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## Meador elected Judge Commissioner's Court in sweeping vote appoints new sheriff

Deputy Chris Spence named  
to serve remaining term

By Carol Campbell

Almost 500 voters in Motley County took to the polls last Tuesday, March 2, giving candidate Jim Meador a resounding win over two opponents in the county judge's race.

Meador took the race with almost 61 percent of the county vote (234, 60.62%) to Ben Grundy at 99 votes (25.65%); and Bobby Whitaker at 53 votes (13.73%).

"I am humbled by the people that supported me," Meador said. "It was a clean campaign, clean-run race; and the voter turnout was good."

Running for office in Motley County isn't new to Meador, who served as the county sheriff for 15 years, winning his first race on the democratic ticket in 1992. "Back then, if you didn't run as a democrat, you didn't run," he said.

This time, some Republican loyalists, torn between voting in a hotly contested gov-

ernor's race or voting in the democratic primary for county judge, called Meador and told him they were supporting him, but had to vote in the Republican primary. "I had some calls to my house," Meador said. "I was getting worried." However, cross-over voting was evidenced in the county race with the over-whelming majority of the voters opting to vote closer to home. Out of the total number of voters (498); 400 votes were cast in the democratic primary; and 98 votes were cast in the republican primary.

In the Governor's race, Rick Perry took 53 votes (55.79%); while democratic candidate Bill White garnered 141 votes (67.79%).

In the contested Precinct 4 race, incumbent Russell Alexander garnered 111 votes; while J.N. Fletcher came in with 42 votes. Voters showed a vote of confidence for County and District Clerk Kate Hurt with 351 votes. In the

uncontested Precinct 2 race, Donnie Turner garnered 44 votes. In the republican primary, incumbents Eva Barkley, Treasurer, and Libby Cruse, Justice of the Peace, both received 79 votes. All voters (98) in the republican primary supported the propositions.

"I want to thank everyone that came out to vote," Meador said. "I'm looking forward to coming back home." Meador said he planned to spend as much time as possible between now and the end of December with retiring county judge Ed D. Smith.

Smith will be leaving office after serving nine years as the chief executive officer of Motley County. "I really appreciate Ed D.," Meador said, adding, "even after he is out of office, he said he would be willing to help me. I think that shows a lot about his character."

## Roaring Springs Lions Club Meets

By Corky Marshall

The Roaring Springs Lions Club met at the Windmill Café on Thursday, March 4, 2010. There were 12 members and three guests present.

Boss Lion Wes Campbell opened the meeting, discussing plans to prepare for the Lions booth at the Relay For Life function on April 23, 2010. Members listed sizes needed for t-shirts to be worn at the relay.

A meal of fried chicken was enjoyed by the Lions followed by Lion John Vunk, administrator of Hackberry Creek Care Center, presenting a very informative talk about new services offered at the Hackberry Creek Care Center and his plans for making the Care Center even better.

The Lions voted to give the

Roaring Springs Fire Department a \$100.00 donation to be made at the Chili Supper Fund Raiser for fire-fighting gear for the five new members of the Roaring Springs fire department. The fund raiser will be held on Saturday evening, March 13, at the Roaring Springs Community Center.

Eight Lions Club members went to Hackberry Creek Care Center to provide entertainment for the residents by having bingo games. Twelve residents played and won quarters. A total of \$30.00 was given to players. A final blackout game was played until all the players were winners.

Annette Hollinsworth will be the guest speaker at the April meeting, discussing the Relay For Life set for April 23.

## Hand Delivery of Census Questionnaire launches in rural Texas

Here we come. Many rural Texans will begin receiving their 2010 Census forms this week as trained Census workers begin the hand-delivery of a million questionnaires to households without numbered street addresses and to those in other areas, such as the coastal areas ravaged by hurricanes and the colonias along the Texas-Mexico border.

Census workers hit the country roads starting March 1 to begin the first major operation of the 2010 Census: the enumeration of an estimated 25 million rural residents across the country and almost

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By Carol Campbell

The Motley County Commissioner's Court met on March 8, 2010, with a full court consisting of Judge Ed D. Smith, Commissioners Roy Gene Stephens, Donnie Turner, Franklin Jameson, and Russell Alexander. Also in attendance were Sheriff Michael Crutchley, Deputy Sheriff Chris Spence, County Attorney Tom Edwards, County Judge-Elect Jim Meador, and Kate Hurt, County and District Clerk.

A large contingency of citizens were present for Public Comment, consisting of: Robert Fisk, Daniel Pollard, Devin Ballard, Bobby Klodginski, Alyce Manney, Larry Hoyle, Paul Westbrook, Bobby Williams, Harold Gordon, Stan Hanesworth, Buzz Thacker, Michael Crowley, Fred Grant, Bill Manney, Charles Johnson, Kathy Grant, and Corky Marshall.

The first item of business was the confirmation of a new librarian, Mary Ann Potts, and a request by the Motley County Library Board President Larry Hoyle to amend the county budget to boost the librarian position to a minimum wage salary. Following Hoyle's comments where he outlined the significant use of the library, stating that "1,459 people used the library from November, 2009, through February, 2010," he then proposed an increase in the budgeted position. "We need seven months of funding through September 30, to bring the position to minimum wage," Hoyle said.

Commissioner Franklin Jameson said that "salary is something we can't change in the middle of the year." The motion to confirm the hiring of the new librarian passed by unanimous vote.

Following the resignation of Sheriff Michael Crutchley (effective March 8) the next item

of business consisted of Public Comment regarding the appointment of a new sheriff for Motley County. The four candidates for appointment are Deputy Chris Spence, Devin Ballard, Robert Fisk, and Stacy Durham.

Sixteen citizens gathered in the small Commissioner's Courtroom with 11 residents providing comment in favor of the appointment of Deputy Chris Spence. "I would like to see Chris appointed as the interim sheriff," Mike Crowley said. "He has been an excellent servant, always conducting himself in an appropriate manner," adding, "I think Chris has the experience and qualifications to serve as our (county) peace officer." Other favorable comments included Roaring Springs Mayor Corky Marshall who said he served on the investigative committee for the Masonic Lodge when Spence was seeking membership. "Chris is a good community man. I would like to see him appointed, and then the voters can decide in November," he said. Others making public statements, "throwing their support behind Deputy Spence" were Buzz Thacker, Paul Westbrook, Stan Hanesworth, Charlie Johnson, Bobby Williams, Bill and Alyce Manney, and Kathy Grant.

County Attorney Tom Edwards said he was "compelled to address a serious legal concern," adding, "Federal law imposes very stiff penalties and damages for the violation of a potential defendant's constitutional rights. A corresponding law to the state constitution is official oppression. There are horror stories all over the country involving sheriffs appointed or elected that are uncertified," he said. "Uncertified sheriffs may inadvertently violate the potential rights of defendants, leading to cases that result in big

actual damages, massive punitive damages, and large attorney fees, which might have to be paid by the county," he said.

"We know the state of the county finances, and Chris holds the highest certification in the State of Texas," Edwards said. "If the county appoints an uncertified sheriff in this position, it is taking a real risk."

According to Judge Smith, the election division at the state said that the person who is appointed will have to run in the general election in November. Depending on the party that the appointed person designates, anyone else desiring to run can contact the opposing party chairman seeking to become that party's candidate in the next election. Anyone else who desires to run and is not selected by the opposing party may run as an independent. "All candidates are urged to contact the Election Division at the state to determine for them what they must do to qualify," he said.

The judge called an executive session at 10:00 a.m., reconvening at 1:11 p.m. to cover two more agenda items. Three bids were approved by the court for the Flomot Water Project. Low bid for small purchase procurement went to local contractor Kendall Construction for \$9,000.00. Mueller, Inc. received the low bid for purchase of a metal building and components for the pump station at \$4,496.91; and low bid for purchase of pipe, valves, and fittings went to K.W. Sharp, for \$4,459.87.

Another executive session to interview the final candidate for sheriff, Stacy Durham, was called at 1:33 p.m., reconvening at 1:44 p.m. A motion was made by Commissioner Jameson and seconded by Donnie Turner to appoint

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## Friends of the Library host farewell reception

By Carol Campbell

More than 30 residents attended a reception Friday, March 5, sponsored by the Friends of the Library welcoming the new librarian, Mary Ann Potts, and saying farewell to Librarian Buffy Crutchley.

The affair was hosted in the Library meeting room, and the Library Board members served cookies, brownies, sweet rolls and coffee.

