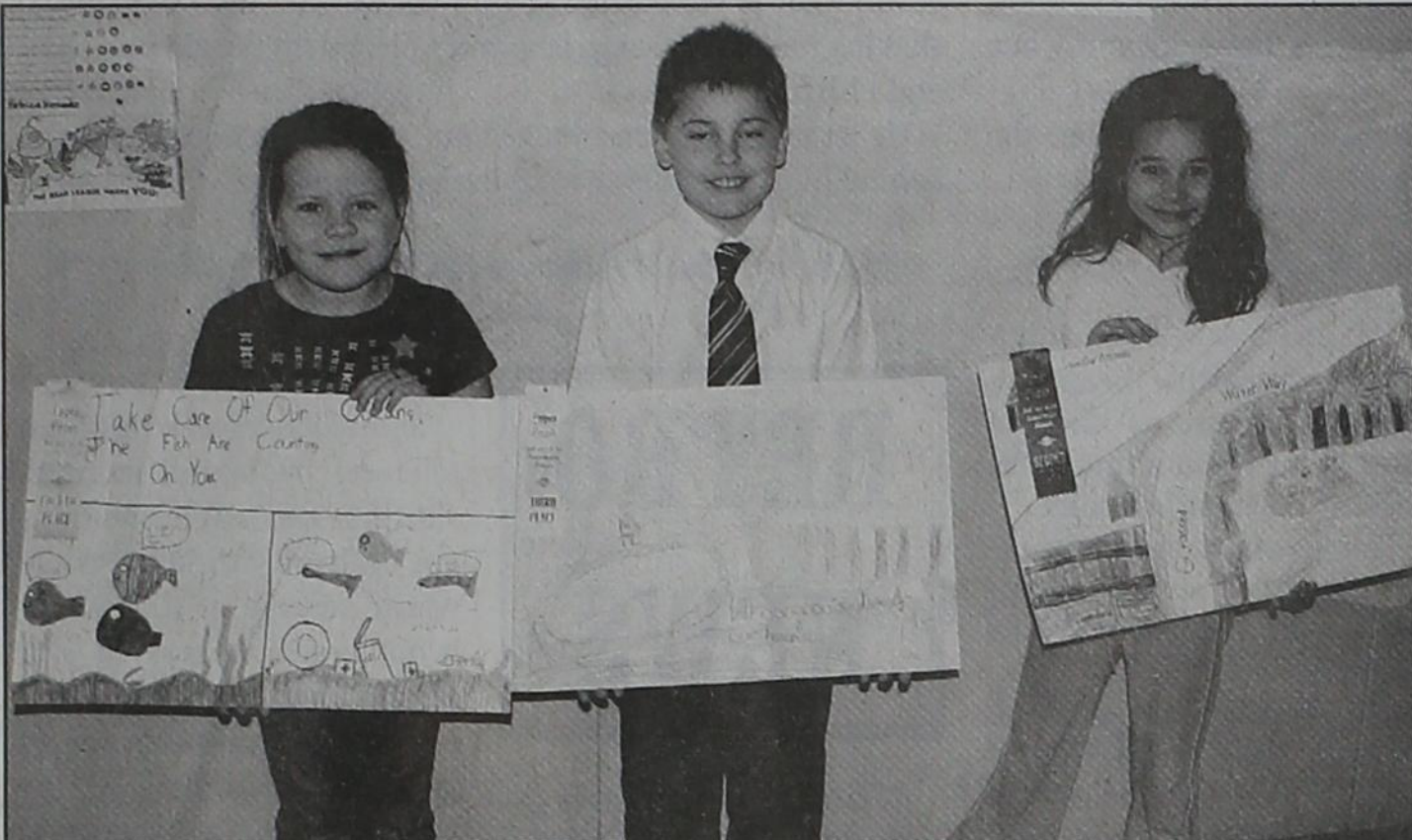
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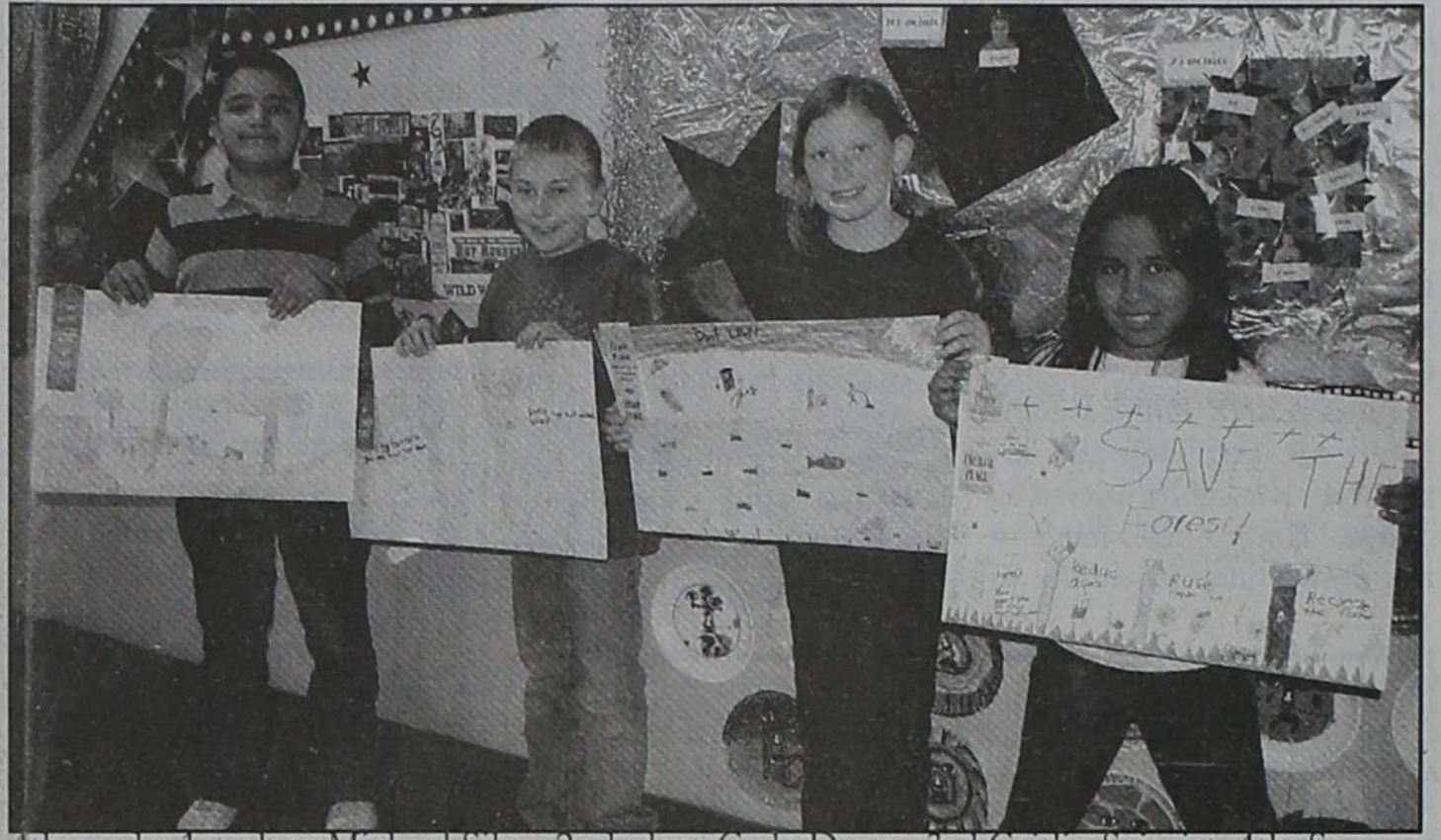
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Upper Pease Soil and Water Conservation District's 2010 "Healthy Habitats" Poster Contest winners



