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Motley County students earn top honors at recent UIL meet

In spite of bad weather, Motley County Jr. High and Elementary UIL competed at their highest level on December 8, 2009, in Crowell, Texas, earning multiple ribbons and medals.

After arriving in Crowell over two hours late with many students unable to attend due to the ice storm, students rushed in with their gloves and coats on and rushed out with multiple ribbons and medals to recognize their hard work. Overall, both elementary and junior high received second place. "Next year, with all of our students in tow, we look forward to being able to bring home the big trophy," Lori Alexander said.

Some of the highlights of the day for elementary were when Kyler Degan stepped in for missing students in Music Memory to help his team win a 1st place medal, and then again to place 6th in Storytelling, Alexander said.

Another highlight of the day was when 4th grade swept the Music Memory contest with 1st-5th place and 1st place Team medal. Mrs. Alexander was very proud of all the students who competed and did their very best, also recognizing Mrs. Kautz, Mrs. Green, Mrs. Thacker, Mrs. Rankin, and all the other teachers who spent so much time making sure their students were prepared.

Elementary Results

Second Grade

Jaylee Flowers, first place, Creative Writing.
Tatum Guerrero, fourth place, Storytelling.

Third Grade

Cameron Stafford, third place, Music Memory, first place, Team; fourth place Spelling, second place, Team.
Carley Turner, second place Music Memory, first place Team; second place, Spelling Team; second place, Storytelling.
Rivers Marshall, fourth place, Ready Writing.
Ethan Mason, fifth place, Ready Writing.
Kyler Degan, first place, Music Memory Team; second place, Spelling Team; fifth place, Storytelling.

Fourth Grade

Dodge Gleghorn, first place, Art, first place Team.
Wyatt Hackler, first place, Spelling, first place Team; third place, Art, first place Team.
Samantha Quilimaco, third place, Art, first place, Team.
Cade Drum, fifth place, Spelling, first place, Team;

third place, Music Memory, first place, Team; fourth place, Number Sense, second place, Team.

Caitlin Seigrist, first place Music Memory, first place, Team; first place, Team

Fifth Grade

Brendan Fistk, second place, Music Memory, first place, Team.

Brody Rankin, fourth place, Music Memory, first place, Team; second place, Number Sense Team.

Bryson Elliott, fifth place, Music Memory, first place, Team; second place, Oral Reading.

Mikenna Ford, fifth place, Music Memory, first place, Team; second place, Oral Reading.

Gage Baker, fifth place, Art; second place, Number Sense Team.

Thalia Mendoza, second place, Art; second place, Maps, Graphs, & Charts, first place, Team; sixth place, Music Memory, first place, Team; first place, Number Sense, third place, Team; first place, Dictionary Skills, first place, Team.

Chloe Gleghorn, fourth place, Music Memory, first place, Team; third place, Dictionary Skills, first place, Team; third place, Listening Skills, third place Number Sense Team.

Grant Potts, third place, Ready Writing, fifth place, Maps, Graphs and Charts, first place, Team.

Sage Guerrero, third place, Number Sense Team; first place, Maps, Graphs and Charts Team

Jr. High Results

Sixth grade

Art: Chasity Cox- fifth place
Calculator Applications: Marcus Ortiz- fifth place
Maps, Graphs and Charts: Natalie Jameson sixth place
Mathematics: Mattie Brooks, third place (tie); Natalie Jameson, sixth place; third place team, Mattie, Natalie and Thalia Quilimaco.
Music Memory: Thalia Quilimaco, fifth place
Oral Reading: Thalia Quilimaco, second place; Mattie Brooks, fourth place.
Ready Writing: Thalia Quilimaco, sixth place.
Social Studies: Natalie Jameson, fifth place and Duncan Aumiller, sixth place.

Seventh grade

Art: Michael Martin, fifth place and second Team, Michael and Gabby Silva.
Calculator Applications: Cassidy Turner, first place,

Seth Baxter, second place and first place Team, Cassidy, Seth and Meagan Ford.

Impromptu: Braden Big- ham, first place.

Listening: Michael Martin, second place; Meagan Ford, fourth place and second place Team, Michael, Meagan and Katie.

Maps, Graphs and Charts: Seth Baxter, third place (tie) and third place Team, Seth, Shelby Elliott and Logan Ferguson.

Mathematics: Logan Ferguson, first place and second Team, Logan, Meagan Ford and Cassidy Turner.

Modern Oratory: Tallon Pollard, second place.

Number Sense: Seth Baxter, third place, Cassidy Turner, fourth place and second Team, Seth, Cassidy and Meagan Ford.

Oral Reading: Braden Big- ham, second place; Cassidy Turner, third place and Gabby Silva, fifth place.

Ready Writing: Shelby El- liott, fifth place.

Science: Tallon Pollard, third place; Seth Baxter, fourth place and Logan Ferguson, sixth place and second Team Team, Tallon, Seth and Logan.

Social Studies: Seth Baxter, fourth place and second Team, Seth, Meagan Ford and Logan Ferguson.

Eighth Grade

Art: Shayla Clay, fifth place
Calculator Applications: Logan Ferguson, first place, Virginia Guterrez sixth place and second Team, Logan, Virginia and Noah Guerrero.

Dictionary Skills: Coby Cochran, first place and second Team, Coby, Conner Mason and Seth Baxter.

Impromptu Speaking: Dil- lon McCleskey, first place
Listening: Shayla Clay-, fourth place

Maps, Graphs and Charts: Coby Cochran second place and third, Team, Coby, Conner Mason and Shayla Clay.

Mathematics: Coby Cochran, first place and first Team, Coby, Shayla Clay and Conner Mason.

Number Sense: Coby Cochran-, first place, Conner Mason, third place (tie) and second, Team, Coby, Conner and Shayla Clay)

Oral Reading: Shelby El- liott, third place and Katie Barton, sixth place.