President of the Friends of the Motley County Library, Ronnie Vandiver, presented Buffy with a basket of money, gifts and cards from the guests. "Buffy has done an excellent job since she has been here," Vandiver said. "We really appreciate her hard work on all the grants. We will miss her and wish her well." Buffy has been successful in

securing grants for a copy machine, children and crafts books, and the children's video section, Secretary Marihelen Wason said. "She has improved our children's library immensely."

Filling Buffy's shoes may be a challenge, but Mary Ann is up to the task, Vandiver said. "We are very proud to have Mary Ann Potts as the new librarian," he said. "We know she will do a good job."

The Library Board consists of: Larry Hoyle, president, Ruby McGuire, Marihelen Wason, Susan Jameson, Friends of the Library liaison Deanie Edwards, and Lay Representative P.K. Green. Green is responsible for attending area "systems meetings," a consortium of West Texas communities that meet to set guidelines and pursue grant funding opportunities for libraries.



Librarian Buffy Crutchley hands over the reins to Mary Ann Potts at a farewell reception in her honor on Friday, March 5.

## Juniors and Seniors invited to participate in Lions' Drug Awareness Speech contest

Area high school juniors and seniors are invited to participate in an upcoming drug awareness speech contest sponsored by local Lions Clubs as part of their Opportunities for Youth program.

"Illegal and Illicit Drugs—Legalized—Really?" is the subject of the March 27 contest to be held at 8:30 a.m. in the main office of Pyco Industries, Inc., 2901 Ave. A, in Lubbock. The entry deadline is March 19.

Students, sponsored by local Lions Clubs, will discuss issues surrounding legalization of drugs and offer solutions in a speech ranging from 5-7 minutes in length. No notes, cue cards, or video equipment are allowed during the contest. The winner and runner-up will receive

\$1,000 and \$500 in scholarship funding, respectively.

"We are pleased to make this scholarship opportunity available to students within Lions District 2-T2. However, we could not have done this without the support and contributions we received from area businesses, especially Taco Villa. They are helping us make a difference in young peoples' lives," said Lion Jake Bentley, District 2-T2 Opportunities for Youth Chairperson.

Contest forms and additional information are available from the District 2-T2 Lions Clubs web site at [www.lions2t2.org](http://www.lions2t2.org) or by contacting Bentley at 806-632-0742.

For further Information Contact Wes Campbell At-806-983-3073



# Foothill Country

## Connections

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

By Larry Vogt

I can feel it. The chill is almost out of the air. Just a few more days and we might be able to think spring is coming. After the snow and cold temperatures with wind chill factors we are ready. Ready to shed layers of clothing, ready to get into the garden and see if we can possibly get some peas or something going.

When I was a child in Dakota, the first day of spring was a sure bet for a snow storm. Looking out the school win-

dow the snow would be flying and we would have to bundle up as usual. Spring was often late into April, with some stiff winds still whipping around the prairie.

Don't put your double insulated coveralls away just yet. Keep them handy in case we get another bad spell. Keep your hopes up that the temperatures will continue to rise and we can commence with some tilling and seed planting soon. Any day now we should see the spring flowers coming forth.

# WRITING COMMUNITY

## March is Women's History Month

### Herstory

by Laverne Zabielski

"Your great grandfather converted over five hundred Indians to Christianity," my mother said.

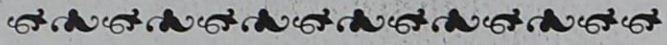
My great grandmother birthed nine children in eleven years. Mother didn't know that.

### Her Stance

by Laverne Zabielski

It was the lipstick floating on tissue paper that gave my mother away.

When she put that red across her lips, it not only changed her face, it changed her stance when she stood at the stove and stirred.



I appreciate all of the support for the election Precinct 2.

Thank You  
Donnie Turner

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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."

### Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor

I would like to thank the candidates here in Motley County for running a clean and positive campaign in this last election. I never heard any of them trying to destroy the character of the other candidates. They ran on their own merit and genuine concern for the future of Motley County and the good citizens here. Each and every one was asked by friends and neighbors to

run for office, and I would like to ask the readers to thank every candidate for his willingness to serve. Filing fees and campaigning costs are expensive, and I personally believe it is an act of a certain kind of courage to place your name in consideration. Again thank you to all of you who ran and thank you for your service to the community.

C.W. Moore,  
Motley County  
Democratic Chairman

I would like to thank everyone who supported me during the election. I really appreciate it.

Ben C. Grundy

THANKS TO THE MATADOR AND FLOMOT FIRE DEPARTMENTS FOR PUTTING OUT THE FIRE NEXT TO MY PLACE AND SAVING THE FENCE AND PASTURE. ALSO A SPECIAL THANKS TO DONNIE TURNER FOR HIS QUICK ACTION.

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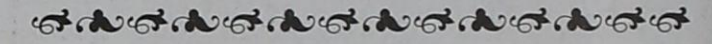
### THANK YOU

I would like to say thank you to the people of Motley County for voting in the March 2nd Primary Election.

I am humbled and honored to have been elected Judge and look forward to serving the people of Motley County. I will appreciate your continued support.

Sincerely,  
James "Jim" Meador

Paid for by James "Jim" Meador



## RETRO NEWS

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April 22, 1937

### Old Matador School House Being Razed

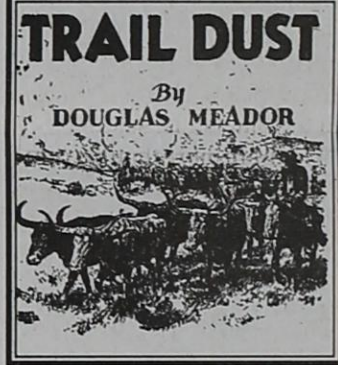
Matador's skyline is undergoing a change as wreckers level the old red brick school building east of the business section. The structure was built in 1911 and was used until the spring of 1930 when

the present grammar school building was completed.

The building was discarded for high school purposes in 1925 when the present high school was built but was used several years as a grammar school.

Unconfirmed reports declare the building has been purchased by a Lubbock business man who plans to haul the material there to be used in constructing an apartment building. The three story brick was purchased by L.B. Archer several years ago and has remained in his possession since that time.

Reports declare the Lubbock man paid \$675 for the building. The location to remain in Mr. Archer's possession.



Matador Tribune  
April 22, 1937

Moonlight above endless prairies of white buttercups, like perfumed snow drifted against long cattle trails, scat-

ters cool flag-stones on the wide terrace of dreams where the weary feet of travelers may rejoice. Yet some beauty can be too great or sudden that it destroys the citadel of the heart as a meteorite of love often breaks the vases of the soul if worn too frail by loneliness. Perhaps this silent pallor, caught by the weir of night, is the transient spirit of a forgotten yesterday, crushed beneath the broken levee of time; the world moves past an island planned in paradise and left in its channel but the spell remains as a whispered promise beside the rose tree.

Thank you to all of you who supported me during the election.

Dean and I look forward to serving for the next five years.

Thanks  
Russell Alexander & Family

I would like to thank everyone who expressed confidence in me to continue as Motley County Treasurer by casting their vote for me in the Republican Primary election.

Eva Barkley  
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# Garden tips focus of presentation



Deanie Edwards spoke briefly to the audience about "earth boxes," before introducing local gardening expert, Ryan Martin.

By Carol Campbell

Motley County gardeners gathered at the library Thursday, March 4, to hear AgriLife Extension Agent Ryan Martin present "Preparing and Maintaining Gardens, Lawns, and Flower Beds."

He was introduced by local gardening expert Deanie Edwards, who spoke briefly to the audience about "earth boxes." EarthBox® gardening gives homeowners an alternative to planting a large garden by using a gardening system for deck or patio gardens. Attendees signed up for an EarthBox® drawing during registration. The lucky winner was Michael Mach, Roaring Springs. This easy-to-use alternative comes with a mulch cover, a fertilizer strip, potting mix, aeration screen, and a water reservoir for plants. "You can't over water or under water," Edwards said. Edwards also handed out brochures and planting calendars.

Martin's PowerPoint presentation focused first on soil testing. His "how to" presentation included soil sample bags and handouts on how to analyze the soil in the garden and lawn. "We are in Zone 7," Martin said, recommending that soil testing needed to be done every three to four years. He cautioned gardeners to "use complete fertilizers" with balanced nitrogen, phosphorous, and potassium levels.

He spoke on the benefits of mulching, which "drastically reduces the amount of time spent weeding, watering and fighting pests," he said. He cautioned the audience to be aware of "where your mulch comes from," citing an example of Hurricane Katrina mulch which introduced termites as a bonus in many instances. "These termites can

eat a house in no time," Martin said.