2nd grade: 1st place: Tatum Guerrero (not pictured) 2nd: Autumn Perryman, 3rd: Freddie Hess, 4th: Jaylee Flowers



4th grade: 1st place: Michael Silva, 2nd place: Cade Drum, 3rd: Caitlin Seigrist, 4th: Samantha Quilimaco



3rd grade: 1st place: Ethan Mason, 2nd: Trinity Seward, 3rd: Carley Turner, 4th: Leon Quilimaco



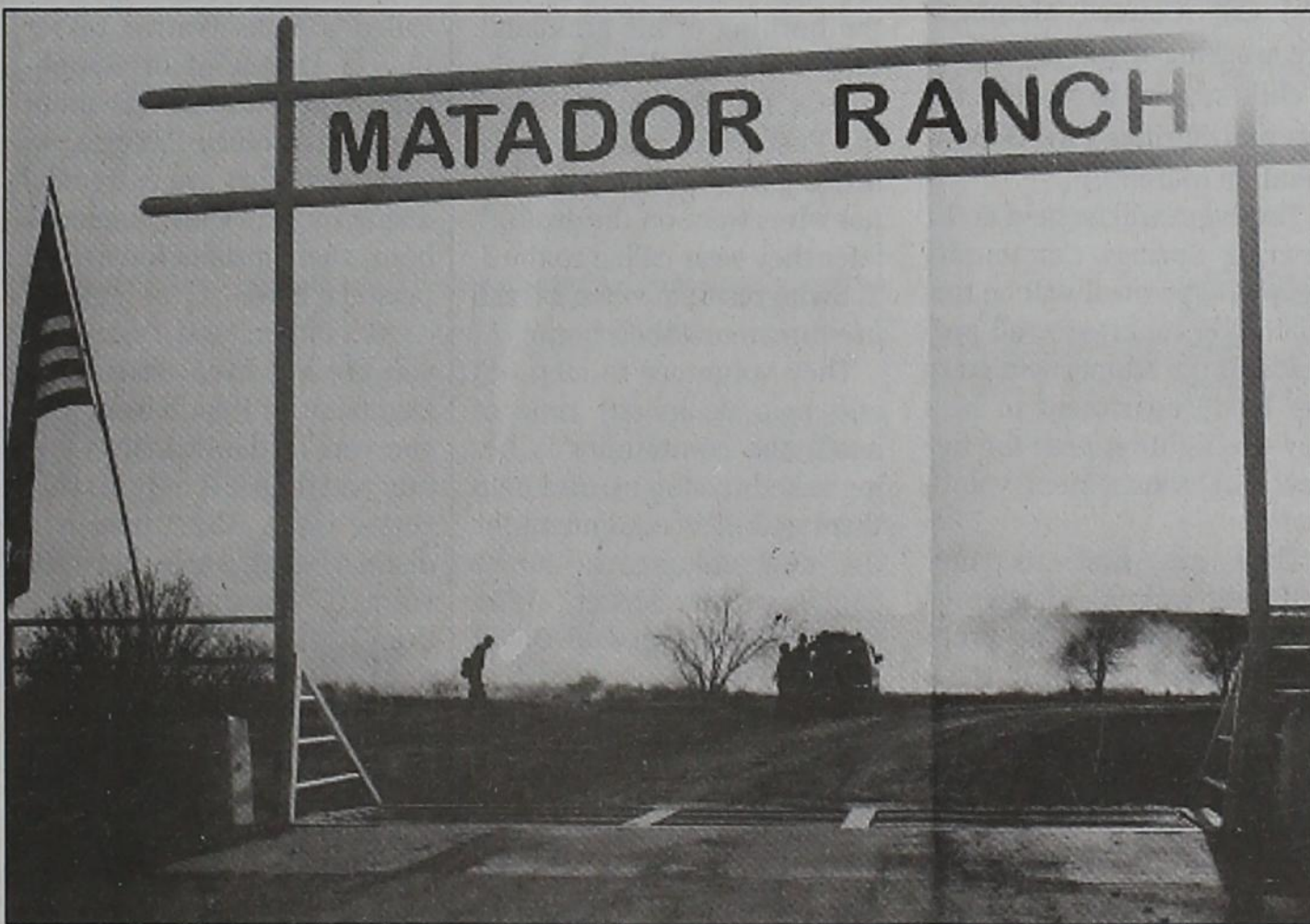
5th grade: 1st place: Chloe Gleghorn, 2nd: Autumn Woolsey, 3rd: Chris Ward, 4th: Grant Potts

Matador Ranch Prescribed Burns Control Brush

Matador Ranch annually uses prescribed burns for brush control. This management tool helps suppress invasive, water-hogging cedar, mesquite and prickly pear, allowing more native grasses to flourish, resulting in definite benefits to wildlife and livestock.

The ranch works with local, state, and federal agencies, such as the Motley County Volunteer Fire Department, Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, and USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service, as well as their neighbors, to carefully plan and control the managed burns.

Global Frontline Solutions (GFS) of Fritch, a land and fire management services company, orchestrated the controlled burns.



A prescribed burn at the Matador Ranch lights up the night sky above the Salt Creek pasture.

Buffy Crutchley to be honored at coffee

Buffy Crutchley will be honored at a coffee at the library on Friday, March 5, 10:00-11:00 A.M. Buffy has been librarian at the Motley County Library for two and a half years. During her tenure she has been successful in writing grants for new computers, a new desk, a new color printer, additional children's and crafts books and a new digi-

tal camera for the library. Just recently Buffy received a partial grant for a new copier.

Buffy will be moving to Kansas with March 5 being her last day at the library. The Friends of the Library invite you to come in that morning and say "goodbye" to Buffy and to say "welcome" to the new librarian, Mary Ann Potts.

Winter temperatures in February

By Earlyne Jameson

Abundant winter moisture in January and February in Motley County raised prospects for sub soil reserves for spring planting. The wet spells are unusual for this time of year. Jody James, warning meteorologist of the NWS, said the El Nino influence, when it is as strong as it is now, typically can be asso-

ciated with increased winter precipitation.

Although the extra precipitation is needed for Motley County agriculture, those in the cattle industry said snow kept animals from grazing. Supplement feeding increased costing them additional labor and expense.

