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Motley County Courthouse receives stimulus funds

Motley County was approved for \$23,030 in an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block grant through the American Recovery and Reinvestment

by 7L Energy, LLC, which first identified how energy is used in the courthouse, recommendations were then made on ways to improve energy efficiency and reduce energy costs.

Work on the courthouse began last week, consisting of con-

lighting to T8 fluorescent lighting; removing and re-caulking every window and door in the courthouse; and treating the central heating and air conditioning units with an energy Following an energy audit management device that makes the units run more efficiently.

> "We hope to get a 25 percent reduction overall in energy costs," Jay Morris, contractor, and President of 7L Energy, LLC, said.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act provided verting from T12 fluorescent more than \$45 million to the lars several times.'

State Energy Conservation Office, which is part of the Comptroller's office. The money was directed at small cities and counties.

Morris is currently providing oversight to 26 projects in this area. "The stimulus is helping a lot of people," Morris said. "It helps people when we buy products; the contractor is making money, the subcontractors are making money, and the county is saving energy costs - we are turning over dol-



Pictured is Judge Ed D. Smith with Jay Morris, President, of 7L Energy, LLC. Morris conducted an energy audit, which qualified Motley County for more than \$20,000 in stimulus money through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. This act was signed into law to stimulate the economy and create jobs. photo by Carol Campbell

USDA Announces Conservation Reserve Program General Sign-up

WASHINGTON, D.C. – July 26, 2010 - Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today announced that a general sign-up for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) will begin on August 2, 2010 and continue through August 27, 2010. During the signup period, farmers and ranchers may offer eligible land for CRP's competitive general sign-up at their county Farm Service Agency (FSA) office. The 2008 Farm Bill authorized USDA to maintain CRP enrollment up to 32 million acres. Jim Miller, Agriculture Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agriculture Services, made the announcement on behalf of Secretary Vilsack during a conference call with reporters.

"America's farmers and ranchers play an important role in improving our environment, and for nearly 25 years, CRP has helped this nation build sound conservation practices that preserve the soil, clean our water, and restore habitat for wildlife," said Miller. "Today's announcement will help us create a greener and healthier America, and I encourage all interested farmers and ranchers to contact their local FSA office to learn more how to take advantage of this opportunity."

To help ensure that interested farmers and ranchers are aware of the sign-up period, USDA has to resource-conserving vegeta-

signed partnership agreements with several conservation and wildlife organizations, which will play an active role in US-DA's 2010 CRP outreach efforts. Additionally, Secretary Vilsack has recorded two public service announcements, which are available to the press and public

at www.fsa.usda.gov/psa.

CRP is a voluntary program that assists farmers, ranchers and other agricultural producers to use their environmentally sensitive land for conservation benefits. Producers enrolling in CRP plant long-term, resourceconserving covers in exchange for rental payments, cost-share, and technical assistance. CRP protects millions of acres of America's topsoil from erosion and is designed to improve the nation's natural resources base. Participants voluntarily remove environmentally sensitive land from agricultural production by entering into long-term contracts for 10 to 15 years. In exchange, participants receive annual rental payments and a payment of up to 50 percent of the cost of establishing conservation practices.

By reducing water runoff and sedimentation, CRP also protects groundwater and helps improve the condition of lakes, rivers, ponds and streams. Acreage enrolled in the CRP is planted

tive covers, making the program a major contributor to wildlife population increases in many parts of the country. As a result, CRP has provided significant opportunities for hunting and fishing on private lands.

Land currently not enrolled in CRP may be offered in this signup provided all eligibility requirements are met. Additionally, current CRP participants with contracts expiring this fall covering about 4.5 million acres may make new contract offers. Contracts awarded under this sign-up are scheduled to become effective Oct. 1, 2010.

FSA implements CRP on behalf of Commodity Credit Corporation. FSA will evaluate and rank eligible CRP offers using an Environmental Benefits Index (EBI) for environmental benefits to be gained from enrolling the land in CRP. The EBI consists of five environmental factors (wildlife, water, soil, air and enduring benefits) and cost. Decisions on the EBI cutoff will be made after the sign-up ends and after analyzing the EBI data of all the offers.

Those who would have met previous sign-up EBI thresholds are not guaranteed a contract under this sign-up. In addition to the general sign-up, CRP's continuous sign-up program will be ongoing. Continuous continued on page 5

Local SWCD Convene Community Natural Resources Conservation Meeting

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and the Upper Pease Soil and Water Conservation District invite the public and any agencies with an interest in conservation issues to participate in a Local Work Group meeting to be held at the SWCD board meeting room. This meeting will be on August 10, 2010 at 8:15 a.m.

The purpose of this meeting is to receive input from a broad range of local agencies, organizations, businesses, and individuals that have an interest in natural resource conditions and needs in Motley County.

Input received will allow the

Local Work Group to prioritize resource concerns in an effort to maximize EQIP funding for local producers.

The 2008 Farm Bill stipulates that conservation programs must continue to be locally led. Through stake holder meetings, the public is given an opportunity to help local conservation leaders set program priorities. These meetings are open to the pub-

For more information, call the USDA-NRCS office in Matador at (806) 347-2263 x3. Service center locations and program information can be found on the Texas NRCS Web site at www.tx.nrcs.usda.

Registration for Motley County High School

HS students will register on August 9th and 10th. High school students can pick up their class schedule and meet with the principal from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p. m. and 1:00-4:00 p.m. on both days. Registration packets will be available for all students on August 18th or students will receive them on the 1st day of school which is August 23rd

Local Student graduates from Texas American Legion Boys State

The American Legion, Department of Texas, announced that Adam Seigrist of Motley-County ISD graduated from Texas American Legion Boys State. Seigrist was one of 700 future leaders who assembled at the University of Texas in Austin for the prestigious program this summer.

Established in 1935, Boys State is a unique program that educates future leaders about government, civics, and patriotism in a "learn by doing" environment. Each delegate had just finished his junior year of high school and was chosen to attend by teachers, counselors, and local American Legion posts throughout Texas.