Ready Writing: Shayla Clay, third place

Science: Coby Cochran, second place

Social Studies: Coby Cochran, second place; Noah Guerrero, sixth place (tie) and first place, Team, Coby, Noah and Conner Mason.

Spelling: Conner Mason, third place

Winifred Darsey Wins Big

By Monta Marshall

Several of the Lions met for coffee at the Traveler's Inn at three o'clock on December 21st and to draw for the items raffled. Lions present were Wes Campbell, President; Buzz Thacker, Lion Sweetheart, Tince Thacker; Ken and Abbott; Alvin Alexander, Corky and Monta Marshall and other coffee drinkers Zella Palmer, Suzanne Abbott, Pearl Patten, Glen- nard and Edith Daniell.

Winifred Darsey won the ring raffled by the Roaring Springs Lions Club and made by Thacker Jewelry. She had purchased her winning ticket the cold night of late night shopping in Matador from the Roaring Springs Lions. They were in the Main Street Café eating chili to benefit the Hackberry Creek Care Center and she wanted to buy a ticket from Corky. He didn't have a ticket in his pocket but she said she would trust him to put her name on a ticket if she gave him five dollars. After bantering about for awhile, Corky went back to the Lions Club table and put her name on a ticket. Her ticket was the winner.

Since Pearl had not purchased a ticket, she was chosen to draw. Other winners were: James Sanders - \$25.00 gift certificate donated by Cap Rock Telephone Co-op; Christi Ward - \$25.00 gift certificate donated by Cap Rock



Telephone Co-op. Melinda Jameson won the Texas State Capitol Ornament donated to the City of Roaring Springs by the Motley County Library.

The winners were notified by telephone. Buzz and Tince Thacker delivered James Sanders prize and delivered the diamond ring to Winifred.



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Motley County 2009 Weather Report

By Earlyne Jameson

Motley County had a white Christmas when Mother Nature decided to spread a 6-inch blanket of blowing snow leaving drifts up to the top of fences December 24. Another flurry of snow fell December 31. Nighttime freezing temperatures in the 20s with icy conditions were reported.

Motley County farmers are thankful for bumper cotton in 2009 and the harvest is completed. Winter wheat and forage availability for livestock is okay. Livestock in good condition and supplemental feeding continues.

We thank Motley County National Weather Service Volunteers for reporting monthly rainfall totals and moisture for 2009; Buzz Thacker, Roaring

Springs, December 1.34 inches and 2009 total 16.35 inches. Ronnie Bailey, Matador, December 0.85 inches and 2009 total 17.80 inches. Betty Simpson, Northfield, December 0.71 inches and 2009 total 19.39 inches. Lawrence Allen, Whiteflat, December 1.00 inches and 2009 total 18.65 inches. Clois Shorter, Flomot, December 1.17 inches and 2009 total 18.00 inches.

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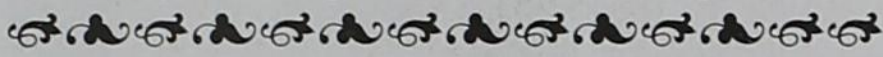
By Larry Vogt

Cold weather has its remedy in a nice wood stove fire and some hot home made soup. My mother made the most delicious soups from various recipes that she had remembered from family and other sources. I never saw her consult a recipe book or notes of any kind. That is pretty much the way she cooked all the time.

She made noodles from scratch which she used in her chicken noodle soup. She made a navy bean soup with

vegetables and a ham bone thrown in for good measure. She made a beef (or venison) stew that sent all the family into rave reviews. During the time I was growing up, there were not that many prepackaged meals and foods and most homemakers started every meal from scratch.

I still cook that way and feel it is best, besides, when I went away to college nothing tasted right until I started cooking for myself and using the purest ingredients I could find. There is nothing like a bowl of homemade soup!



Letter to the Editor

To the Motley County Tribune Employees: Thanks and have a special holiday season.

Would love to come back home (Matador) once more. Would like to see if the holes I put in the ceiling of the Barber Shop in the mid-1930s is still there, located in the north side some 20-plus feet west, about 3- or 4-inches from the

wall. Pat Sherdian was the shop owner. I was the Shine Boy.

I let an automatic shotgun go off accidentally. At this time, the owner was C.B. Judge Whitten. I don't know if anyone around might remember.

Thanks, D.D. "Caesar" McBride

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The Caprock Getaway

From Motley County Roundup By Marisue Potts

The big Buick turned off the main highway and eased through the downtown traffic of Matador, where cars clustered around the variety, grocery, and drug stores. In the second block, across from the courthouse square and down from jail, Sammy Jim Horton wheeled his car in at the First State Bank.

Though June 16, 1966 was a spring day, the clean-cut young man wore a coat over his knit shirt and faded Levis as he pushed open the front door to the bank.

He approached the teller's window and carefully placed a satchel on the counter in front of cashier Howard Gwinn. Calmly he stated, "Buddy, this is a stickup." Gwinn hesitated a moment. Horton's left hand came from under his coat producing a blue revolver. Gesturing toward the satchel he commanded, "Fill it up."

The cashier quickly filled the satchel with ones and twenties, thoughtfully bypassing the larger bills.

Horton ordered, "Now get the money from the vault..." Vivian Jacobs, a customer, was occupied in the safe deposit vault at the back where Gwinn continued filling the bag, including a serial-marked batch of bills. Horton indicated the employees at the bookkeeping

window, Rachel Harrison and Judy Cartwright, "...and send those women here." To their customer Tim Wood, the robber barked, "Come here!" gesturing with his pistol.

While the robbery was in progress, in walked bank employee Frank Price, who had just returned from lunch, and patron Hope Fish.

"Lady, do you want something?" quizzed Horton.