The moisture total of rain and snow in Febru-

ary is more than normal of 0.30 inches according to the NWS climate summary. Motley County NWS Volunteers report: Buzz Thacker, Roaring Springs 2.20 inches; Ronnie Bailey, Matador 2.20 inches; Betty Simpson, Northfield 1.54 inches; Lawrence Allen, Whiteflat 2.05 inches and Clois Shorter, Flomot 2.21 inches.

Photographer finds beauty in old cemeteries

by Linda Roy

"Do not dig any graves without calling," declares a sign posted in a Dickens County cemetery.

The simple yet profound charm of discovering such signage is what lures photographer Wes Underwood on his quest to capture images from rural and sometimes forgotten cemeteries across West Texas.

"It's almost as if people are speaking to you; they are telling their story," said Jackie, Underwood's wife who often shares the adventure.

Underwood enjoys the stories of the quick as well as the dead, so he always wears his tall, lace-up snake boots when visiting small towns. Beyond the safety aspect, the boots attract attention, and people in-

variably ask what he is doing. Thus starts a conversation and another story.

The Underwoods were in Motley County last weekend, on a quest to photograph cemeteries in Matador, Northfield, Flomot, Roaring Springs, and Whiteflat. They meant to visit the tiny Tee Pee City cemetery as well, but were prevented by a closed gate.

The foggy Saturday morning lent itself to dramatic shots of livestock, wildlife, and abandoned farm houses as well as weathered tombstones.

Having studied under Wyman Meinzer, the Official Photographer of the State of Texas, (www.wymanmeinzer.com), Underwood has developed an eye for shots that speak beyond the image. It is possible that his vast collection of cemetery shots may result in a future book, but he is not certain.

With bachelor and masters degrees from Texas Tech University, Underwood's "day job" is teaching photography and mass communications courses at South Plains College in Levelland. Jackie is a physical therapy assistant in that town.

Each weekend, however, they head out of town to enjoy exploring the world along the back roads of West Texas.

Foothill Country

Connections

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

By Laverne Zabielski

Thank you, Judge Ed D. Smith, and Bill Manney for your *Letters to the Editor* addressing my concerns regarding the Democratic primary election. Bill Manney makes a good point regarding making a distinction between voting the candidate versus the party. This raises the question why have two parties, especially in small communities? Judge Ed D. Smith addresses this concern with his statement, "I personally believe that in a small county like ours there shouldn't even be a requirement for party affiliation because everyone knows everyone."

Judge Ed D. Smith's comments are clarifying and insightful. He will be missed as Judge. He has been fair and has always had the ability to

communicate ideas, not only with those who agreed, but also with those who disagreed.

Judge Ed D. Smith also displayed a goodly amount of competence in the area of dealing with the various other governmental entities such as SPAG and the Texas Department of Transportation. He was friendly and willing to work out issues and try to come up with the best avenues of action for the good of the citizens of Motley County.

I look forward to seeing what other ways he will continue his involvement in the growth of Motley County.

Today, before this paper goes to press, it is apparent that we have three good Democrats in this race. And, as Judge Ed D. Smith mentioned, it is important that everyone takes a part in the selection process whenever they have an opportunity.

WRITING COMMUNITY

March is Women's History Month

A West Texas 1939 Rebel

by Laverne Zabielski

Rebel? she said. Rebel again? I have rebelled.

A long time ago I rebelled that day in the cotton field when me and my four brothers were out there hoeing, having a good time, being the kids we were. We laughed and hoed and carried on and Daddy saw us. He drove his tractor over to where we were and jumped off and broke off a "careless weed" and whipped us all for not hoeing fast enough. It was hot and we were working hard. It wasn't right he did that.

I picked up my hoe and watched him with tears in my eyes till he drove his tractor into the middle of the field, and I knew there was no way he could turn around. I threw down my hoe and marched back to the house.

"I'm not ever going in that field again!" I told mother, the screen door slamming behind me.

When Daddy saw what I had done, he came storming into the house, hollering, "You get back in that field!"

And I said, "No!"

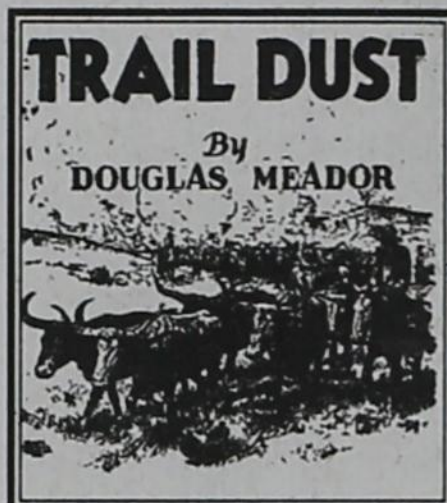
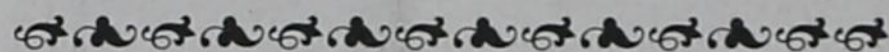
And he hollered again, "You get back in that field!"

"And I said, "No!"

He grabbed me by the crown of my hair. Dragged me through the dining room. Dragged me through the kitchen. And just as he was about to drag me out the door, mother yelled, "You let her go!"

Daddy let me go and he turned to mother, put his hands around her neck, pushed her up against the wall and started shaking her and shaking her, and I picked up the kitchen chair and I hit him with it.

He let mother go and walked out, the screen door slamming behind him, and I never went in that field again.



Matador Tribune
April 16, 1942

A scar of red clouds lay across the cold and lonely cheek of dawn as the world tilted to pour out its darkness. Time peeled off layers of thin stars to grey sky but there was no wind to sweep drifts of crystal fog from the valleys. When the crimson bubble of sun floated into its shoreless lake of space. The mist was stained with

strange, unearthly beauty; a fear and rapture as the soul must know when it first looks past the portals of eternity.

Tidings of hell are transmitted by rumor; each messenger is paid in coins of yellow shame.

Whatever is said or done except in the name of God, is but dust hidden in the cave of oblivion. That which is good and true is like a mountain peak hid by darkness but remains first to behold the sun.

Nothing is more bitter than defeat which has been scorched with the sugared unction of audacious contemporaries.

Dry winds stir the restless sands of age to cover old footprints and memories; to dishearten the once faithful oasis, now barren of its shade; life's music is silenced in that hour when ambition's lamp refuses to keep the flame.



Matador Tribune
April 16, 1942

Rainfall Is 4.37 Inches For April

April rainfall last night had reached a total of 4.37 inches for the first half of the month, resulting in better than usual crop prospects and causing ranchers to smile with ex-

trême satisfaction.

Rainfall last week has been followed by bright, summer sunshine and range conditions are declared excellent. While wheat acreage in the county is not large as compared with neighboring counties, farmers say that prospects are as favorable as possible.

Farm work has progressed rapidly in all sections of the county since last week's rains and seed merchants say demands for all types of garden seeds far exceed former years.