During the week the delegates were evenly split into fictional parties of the Nationalist and Federalists and drafted party platforms, elected party officials, nominated candidates via primary, and contested a general election against the rival party. The delegates ran for many kinds of offices including state, district, county, and city offices. During this process, Seigrist was elected to the office of county attorney. The highlight of the week for those elected to the Texas American Legion Boys State House and Senate was when they were seated in the chambers of the Texas capital and allowed to craft, debate, and vote on mock legislation.

This year the delegates heard from over 50 distinguished speakers ranging from Railroad Commissioner Michael Wil-



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liams and former NFL star Dan Neil to former Vietnam POWs Dave Carey and Ken Wallingford. Other keynote speakers were former CIA officers Jim Olsen and Will Hurd, as well as noted national speaker Lewis Timberlake.

Texas American Legion Boys State concluded with a morning

parade from the UT Campus to the Texas Capital. Seigrist participated in the Boys State Band and played the trombone in the parade. After the parade the delegates toured the capital, visited the offices of their state senators and representatives, and were addressed by Rep. Patrick Rose.



Coach Bigham looks on while athletes work hard during a drill on the first early morning photo by Charli Bigham of two-a-days workouts on Monday, August 2, 2010.

Foothill Country

Connections

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

By Laverne Zabielski

"Communication is the key," seems to be the over riding concern regarding the future of Hackberry Creek Care Center. The goal is to find ways for the board, staff, residents and family to stay connected.

Serving on a board is never easy. Several years ago I served on the board of a foundation that gave away \$200,000 in grants every year. Through miscommunication I was accused of being racist. The accuser sued and lost. Nonetheless, many tears were shed. One day Larry looked at me and said, "and you do this for free?" I eventually resigned.

Just as a board cannot succeed by micro-managing its staff, neither can an organiza-

tion survive when it is micromanaged by the community. The answer may live in a little give and take. True, the board is not required to publish the minutes and financial statement, they might, however, consider publishing a statement once a month regarding the issues they are addressing.

In order for the board to hear concerns, the Family Council might consider asking for a representative to be present at each board meet-

Board President, Seab Washington encourages everyone to stay in touch with the board members. They are available to answer questions and offer suggestions.

And, as Carla Meador, Marketing Director, reminds us, it is only \$5 to be a member.

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WRITING COMMUNITY

The Long Road to San Jacinto by Marisue Potts Powell

Just a few months after the birth of Junius William Mottley on April 9, 1812, the United States jumped into the War of 1812. This declaration of hostilities was prompted by (1) British support beyond the Appalachians of Indians, who were threatened by the onrush of settlers seeking new lands, and (2) interference with American sea trade by the British Crown

The American need for expansion westward into Indian-held territory would be continuous since tobacco, the main cash crop in Mottley's homestate of Virginia, required virgin soil about every seven years. Like so many others seeking a new start, the Mottley family took to the Wilderness Road, picking their way over the steely hills and through the jagged gorges and forests thick with undergrowth. With the fierce determination demanded of all who migrated over the Appalachians, they scaled the mighty wall of the Cumberland Mountains. Then, through a gap the space of a riverbed with a trail on either bank, they crossed into Kentucky.

Near Danville the family veered off to the southwest, following the winding banks of the Green River for about 150 miles. At last they settled in Greensburg, a bustling village in the heart of blue-grass territory.

At the age of 20, Junius began a commonly accepted method of preparing for a medical career, "reading medicine" with a local physician, Dr. Charles Hay. The following year the aspiring doctor enrolled in a two-year course of medicine at Transylvania University in Lexington.

In epidemic proportions, the political malady of "Texas Fever," was sweeping the country, fanned by the prospect of cheap land and men's fantastic dreams. Stephen F. Austin of Missouri had already settled 1500 families in the Mexican state of Coahuila y Tejas in different phases. In the largest single colonization project ever, Dr. Beales and Dr. Grant projected contracts for 1450 families in a territory of about seventy million acres.

The shocking news of Stephen F. Austin's arrest by the Mexican authorities commanded the attention of the land speculators. Austin, who had finally given up hopes of wringing reforms from the government in power, would languish in a Mexican prison because he had treasonously dared to suggest organizing a state government before receiving permission from Mexico City.

Rumors of war mushroomed with the attack on Anahuac by William Barret Travis' troops and the capture of the Mexican garrison of Goliad by James Collinsworth's band. Though the combined forces of James Bowie and James Fannin carried the day in a brief battle near San Antonio, the movement of General Cos' Mexican troops posed a real threat.

Sam Houston, newly appointed commander of the Texan army, issued a call for enlistments and offered a bounty, or donation of land, of 640 acres as an incentive. Suffering from a touch of Texas Fever himself, Mottley dropped the idea of graduation and hastened to Texas.

Following The Natchez Trace to Clarksville, one could catch a flatboat to Paducah, Kentucky, on the busy Mississippi River, then purchase cheap passage on one of the nearly 300 steamboats making the run from St. Louis to New Orleans in a matter of days.

New Orleans was bustling with recruits for the Texas struggle for independence from Mexico. The port was consumed with war news and rife with rumor. Heavily laden schooners were leaving for the Texas coast with volunteers as well as powder, munitions, clothing, and provisions provided by an extension of credit to the freedom fighters.

From the scruffy dock of Galveston, some immigrants took the steamer, when it wasn't aground or entangled in snags upriver, to Anahuac or Lynchburg, then followed the road to San Felipe de Austin. Others landed at Indianola or at Velasco and continued upstream to Brazoria, a settlement gaining notoriety for its cholera epidemics. Continuing on horseback, pilgrims might follow upstream the worn trace on the Colorado River to Mina, or they could cross the river and follow a rutted road to Victoria and Go-

Shortly after Mottley arrived in Goliad on January 24, 1836, Sam Houston appointed him as surgeon of the post. Since the Texas Army was able to provide only the most rudimentary service for its soldiers, it was necessary that the young medical student supply his own instruments, self-appraised to be worth around \$125.