"Yes, I was going to make a deposit, but I've got to go back to my car."

"You are not going anywhere," he commanded.

In short order Gwinn returned from the vault and handed over the bag. Horton ordered everyone to face the back and not move for thirty minutes. He grabbed Mrs. Harrison by the arm, and decreed, "You're going with me." As they left the bank, he calmly looked both ways down the street, then forced his hostage into the Buick, getting in after her.

From the doorway Price noted the license number of the car parked directly in front of the bank. As the big car sped around the corner westward, Wood rushed outside and hailed a passing deputy sheriff, J.E. Russell, Jr., who broadcasted an alert almost immediately.

Turning north on State Highway 70, the duo passed a road maintenance crew. Mrs. Harrison spotted her father, J.D. Craven, but he did not see her. The Buick sped on.

About ten miles out of town the robber turned westward on a dirt road which was under construction near Whiteflat. About eight miles down the road the car, which had been stolen earlier in the day at Lubbock, sputtered and ran out of gas. As the bandit left on foot, he politely offered some money to Mrs. Harrison, the hostage he was leaving behind.

Meanwhile, Sheriff J.D. Spray, who was assisted by the Texas Highway Patrol, the Texas Rangers, Federal Bureau of Investigation, and police departments from as far as 200 miles away, started search operations.

Officers armed with high powered rifles and sawed-off shotguns scoured the rough ranch country for signs of the bandit. Roadblocks on all paved roads leading from Motley County allowed officers to search cars and trucks and warn motorists of the danger.

Two airplanes buzzed over the edge of the Caprock as the suspect hid in canyons and ravines. Some searchers probed

the wilderness on horseback while others warned the isolated ranch wives to stay indoors with the doors locked.

As darkness closed in, a heavy rainstorm formed and the manhunt continued. Eighteen miles away in the plains community of Fairview, Marion Burns went to empty his rain gauge early the next morning. He felt the cold steel of a gun stuck in his back. Horton ordered the farmer and his wife to drive him to Amarillo.

About 9:30 a.m. at the junction of the farm road from Cedar Hill community and State Highway 207 leading to South Plains, highway patrol officers James Bird and Larry Snider halted the Burns car. Crouched behind the front seat was Sammy Jim Horton. Officers quickly converged upon the roadblock and Horton was whisked away to the jail at Floydada. Described as a Texas Tech senior majoring in agriculture, the young man was transferred to the Lubbock County Jail and charged with stealing \$9,042 and abducting three hostages.

When cashier Gwinn and bank vice-president John Barnhill counted the recovered money, they tallied up the exact amount taken in the daring daylight robbery, the great Caprock getaway.

Doctor Yourself...with Salt

Healthy Living for a Healthy Planet By Rainbow Vogt, PhD

Feeling Congested? Fatigued? Forgetful? Trouble sleeping? Muscles cramping? What do all of these have in common? You guessed it: simple salt. I can hear you already: "I thought we get plenty of salt in our diet." While it is true that the processed foods we consume so much of have high levels of salt, not all salt is created equally.

Salt is a vital part of the process by which we stabilize heartbeat, remove excess cell acids, regulate blood sugar,

generate brain signals, absorb nutrients, make strong bones, and regulate our libido and sleep patterns, among many other essential functions. Salt shortages can even be related to having a double chin!

What's the best kind of salt? Sea salt has about 80 mineral elements that our body needs. Unrefined sea salt is a better choice that most on the market. Ordinary table salt has been stripped of companion elements and contains additives, one of which (aluminum)

is thought to be related to Alzheimer's disease. Drinking plenty of water each day (8-10 glasses), and adding two pinches of sea salt to our food or water is the best way to get plenty of the right kind of salt (recommended minimum is 500 mg and maximum is 2400 mg per day). Salt is a natural antihistamine, as well as a mucous breaker. Placing a pinch of salt on the tongue after drinking water may be especially helpful for asthmatics and those with chronic phlegm. Water and salt