April rainfall as recorded by the U.S. rain gauge maintained by George Springer, is as follows: April 5th .20 inch; April 7th .97 inch and April 8th-9th 3.20 inches.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I read "Foothill Country Connections" and in particular, read with interest, your comments under "Politics and Integrity" (February 25, 2010 edition). I was somewhat offended by your statement about making liars out of Republicans. In my comments to Carol on the front page of the same newspaper I stated that local politics didn't mean much to me. I think if I had to bear a label I would rather be called a Conservative rather than a Democrat or Republican. There are things about numerous office holders in each party that are extremely displeasing. That includes both their professional and personal lives.

As I understand Texas law, you are not even considered Democrat or Republican until you vote in the Primary Election and then it is only for that voting cycle. Also, there is a distinct difference between voting Democrat or Republican and being an official member of one party or the other and subscribing to its entire platform. I personally believe that in a small county like ours there shouldn't even be a requirement for party affiliation because everyone knows everyone.

In your grandparent's day, and mine, the Democratic Party was a different breed of cat than it is today. It was more conservative and was the common working man's party. I truly wish the ballot used different language, but it doesn't. However, even though I must bear a label that doesn't fit, I must do so because I must take part in deciding the local Judge's race. I know, like, and respect all three of the candidates in this race. When I leave this Office of County Judge after

nine plus years I think I will know as well as anyone just how important the position is to our county. I want the best man for the job and if I have to wear a different label for one year I will do it to take part in the selection process.

Unfortunately, or possibly even fortunately, this race will be decided in the Primary election. If I don't vote now, I have lost the ability to help put the right man in the position. Look at it this way, the Primary Election is only to determine who will be placed on the ballot in the General Election. Guess what, in the General Election it is one ballot containing all political parties. You state that you don't know whether you could cross party lines even for your best friend. Does that mean that you vote a straight Democratic ticket even if its candidate just happens to be a tyrant? Wouldn't you want the person that would best serve all of the people, regardless of party affiliation?

Finally, who makes these rules? Our legislature does and they are made up of all types of people, good and bad, on both sides of the aisle. Do we teach our children that in politics, integrity and honesty do not apply? Of course we don't, but unfortunately they become adults and succumb to the influences of a fallen world. Look at the background of some of the people the voters have placed in Washington. It frightens me in regard to the future of our country.

I respectfully submit this to you and thank you for the opportunity. I do not think taking part in the selection of the man who will replace me makes me a liar.

Sincerely,
Ed D. Smith

Volunteer firefighters important to our town

By Monta Marshall

Volunteer firefighters are very important to our town and the surrounding area. Several concerned citizens, James McCleskey of the Roaring Springs Fire Department and City Council Members, are working together to host a chili supper to benefit the Roaring Springs Fire Department on March 13th.

The event will be held at the Roaring Springs Community Center. The meal will be furnished by volunteers; all proceeds of the supper will go to the Fire Department to help buy fire fighting gear for five new Fire Department volunteers.

They are first responders; their task is a dangerous one and they must be properly outfitted to protect them as they work to protect our homes and ranches from being destroyed by fire. The work they do is vital to our community. It is true they are small in comparison to larger towns but they are most often on the scene first doing their best to contain the fire until more help can arrive.

The Roaring Springs Ranch Estates resident's homes were saved by the firemen on August 16th working tirelessly to contain a grass fire caused by lightening on an adjoining ranch. The homes were saved; the rancher suffered the loss of some cattle and the burning of his grassland. They were called out to make sure a fire didn't start near the Post Office when a truck broke off a utility pole and hot wires were on the ground; later they were called to the J. T. Swim resident when a trash fire threatened their home.

They volunteer to step out and help us in our time of need; the community is being asked to step up and help them with new equipment for the new volunteers: James Sanders, C.E. Foster, John Martin, Foy Nipp and David Seward.

The supper will held on Saturday, March 13th at 6:30 p.m. The cost of the meal is a donation for the equipment. If you cannot come, please consider giving a donation. They can be mailed to the Fire Department; c/o Roaring Springs City Hall; P.O. Box 247; Roaring Springs, TX 79256.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I found the comments by Laverne Zabielski about the politics both insulting and offensive. I do not appreciate being called a liar because I chose to vote for a qualified candidate rather than a politi-

cal party. Our country is in the situation that it's in today because the voters stopped voting for a person and started voting for a party. Wake up America!

Bill Manney
Matador, Texas

The Lubbock Motorcycle Club will hold the "Boondockers Race" in April this year!! Mark you calendars; April 25, 2010. This is always a fun day of watching the cycles race all around the town area of Matador. There will food booths in the downtown area.

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JH Boys and Girls at Spur Meet on Thursday

JH Boyss:
Thursday 3/4/10
Field Events
 High Jump: Martin
 Shot Put: Cochran, Woolsey, Ferguson
 Discus: Simpson, Bigham, Baxter
 Long Jump: Mason, Clary, Bigham
 Triple Jump: Mason, Clary, Martin

Running Events
 2400/3200 M: McCleskey
 800 Meter: Guerrero, Pollard, Martin
 100/110 HH: Bigham, Simpson, Baxter
 100 Meter: Bearden, Ferguson, Woolsey
 400 Meter: Baxter, Pollard, Guerrero
 300 Hurdles: Bigham, Simpson
 200 Meter: Bearden, Ferguson, Woolsey
 1200/1600 M: McCleskey, Martin
 400 M Relay: Clary, Mason, Jameson, Cochran
 800M Relay: Clary, Mason, Jameson, Cochran
 1600 M Relay: Clary, Mason, Jameson, Cochran

JH Girls: Thursday 3/4/10
Field Events
 Shot Put: Elliott, Silva, Clay
 Discus: Turner, Elliott, Clay
 Long Jump: Ward, Gutierrez, Barton
 Triple Jump: Turner, Gutierrez
Running Events
 800 Meter: Gutierrez, Turner
 100 Meter: Clay, Silva, Ward
 400 Meter: Turner
 300 Hurdles: Ward
 200 Meter: Silva, Barton, Elliott
 1200/1600 M: Ward
 400 M Relay: Clay, Barton, Elliott, Turner

MC Little Dribblers defeat Spur Panthers



3rd and 4th Boys Little Dribblers from Motley County defeated Spur Panthers at Jayton Playday on Saturday, February 27th. Front row: Cutter Jones, Trace Irons, Case Garrett, Cooper Jones. Back row: Coach Jennifer Brady, Blayne Brady, Michael Silva, Cameron Stafford, and Brody Rankin

HS Boys and Girls at Spur Meet on Friday

HS Girls: Friday 3/5/10
Field Events
 Discus: Zingerman
 Long Jump: Gwinn, Pope, Smith
 Triple Jump: Pope
Running Events
 2400/3200 M: Osborn, Gwinn, Smith
 100 Meter: Ferguson, Gwinn, Smith
 400 Meter: Zingerman
 200 Meter: Ferguson, Smith, Zingerman
 1200/1600 M: Osborn
 400 M Relay: Ferguson, Pope, Gwinn, Zingerman