Martin discussed composting, introducing the soil to organic matter that will increase yields. "You need at least 10 pounds of material for every one pound of organic matter," he said.

This comprehensive presentation covered pests like elm leaf beetles and white grubs with tips on how to control garden pests. "Disease and pest control is a key to prevention," he said. "Don't water before 10:00 a.m., he said, "a lot of diseases are lazy, they don't wake up early."

Plants can get viruses (spread to healthy plants by insects or on a person's hands), bacterial (spread by splashing water), fungal (spread by wind, splashing rain, and equipment), and root knot, caused by nematodes. "Nematodes are small, wormlike animals that live in the soil. They feed on plant roots and cause stunted plants," he said.

"There are more than 30,000 species of pests in Texas," Martin said, adding, "less than 100 cause problems in the garden." One damaging pest is white grubs. "The threshold for using chemicals on grubs is 7- to 10-grubs per square foot in tall fescue; and 4- to 5 grubs per square foot in buffalo grass." Adult white grubs, often called June beetles, are common in this area, feeding primarily on decaying organic matter. Martin discussed pest controls using chemicals, biological and mechanical controls.

Rainwater harvesting was discussed, where Martin showed the group how to make a rain barrel for about \$20.00. To learn more about gardening, Martin suggested a two web sites: [www.horticulture.tamu.edu/extension](http://www.horticulture.tamu.edu/extension); and [www.txsmartscape.com](http://www.txsmartscape.com).

# Getting To Know Your Relay For Life Committee

By Monta Marshall

**Editor's Note:** This is the second in a series of articles about the members of the Motley County Relay For Life Committee.

Meet Annette Hollinsworth. Like other members of the Relay For Life committee, Annette is passionate about doing all she can to promote research for a cure for cancer.

Annette was born in Nashville, TN, and moved to Loretta, a small town near the Tennessee and Alabama border when she was 13 years old. She married and moved to California. After a divorce she met Larry Hollinsworth at Disneyland! Larry was driving for Walmart and when he made trips to the area where she lived he would see Annette. Larry grew up in West Texas; that is how the Hollinsworth's became citizens of Motley County. Annette soon opened a business, New to You, first in Roaring Springs and later she moved her business to Mator.

When Annette was 5-years-old her grandmother died from cervical cancer. As a child Annette wondered if she would have it too. She heard adults speaking about cancer running in families; how few people survived when they were diagnosed with cancer. She said people spoke in hushed tones and she knew it was a terrible disease to have.

When her step-grandmother had cancer also Annette was older and truly understood what a terrible disease it was. Later her own mother was diagnosed with cancer two different times. Her mother has been cancer free for five years. At age 35, Annette was diagnosed with the same kind of cancer her grandmother had. As you see it can and often does run in families. Now researchers have discovered ways to tell if a person carries a familial gene that might later cause them to have cancer so

that a person can be aware and will keep abreast of the situation by having medical check-ups and recommended tests to screen for cancer.

Cancer isn't the end of life. Many survive and are cancer free. Some battle cancer for years. Cancer research, often done with funds from the American Cancer Society, offers hope of a cure and a better quality of life during their struggle.

Annette decided that she wanted to do something positive to help others. When she read in the *Motley County Tribune* that a Relay For Life Committee was forming in Motley County in 2006, she had never heard of a Relay though she knew about the work the American Cancer Society does. This was her chance to get involved and she was certain she wanted to be a member of the committee. One of Annette's talents is that she is a people person and she was willing to be the Underwriters and Sponsorship Chair for Motley County. That involves raising funds to host the Relay For Life activities so that the money raised by teams can go to providing aid to Motley County cancer patients.

These activities include the Kick-off party to begin the annual Relay events, a breakfast to honor our county's survivors and caregivers, tee shirts for the participants, refreshments for those attending the Relay For Life Walk; door prizes, decorations, rental of equipment, honorary candles, program printing and other necessary items. The funds for this come from the underwriter's and sponsorship's donations.

Everything is done to stimulate interest in giving to cancer research to reflect the motto: A World With More Birthdays. Annette said she plans to continue to fight in the battle against cancer so that her daughter, granddaughter and grandson will never have cancer.

# Commissioner's Court appoints new sheriff

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Devin Ballard as sheriff. There were three dissenting votes to the appointment by Ed D. Smith, Russell Alexander, and Roy Gene Stephens.

A motion was made by Judge Smith to appoint Chris Spence as sheriff of Motley County, seconded by Commissioner Stephens. The motion passed three votes "for," and two "against," with Commissioners Donnie Turner and Franklin Jameson casting the opposing votes. Following the vote, Chris Spence was given his Oath of Office by Judge Smith, formally making him the next Motley County Sheriff. He will be required to run for office in November during the general election.

"I would like to say that we have had four exceptional applicants," Commissioner Roy Gene Stephens said. "I have a tremendous number of constituents that have influenced my decision today. This is nothing personal, just an over-whelming support for Chris Spence. If you can't support the people that supported you, then you don't need to be in office," Stephens added.

Judge Smith said he appreciated every candidate that applied for the position. "Sometimes you have to make a hard call, and I encourage the other candidates to run for office in November," he said.

# Land Bank to Deliver Cash Patronage at Regional Meetings

AMARILLO, Texas— At its January board meeting, the directors for Panhandle-Plains Land Bank announced scheduling for the 2010 Regional Stockholder Meetings; and approved the 2010 cash patronage. Again this year, the meetings will be held at four regional locations, where cash patronage checks will be delivered.

The meetings will be in sequence beginning at 11:30 am in Perryton on Tuesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>; then an evening meeting at 6:00 pm in Pampa. On Thursday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, stockholders will gather for lunch in Amarillo, with the close in Plainview that evening. Stockholders are encouraged to attend the meeting in their area to conduct association business, hold director elections, and to receive their 2010 patronage checks. Additional information with an RSVP request will be sent to stockholders around March 5th.

Reflecting the national economy, 2009 was a challenge for

the association. CEO Robert R. Williams, Jr. reports, "earnings and credit quality were negatively impacted; however, we have the capital strength to stand these difficult times. The association is positioned for a strong recovery in 2010."

Williams further explained, "The 2010 cash patronage of \$2,150,000 is about double what we were able to return last year." The cash patronage is a return of interest paid by customers in 2009, and amounts to about 12 cents on every 1 dollar of interest paid. "The increase in cash patronage is a positive statement for our association and the local agriculture economy," said Williams.

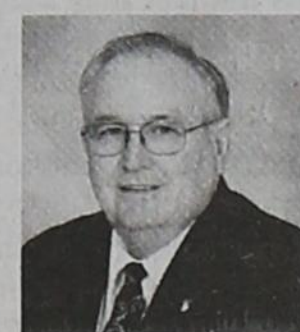
With a stockholder elected board of directors, Panhandle-Plains Land Bank provides long-term credit to farmers, ranchers, and agribusiness in 17 counties of the Panhandle and South Plains. Offices are located in Amarillo, Pampa, Perryton, and Plainview.

# Engagement Announcement



Lowell J. ("Tex") and Eva Barkley would like to announce the engagement of their daughter Llan to Jason Hamilton, son of Robert and Karen Hamilton of Woodville, TX. Llan is employed by Developmental Pathways Inc. as an early intervention service coordinator. Jason is working for Ciber, Inc. as a security engineer. Llan and Jason are currently living in Denver, CO. The wedding is planned for Sept. 5, 2010 in Dallas.

# "A HEART FOR WORSHIP"



Acceptable worship of our God must be with a response from us that both captures our attitudes and engages our hearts. There is a big difference between institutional worship (just going through the formalities) and worship that is a natural response to what our God has done for us. Some might be trapped in

the institutional worship syndrome in which people worship because they feel forced to it. Then there might be an attitude developed that goes something like this: "well since I already here I may as well go through the motions." There is a misunderstanding of some in thinking if a certain ritual is carried out or a prescribed formula is used, then worship has been achieved. This however would be worship that never engages the heart. It would be by the Bible's definition, "vain worship."

We can go through all the right motions and carry out all the right forms and still be cold and lifeless as a corpse. Our God desires from us, worship based on submissive lives and genuine hearts. What God wants is a relationship with us. Notice Psalm 51: 16-17:

For You do not desire sacrifice, or else I would give it; You do not delight in burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, A broken and contrite heart, These, O God, You will not despise.

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

# Nutrition Quality Consultant, Tom Risner

will hold a Town Hall meeting to discuss dehydration and the prevention of dehydration on March 29th at 6:00 p.m. at Hackberry Creek Care Center. Everyone is invited!