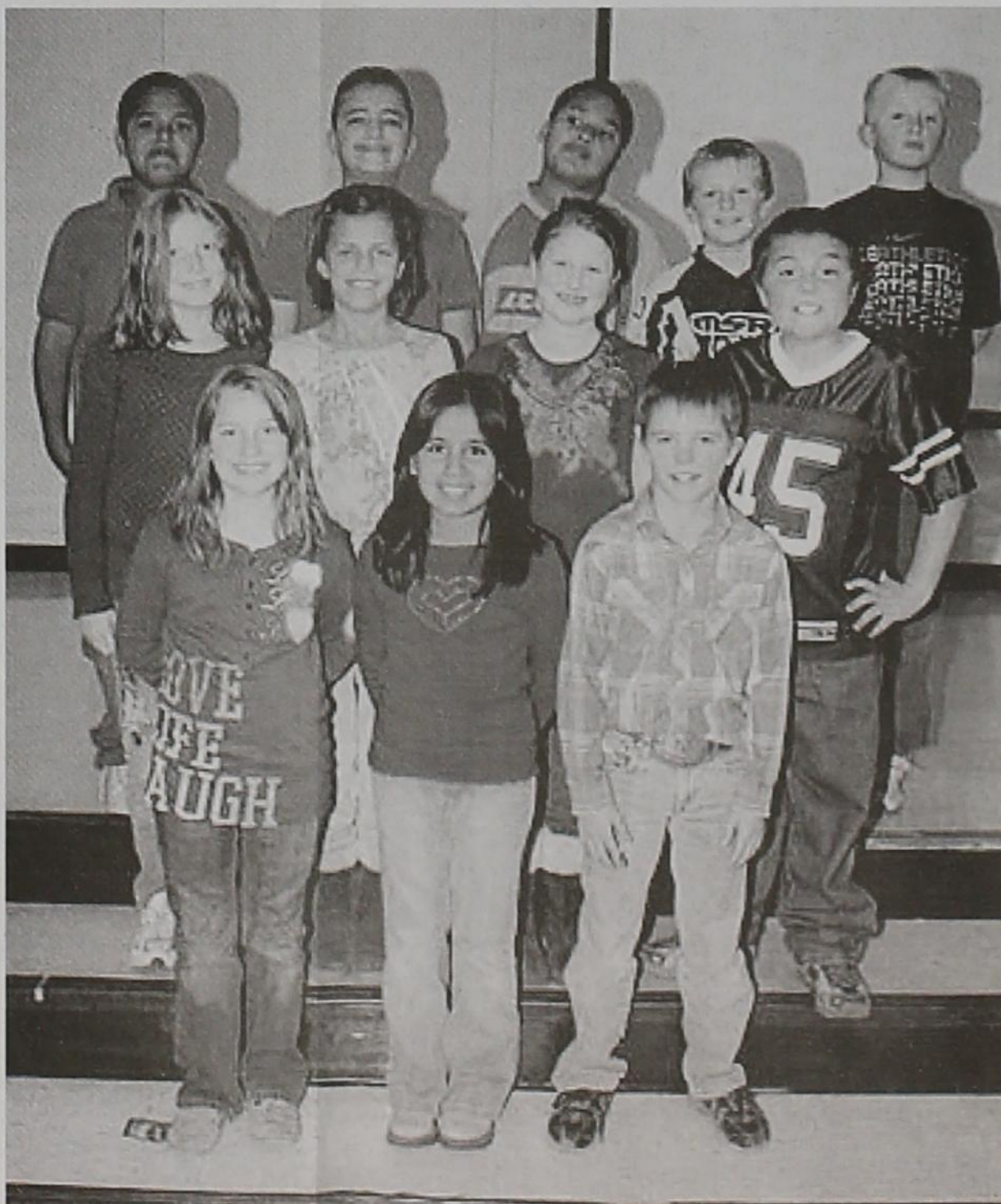
must be present together to relax the bronchioles and reduce mucous secretion.

So, next time you're at the grocery store, look for unrefined sea salt and use this potent nutrient along with water therapy for whole body balance.

Please email any of your health questions to doctoryourself@gmail.com. This column provides strategies for human and environmental wellness and is not meant to serve as medical advice.

Motley County Shining Stars

Fourth Grade Studies Volcanic Eruptions



The fourth grade class studied the types of volcanoes and volcanic eruptions during their laboratory period. They also studied the world-wide effects to the environment and the climate when volcanoes erupt. The final part of their study was to build a certain type of volcano out of clay and then to "erupt" it. The eruptions were instigated by vinegar and baking soda or by diet coke and mentos. They enjoyed the activity immensely.

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Pet therapy at HCCC



Mrs. Dorothy Nichols a resident of Hackberry Creek Care Center with Dinah Young and Ozzie. Dinah brought Ozzie to the Care Center for some Pet Therapy.

Free Flowering Trees from the Arbor Day Foundation

Residents of Texas who join the Arbor Day Foundation in January 2010 will receive 10 free flowering trees just by becoming a member.

The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

For those who join the Foundation in January, they will receive two white flowering dogwoods, two flowering crabapples, two Washington hawthorns, two American redbuds, and two goldenrain-trees.

"These compact trees are perfect for large or small spaces," said John Rosenow, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "They will give your home in Texas the beauty of lovely pink, white, and yellow flowers -- and also provide winter berries and nesting sites for songbirds."

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between February 1 and May 31 with enclosed planting instructions. The 6- to 12-inch tall trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members also receive a subscription to the Foundation's bimonthly publication, Arbor Day, and The Tree Book, which includes information about tree planting and care.

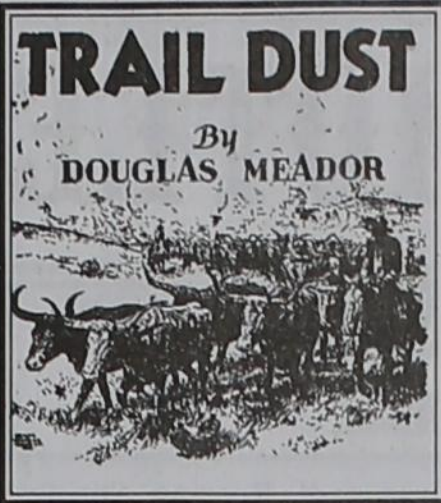
To become a member of the Foundation and to receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to TEN FREE FLOWERING TREES, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by January 29, 2010. Texas residents can also join online at www.arborday.org/ january.

I would like to announce that I will be seeking re-election for the office of Motley County District and County Clerk.

Thank you for allowing me to serve you for the last eight years.

Your support in the Democratic Party Primary election in March 2010 would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you,
Kate Hurt



Matador Tribune December 4, 1941

●Matrimony is a proved method for keeping the travel-dust out of a man's moccasins, unless he decides to keep pace with his neighbors.

●Modesty is so rare in this simulated age that it is frequently mistaken for stupidity.

●We are more sensitive to rebuke when it reflects on our lack of intelligence than when applied to different morals.

●A dim lantern hung from the fly-tent pole and sullen gusts of wind swept back the white ashes from red coals in the fire pit. Cowboys roll in their beds, lay in peaceful slumber about the chuck wagon. Somewhere beyond the small island of light, a horse snorted and a man cursed softly, then approached with spurs jingling and stiff chaps scraping as he walked. Standing before the opened chuck-box lid, he looked at a greasy faced alarm clock. shook it abruptly and held it to his ear before turning back toward his horse. The longest hours crawl through the tight barrel of time when we are anxious for their passing. Old cowboys are convinced that nothing ever moved slower than a clock measuring their turn in standing night guard.