HS Boys: Friday 3/5/10
Field Events
 High Jump: Christopher, Griswald
 Shot Put: Taylor, Butler, Simpson
 Discus: Buckner, Butler, Simpson
 Long Jump: Taylor, Martin, Osborn, Brooks

Osborn
 Triple Jump: Mason, Brooks

Running Events
 2400/3200 M: Griswald, Elliott, Quintero
 800 Meter: Brooks, Flores, Mason
 100/110 HH: Christopher, Santos, Simpson
 100 Meter: Butler, Osborn, Martin
 400 Meter: Butler, Taylor, Mason
 300 Hurdles: Santos, Christopher, Brooks
 200 Meter: Simpson, Buckner, Flores
 1200/1600 M: Griswald, Quintero, Elliott
 400 M Relay: Flores, Buckner, Simpson, Santos
 800M Relay: McCleskey, Osborn, Taylor, Martin
 1600 M Relay: McCleskey, Osborn, Taylor, Martin

Getting To Know Your Relay For Life Committee

By Monta Marshall

Editors Note: This article is the first in a series of articles about the members of the Motley County Relay For Life Committee.

What would make a group of women so passionate about cancer research that they would devote so much time and talent to leading a yearly rally, fundraiser and memorial? Wouldn't it be easier to just pass up the opportunity to make a difference?

Every committee member's story is different. Every story is interesting, touching and is deeply moving. This is Pam Newman's story.

Jeff and Pam Newman and their boys, Shane and Justin, moved here from Gordon, Texas, in Palo Pinto County in July 2006, shortly after their older son Shane had been diagnosed and treated for acute non-Hodgkins disease called Birkett's lymphoma. The cancer was so aggressive it had to be stopped in a matter of days or it would kill Shane. Amazingly, Shane was diagnosed on January 6, 2006, and was pronounced cancer-free on

February 21, 2006.

The doctors induced a coma preceding treatment because the treatment was so severe, Shane could not have borne it. For two weeks he underwent intensive treatment to wipe out the cancer. When the ordeal was over, the doctors pronounced him cancer free! What a dramatic story. Most fight a longer battle before they are pronounced cancer free but few have had such intensive rigorous treatment. I am sure it took a long time for Shane's body to recover from the treatment.

Pam told me after Shane's recovery and their move to Roaring Springs, she wanted to do something to make a difference; she wanted to do all she could so that another father and mother would not have to hear, "We are sorry, but your son has an acute form of cancer that is very aggressive. We have a very short time to get it stopped!"

Pam had seen television commercials about the American Cancer Society and the Relay For Life rallies. After meeting other mothers here at school events, she approached Kathy Blanco to

see if she might want to get involved and help her start a Relay For Life chapter in Motley County. They invited Andi Hensler and others and soon plans were being made to get the word out, to contact other survivors, to get the community involved to make a difference.

They got in touch with Kathy Oakes, who was then community manager of the Lubbock Field of the Panhandle Region of the American Cancer Society located in Lubbock. The Panhandle Region takes in all the Panhandle of Texas, east to Wichita Falls, south to Lamesa and west to the New Mexico state line.

Pam Newman belongs to the Regional Council of the American Cancer Society. She attends five to eight relays per year. Motley County's relay will be held on April 23, 2010.

Team captains and teams are getting signed up and plans are being made to make this another outstanding rally and fundraiser for the American Cancer Society.

Pam Newman's story is just one of the courageous stories of survivors.

THANK YOU

TO EVERYONE FOR THE PRAYERS, PHONE CALLS, CONCERNS AND LOVE SHOWN DURING MY TRIP AND STAY IN THE HOSPITAL. A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO TINA BROOKS AND SEVEN ALEXANDER FOR DRIVING IN THE NASTY WEATHER TO GET ME THERE SAFELY AND HELPING TAKE CARE OF ME ON THE WAY. IT IS A TRUE BLESSING TO LIVE IN A SMALL COMMUNITY WHERE PEOPLE CARE ABOUT YOU.

GOD BLESS EACH OF YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS AND LOVE

LOVE, JUDY WOOLSEY

LES & KIM WOOLSEY & FAMILY, MATT & TERESA WOOLSEY & FAMILY, AMY & BRANDT BEARDEN & TANNER

Paducah Pioneer Days set for Saturday

Friday Night:
 Jam Session at VFW, featuring various artists and music. Donations only.
 Barbecue Cookoff Sign-in, 2 blocks north of the square: Contact D. Cross @ 972-567-7996 for information/entry forms.

Saturday:
 8 am - Cowboy Breakfast next to Mayo's Trading Post.
 BBQ Cook Off: Cooks meeting after Breakfast.
 Chuckwagon Demo with samples all day.
 9 am - Quilting Show starts at the community center.
 Courthouse and Museum open with historical displays.
 Law Enforcement Museum open for viewing.
 Food and merchandise vendors open on the square.
 Free Bounce House for kids open all day.
 10 am - Live music on the square begins.
 11 am - Brisket Sandwiches for sale in BBQ Cook Off area.
 Museum serving beans and cornbread from 11am - 1 pm.
 Hamburgers by Paducah VFD.
 1 - 4 pm - Live Pioneer era Demonstrations.
 6 - 9 pm - VFW dance featuring Larry Lane and the Texas Troubadours \$10 per person.
 9:30 - 1am - VFW dance featuring Southern Crossing \$10 per person.

Motley County 2010 Golf Schedule

Wellington March 1st - Girls March 4th - Boys	District Golf - Childress Boys & Girls April 12th
Olton March 22nd - Girls March 23rd - Boys	Regional Golf - Baird Boys & Girls April 19th & 20th
Roaring Springs March 31st - Boys April 1st - Girls	State Golf - Austin Boys & Girls May 10th & 11th

"SELF CONTROL"



Now there are two words that bring to our minds several different concepts. But the "self control" we will speak of here is in our own best interest. We self control listed in the Bible as one of the "fruits of the spirit". It is found in the list of Christian virtues that are to be added to our faith. Easier said than done. Some-

one has said, "He is every inch a king who rules with absolute authority over his appetites and desires."

R. Whitson Seaman also hit the nail on the head when he stated, "Abstain from what is harmful to the body or soul, and be moderate in your use of what is not." Self-control lies in some of these areas: What we say...what we wear...how we act...where we go...what we read...what we watch on TV... Here are some more; attending church services...how much we give...daily Bible reading...praying... and speaking to some one about their soul. Aren't these also matters that have to do with self control?

The person who says they have no problem with self-control usually doesn't have any. The individual quoted earlier is again quoted here: "Not qualified to be in command of others is he who is not in command of himself." (Mr. Seaman). The world we inhabit would be a better place if all of us practice self-control more often. It begins with me and will you join me? Let's give it a try.

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NEWS AROUND MOTLEY COUNTY

Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

On a personal note . . .

First, let me make a correction. I have goofed again. Stanley Martin with the West Texas Watchmen will be at the First Baptist Church here in Roaring Springs on Sunday, March 21, 2010, at 10:45 a.m. for the morning worship service. I reported March 20. That is when they will be in Quitaque.