Although some physicians such as Dr. Ashbel Smith, the surgeon general of the army, and his successor, Dr. Alexander Ewing, were well qualified, many others acquired the honorable title of doctor by the

simple process of emigration. A few wellknown doctors even advertised that they possessed degrees from medical institutions whose records failed to uphold the claim. There was nothing to prevent a person who imagined himself competent from practicing medicine.

During acclimation, most new Texans suffered from fevers, weight loss, and general fatigue, particularly along the coast and in the heavy timbered areas. Health of the troops and general population in the low lying areas was threatened by country fever, bilious fever, and arger [today recognized as malaria and yellow fever]. Intestinal maladies [typhoid, diphtheria, and dysentery] were thought to be produced by miasmic odors, subtle vapors in the air or by ground fog. In the winter, respiratory illnesses [pneumonia, pleurisy, croup, whooping cough] and measles took their toll. The monotonous diet of cornbread, beef or bacon, potatoes and home brew of an inferior quality contributed to poor health in general, as well as bad teeth [scurvy] and soft bones [rickets].

"Puke, Purge, and Bleed" was the doctor's guiding philosophy. A well-stocked medicine bag might contain Burhnam's Drops for fever, emetics and purgatives of calomel, castor oil, salts, mustard-seed poultices, senna and quinine, when available. According to seasoned frontiersmen, a brew of green gourds made a very effective emetic to provoke vomiting.

Herbs proving useful were tansy root, yarrow, catnip, camphor root, rue and balm. For snake bite, gunpowder and vinegar, tobacco juice, brandy and salt, alum, and a brew from black ash tree bark were used with different degrees of effectiveness.

For a surgeon, a special piece of hell was reserved. He often performed operations with the patient either pinned down, literally knocked unconscious, or stinking drunk. And though "laudable pus," the good type, was considered a favorable sign, often the only way to save a man's life from putrefaction or decomposition of a wound from the bad type was to amputate the offending

Though Mottley's stay was brief in the isolated outpost of Goliad, he probably found ample opportunity to practice his expanding medical knowledge on the its citizens and the soldier/volunteers.

continued next week

Dear Editor,

I want to bring people who are interested in the re-furbishing the old QA&P Depot in Roaring Springs up to date.

As you know we received a Texas Department of Transportation (TXDot) grant a few years ago to restore the depot. They had a \$350,000.00 match which we required to meet. After five years of work we could not raise the money. The grant was then cancelled by TXDot last year. We did raise some money from selling bricks with names on them and through donations. We were able to raise about \$40,000.00.

We used the money to replace

the old roof with new simulated red tile, steel roofing material and also to do some structural work on the roof decking and supports that was needed. The two windows on the upper ends of the building up under the eaves were boarded up. Loose windows were repaired enough to keep out water and birds. The depot will now remain dry and prevent further deterioration. With these improvements we believe it will remain in good shape.

The PAC Unit (Parent Adolescence Center) of Floydada sent a supervisor, Marcos Lujan and six young men here. They cleaned up the interior of the building and removed de-

The old clay tiles have been sold to a company in Dallas; they will be paid for when they are picked up. At this time they have not been picked up. To finish the roof and repairs we borrowed \$5,000.00 from the City of Roaring Springs general fund of which \$3,000.00 will be repaid when the tiles are picked up.

More money will be needed to repay the City's general fund and to do any more work on this project. There is more work to be done on the windows, doors, ceiling and floor that was damaged from the leaking of the old

If you folks who are reading

this letter would want to help raise some more money for this project you can do so by buying a brick with your name or by purchasing a brick as a memorial for any of your family members, teachers, friends, etc. The bricks will pave an area in front of the main entrance of the building. Donations will also be welcome. The brick are being sold for \$100.00 each.

Monies can be sent to The City of Roaring Springs; c/o Corky Marshall, Mayor; P.O. Box 307; Roaring Springs, TX 79256.

Sincerely, Corky Marshall, Mayor

MC Volunteer Fire Department gets fire truck



Fire Truck: This is the new fire truck named "Brush 2" that was donated to the Motley County Volunteer Fire Department then fixed up to make this ending result. Story page 3

photo by Charli Bigham

Rainfall, a Gift in July for MC

By Earlyne Jameson Heavy rains fell in Motley County July 1-12. Hurricane Alex brought thunderstorms during July 4th weekend dousing and flooding cotton fields and primarily damaging dirt roads. Herbicides have been applied for growth of weeds. The cotton is in good condition with many blooms.

The wet weather was a plus for pasture and rangeland, lakes and stock tanks levels were replenished and livestock are doing well. High temperatures across county were in mid- to upper-90s with lows in the upper 60s.

Total rainfall for July reported by Motley County National Weather Service Volunteers is: Buzz Thacker, Roaring Springs, 7.90 inches; Ronnie Bailey, Matador, 8.55 inches; Clois Shorter, Flomot, 9.13 inches.

Wilson-Stewart Engagement

Tamara Wilson and Courtney Stewart announce their engagement and upcoming marriage. Tamara is the daughter of Billy and Pam Wilson of O'Donnell. Her grandparents are Vann and Sondra Francis of Matador and Wilma Wilson of Jayton. The bride-to-be graduated from O'Donnell High School in 2006 and will graduate from Texas Tech University in August 2010 with a Bachelors of Arts in University Studies of Visual Communications. Courtney is the son of Leo and Tracy Stewart of San Angelo. He is the grandson of Maurice and Patsy Jackson of O'Donnell. The prospective groom graduated from San Angelo Central High School in 2002. He is currently employed by Lynn County. The couple will exchange vows on October 2, 2010 at the Francis Ranch in Matador, TX.

TFS donates Fire Truck to Motley County Fire Department

The Texas Forest Service (TFS) donated an old military five-ton, six by six, fire truck to the Motley County Volunteer Fire Department.

Members of the fire department worked together on the truck for several months to get the truck running, built a brush guard on it and fixed it up. Then it was sent to Steele Fire Apparatus in Haskell, Texas.

Bill Steele, who is a retired fire chief, finished the truck at his shop, fixing the lights and painting it to get the finished product. The new truck replaces a 1967 Kaiser Jeep that was worn out through the many years of use.