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College Grid Star

Standout left tackle on the Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, eleven, is Truett Rattan, son of Mr. and Mrs. V.A. Rattan of Matador.

Rattan was one of the eight Cowboy seniors to whom the homecoming game played at Abilene Saturday afternoon with the Howard Payne Yellow Jackets, was dedicated.

Lady Matadors take third place in division tournament



The Motley County Lady Matadors won 3rd place in their division in the Vernon Tournament on December 10th, 11th, and 12th with victories over Harold and Vernon Northside. Senior Melissa Flores received recognition on the All Tournament Team. The week before on December 3rd, 4th, and 5th, they won the consolation bracket in the Patton Springs tournament defeating Vernon Northside and Rule. The Lady Mats and the Mats begin district play at home this week against Spur. Games begin at 6:00. Players from Left to Right are Sabra Pope, Lexi Osborn, Jaci Zingerman, Kyla Simpson, Melissa Flores, Alyx Smith, and Danielle Gwinn.

USDA enhances integrity and defensibility of farm programs and streamlines payment limits

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31, 2009 -

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today announced that USDA is partnering with the Internal Revenue Service to reduce fraud in farm programs and streamlining payment limits for family farmers. The actions are intended to strengthen the integrity and defensibility of USDA farm safety net programs and help the agricultural industry to meet requirements included in the 2008 Farm Bill.

"Today's announcement will ensure that the producers who depend upon the safety net of USDA programs will have future access to these programs by enhancing the overall integrity of the programs," said Vilsack. "It will also provide more flexibility for family farm operations across the country."

As part of today's announcement, USDA has finalized a Memorandum of Un-

derstanding with the Internal Revenue Service to establish an electronic information exchange process for verifying compliance with the adjusted gross income provisions for programs administered by USDA's FSA and Natural Resources Conservation Service. This agreement will ensure that payments are not issued to producers whose adjusted gross income (AGI) exceeds certain limits. The limits set in the 2008 Farm Bill are \$500,000 nonfarm average AGI for commodity and disaster programs; \$750,000 farm average AGI for direct payments; and \$1 million non-farm average AGI for conservation programs.

The electronic process that USDA developed with IRS reviews data from tax returns, performs a series of calculations, and compares these values to the AGI limitations from the 2008 Farm Bill FSA and NRCS will receive a record that indicates whether or not the program participant appears to meet the income limits. Written consent will be required from each producer or payment recipient for this process. No actual tax data will be included in the report that IRS sends to USDA. As part of the review and evaluation process, participants whose AGI may exceed the limits will

be offered an opportunity to provide third party verification or other information to validate their income.

Meanwhile, beginning with the 2010 program year, USDA has amended the rules that govern the requirements to be 'actively engaged' in farming. These rules apply to eligibility for payments under the Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) or Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) program administered by the USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA).

USDA has implemented the following change to permit certain operations, most often family-run operations, to meet 'actively engaged' in farming requirements under less restrictive rules.

Every stockholder or member of a legal entity, such as a corporation, does not have to contribute labor or management if both of the following apply:

- * at least half of the interest in the legal entity is held by stockholders or members who are providing active personal labor or active personal management that altogether qualifies as a significant contribution to the farming operation;

- * the total direct payments received, both directly and indirectly, by the legal entity and each of the members does not exceed \$40,000.

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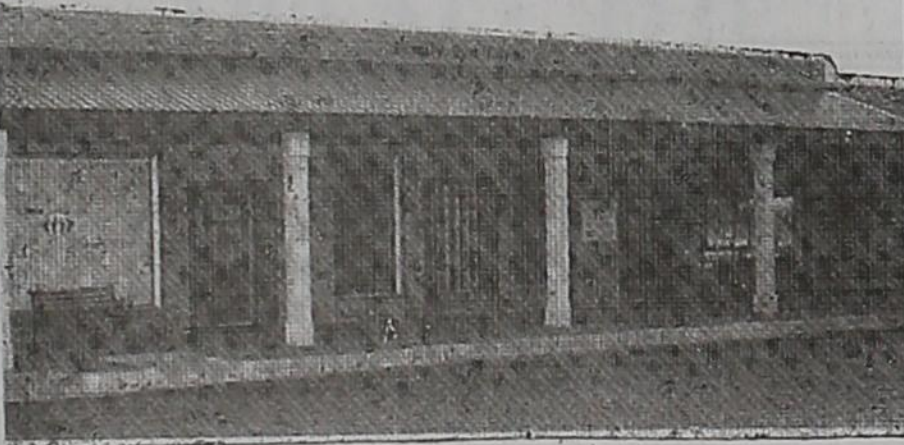
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WHAT DOES THE FUTURE HOLD IN 2010?



What does the New Year 2010 have in store for us? We can not know. For this ignorance of the future we should be grateful. But, as has been said so often by so many, "We may not know what the future holds, but we know who holds the future." Whatever the coming

year holds for us, we have confidence in the comfort offered by God's promise: "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee," (Hebrews 13:5).

In the year of 2010 let us cultivate a desired for knowledge—knowledge about ONE whom we esteem highly. We want to know out Lord better. We want to know His Will for us. Such knowledge is not measured by Degrees, nor does it receive the applause of the academic community. It is its own reward.

So, for the year ahead and for all those reading these words, "The Lord bless thee, and keep thee: The Lord make His face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: The lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace." (Numbers 6:24-24).

Michael G. Crowley, Sr.

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NEWS AROUND MOTLEY COUNTY

Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

Our school mate get together in Lubbock on December 28 was fun. There were eight school mates and their spouses that braved the weather and attended. The farthest was from near Houston; he and his wife were visiting family in Lubbock, one was from North Dallas and two from Amarillo. The rest of lived in or around the Lubbock area with the exception of Corky and me. One of the school mates and his wife play and sing in a Blue Grass Band and have performed at the Washington's Blue Grass Festival in Flomot. I hope to see him perform some day.