In the community . . .

Pearl Patten recently talked with former resident Dorothy Lee who now resides in Muleshoe. She is doing well and misses her friends here. Dorothy moved to Muleshoe to live near her daughter. Dorothy's sister, Thelma Hughes, and her daughter have moved from Roaring Springs to Muleshoe also.

Venita Sedgewick came home from the hospital on Monday a week ago.

On February 23, our Roaring Springs 'social director' Alex Crowder, with the help of his wife Jo, and other members of the Methodist Church held their annual chili supper. Hot chili was an appropriate menu when 25 people gathered on a cold night for fun and fellowship. "Can You Top This?" was the entertainment of the evening. Jane (King) Neal won the prize for the best story about leaving her purse at a restaurant on their honeymoon! Those attending were: Bill and Arlyce Manney; Ben Charles and Devonna Grundy; Melea Knowles; Charlie and Opal Johnson; Alex and Jo Crowder; Ken and Suzanne Abbott; Perry, Deanne and Lexie Gulledege; Steven Byrd, Chris Spencer, Chig Gwinn; Buzz and Tince Thacker, Zella Palmer, Pearl Patten; O. K. and Jane Neal; and Corky and Monta Marshall.

The Travelers Inn was the scene of a dinner on February 23, 2010, for the Matador Ranch employees and other guests. Norman Frede of Houston, was the host. Live music featured Kelly and Penny Keltz accompanied by Gerald Pipkin on the piano.

The Roaring Springs Lions Club will meet on Thursday, March 4, 2010, at 11:30 a.m. at the Windmill Café for their monthly meeting. John Vunk of the Hackberry Creek Care Center will be the guest speaker. Following the lunch, R.S. Lions will take their Bingo game to Hackberry Creek Care Center to entertain the residents.

On Thursday, February 25, Jo Crowder, Lee Cook and Genetta Amejjide traveled to Snyder, Texas, to visit their sister Judy Vaughn. The occasion was to celebrate Genetta's birthday. Happy belated birthday, Genetta!

Another birthday was celebrated on February 23. Donna Kennedy was honored on her 75th birthday with cake and ice cream at the Travelers Inn. The 3:00 p.m. coffee drinkers helped her celebrate. Those attending were: Don and Billie Stuckey; Ken and Suzanne Abbott; Buzz and Tince Thacker, Chig Gwinn, Corky Marshall, and Edith, Glennard, Alyssa and Autum Daniell.

Don and Billie Stuckey have returned home after being away for some time. Billie has been in Briscoe, Texas, following the death of her mother. Don has been doing some hunting dog training and guiding at Cibolo Ranch south of Marfa, Texas. They have had exciting news that they will be grandparents again in September.

Ken and Dinah's friends, Wes and Donna Timmons from Nova Scotia, returned to visit again after their travels around Texas, experiencing only five days of sunshine during their three week stay in Texas. They are from Cape Briton in Nova Scotia. Donna Timmons owns a restaurant in Pleasant Bay called the Rusty Anchor where she serves French Acadian cuisine. Wes is a lobster fisherman. He also takes people out on whale watches. Dinah said Donna prepared some French Acadian dishes while she was here, namely a meat pie made from wild hog tenderloin given to them by James and Julie Lewis. Ken thought it couldn't be beat!

Early Tuesday morning Judy Woolsey was taken by ambulance to Lubbock to the hospital. She was treated and released on late Wednesday evening. Judy will not be driving the school bus for a while and will cut back on her work schedule. Judy seemed to be having a heart attack but the tests showed that her heart was out of rhythm and racing causing her symptoms.

Also, Louis and Beverly Shorter of Fort Worth are here staying in their week-end home. Beverly is baking cookies to take to Hackberry Creek Care Center to her mother, Grace Zabielski.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

Overheard

Missed Signals: Preacher said to farmer: "Do you belong to a Christian family? Farmer: No, I live two farms down the road."

Preacher: "I mean are you ready for judgement day?" Farmer: "When you find out for sure, let me know. The wife will probably want to go both days."

Mrs. Darla Gwinn and daughter, Danielle enjoyed the Stock Show in San Angelo last weekend. Danielle had a lamb entry.

Mrs. Janice Hughes and son, Rickey Hughes of Floydada visited son and brother and family, Bengie, J.J. and Katie Hughes in Royce City this weekend.

Weekend visitors of Connie and Coy Franks were children and families, Cory and Amy Franks, Hudson, Madison and Heston, Cary and Mary Franks of Idalou and Cara and Clint Cowart of Big Spring. Her mother, Mrs. Erma Washington of Flomot visited the family, Saturday.

Leah Cruse of Amarillo visited the weekend with her parents, Brenda and Darrell Cruse.

Tylee, Trent and Trevor Barclay of Matador visited the weekend with their grandparents, Sandra and Jerry Barclay.

Mrs. Judy Cruse, a registered nurse, is working at the clinic in Turkey.

Travis and Linda Kendall, Tim and Melissa Kendall, Jere and Jacob met Mr. and Mrs. Cory Kendall, Chancey and Connor of Midland in Lubbock Saturday. Connor and his teammates of Mid-

land competed in the Destination Imagination contest held at the Estacado High School in Lubbock.

Visiting Ruth and Orville Lee Saturday were son and wife, Brenda and Joey Lee of Clarendon and grandson, Robert Lee of Amarillo.

Donnie Rogers received medical care in Silverton, Tuesday. Visitors of Mrs. B. Rogers and Donnie Sunday were Donna Sue and Stanley Degan of Calgary and Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse of Turkey.

Clois and Kathy Shorter enjoyed the performance "Smoke on The Mountain" at the Cactus Theater in Lubbock Friday night. They visited overnight Friday in Wolfforth with daughter and family, Keri and Kevin Sehon and son, Brian and returned home Saturday.

Jack and Nada Starkey are pleased to announce the arrival of a great grandson, Liam Warren Reid February 25th. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. T.C. Reid of Spokane, Washington and grandson of Bessie and Clifton Reid of Amarillo.

Mrs. Anna Beth Clay, daughters and children, Mrs. Tina Carson and Mrs. Julie Edwards of Turkey attended the Regional Basketball Tournament in Abilene Friday night. The Valley Lady Patriots competed winning both games and will advance to the State Finals in Austin this Friday.

The Church of Christ Gospel Meeting February 25-28 with Dee Teel of Plainview conducting the services was declared a success. They has a covered dish luncheon Sunday in the Flomot Community Center.

Matador News

The Matador Red Hatters enjoyed dinner Friday night at the Dutch Oven Steak House in Paducah.

The Kitchen Table Bible Study group met for study and a luncheon at Hotel Matador last Monday. Twenty-two members attended and enjoyed hearing Wayde Clay sing several hymns. Frieda Burns teaches during the group's weekly meetings.