## Family Eye Care

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# NEWS AROUND MOTLEY COUNTY

## Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

Spring surely isn't more than three weeks away! The children have loved playing in snow, all of us have been so thankful for the moisture we have received. I have several daffodil blooms almost opened up and I see reddish buds peeping out on the flowering quince. The forsythia has a couple of brave blooms, and the yellow jasmine japonica has been blooming for two or more weeks. I've seen a violet blooming; the blue bonnets which came up in the fall and grew rather quickly and then hunkered down during the cold and snows are looking ready to try for a growth spurt again. Usually by this time our little apricot tree has bloomed and then been frozen. Here it is March 8<sup>th</sup> and the buds are still very tiny. Maybe this will be a good fruit year. Spring is on the way that is certain.

I forgot to report that Bobby Fletcher returned home on Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup>. He is glad to be at home.

Don Dillard is in the hospital in Crosbyton with pneumonia and cellulitis. Dana Graham reported yesterday that she expected him to be in the hospital for another week and a half to keep the infection from spreading over his entire system. Pray for Don and his family. They have had some very hard struggles.

Again I want to mention that the West Watchmen will be at the First Baptist Church

on Sunday morning March 21<sup>st</sup>. They will appear in concert at the First Methodist Church in Quitaque at 7:00 p.m. on March 20<sup>th</sup>.

Chili, all the trimmings and dessert will be served on Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the Roaring Springs Community Center. Donations received for the supper will be donated to the Roaring Springs Fire Department. The food will be prepared by area and town residents who will benefit from having a stronger fire department. Fire-fighting gear is needed for the five new volunteers.

Audrey Jones was surprised with a birthday party on Friday at her home. Birthday cake was served and cards and gifts were opened by Audrey. Those attending were: Dora Hurt of Matador; Barbara Marvel; Mitzie Christopher; Sarah Ross; Tincey Parr and Joyce Meredith all of Roaring Springs.

If you are a Roaring Springs High School alumni, keep June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010 on your mind, it is the date for the school reunion that is held every five years. It will be held at the Roaring Springs Community Center.

Walter and Jo Trammell are proud great-grandparents of a new baby boy. He is still in a neo-natal unit as he only weighed two pounds. His parents are Trevor and Callie Overman of Lubbock. His grandparents are Jerry and Tina Overman of Lubbock.

## Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

### Overheard

Another victim of Daylight savings time: "I don't know Doc, a man can spring forward and fall back just so many times."

### Birthday Celebration

Janice and Butch Hughes were in Floydada Sunday afternoon to celebrate the birthday of their grandson, Brody Hughes in the home of his parents, Tiffany and Roger Hughes. He blew out his two candles on a colorful decorated cake that was served with ice cream, hot dogs and punch. He had oodles of fun opening his many gifts.

Other special guests among the 44 attending were his maternal grandparents, Gary and Pam Bennett and great grandparents, Harold Wayne and Geneva Bennet of Floydada.

Wilburn Martin visited from Saturday until Monday of last week in Granbury with his sister and family, Nita and Ervin Merritt, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Merritt, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Merritt and Mr and Mrs. Jacob Hutchins. Sunday,

they celebrated the birthdays of Ervin Merritt and Tommy Merritt.

James and Darla Gwinn and daughter, Danielle visited Saturday night and Sunday in Lubbock with his sister, Ms. Aly Gwinn.

Ruth and Orville Lee attended to business in Plainview, Saturday. Visiting them Thursday were Joey and Brenda Lee and Robert Lee of Amarillo.

Nada and Jack Starkey visited Mrs. Bessie Reid in Amarillo and Mr. and Mrs. Michael Starkey in Canyon following his medical appointment at the Veran' Hospital in Amarillo.

Natalia Rogers of Williamsburg, Virginia was met at the Lubbock Airport Thursday by her father, Donnie Rogers and grandmother, Mrs. B. Rogers and accompanied here to visit during her spring holidays. she is a student at William and Mary University.

Mrs Keri Sehon and son, Brian of Wollforth visited Friday night and Saturday with her parents, Clois and Kathy Shorter.

## Matador News

Arlyce Manney was in Pflugerville, Texas last week-end visiting their daughter and family, Michael, Lorelei and Tegan Shannon. Granddaughter Tegan was in Destination Imagination Challenge in Leander, Texas. Her team took fifth place among nine-teen groups.

Mary Jones and grand-

daughter Ashley Jones spent the weekend in Abilene in the home of John and Jana Thacker. They attended a birthday party in the home of Chris and Amy Smith celebrating the first birthday of their son Dane. They also visited Matt, Melanie, Berley, Beckham and Brenner Paul.

## CLASS OF 1955 REUNION

A reunion of the Matador High School class of 1955 will be held on March 19. Friends of the members of the class of 1955 are invited to join them at the home of Dorothy McMahon Jones, 1102 Dundee Street in Matador, at 1 PM. Members of the class of 1955 living in the Matador area are Dorothy Jones, James Taylor, Jim Watson, Joe Fair, Elwanda Green Simmons and David Keith. Out of town members planning to attend are Tom Hamilton (Plainview), Janey Norman Hardin (Childress), Stanley McDonough (Happy), Kenneth Baker (Greensboro, NC) and Harold Dean Martin (Golden Valley, AZ).

## The Green of Ireland Decor at Do Gooders Club Meeting

Due to the Primary Elections being held at the Flomot Community Center Tuesday March 2, the Do Gooders' Club postponed their monthly meeting to Wednesday, March 3.

The green of Ireland and St. Patrick's Day decor enhanced the Community Center. Hostess, Mrs. Connie Franks and Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse presided at a Shamrock service on a table laid with a green table cloth. The centerpiece was a pleasant scented leprechaun surrounded by strings of dangling gold and green glass beads. They served refreshments of finger sandwiches, dips and cips and doughnuts with green iced tea.

Mrs. Waydetta Clay conducted the business session.

Mrs. Anna Beth Clay read the minutes of the previous meeting that were approved. They voted to have just one hostess rather than two at each meeting. They planned a meeting at the Center the following Monday to accumulate needed supplies for their Bazzarr quilt. Following the session, they steamed ironed the pretty fabric quilt tops of the Little Farms Boy pattern.

Mrs. Doris Vinson was pleased when her name was drawn for the hostess gift, a scented bear candle. Other members attending were Mesdames B. Rogers, Suzie Shannon, Connie Franks, Tommie Jo Cruse, Anna Beth Clay, Waydetta Clay and Mary Jo Calvert. Guest was Tiffany Woods of Turkey.

Hackberry Creek Care Center  
fund raising spaghetti supper  
Motley County School cafeteria  
March 22, 5 PM

## SURE Program payments beginning to go out

By Shawn Wade

Two months into the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments Program (SURE) sign up period it appears that most of the program's implementation kinks are finally on their way to being ironed out by the USDA Farm Service Agency.

For farmers on the Texas High Plains, and elsewhere, that have gone through the sign up process and not yet received their payment, the wait may be close to an end. This includes, apparently, producers who have been unable to sign up for the program due to issues involving peanuts as well as those who purchased pasture and rangeland insurance.

Currently there is no deadline for completing the 2008 SURE enrollment process. According to USDA officials in Washington, some \$100 million in SURE payments have already gone out and more are on the way. They indicate that over the next few weeks producers should see more SURE payments being delivered.

FSA officials explained that as they fine tune the many processes needed to deal with the significant amount of data required to deliver the program it has sometimes been necessary for FSA staff to re-work previously completed applications to verify that initial preliminary benefit calculations were accurate or, if necessary, substitute revised crop insurance yield or coverage information. USDA expects SURE payments to begin ramping up over the next few weeks.

A big contributor to the

sluggish performance that has occurred thus far is the complicated nature of the program itself. USDA officials say that despite the challenges they are having to deal with from a complexity stand-point, they are actively working to incorporate the final pieces of the SURE calculation puzzle, namely the incorporation of a producer's weighted average Counter-cyclical Program (CCP) payment yield, into a revised version of the SURE sign up software used to calculate preliminary SURE benefits today.

The SURE program is significantly more complex than previous incarnations of ad hoc disaster assistance due to its application at the whole farm level, which often means dealing with multiple crops, as well as the fact that it addresses overall revenue on the farm instead of only focusing solely on yield-based losses.

Adding to the complication is the fact that FSA is also working closely with the USDA Risk Management Agency to obtain crop insurance yield, coverage and loss data that must be incorporated into a producer's SURE Interim report.

Cooperation between the two agencies has been good as they work together to insure that the producer information developed for the SURE interim report is as accurate and complete as possible.