Certifying Coordinator Rodney Williams, who was the Matador Fire Chief for 28 years until the end of 2008 when Lee Jones took over the duties, expressed his excitement about the new truck.

"This truck will greatly enhance our fire suppression efforts here in Motley County," said Williams.

The department is also working on a 2006 Peterbilt, six by six that will be ready in the next nine months.

See photo on page 2.



HACKBERRYHAPPENINGS

BY CARLA MEADOR, MARKETING DIRECTOR

What do pretty pink Crepe Myrtle flowers, the smell of fresh mowed grass, bright warm sunshine and fluffy baby skunks have in common? These are just some of the things residents were able to see on their Nature Walk last Tuesday morning. Each resident with a desire for some fresh air and warm sunshine had their very own personal chauffeur to 'wheel' them outside and around the grounds for a pleasant and interesting outing.

You're probably asking how the fluffy baby skunk came into play. Well, the truth is our Environmental Director, Fred Parson, trapped the little varmint under the Center's storage building out back. Fred actually trapped a mother and three of her babies on Monday, which he drove to an area far away from Hackberry and released into the wild. By Tuesday morning, another little skunk baby was in the trap. He must have been too far behind Mamma and his siblings when they wandered into the traps, so he was left behind for a night by himself. But, he was probably reunited with his family when Fred made another trip to the 'wild' to release him.

Hackberry residents enjoyed breathing in the fresh air – don't worry, there was absolutely no skunky, smelly air. I guess he was just too little to spray or too scared. He just peered through the wires of the cage as curious onlookers watched.

The sunshine of the morning was warm, inviting and felt good to everyone taking advantage of the morning stroll. Residents commented on the Crepe Myrtle flowers, which are beautifully vivid and lush on the bushes at the Center; they enjoyed the sights and sounds of the outside world. After the walk everyone cooled on the back shaded patio area before going back inside. This morning activity was orchestrated by Mellane Parson, our activity director.

Last week we talked about memberships to the Hackberry Creek Care Association. Thank you to those who have responded. If by chance you didn't read last week's column, and would like to become a member of Hackberry just mail your \$5.00 to Hackberry Creek Care Center, P.O. Box 347, Matador, TX 79244, Attn: Brooke. She will promptly mail back to you a membership form confirming that you are a member of the Association. Or, you may stop by the Care Center at 805 Harrison Ave. and speak with Brooke. Membership is open to everyone with an interest

in providing a quality nursing home facility. For more information just give us a call and we'll be glad to give you the details of membership.

Another great part of Hackberry Creek is our Family Council. The Family Council is an independent, self-determined group composed of families and friends of the residents of the facility. The Hackberry Council meets quarterly, usually at the facility and is led by family members rather than staff. The meeting is assisted by a staff advisor; engages in a variety of activities, chosen by the members; conducts decisionmaking in a democratic manner through discussion and voting. If the council is larger than 10 members, an executive committee may be formed to facilitate planning and decision making.

Family Councils benefit family by providing orientation, support and information for families of new residents, ongoing support, education and information. The Family Council is a means to process concerns and solve problems. Many families feel frustration because they see themselves as outsiders in a matter as important as the care of their resident loved ones. Studies have shown that, even in the best facilities, residents receive better care if families and friends are involved and active.

Family Councils benefit the facility by providing two-way communication between the facility and families and family input. Potential problems can be resolved before they grow into major concerns. Many facilities have received excellent ideas and assistance from family councils. Family councils can be a good source of support on issues and problems that are beyond the control of administration and staff.

For more information about the Hackberry Creek Family Council contact the Council President, Dahl Clower at ddclower@hotmail.com.

Senior Health Tips True or False: Old Folks are Crankier than Young Folks

Are you mellowing as you get older? A recent study shows that while memory function may decline as we age, our emotional stability actually increases. Research by John Hopkins Medicine showed that the brain contains approximately 100 billion neurons. A common misconception is that tens of thousands of neurons in the brain die each day. In reality,

few neurons die over a persons' lifetime, but they do shrink. The shrinkage may partially explain why mental functioning slows in middle and older age.

In addition to the shrinkage of neurons, starting in middle age the brain begins producing smaller quantities of many neurotransmitters — chemical messengers that relay information between nerve cells. Brain blood flow is also reduced 15-20% between age 30 and age 70, although the shrinkage of neurons may account for the reduced flow because less tissue requires less blood.

Although memory function may decline with age, emotional stability increases, according to a study reported in the Journal of Neuroscience (Volume 26,pg. 65422). Forget the myth that older people are crankier than younger ones. In fact, the reverse is true: Age brings increased emotional equanimity.

Australian researchers evaluated 142 people between the ages of 12 and 79. All were in good physical health and had no current or past history of mental illness. The study participants were asked to complete a questionnaire that assesses emotional stability, with higher scores suggesting more positive emotions.

In addition the individuals' brain activity was assessed by functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI) while they viewed images of various facial expressions. Scores on the questionnaire kept in step with age, rising along with seniority. The brain fMRI images revealed that the older adults' emotional reactions were primarily influenced by the medial prefrontal cortex, an area of the brain needed for conscious thought.

In contrast, the emotional reactions of younger people were centered in the amygdala, a part of the brain implicated in automatic fear responses. This reorganization of the brain's emotion system may happen as older people integrate their accumulated life experience and find meaning and patterns in that experience.

The study provides a reminder that persistently negative moods in older people are not a normal part of aging.

Next week we will continue this topic with what's normal and what's not with your aging brian.

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Connect to Customer Choice

AS THE ELECTRIC DELIVERY COMPANY that has been serving south and west Texas for more than 90 years, AEP Texas knows a thing or two about energy conservation. That's why we would like to share some low or no-cost tips with you on how to keep cool during these hot summer months.

One of the best ways to lower higher electric bills is to shop around for a less expensive retail electric provider (REP). Finding different offers can be done quickly and efficiently.