Dan Salisbury of Dyer, IN, came through Matador last week to view the Matador Ranch in preparation for scheduling an upcoming hunt. Salisbury is the founder of Global Energy: WindPower, Inc. He has wind farms at several locations around the country and has a geothermal

energy plant in Hawaii. William Funk of Bowling Green, KY, has been here hunting at the Matadors. He was here with Jim Harrell of Jackson, MS.

Bobby Masterson and his son William of Fort Worth were in the county last week-end to work on their hunting lease.

Vanessa and Marcus Braziel of Lubbock stayed at Hotel Matador Saturday night. Vanessa is a sleep technician.

Personnel of Lubbock County Family and Child Protective Services will be in Matador for a planning retreat Wednesday and Thursday.

Warren and Tanya Multer of Garden City visited Thursday night and Friday with her parents, Betty and Billy Paul Simpson.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY 50 PLUS



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RS benefit chili supper set for March 13

In support of the Roaring Springs Volunteer Fire Department, Alex Crowder is making his famous, secret recipe chili and serving the public on March 13, at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center in Roaring Springs. All proceeds from the chili supper will go to the fire department, he said.

According to Crowder, the RS Volunteer Fire Depart-

ment has five new members, and "we need to buy gear and equipment for them," he said, citing a great need for a first response team in Roaring Springs.

"It takes about 10 to 15 minutes for the Fire Department in Matador to respond," he said. "It is really important for our fire department to respond first, and head off any potential house or grass fire."

2nd Annual Home Show March 6th

Childress Chamber of Commerce will host their annual Home Show on March 6th from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm in Fair Park Auditorium. This year's theme is "OPEN FOR BUSINESS!" and allows the public to shop their favorite merchants under one roof.

By hosting a day where businesses come together in one area, shoppers can have the ultimate experience of one-stop shopping. Many of the merchants will offer one-day specials and be available to answer any questions you may present. There will be a

full concession stand available. There is a \$1.00 admission for all individuals 17 or older. All paid admissions will be eligible for drawings on Childress Bucks that will happen every 30 minutes.

So, join us on March 6th for a great day of shopping, visiting and good food. Who knows what specials you will find in this ultimate shopping experience? For more information, please contact the Childress Chamber of Commerce, 940-937-2567, 940-585-9501 or c_commerce@att.net.

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Is it ever too cold to snow? **?**
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Weather History

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Notes from the Library

By Buffy Crutchley

Well, this is it. My very last library notes. Sure can't believe this day has come. This column has been one (of many) of my favorite tasks. I've enjoyed spreading the word about all the wonderful things going on at the library.

I am pleased to come to you this final time with the news (that you may have already heard) that the newest librarian has been found. Mary Ann Potts will be taking over, and I think she's going to do an outstanding job! The Motley County Library has been a huge part of my life over the last two and a half years, and I feel confident it's being left in good hands.

In honor of this wonderful news, I invite you to come celebrate with us. Friday, March 5th, at 10:00a.m., The Motley County Library Board, and the Friends of the Library will be hosting a reception to welcome Mary Ann, and bid farewell to me. Stop in, have a cup of coffee, eat a cookie or three, and check out a book while you're there. I'd be honored to recommend a good one for you, one last time.

My time as the Motley County Librarian has been a dream come true. I appreciate all of you reading along on the journey. It's been a wonderful ride, and I'm glad to have shared it with such amazing people. Thank you.

Obituary

Maria M. Moreno

Maria M. Moreno, 86, Flomot, Texas, died Friday, February 26, 2010 in Crosbyton, Texas. Visitation was held on Sunday, February 28 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Rosary services will be recited on Monday, March 1, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. at Shannon Family Funeral Home in Matador. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Tuesday, March 2, 2010, at 2:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Matador with Father Angelo Consemmino officiating. Interment will follow in Flomot Memorial Park Cemetery.

Mrs. Moreno was born on November 8, 1923, in San Angelo, Texas, to Matilde C. and Ygnacio Martinez. She married Teodoro Moreno on Feb-

ruary 22, 1947, in San Angelo, Texas. A resident of Hall and Motley Counties for over 58 years, she was a homemaker and a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Ygnacio and Antonio Martinez.

She is survived by her husband of 63 years, Teodoro Moreno of Flomot. Two sons, Fidencio Moreno and his wife Mary Lou of Tulia, Texas; Roy Moreno and his wife Benita of Matador, Texas; three daughters, Dora Cruz and husband Rene of Crosbyton, Gloria Rodriguez and her husband Johnny of Plainview, Texas, and Vicky Cruz of Tulia, Texas; 13 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

FSA News

By Amy Hackler, CED

March 15th - NAP deadline for Haygrazer and other spring seeded crops not covered by RMA insurance.

Remember ALL crops (excluding grazing land) must be covered by either NAP coverage for Federal crop in order to be eligible for SURE (crop disaster program). This means all land in all counties.

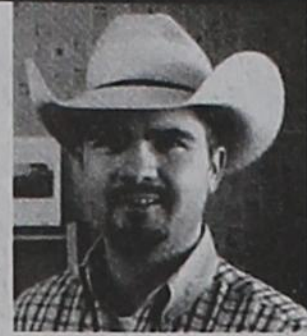
June 1st - Deadline to sign up in the 2010 DCP program. Please make an appointment if you choose to sign up as this will make your time spent in the office less

than if you were to walk in.

June 15th - IRS forms 927's and 928's are due in order to be eligible to receive 2010 payments and to make sure that 2009 payments will not have to be refunded. Please pick up the forms at any FSA office or off the internet. Please contact the office for further information. These forms will need to be sent directly to the IRS by the producer. Every producer who earned any payments in the office will need to file one of these forms.

County Agent's News

by Ryan Martin, AgriLIFE EXTENSION Agent



Grain sorghum production workshop set for March 9 near Vernon

VERNON - A mini-workshop aimed at grain sorghum production in the Rolling Plains has been scheduled for March 9 by the Texas AgriLife Extension Service and the United Sorghum Checkoff Program.

The program will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. at the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center-Vernon at 11708 U.S. Highway 70 South (just northeast of Lockett on U.S. 70).

Aspects of sorghum production to be discussed include seeding rates, planting dates, hybrid selection, insects, herbicide options and economics, according to Calvin Trostle, AgriLife Extension agronomist in Lubbock.

Two continuing education units - one general and one in integrated pest management - will be available, Trostle said.

Lunch will be sponsored by the United Sorghum Checkoff Program and will feature an update on the current sorghum checkoff program, he said.

RSVPs are requested by March 8. For more information or to reserve lunch contact Heather Easterling at 940-552-9941, ext. 252, hmeasterling@ag.tamu.edu.

Long, cold winter likely will continue affecting some Texas lawns

DALLAS - Texas' exceptionally tough winter is nearly over, but its effects on grass are likely to linger through the spring, said an expert with the Texas AgriLife Extension Service.

Home lawns, golf courses, athletic fields and other grassy areas could suffer from the effects of the 2009-10 winter season, said Dr. Jim McAfee, AgriLife Extension turfgrass specialist in Dallas.