### SURE Benefit Estimator Version 3.0

For growers who haven't had an opportunity to complete their official SURE sign up, but still need to develop an estimate of the benefit they are likely to receive, the Texas AgriLife Extension SURE Benefit Estimator remains available for download and

use from the internet. Growers interested in using it are encouraged to download the new version 3.0 file.

The file is available for download from the Plains Cotton Growers website, located at <http://www.plainscotton.org>, and from the South Plains Profitability Project website located at: <http://southplainsprofit.tamu.edu>. A copy of Microsoft Excel is required to view and use the estimator.

With an official release date of January 25, 2010, key changes made in version 3.0 include the incorporation of input spaces for data included on a producer's Farm Service Agency SURE Interim Report and a producer's crop insurance premium information on a unit-by-unit basis.

Another useful adaptation included in version 3.0 is the ability to toggle the Summary page to display the estimated amount of benefit payable through the Farm Service Agency's initial sign-up procedure or an estimation of the total amount of SURE benefit that might be payable once all SURE program features are implemented.

These changes will allow the spreadsheet to more accurately calculate SURE guarantee amounts, including adjustments provided through implementation of provision of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), and the amount of crop insurance premium a grower may deduct from their calculated total revenue.

The Texas AgriLife Extension Service developed the original SURE Benefit Estimator with assistance from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. more than a year and a half ago to help answer producer questions about the SURE program.

## Relay For Life April 23

## CAPROCK CANYONS CELEBRATES A WILD SPRING BREAK

Caprock Canyons State Park and Trailway offers spring breakers a way to explore their wild side with fun activities to learn more about animals in the park. Wildlife Week, beginning on March 13 and running through March 21 includes a wildlife-based activity each day, with a variety to choose from. All programs are free, with paid park entrance fee. For more information, call 806-455-1492.

Sat. 3/13: Nature Photography Hike, 10 am - Noon, Canyon Loop Trail

Explore the canyon country with camera in hand. This guided hike features tips to improve your outdoor photography. Any type of camera or skill level is welcome. Meet at North Prong Campground parking lot.

Sun. 3/14: Sunset Stroll, 6:30 - 8:00 pm, Canyon Rim Trail

Twilight is a wonderful time to enjoy the sights and sounds of nocturnal animals waking up and diurnal ones settling in for the night. This is a quiet, easy, guided walk. Bring water. Meet at Honey Flat restroom parking.

Mon. 3/15: Skins and Skulls, 2:00 - 4:00 pm, Amphitheater

Who lives in the canyons and on the prairies? Many mammals here are seldom seen, sometimes heard, and occasionally smelled! This hands-on program will test your identification skills and teach you about some essential adaptations for survival.

Tues. 3/16: Casting Tracks, 2:00 - 4:00 pm, Location TBD

Identifying animals by their footprints is a fun way to get to know whose trail you are on. We provide the materials for making a plaster cast of a track that you find, and you can take it home with you.

Wed. 3/17: The Texas State Bison Herd, 2:00 - 4:00 pm, Bison Overlook at VC

Bison or buffalo? Where did they come from? Why is this herd designated the official state herd? Bring your questions for a chat about the largest animal in the park, and in North America.

Thur. 3/18: Guided Horseback Ride, 10:00 am - Noon, Location TBD

Bring your horse for an interpretive trail ride, taking in scenic vistas while learning about the history of the park. Come a day early and enjoy the camping facilities for you and your horse.

Fri. 3/19 and Sun. 3/21: Early Birding, 8:00 - 10:00 am, Location TBD

Get a closer look at the birds who find food, water, and

shelter in Caprock Canyons. This slow-paced exploration allows new and experienced birders to work together to identify and learn about the lives of our feathered friends. Bring your binoculars and field guide or borrow some from the park.

Fri. 3/19: Night Noises, 8:30 - 9:30 pm, Amphitheater

Screech, howl, hoot! How can nature be so noisy? Find out who is keeping you awake and why they are so talkative at night at this slide show program. Bring a flashlight.

Celebrate the first day of Spring on Saturday, March 20!

Sat. 3/20: Habitat Hike, 10:00 am - Noon, Eagle Point Trail

Food, water, shelter, space. Habitat is more than just a place. Take a hike in search of habitat for yourself and animals that live in Caprock Canyons. Hike is of moderate difficulty. Bring water and sun protection.

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# Notes from the Library

By Mary Ann Potts

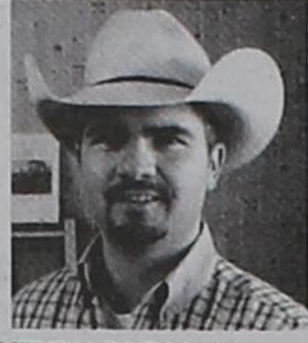
In case you haven't heard Buffy Crutchley, Librarian, resigned as of Friday, March 5, 2010 to explore new territory in Kansas. If you attended the farewell gathering last Friday, you'd know what a tremendous contribution Buffy made to our community by the enormous outpour of well wishes, hugs and gifts to bid her and husband, Michael, former Motley County Sheriff, farewell. So now I will introduce myself Hello! My name is Mary Ann Potts and I'm the new librarian.

Since I'm taking over Buffy's position, I know great things

are expected of me and I will absolutely try my utmost to fulfill all expectations. But in order for me to succeed, I ask our community to be patient with me as I learn my new role as librarian. So when I make a mistake, and undoubtedly I will, please say a little breath prayer for me so I won't repeat my library errors.

With that said I will say goodbye for now and look forward to meeting and visiting with each of you and writing about new books, programs and guest speakers at the Motley County Library.

# County Agent's News



by Ryan Martin, Agri LIFE EXTENSION Agent

## Healing native rangeland may require combination of burning and rotational grazing

AgriLife Research ecologist: Careful management is the key

VERNON -- The application of summer patch burning to heal native rangeland may be best accomplished using rotational grazing, according to a Texas AgriLife Research range ecologist.

Dr. Richard Teague recently completed a study of native rangeland vegetation and soils subjected to summer patch burns followed by cattle being allowed to graze either continuously or using a rotational grazing system.

Prescribed summer fire as a management tool is gaining interest among resource managers in the southern Great Plains, Teague said. Applying a prescribed fire in the summer is more effective in controlling unwanted woody plants and prickly pear cactus than winter fires because they burn hotter.

Patch burning was used in this study because most ranchers graze continuously with no deferment or layout of pastures, he said. With patch burning, a different patch is burned each year so the concentration of cattle grazing on the burnt area in one year is followed by a shift in grazing pressure the next year to the most recently burned patch.

"We burned one-eighth of the grazing unit in continuously grazed paddocks and compared this to burning one-eighth of an eight-pasture rotationally grazed unit each year," Teague said.

The study, funded in part by the E. Paul and Helen Buck Waggoner Foundation Inc., The Joe Skeen Institute for Rangeland Restoration and the Dodge Jones Foundation, measured the recovery of vegetation and

soils on burned patches annually and compared them to those in immediately adjacent unburned areas in both grazing treatments, Teague said.

"We managed the rotational grazing using planned grazing protocols to achieve the best animal and vegetation response the way a responsible conservation rancher would to achieve the best animal and vegetation response," he said.

They chose not to do small plot work, Teague said, because it has little relevance for ranchers who must manage large commercial operations where maintaining resources and economic viability are the primary long-term concerns.

Teague said it is important to recognize that some problems can be created by fire and grazing, such as a reduction in infiltration, increased runoff and erosion. Also, livestock grazing can reduce grass biomass and create patchy vegetation alternated by bare soil.

Biologically, fire can cause ecosystem degradation since it removes vegetation that protects the soil from exposure to the sun, raindrop action and overland water flow, which increases soil erosion, he said.

Grazing by livestock can decrease the rate of recovery of vegetation after fire as animals tend to concentrate on recently burned areas. Preferred patches are often overgrazed even if the grazing management unit is not overstocked, Teague said.

So fire and grazing need to be properly managed to achieve desired results, he said.