You know you are supposed to diet, get your hair colored, manicured, pedicured and maybe have run every day for months getting into shape and all sorts of things before school reunions. Well, there was almost a spur of the moment notice so no one was so 'improved' that we didn't recognize them! It was fun and I was glad we went.

On New Year's Eve Edith and Glennard hosted a dinner at the Traveler's Inn. The traditional corn bread, black-eyed peas, ham and several other side dishes were prepared by Edith to bring us luck in 2010! Others brought some tasty treats as well. Alex and Jo Crowder provided sparkling grape juices to toast the New Year.

Those attending were: Alex and Jo Crowder; Bennie D. and Devonne Dillard; Zella Palmer, J. N. Fletcher; Harley Alsup, Corky and Monta Marshall, Dale Daniell; Barry Smitherman and his children, Lousia, Owen and Wyatt from Austin.. Robert and Amber Hale and sons, Shandy and Baby Noble of Midland; and Perry, Deanette and Lexie Gullede. Amber Hale is the granddaughter of Alex and Jo Crowder. Barry Smitherman and his children were here to hunt quail. Owen, Lousia and Wyatt Smitherman are grandchildren of Norman Frede of Houston who has been in Roaring Springs often to hunt the last several years.

The group was entertained by the Smitherman children playing Christmas Carols on their violins. The harmonies were beautiful. Wyatt played a solo, A Concerto in A Minor by Vivaldi and a familiar favorite, the Devil's Dream.

Later several gathered around Devonne and the piano to sing southern gospel music, some played games. It was a very enjoyable evening.

Several in our community are ill with either the stomach bug or upper respiratory ailments. Dinah Young was not feeling well this morning and Tince Thacker has been staying in trying to get well.

Next Sunday, Kelly Warren of Plainview will again fill the pulpit at First Baptist Church, Roaring Springs.

Billie Stuckey, her daughter, husband and grandchildren: Randy, Leandra, Matthew and Kenna attended Billie's family's 'Christmas on New Year's' tradition in Briscoe, Texas this weekend. Don Stuckey is training dogs on a ranch near the Mexican border down below Marfa, Texas.

Duane, Kim, and Abby Watson and Hannah Alexander of Lubbock and Trudy Hand of Amarillo recently visited with Bill and Mozelle Hand.

Mozelle recently attended the funeral of Donald Paschal of Paducah. He was a cousin of her late husband, Junior Gibbs.

Robert Shannon visited with Bill Hand on New Year's Day.

Boyd Long celebrated his birthday on New Year's Day. He received calls from his daughters but because of the weather and their work schedules they were unable to come to help him celebrate. Bo Long, Matt Easter and Laura's grandsons, Kamryn and Coy were here for his birthday.

Laverne Zabielski and Larry Vogt were here visiting with Grace Zabielski and tending to newspaper business last week. Larry tuned some pianos while they were here. It is nice to have Larry come and take of the pianos in the area. They returned home to Kentucky on Sunday.

Kenzie McClaran from the Acuff Community spent Sunday evening and Monday with her grandmother and Pop, Monta and Corky Marshall. They took her home on Monday evening to begin school again on Tuesday. While she was here she played with her Christmas dolls while Me-Mom sewed for the doll.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

Overheard

"Your look as young as ever" is a wonderful thing to be told. Do I really look that young, or is my friend's vision that old?

Sherrilyn Calvert Foster honored on 60th Birthday

Mrs. Sherrilyn Calvert Foster of Lubbock, former resident of Flomot, was honored on her 60th birthday with a party Saturday night held in the Hawthorne Suite at the Matador Banquet Hall in Lubbock.

The tables were laid with deep navy blue cloths with crystal appointments. Her large, decorated birthday cake had a picture of her in the center. Refreshments of miniature sandwiches, dips and chips, assorted pinwheels and a tiered tray of fresh fruit was served with punch and the birthday cake.

Mrs. Foster was presented an array of gifts, cards and a bouquet of flowers. Videos were shown of her from a baby until present time.

Among the 40 attending were nieces, nephews, cousins and an uncle from Lubbock. Special guests were her husband, Dan Foster of Lubbock, mother, Mrs. Mary Jo Calvert of Flomot and mother in law, Mrs. Dennie Foster of Fresno, California.

Mrs. Janice Hughes visited in Amarillo, Saturday with her aunt, Mrs. Lois Crump. She had lunch with Donald and Carol Crump and Ronald and Clara Crump.

Tylee, Trent and Trevor Barclay of Matador visited overnight Friday with grandparents, Jerry and Sandra Barclay.

Holiday guests of Mrs. Erma Washington was niece, Leigh Blakemore of Fortuna, California, Tim and Deana Washington and Matt and Ashley Washington, Blu and

Brazos of Roaring Springs; Lacy and Conway Clary, Mickey, Caleb, and Kenzie of Matador, Coy and Connie Franks of Flomot and houseguests, Cara and Clint Cowart of Big Spring, Cary and Mary Franks, Cory and Amy Franks, Hudson, Madison and Heston of Idalou, Jerry and Sandra Barclay of Flomot and houseguests, Mr. and Mrs. Lance Barclay, Colton and Kayla of Meadow.

James and Darla Gwinn and Danielle joined family members Christmas Eve at the Gwinn home in Matador. Aly Gwinn, Mrs. Sarah Hurt, Emily and Annie of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Holcomb of Floydada, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Raetz and Mr. and Mrs. Fannin Gwinn and Shandi of Matador, were also guests.

Judy and Lynn Stark visited in Abilene during the holidays with son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Wes Stark and daughters, Abby and Mackensie. Other family members joined them there.