- Visit the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) electric choice website at www.powertochoose.org. If you don't have access to a computer, you can call the PUCT's Electric Choice hotline at 1-866-PWR-4-TEX (797-4839).
- 2) Use the information you receive to contact different REPs to collect more information on various services and offers. Also contact your current REP at the number listed on your electric bill for other offers that may be available. Ask about contract terms and prices and be sure to look at the REPs' Electricity Facts Labels to make a good comparison.

Need some help?

Customers having trouble paying their electric bills and wishing to avoid disconnection should discuss their concerns with their current retail electric provider. All REPs are required to offer deferred payment plans to eligible customers who express an inability to pay. Many REPs also offer balanced billing plans, which allow eligible customers to pay an average amount each month year-round.

Additionally, many community action agencies may be able to help with electric bills or energy efficiency programs. For more information, contact the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) at 1-800-525-0657, e-mail at info@tdhca.state. tx.us or visiting one of the following websites.

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Foothills Saturday Night August 21

Attention vendors of all kinds. Contact Barbara Armstrong, Dianne Washington, or Marilynn Hicks \$20 for 10x10 foot

space Vendors will need to provide their own

Booths need to be set up by 3:00 on Saturday.

"A BACK-UP"



When natural disasters threaten our environment many times people go to the local grocery store to stock up on food and basic necessities. Some people have entire rooms in their houses set aside for long term storage of necessary items just in case something might

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What about us? What are some of the things that we have done in order to prepare for the unseen future? Are we ready for any of life's uncertainties? In Mark 4: 35-41, the writer describes to us one uncertainty that happened in the lives of Jesus and His disciples. A violent storm came up as they were crossing Galilee's sea. Apparently this storm was so violent that the disciples feared for their lives. They cried out to Jesus, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown"?

Jesus calmed to storm that day with three simple words. What about the lives that we are living today? No matter what may come upon us, Jesus can handle it. I believe He can. Let us look to Jesus...the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. Yes, when our world seems to come crashing down around us, He can handle it, He is our back-up!

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

Roaring Springs News By Monta Marshall

On a personal note . . . This has been a week of recuperation, trying to stay off my feet and let my knee heal. I have had lots of calls, food, prayers and visits which I appreciated very much.

Bizarre things sometimes happen. Such was the case of Dana Graham and two of her horses. Dana wears many hats these days and in a rush she parked her truck in a place the horses could get to when she went to feed them late Friday evening. Ordinarily she is very careful to park it away from the pens because of things in her truck that might be fatal for her horses.

Horses are nosy and curious. Dana had a fishing reel in the back of her truck with a treble hook on the line. Sure enough one of the horses found it and got it hung in its mouth. Being the horsewoman that she is she proceeded to remove the treble hook. The horse didn't care much for the operation and Dana had to call Ross for help. While they were busy taking care of that calamity, Sophie, Dana's mare crowded up as close as possible to see what was going on. She became stuck between a pipe, the fence and a post. She really was trying to get as near to the action as possible, but alas, she became stuck.

Her predicament proved more serious that the fish hook. They could not get her out. Sophie got frightened and crushed the bone around her eye on the steel post trying to get unstuck. They could hear her bones cracking. Dana and Ross were just sick thinking that she would surely lose her eye. Dana was able to load her in the trailer and get her to Spur to the vet, praying all the time that they could save her mare. It looked grim; Dr. Murray said it would take a few days to tell if she would lose her eye or even survive. With a heavy heart Dana returned home to wait for news. Fortunately Joan Murray

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called on Saturday evening to give her news that Sophie was up, eating and looking good. God loves the animals he has created as well as his people!

On Sunday afternoon, my son-in-law, Ford Miller called to tell me that the Church of Christ in Lockney was having a cookout and a singing at the Springs Ranch. We were invited! There is nothing I would rather do than sing with others who love to sing as well. Besides it had been a long time since I got to sit next to Ford and heard him sing tenor. With granddaughter, Kelsea on one side singing alto and the other voices blending acappella it was a treat. Others from Roaring Springs were Bruce and Dorothy Lefevre and several from the Church of Christ in Matador.

In the community . . .

Brother Mike Crowley and Judy were unable to attend because he is recuperating from foot surgery. Their daughter Anne's family is being transferred to an air base near Los Angles from Albuquerque. It will be farther for the grandchildren who visit each summer. Being a military family they haven't much say in the matter!

The Roaring Springs Community Volunteers will not be meeting in August. They hope to get re-organized in the fall.

Some young men from the PAC unit led by their supervisor, Marcos Lujan, gave the city a lift by cleaning up the inside of the depot and removing trash. Our depot is looking better with a new roof and now being cleaned on the inside hopefully more restoration work can be done.

The three o'clock coffee drinkers helped Glennard Daniell celebrate a belated birthday on Saturday afternoon. A good crowd attended and enjoyed cake and ice cream, Glennard received many well wishing birthday cards.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

Overheard

Society as a whole seems to be more in a suing mood. No one wants to assume responsibility for his or her own mistakes; they want someone else to pay for it!

Turner Pioneer Family Holds Annual Reunion

The descendants of Benjamin Franklin and Symantha Emaline (Fannie) Vaughn Turner held their annual family reunion Saturday, July 31, 2010, at the Community Center in Flomot. The young Turner family moved to Motley County in 1891 and settled in the Flomot area.

The 43 that attended enjoyed visiting and reminiscing with family members that included six cousins, Selma Brown, Nell Ingram, Ben, Riley and Richard Turner and R.G. Morris. The good food of smoked brisket roasts and sausage, courtesy of Richard Turner, and an assortment of covered dishes of food brought by others, pleased the appetites of everyone.

Guests registered from Abernathy, Amarillo, Flomot, Lubbock, Lake Tahoe, Matador, Petersburg, Plainview and three from Nevada.

The families will meet next year for the reunion the last Saturday in July at the Flomot Community Center.

Honored on 89th Birthday

Mrs. Leona Degan, resident at the Hackberry Creek Care Center in Matador, was honored on her 89th birthday with a surprise party Wednesday afternoon, July 28, 2010. Hosting the courtesy were friends, Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse, Mrs. Mary Jo Calvert and Mrs. Brenda Cruse of Flomot and Mrs. Jonnie Pigg and Mrs. Jackie Sperry of Quitaque.