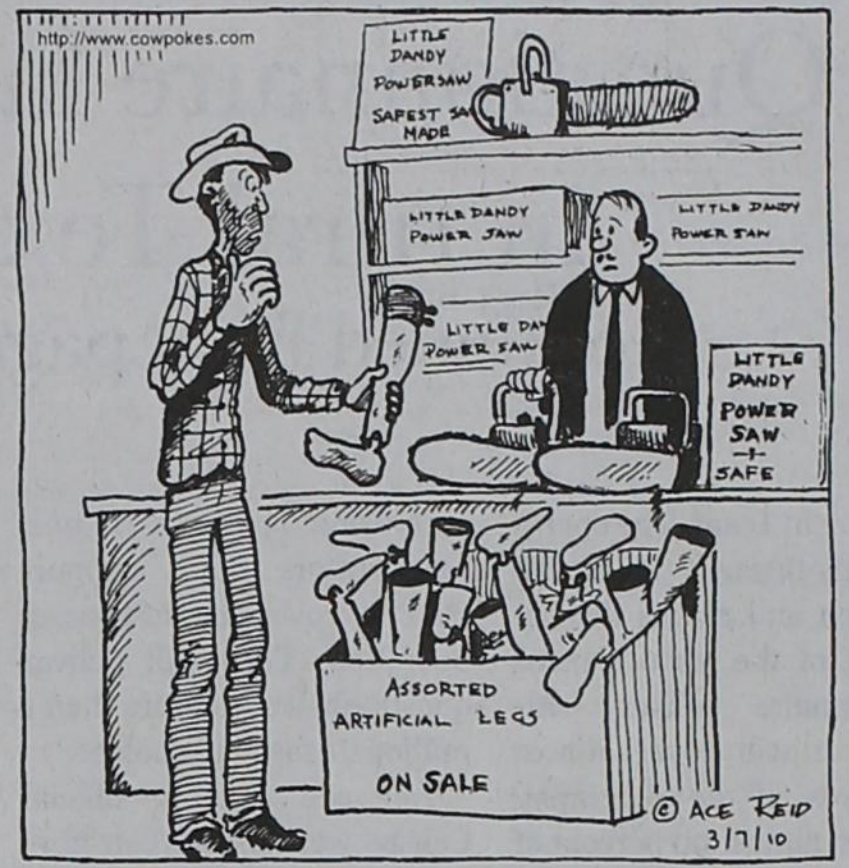
"We wanted to see if the deferment and periodic rests provided by rotational grazing would result in less impact on the environment than continuous grazing."

Teague said it is important to have less bare ground and higher soil organic matter.

"We focused on bare ground

# COWPOKES®

By Ace Reid



"Mister, if these here Little Dandy Saws are so safe, how come you're sellin' so many wooded legs?!"

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Cassidy Turner competed in the goat show at the 2010 San Angelo Stock show

in our study because it is a well-documented way to assess erosion hazard, which increases if there is insufficient plant cover to dissipate the energy of raindrops before they strike the soil," he said.

Also, previous research on Texas' rangeland indicated that bare ground has considerably lower infiltration and higher runoff and erosion than ground covered by perennial grasses, Teague said.

"We measured treatment impacts on soil organic matter, since higher organic matter results in higher rainfall infiltration, better soil fertility and higher plant production," he said. "The amount of plant cover is important for soil organic matter because bare ground is not protected from the sun and gets much hotter than covered soil, causing accelerated loss of organic matter."

The rotational grazing treatment had less bare ground and lower soil temperatures on both unburned and burned areas than the continuously grazed treatment, Teague said. Soil organic matter was also higher with rotational grazing.

This has significant implications for infiltration rates, runoff and erosion in favor of the rotational management, he said.

Teague said soil compaction and structure were not affected by either the burn or grazing treatments, but the presence of trees reduced soil temperature, improved soil compaction, structure and infiltration rate relative to open grassland.

"The lower incidence of bare ground and lower soil temperatures with rotational grazing were evident on unburned areas, presumably because of the manner in which we managed the rotational grazing," Teague said.

"We grazed moderately for short periods, leaving relatively high amounts of ungrazed forage when exiting each paddock in the rotations."

Using evidence from rainfall simulation studies and other, similarly managed rotational grazing studies, the lower incidence of bare ground measured with rotational grazing indicates the potential of rotational grazing for improving soil hydrological characteristics.

Adequate rainfall for rapid post-fire recovery was experienced in this study, but under drought conditions responses may be different, Teague said. Other studies have indicated that areas burned in any year do not recover until after a season of favorable precipitation.

When drought conditions precede and follow burning, there can be an increase in bare ground and the proportion of annual forbs and annual grasses at the expense of perennial grasses, he said. Recovery takes three to five years in times of drought, but only one year with good rainfall.

The response to rotational

grazing compared to continuous grazing may be different under drier conditions, Teague warned. There was less bare ground under rotational grazing on the drier types of soil but not the wetter types of soil. If conditions were drier, the wetter soils may also have benefited from rotational grazing, as measured in previous research.

He also noted that shading provided by trees reduces soil temperature which decreases soil carbon loss and tree leaf litter breaks down more slowly than grass phytomass resulting in higher levels of soil carbon.

Overall, Teague said this study points to factors that are important for managers to aim at if they wish to maintain or improve ecosystem function.

## 2010 Motley County Jr. Livestock Show

I want to take the time to tell everyone that helped with the Jr. Livestock Show, "Thank You!" This event would not be possible without the many volunteers who help, individuals and businesses that donate, and the support of the surrounding communities. An event like this takes several hours and people to pull off and the support that each one of you shows towards the youth of this county is greatly appreciated.

Also, we wanted to let everyone know that the pictures from the Jr. Livestock show will be made available on the Motley 4-H facebook site. Just search "Motley 4-H Club" on facebook to view the photos in whole.

## Motley 4-H Club Members Compete at the San Angelo Stock Show

4-H members, Cassidy Turner, Carley Turner, Seth Baxter, Danielle Gwinn, Natalie Jameson and Sage Guerrero traveled to San Angelo to compete in the 2010 San Angelo Stock show. Cassidy, Carley and Seth competed in the goat show, Danielle and Seth competed in the lamb show and Natalie and Sage competed in the swine show.

Cassidy, Carley, Seth and Danielle did an excellent job showing their animals in the goat and lamb shows, although they did not place as San Angelo is one of the toughest goat and lamb shows in the nation.

In the swine arena, this was only the second year for San Angelo to offer the Certified Texas Bred - Texas Star Gilt show and it was very tough. Natalie and Sage showed gilts in the CTBR Show, but with over 900 entries, they were unable to place. Sage also showed her barrow in the Junior Barrow Show, but with only 253 out of 2200 barrows making the sale, she did not place.

This was a great experience for these kids as the San Angelo Stock Show is the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest show in Texas and the 4<sup>th</sup> largest in the nation.



Sage Guerrero competed in the swine show at 2010 San Angelo Stock Show

I would like to thank everyone who cast their ballot in the March 2, 2010, Democratic Primary. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

Kate Hurt  
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## This Week's Local Forecast

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**Weather Trivia**  
 What is the lowest barometer reading ever measured?  
 Answer: It was 25.63 inches in the middle of a typhoon named Tip.

**Weather History**  
 March 11, 1988 - A blizzard raged across the north central United States. Chadron, Neb., was buried under 33 inches of snow, up to 25 inches of snow was reported in eastern Wyoming, and totals in the Black Hills of South Dakota ranged up to 69 inches at Lead.

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# Hand Delivery of Census Questionnaire launches in rural Texas

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4 million in Texas. The operation runs through the month of March and marks the beginning of the 2010 Census questionnaire delivery. Although it will cover almost two-thirds of the geography of Texas, almost 90 percent of Texas' 8.2 million households will likely receive the Census questionnaire by mail, the least expensive mode of delivery, around the third week in March.

The questionnaires are hand-delivered to rural areas to update hard-to-register addresses and to ensure that each household receives a questionnaire. These on-site visits are necessary because the Census Bureau relies on counting individuals at specific physical addresses to prevent counting people twice.

Household occupants will be asked to fill out the answers to the 10 questions and return the completed form by mail. It's important to note that Census workers will not ask for any information during this operation other than to ask you to complete the questionnaire and to mail it back. If no one is home, the enumerator will leave the questionnaire in a plastic bag on the doorknob or nearby.

"We're going to bring it right to your door," said Gabriel Sanchez, Dallas Regional Census Director. "It will either come in the mail or we are going to take the extra step of delivering it in person."

In Texas, the so-called update enumeration will involve

mobilizing perhaps 6,000 enumerators and support staff to cover the four-week operation. They will deliver questionnaires to more than 1 million Texas households.

You can identify official Census workers by their government identification badge, the confidentiality notice in their possession and the questionnaire. Some workers may also be carrying a Census tote bag.

Census workers in this operation will not ask for any information and will not ask to come inside your house.

Census Day is April 1, the day that the law requires you to be counted at the address where to live and sleep most of the time. In mid-March, the Census Bureau will mail questionnaires to 145 million households in the United States, the largest mass mailing in the history of the county and the least expensive way to reach 90 percent of those who live in the United States.