Mrs. Marilee Cooper of Borger visited the weekend with her father, Wilburn Martin.

Visiting Justin Rucker of Quitaque, Sunday a patient in the Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo, who was injured in a recent vehicle accident were Mr. and Mrs. Travis Kendall, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Kendall, Jere and Jacob. They said he is recovering just fine.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay and houseguests, daughter and family, Lori and Kevon Kleinbrink, Karlee and Kyler of Clifton had a belated Christmas, Sunday, December 27th in the home of daughter and family, Tina and Pat Carson, Walker, Parker and Ryleigh of Turkey. Other family members attending were Mrs. Carolyn Ewing of Matador, Larry Clay, Tanner, Kelsey and Sarah of Panhandle, Neal and Julie Edwards, Caden, Jaxon and Laney and Billy and Roberta Carson of Turkey.

Matador News

On Sunday, January 3, the Methodist parsonage was the scene of a holiday open house, celebrating the Christmas and New Year occasions. About 25 people came directly from the worship service to enjoy chili, ham and all the trimmings. Pastor Bill and Arlyce Manney enjoyed the past week, Monday through Thursday in Plugerville and Austin visiting their daughters and families.

Marge Edwards was a guest

of Tom and Deanie Edwards for Christmas Day. They enjoyed a wonderful lunch and played afternoon dominoes. She then returned to Hackberry Care Center.

On Saturday, Stephen, Lori and Haley Davis of Dalhart, were weekend guest with Tom and Deanie. Stephen, Lori and Haley spent some time with their grandmother, Marge at Hackberry Creek on Saturday afternoon.

Birth Announcement



Clayt and Laurie Bridge of Afton would like to announce the birth of their daughter Tatom Bliss Bridge. Tatom was born December 7, 2009 at 12:24 p.m. and weighed 7lbs 1 oz. and was 20 inches long. She is the granddaughter of Donna and Larry Hoyle of Matador and Gary and Jane Bridge of Afton. Great Grandparents are Wanda Bryant of Midland and Dumont and Margaret Bridge of Dickens.

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Seven Democratic candidates file for election

Monday, January 4, 2010, 5:00P.M. was the deadline to file for the election this year. The Motley County Democratic Chairman announced that they had seven candidates vying for office.

Donnie Turner will be the candidate for Commissioner Precinct 2, and J.N. Fletcher and Russell Alexander will run for Commissioner of Precinct 4.

Bobby D. Whitaker, Ben C. Grundy and James "Jim" Meador will vie to be the Democratic candidate for Motley County Judge.

Kate Hurt will seek re-election for the Motley County and District Clerk.

Two other significant dates are March 1, 2010, the last day to register to vote, and April 5, 2010, the first day for early voting.

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Obituary

Grace Boone (Keltz) Campbell

Our Beloved Mother Grace Boone Campbell, a descendent of pioneer frontiersman Daniel Boone, passed away Thursday, December 31, 2009, at University Medical Center in Lubbock after a brief illness. She was born February 4, 1920, in Motley County, Texas.



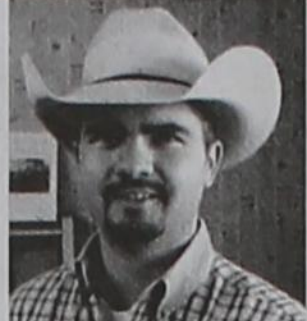
A celebration of her life was held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, January 2, 2010, at the First Baptist Church in Matador with Mike Crowley officiating. Interment followed at East Mound Cemetery, Matador, under the direction of Shannon Family Funeral Home of Matador.

Grace (Keltz) graduated from Matador High School, Class of 1936. She was married to Harold Campbell on January 1, 1937, in Motley County, Texas. He preceded her in death in March, 2009.

She was past Worthy Matron of the Order of Eastern Star, a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, a charter member of the Stitch and Chatter Club, Matador, past president of El Progreso Study Club, Matador, and past president of the Santa Rosa District of the Texas Federation of Women. Mrs. Campbell was a lifelong member of the First Baptist Church, Matador, and

past Sunday School teacher of the Winsome Sunday School Class, Matador. Under her leadership as president of El Progreso Study Club, she was responsible for securing Texas Medalion Landmark status for the historical 1891 jail in Motley County. She was a lifelong resident of Motley County where she was a homemaker. She is survived by two sons, Harry and wife Fran of Lubbock, Texas, and Guy and Di-Ann Campbell of Matador, Texas; one sister, Marguerite Edwards of Matador, Texas; seven grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, and two great-great grandchildren. The family suggest memorials be made to a favorite charity.

County Agent's News



by Ryan Martin, Agri LIFE EXTENSION Agent

Texas AgriLife experts: Composting horse manure easy, beneficial

AMARILLO - Over the years, more than one child has wished for a pony for Christmas. And if that wish was granted, a quick reality learned was: What goes in, must come out.

More than one horse in a stalled situation can create a heap of unwanted manure. But owners can turn that daily chore of mucking stalls into a pile of compost material, according to a Texas AgriLife Extension Service specialist.

Horse manure is the easiest type to compost, said Kevin Heflin, an AgriLife Extension associate in Amarillo.

While creating windrows may be the traditional way of composting manure, Heflin said, in a setting where multiple horse owners are cleaning their own stalls, it might be easiest to build a specific location for them to dump the manure.

A set of livestock panels can create a specified dumping area that remains cleaner and easier to manage, he said.

Multiple owners will inevitably start stacking the manure everywhere they shouldn't, Heflin said. They typically will not make a nice neat windrow. If there is a specific location for them to dump the manure, and there are sidewalls or fence panels, it will probably be much cleaner and easier to manage.