"While children and adults seemed to have enjoyed record snowfall in some areas, the long, cold winter could have a major impact on grasses, particularly warm-season grasses," McAfee said.

Grasses already weakened by poor management, diseases and insects were particularly susceptible to damage caused by cold weather, especially in areas where temperatures dropped into the teens a number of times, he said.

Some property owners can

expect to see patches of dead grass as spring unfolds, he said. In late winter and early spring, what should be tan, dormant grass might instead be dead, gray patches of lawn.

"It's too early to determine how much, if any, damage has been done to a lawn," McAfee said. "But we're interested in getting the word out early so people are made aware of potential problems."

McAfee said professionals in the lawn care industry have been wary after this year's rough winter. In the Dallas-Fort Worth area, for example, they cited low temperatures and the region's record snow fall in mid-February as measured officially at the Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport.

"That could be bad news for grasses," McAfee said.

All warm-weather grasses are vulnerable, including Bermuda, buffalo, centipede, St. Augustine and zoysia, he said. However, the most susceptible are St. Augustine and centipede.

"Winter kills are generally worse during extreme weather either early or late in the season," McAfee said. "Very cold weather can damage a lawn going into dormancy late fall and early winter, or when it is attempting to emerge late winter or early spring."

There are other factors that affect lawns besides the cold, he said, such as lawns that don't get enough water or have areas prone to flooding. Too much shade also could be a problem, and newly planted lawns are vulnerable as they haven't had enough time to adequately establish their roots.

Lawns in central, southern and western Texas will be especially sensitive as they have been weakened already by severe drought, McAfee said.

"But the best thing people can do is be patient," McAfee said.

If there are dead patches in a lawn, they will be obvious after the lawn turns green, he said. But property owners shouldn't act hastily. Give the lawn some time because healthy grass can grow and fill in dead areas.

If a problem persists, however, contact a lawn care professional for help, McAfee said. Professionals can identify winter kills or other problems that affect lawns and determine the best solutions.

COWPOKES

By Ace Reid



"Can't figure out how them scientists handle that rocket fuel when I can't even sit here comfortable with a cigarette and clean my hat!"

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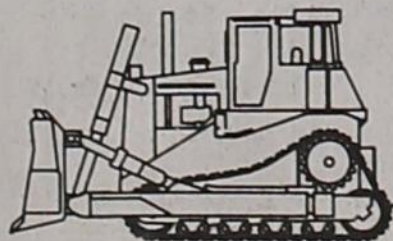
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EVENTS CALENDAR

March

- 3 Kids Praise
- 4 Get your garden started, 2:00 pm. Library
- 4 RS Lions. The Roaring Springs Lion's Club sponsors bingo
- 4 Golf, Wellington, Boys
- 5 Coffee at the Library Honoring Buffy Crutchley 10:00-11:00 A. M.
- 8 Commissioners' Court
- 8 RS City Council
- 9 RSCV
- 11 Matador City Council
- 11 Matador Chapter of the Eastern Star in Floydada. Meal at 6:30pm meeting at 7:30 pm
- 15 MCISD School Board
- 16 Matador Lions
- 22 Golf, Olton, Girls
- 23 Golf, Olton, Boys
- 31 Golf, Roaring Springs, Boys

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TxDOT) CONTRACTS

Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

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Dist/Div: Childress
Contract 6202-22-001 for PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE ON BRIDGES in CHILDRESS County, etc will be opened on April 07, 2010 at 1:00 pm at the State Office for an estimate of \$324,100.00.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.txdot.gov and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

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Official Notice of Nominating Committee Meeting

10:00 a.m. March 8, 2010
Lighthouse Electric Cooperative, Inc. Headquarters
East U.S. Highway 70
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In accordance with Article IV, Section 4.06 of the Bylaws of Lighthouse Electric Cooperative, Inc., the Board of Directors has appointed a Committee on Nominations to prepare a list of nominations for Directors to be elected at the annual membership meeting of the Cooperative on April 29, 2010. Three (3) Directors, one each from District 6, District 7, and District 9, will be elected in 2010. Although Directors are nominated from the District they represent, all members in attendance at the annual meeting vote on all candidates who may be properly nominated.

SECTION 4.02 QUALIFICATIONS:

No person shall be eligible to become or remain a director of the Cooperative who is a close relative of an incumbent director or an employee of the Cooperative, or is not a member in good standing of the Cooperative and receiving service within the District he/she represents; PROVIDED, that the operating or chief executive of any member which is not a natural person, such as a corporation, church, etc., or his/her designee, shall be eligible to become a director, from the Directorate District in which such member is located, if he/she or such designee (1) is in substantial permanent occupancy, direction or use of the premises served by the Cooperative, and (2) is a permanent and year-round resident within or in close proximity to an area served by the Cooperative; BUT PROVIDED FURTHER, that no more than one (1) such person may serve on the Board of Directors at the same time. No person shall be eligible to become or remain a director of, or to hold any other position of trust in, the Cooperative who does not have the legal capacity to enter into a binding contract or is in any way employed by or financially interested in a competing enterprise, or a business selling electric energy or supplies to the Cooperative, or a business primarily engaged in selling electrical or plumbing appliances, fixtures or supplies to, among others, the members of the Cooperative. No person shall take or hold office as a Director who is the incumbent of or candidate for an elective public office in connection with which a salary is paid.

SECTION 4.05 DIRECTORATE DISTRICTS

The territory served by the Cooperative shall be divided into nine (9) Directorate Districts. Each District shall be represented by one director and the Districts are described upon the map of the territory served by the Cooperative attached to the Bylaws and made a part hereof.

SECTION 4.06 NOMINATIONS

It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to appoint, not less than thirty (30) days nor more than one hundred eighty (180) days prior to the date of the meeting of the members at which directors are to be elected, a Committee on Nominations, consisting of not less than five (5) nor more than eleven (11) members. The Committee shall prepare and post at the principal office of the Cooperative at least twenty (20) days prior to the meeting a list of nominations for directors to be elected, listing separately the nominee(s) for each Directorate District from or with respect to which a director must, pursuant to this Article, be elected at the meeting. The Committee may include as many nominees for any director to be elected from or with respect to a Directorate District as it deems desirable. Any fifteen (15) or more members of the Cooperative, acting together, may make additional nominations in writing over their signatures, listing their nominee(s) in like manner, not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting, and the Secretary shall post such nominations at the same place where the list of nominations made by the Committee is posted. The Secretary shall mail to the members with the notice of the meeting, or separately, but at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the meeting, a statement of the names and addresses of all nominee(s) for each Directorate District from or with respect to which a director must be elected, showing clearly those nominated by the Committee and those nominated by petition, if any. The chairman at such meeting, after all nominations so made have been duly announced, shall call for additional nominations from the floor and shall ascertain and announce, after any nominations made from the floor, the particular Directorate District from or with respect to which any additional candidates have been nominated.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR 2010

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District 7	Andy Rainwater 1167 FM 784 Floydada, Texas 79235	Aric Hendricks P.O. Box 91 Floydada, Texas 79235
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