The Census is especially important to farm communities and rural communities. While Texas' overall population grew by 12.7 percent from 2000 to 2005 — nearly twice the national rate — its rural population grew much slower and its proportion of the overall population declined. Of Texas' estimated 24.8 million people, fewer than 4 million live in rural areas.

Moreover, 93 rural counties that lacked a metropolitan area lost population between 2000 and 2005, according to

Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts study of U.S. Census data.

Because congressional representation is entirely dependent on the Census count — and the disbursement of federal dollars is based, in part, on population figures — getting an accurate Census count is vital for rural Texas and its many communities. In 2008 alone, the federal government spent billions of dollars on rural and farm programs, including \$909 million in crop insurance, \$42 million in livestock compensation programs, \$279 million in crop disaster assistance and \$21 million in rural rent assistance.

Rural areas also present special difficulties in getting a full and accurate count. Far-flung homesteads are often difficult to locate and migrant farm workers can be difficult to include because of the mobile nature of their livelihoods.

Promoting the Census in rural Texas is one way to ensure the continued economic vitality of one of the nation's most important agricultural and cultural areas. It's also safe. All information remains strictly confidential: Census data is not shared with any individual or other government agency. So encourage your neighbors to fill out the Census questionnaire when it arrives in mid-March. Mail it back by the first week of April and a Census worker will not knock on your door in May.

The Census is mandated in Article 1, Section 2 of the U.S. Constitution. The 2010 Census is the nation's 23rd.

## Schedule of Events for March 12 Jayton Track Meet

**11:00-11:45** Scratch Meeting

**11:45** Coaches Meeting

**12:00 p.m. 3200 m Run Finals** (Girls Varsity, JV Boys, Varsity Boys)

**12:45 Boys Running Prelims**

4x100 m Relay  
110 m Hurdles  
100 m Dash  
4x200 m Relay  
400 m Dash  
300 m Hurdles  
200 m Dash

**Girls Field Events**

12:30 Pole Vault  
12:30 Shot  
12:30 Triple Jump

2:15 Discus  
2:15 Long Jump  
2:15 High Jump  
4 Throws & Jumps-No Finals

**3:45 Girls Running Prelims**

4x100 m Relay  
110 m Hurdles  
100 m Dash  
4x200 m Relay  
400 m Dash  
300 m Hurdles  
200 m Dash

**Boys Field Events**

3:45 Varsity High Jump, JV High Jump  
3:45 Varsity Shot, JV Shot  
3:45 JV Triple Jump, Varsity Triple Jump  
5:15 JV Discus, Varsity

Discus  
5:15 Varsity Long Jump, JV Long Jump  
5:00 Pole Vault  
4 Throws & Jumps-No Finals

**7:00 p.m. Running Finals** (Varsity Girls, JV Boys, Varsity Boys)

4x100 m Relay  
800 m Run  
100 m Hurdles  
110 m Hurdles  
100 m Dash  
4x200 m Relay  
400 m Dash  
300 m Hurdles  
200 m Dash  
1600 m Run  
4x400 m Relay

## EarthTalk® From the Editors of E/The Environmental Magazine

Dear EarthTalk: Some time ago there were issues with Native American tribes storing nuclear waste on their land, something that was both unhealthy to the communities and caused considerable controversy among tribal leaders. Where is this issue today? — M. Spenser, via e-mail

Native tribes across the American West have been and continue to be subjected to significant amounts of radioactive and otherwise hazardous waste as a result of living near nuclear test sites, uranium mines, power plants and toxic waste dumps.

And in some cases tribes are actually hosting hazardous waste on their sovereign reservations—which are not subject to the same environmental and health standards as U.S. land—in order to generate revenues. Native American advocates argue that siting such waste on or near reservations is an "environmental justice" problem, given that twice as many Native families live below the poverty line than other sectors of U.S. society and often have few if any options for generating income.

"In the quest to dispose of

nuclear waste, the government and private companies have disregarded and broken treaties, blurred the definition of Native American sovereignty, and directly engaged in a form of economic racism akin to bribery," says Bayley Lopez of the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation. He cites example after example of the government and private companies taking advantage of the "overwhelming poverty on native reservations by offering them millions of dollars to host nuclear waste storage sites."

The issue came to a head—and Native advocates hope a turning point—in 2007 when public pressure forced the Skull Valley band of Utah's Goshute tribe to forego plans to offer their land, which is already tucked between a military test site, a chemical weapons depot and a toxic magnesium production facility, for storing spent nuclear fuel above ground. The facility would have been a key link in the chain of getting nuclear waste to Yucca Mountain, the U.S. government's proposed permanent storage facility.

In February 2009, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) announced intentions to scale

back efforts to make Yucca Mountain the nation's sole repository of radioactive nuclear waste and to look into alternative long-term strategies for dealing with its spent nuclear fuel. The National Congress of American Indians, in representing the various tribes around the region, no doubt breathed a sigh of relief.

The issue essentially goes much deeper: As long as we continue to make use of nuclear energy—and many in Congress are looking to expand its role to get away from fossil fuels—the waste and spent nuclear fuel will keep coming and need to be stored somewhere. Groups like Honor the Earth, founded by author and activist Winona LaDuke to promote cooperation between Native Americans and environmentalists, are trying to persuade tribes that availing their land to nuclear power and other toxic industries isn't worth the potential long-term damage to the health of their citizens. Honor the Earth helped convince the Goshutes to turn down a lucrative deal to store waste on their land, and is working with dozens of other tribes to try to do the same.

## Diálogo Ecológico De los Redactores de E/La Revista Ecológica

Querido Diálogo Ecológico: Hace un tiempo atrás hubieron problemas con tribus de indios norteamericanos que almacenaban desechos nucleares en sus tierras, algo que era poco sano para las comunidades y que causó considerable controversia entre los líderes tribales. ¿Cómo van las cosas hoy? — M. Spenser, a través de email

Las tribus nativas a través del Oeste norteamericano han sido y continúan siendo víctimas de cantidades significativas de desechos radioactivos y de otros materiales peligrosos a consecuencia de vivir cerca de sitios de prueba nucleares, minas de uranio, centrales eléctricas y basurales de desechos tóxicos.

Y algunas veces las tribus están realmente haciéndose cargo de desechos peligrosos en sus reservas soberanas—que no están sujetas al mismo estándar ambiental y de salud del resto de las tierras de EEUU—con el fin de generar rentas. Los partidarios de los indios norteamericanos afirman que la localización de tales desechos en o cerca de las reservas constituye un problema "de justicia ambiental", ya que dos veces más familias Nativas viven debajo del umbral de la pobreza que otros sectores de la sociedad de EEUU y a menudo tienen

poca o ninguna opción de generar ingresos.

"Buscando deshacerse de desechos nucleares, el gobierno y las empresas privadas han desatendido y roto tratados, borrado la definición de soberanía del indio norteamericano, y entrado directamente en una forma de racismo económico semejante al soborno," dice Bayley Lopez de la Nuclear Age Peace Foundation. El cita ejemplo tras ejemplo del gobierno y empresas privadas aprovechándose de "la terrible pobreza en las reservas nativas ofreciéndoles millones de dólares para aceptar sitios de almacenamiento de desechos nucleares".

El asunto llegó a un punto crítico—y los partidarios de los indígenas nativos esperan un momento decisivo—en 2007 cuando la presión pública forzó a la banda de Skull Valley de la tribu Goshute de Utah a renunciar planes para ofrecer su tierra, que ya está metida entre un sitio de pruebas militares, un depósito de armas químicas y un centro tóxico de fabricación de magnesio, para almacenar combustible nuclear consumido a nivel de superficie. La instalación habría sido un enlace clave en la cadena para acarrear desechos nucleares a la Montaña Yucca, la propuesta instalación de almacenaje permanente del gobierno de EEUU.

En febrero de 2009, el De-

partamento de Energía de EEUU (DOE) anunció su intención de reducir el esfuerzo para hacer de la Montaña Yucca el único depósito de la nación para desechos nucleares radioactivos y de estudiar estrategias alternativas a largo plazo para manejar su combustible nuclear usado. El Congreso Nacional de Indios Norteamericanos, representando las diversas tribus de la región, sin duda dieron un suspiro de alivio.