Escorting her to the dining room of the Center was special guest, her son, Stanley Degan of Kalgary, where she was greeted with a chorus of Happy Birthday. She was presented cards and gifts. Refreshments of decorated cake

squares, punch and mints were served. Games of Bingo were played following her celebration.

Community News

Mrs. Gwen Mandrell and daughters, Payton and Shea Lynn of Lubbock visited Friday with her mother, Mrs. Mary Jo Calvert and brother, Glen Calvert.

Tim and Melissa Kendall, Jere and Jacob visited from Friday until Monday of last week in Walsenburg, Colorado, with Todd and Deanna Oberheu, Ty and Grant.

Those attending the Funeral services of Curtis Metcalf, 76, held Wednesday morning at the First Christian Church in Panhandle were Anna Beth and Joe Ike Clay and daughter, Mrs. Tina Carson of Turkey. Mr. Metcalf was the father of Mrs. Larry (Angela) Clay of Panhandle.

Mrs. Wanda Lane of Lockney and Wilburn Martin visited recently in Anson with J.C. Moss.

Luncheon guests Sunday of Mrs. B. Rogers were Mrs. Louella Davis and Melissa of Childress, Stanley and Donna Sue Deagan of Kalgary and Donnie Rogers of Flomot.

Mrs. Ricky (Tasha) Hughes and son, Kason of Floydada visited Janice and Butch Hughes, Thursday.

The Flomot Church of Christ members enjoyed a covered dish luncheon Sunday at the Community Center in Flomot. They reported a good turnout.

Mrs. Lori Kleibrink of Clifton visited from Wednesday, July 28, until Saturday, July 31, with her parents, Anna Beth and Joe Ike Clay and accompanied home with her children, Karlee and Kyler who visited here for several weeks. Visiting them during the weekend were grandchildren, Kelsey, Tanner and Sarah Clay form Panhandle.

Mrs. Jackie Lynn Davis of Fritch visited from Wednesday, July 28, until Saturday, July 31, with her parents, Jack and Nada Starkey. She accompanied Jack to Lubbock Thursday, July 29, for a medical appointment.

There will be a meeting gust 21st.

Matador News By Marilynn Hicks

Geocaching

Have you ever heard of geocaching? It is a fast growing pastime, and we have some caches in Motley County. On the official Texas site (http:// www.geocaching.com) geocaching (pronounced geocashing) is defined as a worldwide game of hiding and seeking treasure. A geocacher can place a geocache anywhere in the world, pinpoint its location using GPS technology and then share the geocache's existence and location online. Anyone with a GPS device can then try to locate the geocache.

During the last two weeks, eight people have logged reports of finding one of the sites in Matador. A couple of the comments recorded on the Internet log include "Awesome" and "Not just large, huge." If you are interested in this activity and want more information call Dianne Washington. She is thinking about creating some caches for the Foothills Saturday Night Event what do you think?

Local Honey

Dr. Seigrist is officially in the business of bottling honey from his bees. It will be nice to have this locally grown (is honey grown?) product available to purchase.

Visiting Matador

Horace and Sue Johnson made a repeat visit to the Hotel Matador this week. They are from Flint, in the Tyler area, and share mutual friends with Linda Roy. They were going on to Albuquerque to visit with their son and family and will be back to stay again next Friday.

Dick and Jeff Wells were in town in search of information about Mr. Well's father's family. They lived and were farmers in the Matador area during the '30s and '40s. The family home was located in the area behind the present Senior Citizen Center. Mr. Wells was not able to find very much information or find many who remembered the family.

Don and Dee Cox visited with Leona and Ellis Terry on Friday. Don and Dee live in Canyon and try to make it to Matador to see his mother whenever possible.

In town for a leisurely stay in the Hotel and to attend a family reunion in Crosbyton were Jack and Cindy Meredith from Belton. He is the chief of police in Belton, and she teaches in the public schools. They had to cut their trip short, however, because of car trouble. They expressed gratitude to Don Baxter for his help in diagnosing the cause of the strange noise in their vehicle.

Many in town are enjoying the produce from backyard gardens, orchards, and roadside stands. The grocery store is doing a brisk business with the canning and freezing supplies and household larders are expanding.

Cotton Ploesser, Vernon and Louanna Dutton, and Daryl Burns made a return visit to Matador to purchase a horse. They are from Rocksprings and New Berlin. All four said they would be looking for an excuse to come back but would for sure be back for the Bob Wills celebration next year.

Birthdays and **Anniversaries** August 5-11

These entries are taken from the calendar prepared by Motley County Schools as a fundraiser. If you would like to have names added or would like to purchase one of the completed calendars, please contact Cathey Turn-

Birthdays:

August 5; Ed Logan, Sondra Francis August 6; Deanette

Gulledge August 7; Larry Beam, Coleen Perryman, Aleda

Elaine Ross, Sam Moore August 8; Megan Adams, Alexandria Adams

August 10; Jimmy Don Hurt, Hunter Green August 11; Sarah Hurt,

Tyler Logan, Kay Bingham

Anniversaries:

August 9; Chuck and Gail Ream, Perry and Deanette Gulledge

August 10; Ryan and Lacey Rankin, Lewis and Lauren Drum

Hunter Education Course offered at Matador WMA

The purpose of Hunters course and print out certificate Education; is to teach Texas Hunters to be safe, responsible, knowledgeable and involved, as well as introduce Texans to the joy of hunting.

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of completion prior to course date. 3) Students should bring a sack lunch in case class extends past noon. 4) Follow the provided web address below to access the online TPWD hunter education course.

http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/ learning/hunter_education/ online.phtml

Directions; Matador WMA is located 7 miles north of Paducah, TX off HWY 83 and FM 3256. Class will be held at the Matador WMA Education building.

of the Motley County Chamber of Commerce on August 10 at 6:00 pm in Dianne Washington's office. Plans will be finalized for the Foothills Saturday Night Celebration which will be on Au-

Monday

Mostly Sunny

The Red Rovers donned their red hats and purple attire Sunday afternoon, July 25, attending a Harley Saddler Show "The Would-Be Gentleman" at the Garza Theater in Post.