El asunto va esencialmente mucho más allá: Mientras que continuemos utilizando energía nuclear—y muchos en el Congreso están contemplando expandir su papel para escapar de los hidrocarburos—el desecho y los combustibles nucleares gastados seguirán viniendo y con ello la necesidad de ser almacenados en algún lugar. Los grupos como Honor the Earth, fundado por el escritor y activista Winona LaDuke para promover cooperación entre indios norteamericanos y ecologistas, están tratando de persuadir a las tribus que poner a sus tierras a merced de la energía nuclear y otras industrias tóxicas no vale la pena dado los daños potenciales de salud a sus ciudadanos a largo plazo. Honor the Earth ayudó a convencer a los Goshutes a rechazar un convenio lucrativo para almacenar desechos en sus tierras, y trabaja con docenas de otras tribus para tratar de hacer lo mismo.

# YOU ARE INVITED!

WHAT: **SPRING GOSPEL MEETING**

WHERE: **Matador Church of Christ**

WHEN: **March 21st - 24th, 2010**

WITH: **Carroll Sites** from Higdon, Arkansas

Sunday Morning Class 10:00a.m. **"The Lord's Return"**

Sunday Morning Worship 11:00a.m. **"Signs Of The Times"**

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Sunday Night Worship 6:00p.m. **"The Thousand Year Reign- Truth or False"**

Monday Night 7:00p.m. **"The Rapture and Tribulation"**

Tuesday Night 7:30p.m. **"A Coming Forth"**

Wednesday Night 7:00p.m. **"Judgement: Heaven or Hell?"**

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These Motley County High Schoolers recently participated in a tennis meet at Levelland High School. From left to right: Weston Griswold, Braden Mason, Dayne Butler, Jaci Zingerman, and Sabra Pope. Weston won consolation in singles, and Jaci and Sabra received consolation in girls' doubles. Braden Mason won a 3rd place medal. Congratulations!! These students are coached by William Cochran and Rebecca Jameson. Off to a great tennis season!!

## JH Boys and Girls at Jayton Meet on Thursday

**JH Boys: Thursday**  
**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**  
**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

## Spur Track Meet Results

The Motley County Track teams began the 2010 track season with meets this past week at Spur. The Jr. High teams ran Thursday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, and the High School teams competed the next day, March 5<sup>th</sup>. The results are as follows:

**Jr. High Girls:**  
 Discus: Shayla Clay---1<sup>st</sup> place  
 800m run: Virginia Gutierrez---3<sup>rd</sup> place  
 100m dash: Catherine Ward---4<sup>th</sup> place  
 300 hurdles: Catherine Ward---1<sup>st</sup> place  
 1600 m run: Catherine Ward---1<sup>st</sup> place

The other members of the girl's team that competed very well, but did not place in the top six were: Katie Barton, Shelby Elliott, Meagan Ford, Gabby Silva, and Cassidy Turner.

**Jr. High Boys:**  
 Triple Jump: Conner Mason---2<sup>nd</sup> place  
 Caleb Clary---6<sup>th</sup> place

Shot: Coby Cochran---3<sup>rd</sup> place  
 Discus: Braden Bigham---6<sup>th</sup> place

2400m run: Dillon McCleskey---3<sup>rd</sup> place  
 300m hurdles: Dillon McCleskey---3<sup>rd</sup> place  
 1600m run: Dillon McCleskey---3<sup>rd</sup> place

The relay team of Caleb Clary, Conner Mason, Jamie Jameson, and Coby Cochran placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 400m relay, the 800m relay, and the 1600m relay.

Other team members competing were: Noah Guerrero, Jacob Woolsey, Seth Baxter, Tanner Bearden, Logan Ferguson, Michael Martin, Tallon Pollard, and Korbyn Simpson.

Discus: Jaci Zingerman---5<sup>th</sup> place  
 3600m run---Alexis Osborn---1<sup>st</sup> place  
 400m dash---Jaci Zingerman---2<sup>nd</sup> place  
 200m dash---Jaci Zingerman---1<sup>st</sup> place  
 1600m run: Alexis Osborn---1<sup>st</sup> place  
 Also competing were Sarah Ferguson and Sabra Pope

**High School Boys:**  
 High Jump: Ky Christopher---3<sup>rd</sup> place  
 Long Jump: Andrew Martin---6<sup>th</sup> place  
 Discus: Chase Buckner---3<sup>rd</sup> place  
 Dayne Butler---5<sup>th</sup> place

3200m run: Reagan Elliott---3<sup>rd</sup> place  
 Mark Quintero

5<sup>th</sup> place  
 800m dash: Juan Flores---6<sup>th</sup> place

110m hurdles: Nayo Santos---2<sup>nd</sup> place  
 Ky Christopher

4<sup>th</sup> place  
 Britt Simpson

5<sup>th</sup> place  
 100m dash: Andrew Martin---2<sup>nd</sup> place

Jonathon Osborn

4<sup>th</sup> place  
 400m dash: Austin Taylor---3<sup>rd</sup> place

300m hurdles: Nayo Santos---4<sup>th</sup> place  
 Ky Christopher

6<sup>th</sup> place  
 1600m run: Reagan Elliott---3<sup>rd</sup> place

Mark Quintero

4<sup>th</sup> place  
 The relay team of Colby McCleskey, Jonathon Osborn, Austin Taylor, and Andrew Martin place 2<sup>nd</sup> in both the 800m relay and the 1600m relay.

Weston Griswold competed in the JV division and place 1<sup>st</sup> in both the mile and the two mile race.

### High School Girls:

## HS Boys and Girls at Jayton Meet on Friday

### HS Girls: Friday

**Field Events**  
 Discus: Zingerman  
 Long Jump: Pope, Smith  
 Triple Jump: Pope

**Running Events**  
 2400/3200 M: Osborn  
 100 Meter: Ferguson, Gwinn, Smith  
 400 Meter: Zingerman  
 200 Meter: Ferguson, Smith, Zingerman  
 1200/1600 M: Osborn  
 400 M Relay: Ferguson, Pope, Zingerman

### HS Boys: Friday 3/5/10

**Field Events**  
 High Jump: Christopher, Griswold  
 Shot Put: Taylor, Butler, Simpson  
 Discus: Buckner, Butler, Simpson  
 Long Jump: Taylor, Martin, Osborn  
 Triple Jump: Mason, Brooks

**Running Events**  
 2400/3200 M: Griswold, 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: Griswold, Quintero, Elliott  
 400 M Relay: Flores, Buckner, Simpson, Santos  
 800M Relay: McCleskey, Osborn, Taylor, Martin  
 1600 M Relay: McCleskey, Osborn, Taylor, Martin

### JH Boys: Friday

**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  
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 300 Hurdles: Ward  
 200 Meter: Silva, Barton, Elliott



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## EVENTS CALENDAR

- March**
- 9 RSCV
  - 11 Matador City Council
  - 11 Matador Chapter of the Eastern Star in Floydada. Meal at 6:30pm meeting at 7:30 pm
  - 11 Jr. High Jayton Track Meet 3:30----2400m run
  - 4:00 --Field events
  - 6:00 --Running events
  - 13 Roaring Springs Vol Fire Dept Chili Supper Fund Raiser, Community Center, 6:30 pm
  - 15 MCISD School Board
  - 16 Matador Lions
  - 20 West Texas Watchman, First United Methodist Church, Quitaque, 7 pm
  - 20 Republican Convention at the Library 2:00 pm
  - 22 Golf, Olton, Girls
  - 22 Hackberry Creek Care Center fund raising spaghetti supper, Motley County School cafeteria, 5 pm
  - 22 American Legion Post 337, 7 pm, Motley County Senior Center.
  - 23 Golf, Olton, Boys
  - 31 Golf, Roaring Springs, Boys
- April**
- 1 Golf, Roaring Springs, Girls
  - 1 RS Lions. The Roaring Springs Lion's Club sponsors bingo
  - 6 Matador Lions
  - 7 Kids Praise
  - 9 Matador Chapter of the Eastern Star, in Floydada. Meal at 6:30pm meeting at 7:30 pm
  - 10 Whiteflat Homecoming, 10 a.m. Senior Citizens
  - 12 District Golf - Childress, Boys & Girls
  - 12 Commissioner's Court
  - 12 RS City Council
  - 13 RSCV
  - 15 M City Council
  - 15 Matador Masonic Lodge, 6:30 pm
  - 19 MCISD School Board, 7:30pm
  - 19 Regional Golf - Baird

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**Whiteflat Homecoming**

The Whiteflat Homecoming will be held at 10 am on April 10, 2010 at the Senior Citizens Building in Matador. Please note: This is a change from the usual first Saturday in April. For info, contact Frances Dixon, 469-5347). If you know anyone who plans to come, please pass the word of the date change. As usual, there will be a covered dish lunch and great visiting. Everyone come, and let's have another good get together!

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