One of the actresses in the show was Bailey Limmer, the granddaughter of Matador's

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own Carolyn Pohl Limmer, superbly portraying the role of Dorimiens.

Red Rovers attending were Winifred Darsey, Marihelen Wason, Mary Jones, Dorothy Knight and Norma Marrs. Guests joining the trip were Nelda Bray and Fay Booth.

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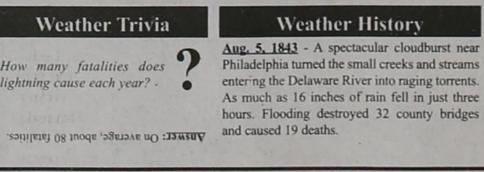
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Notes from the Library By Mary Ann Potts

Well the library had an explosive week. Yes, the Science Spectrum's Combustion Program, presented by Ross Polk, went off with a "Bang" on Wed., July 28th in the Library Annex. Sixteen kids attended the presentation in complete awe of all the different chemicals, some being household items, that can literally blow up, fire up and disintegrate with a little bit of fuel, oxygen and heat!

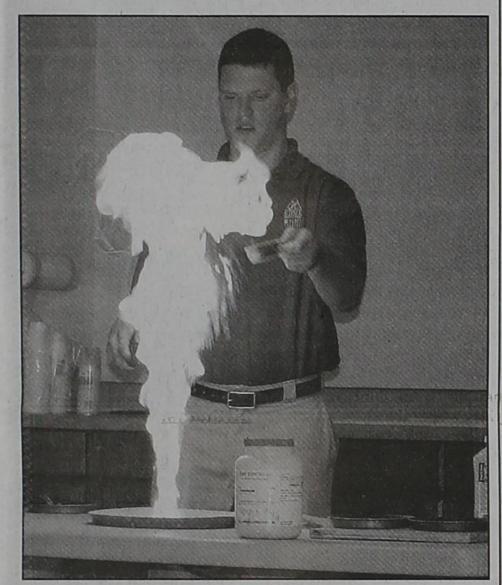
On a cooler note, the Accelerated Reader Program is finally up and running and will be extended to Friday, Aug. 13th. This means you still have a chance to win prizes for being the top reader of the week.

And let me tell you about the new arrivals we received this week. W. E. B. Griffin's newest release, The Vigilantes, depicts a sudden spike in murders in Philadelphia, but no one seems to mind much, because the victims are street thugs and lowlifes! Ridley Pearson's, In Harm's Way is our next addition and ranges from heroic acts of rescue to a high profile murder case. Hangman by Faye Keller-

man is full of suspense, murder, a missing woman and a sociopath. And if you're a Charlaine Harris fan you'll enjoy

Death's Excellent Vacation, an all-new story collection of postcards from the edge of the paranormal world, along with a never-before published Sookie Stackhouse story! For our Young Adult readers I have 3 new Cirque de Freak books, The Lake of Souls, Lord of the Shadows, and Sons of Destiny. And for you Gary Paulsen followers there's The Transall Saga. Don't forget should any book be checked out when you come in we'll be glad to place a hold on it and keep it aside for you to pick up.

And our piece of weekly wisdom is Reward you child with reading, says Francie Alexander, chief academic officer at Scholastic Education in New York City. I know when my kids were little they would do anything to stay up a few extra minutes to be read to or to read. Now I have to tell them "put a bookmark in it and turn off the light!"



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Elbert Clifton Terry

Committal Services for Elbert Clifton Terry, 55, of Wyandanch, NY, formerly of Matador were held at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, August 4, 2010, at the East Mound Cemetery in Matador with the Rev. Mike Crowley, officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Shannon Funeral Home of Matador.

Elbert was born on April 3, 1955, to Elbert Ellis Terry and Mona Clifton Terry in Matador, Texas. He was a mechanic and had moved to New York from Kansas about 15 years ago. Mr. Terry was preceded in death by his parents and his sister Louise Terry in 2004.

He is survived by one brother Lonnie Terry and wife Karen of Snyder, Texas; and nieces and nephew, Leigh Terry, Barbara and Terry Leatherwood, and Jason and Misty Chapman.

By Amy Hackler

SURE deadline - September 30th- If you have not yet

meeting sponsored by Hargrove Insurance on August 10th at 11:00 a.m. at the

Windmill Café in Roaring Springs. This meeting will signed up for the 2008 SURE discuss the PRF (pasture disaster program, please rainfall) insurance offered for make an appointment to do Motley County Producers as well as the new General CRP There will be a producer signup eligibility. A lunch buffet will be served as well, sponsored by the Hargrove Insurance Agency.

All athletes participating in any sport for the 2010-2011 school year grades 6-12 (with the exemption of the high school boys) need to have their physicals done. There will be a bus on August 12, 2010 leaving at 12:00 to take these athletes to Paducah. If you have any questions call Coach Bigham 806-983-9697.

County Agent's News

by Ryan Martin, Agri LIFE EXTENSION Agent

Texas budget woes cause AgriLife Extension Service job losses

Leaders strive to maintain program statewide By: Kathleen Phillips, 979-845-2872

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COLLEGE STATION - Officials have completed the difficult task of notifying employees whose jobs with the Texas AgriLife Extension Service will end between now and Oct. 31.

The personnel cutback affects 94 jobs - 31 vacant positions that will not be filled and 63 occupied positions that will be eliminated agencywide. The downsizing results from a 5 percent state budget reduction, according to Dr. Ed Smith, AgriLife Extension director.

Leaders of the state agency, which has offices in 250 Texas counties, said their decisions were based on maintaining core programs statewide.

AgriLife Extension is part of a national communitybased adult and youth education system.

"We delayed restructuring as long as we could, because we hoped that economic conditions would improve," said Smith. "But that has not happened and we regret that we have to take these steps." One-fourth of the staffing cut is at the agency's College Station headquarters. The rest is throughout Texas.

"To keep positions strategically distributed, we will refill some vacancies," said Kyle Smith, AgriLife Extension executive associate director. "So displaced personnel may find other internal job opportunities."

He stressed that the agency has long maintained a presence in each county. That will continue.

"Counties currently being served by a single extension agent or through a shared position will not be impacted by the new staffing plan," said Darrell Dromgoole, AgriLife Extension associate director for county programs. "We looked most closely at counties where we had three or more positions, especially if more than one employee supported the same subject matter," said Dromgoole.

Dromgoole said all county Extension personnel contribute to 4-H, AgriLife Extension's youth program, and will share full responsibility for that program where needed.

"Youth programming remains a strong emphasis of our agency," he said.

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Mosquitoes sure to follow abundant spring showers

DALLAS – Spring rains and warming temperatures have done more than nourish gardens and lawns, an expert warned. They have begun to awaken the dreaded mosquito.

"This is a critical time because of all the rain that we've had recently," said Mike Merchant, an urban entomologist with the Texas AgriLife Extension Service in Dallas.

"We are beginning to see our first big influx of floodwater mosquitoes in the area," said Merchant, "Over the next few days we should start seeing more mosquitoes coming out from creek bottoms and river bottoms, which are areas where they tend to breed."

In addition to 'floodwater' mosquitoes, 'container breeding' mosquitoes will also be on the increase over the next few weeks, invading backyards and other prime breeding areas as they grow in numbers, he said.

To help North Texas residents prepare for the mosquito onslaught, Merchant and others have developed a new, free interactive Web site called, 'Mosquito Safari.' The site, http:// mosquitosafari.tamu.edu/, is available to teach visitors about mosquitoes and how to control them, he said, and contains scientifically based information in a lively, entertaining format.

Merchant said there isn't much people can do to keep floodwater mosquitoes from being a problem when venturing outdoors other than wearing a good insect repellent with the active ingredient DEET. That's because floodwater mosquitoes move easily from their breeding sites, he said. These mosquitoes breed in standing water near creeks and rivers after flooding in residential areas.

"Floodwater mosquitoes are really strong fliers, so you can live far from a creek and still be affected by them," Merchant said "They're there all the time and they're going to come out after any big rain. They can fly up to five to 10 miles from their breeding sites and affect people who don't even live close to water. This affects everyone in the metroplex in any community." The good news, however, is that floodwater mosquitoes don't tend to carry diseases that affect people, Merchant said.

Container-breeding quitoes, on the other hand, can carry important diseases such as West Nile virus, he said. But people can do a lot to control them.



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"To find these pests, you really do need to go out on safari in your backyard, which is the origin of the Web site's name," Merchant said. "The goal of a mosquito safari is to search out and eliminate places where disease-carrying mosquitoes breed."

Container-breeding mosquitoes breed in anything that can catch and hold water along with leaf or lawn debris, he said, including soft drink cans, open grills, watering cans, clogged gutters, wheel barrows and puddles. Generally, breeding can be prevented by dumping water and clearing debris.

Morgan Kohut, an entomologist with the Dallas County Department of Health and Human Services, said that people can easily "D-fend" themselves against mosquito bites and West Nile by remembering the "three D's: drain, dress and DEET."

"It is important to get rid of all standing water," Kohut said. "Change the water in pet dishes and birdbaths several times a week and prevent possible breeding sites by emptying, removing, covering or turning containers upside down."

Hiring a pest control professional or using sprays and other do-it-your-self methods may be necessary to protect yourself and home, Merchant said. Detailed information can be found on Mosquito Safari.

"The core of the Mosquito Safari site is a virtual backyard that you can explore with your computer mouse," Merchant said. "As you hit hot spots in the backyard, a window pops up and a narrator discusses what appears on the screen and how it relates to mosquito control."

In addition to showing the most common places for mos-

quitoes to breed, the site discusses mosquito biology and control methods, including repellents for people and sprays for foliage. It describes what homeowners can do to prevent the insects from breeding in yards and alleys.

It also describes characteristics of six common mosquito species in the U.S., including their behavior, physical characteristics and breeding sites. Mosquito Safari was created as an alternative to other Internet sites on the pests that are bogged down by "heavily textoriented" pages, Merchant said.

"We felt people would be more attracted by a visually-oriented, interactive site," he said. "They're more likely to visit

and stay at a site that's interactive," he said.

Although visually-oriented, the site is anything but superficial, said Joe Conlon, technical advisor to the American Mosquito Control Association, based in New Jersey.

"It's a lot of fun," Conlon said. "But there's a lot of good information on the site."

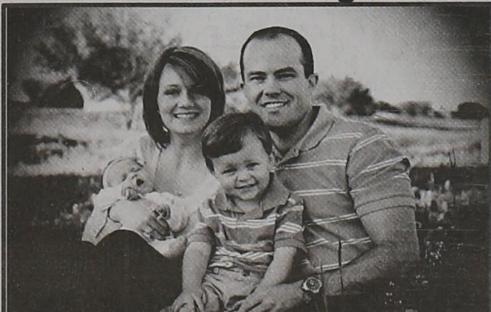
The site was designed for a national audience, including both the general public and pest control professionals, Merchant

Merchant said he hopes public health agencies link to Mosquito Safari from their Web sites.

The American Mosquito Control Association, City of Dallas Health Department and Dallas County Health Department already have set up links.

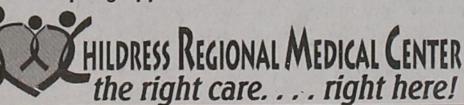
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- 10 Motley County Chamber of Commerce, 6:00 pm in Dianne Washington's office.
- 10 RSCV
- 10 Jail Board mtg 2 p.m. Hotel Matador
- 11 ROARING SPRINGS FULL GOSPEL CHURCH Vacation Bible School, IN ROARING SPRINGS CITY PARK, 6:30 pm – 8 ish.
- 11 Hospital Bd, 7am
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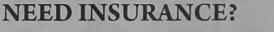
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