Plastic fencing, such as that used for snow fences or on construction sites, can be added as a lining for the livestock panels to keep the manure contained and neat, he said. Another option is round hay bales, although they do degrade over time, so fencing would be better looking and more functional.

People will take the composting more seriously if you have a clean looking site," Heflin said.

He suggested keeping the structure as small as possible, utilizing two or three smaller bins if needed. Limiting the size to no larger than 16 feet by 16 feet will make it easier to clean and for people to collect the material from inside.

It won't take long for you to get an idea on how much material you are going to produce and how big a bin you really need, Heflin said.

Making a U-shaped bin and leaving the front open will also cut down on building material, make it more functional, and allow for removal of large amounts of material without damaging the structure.

He said the manure should be piled no higher than five feet if possible, and the pile should be turned at least once during the nine months to a year it takes to make compost.

A cautionary word Heflin offered is that, under certain conditions, compost can catch on fire if it reaches temperatures higher than 172.

We use a long-stem thermometer to monitor the temperatures to help reduce the risk of a compost fire, he said. I would not place the compost next to a building or any other structure that could burn if the compost did catch on fire.

But if you are not adding

supplemental water and you don't get excessive amounts of rain, you should be just fine, Heflin said. I don't want you to think there is a high fire danger, but you should be aware that there is the potential.

When monitoring the compost pile, if temperatures hit 160 and are still rising, hose down the pile and turn it with a front-end loader to allow the water and air to cool the core and restart the composting process, said Dr. Brent Auvermann, AgriLife Extension agricultural engineering specialist.

Auvermann has put together a detailed AgriLife Extension bulletin on making compost from horse manure that can be found online at: http://tammi.tamu.edu/pdf_pubs/compostinghorsemanure.pdf.

Once the composting is complete, Heflin said, the easiest way to get rid of it is by spreading it on pastures, cropland or the landscape if the equipment and land area are available.

The other way to get rid of it is to advertise free compost/horse manure, Heflin said. I would not try to sell the compost unless you put the extra effort into making good finished compost.

Finished compost would require supplemental water, regular turning and temperature monitoring, he said.

Another suggestion Heflin offered is if there is an AgriLife Extension-sponsored Master Gardener program in the area, they will often take all the free horse manure/compost they can get.

He said it is a good idea to set specific times and date for collection, as well as outlining details on how they are to collect the material up front. An example might be: Free compost every Tuesday 12-5 p.m.; bring your own shovel.

Researchers study microbes in cattle to unlock metabolic disease mysteries

VERNON -- Switching from warm-season grasses to cool-season forages can give livestock a belly ache, in some cases a deadly one, according to Texas AgriLife Research scientists.

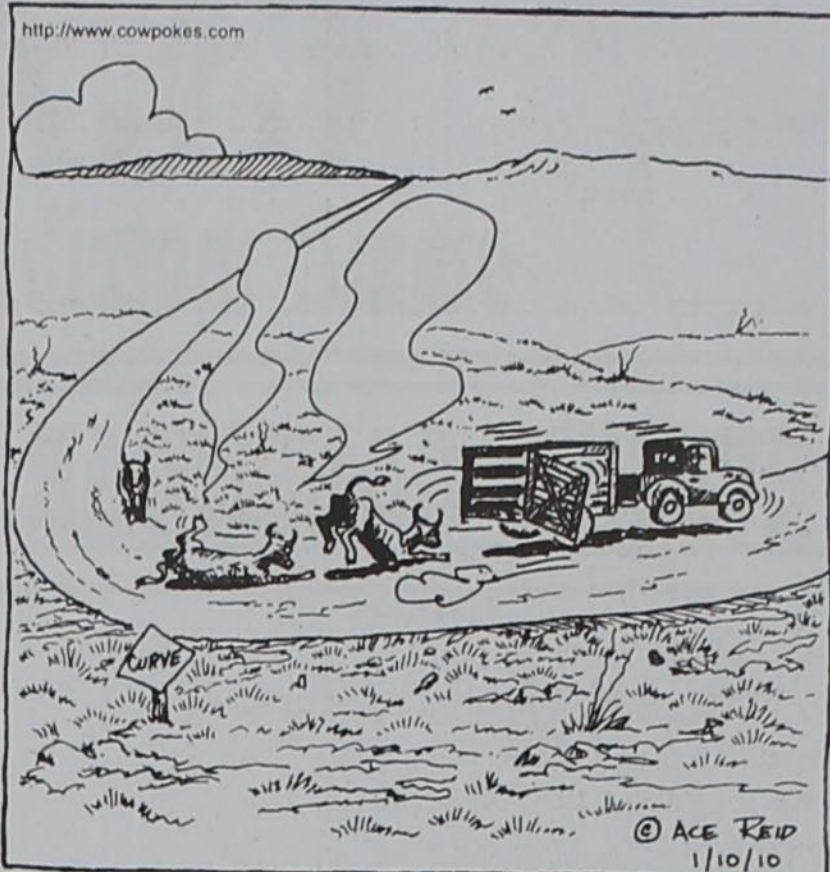
Dr. Bill Pinchak, Texas AgriLife Research animal nutritionist at Vernon, is leading a team of scientists who are using state-of-the-art technology "metagenomics" to determine how changes in diet affect microbial communities in the digestive tract of cattle and how these changes may increase risk of disease.

Metagenomics is a field of molecular microbiology where the presence of a microbe is determined by identifying its DNA in a sample rather than trying to grow the organism in culture, said Dr. Jason Osterstock, AgriLife Research ruminant animal health scientist in Amarillo and part of the team.

Pinchak, who is head of the Bloat Research Project, said they want to understand the role of rumen microbial communities in metabolic disease, specifically frothy bloat of cattle grazing winter wheat pastures. Bloat is a costly and sometimes fatal disease of cattle, with an estimated \$400 million negative impact

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By Ace Reid



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Their goal is to determine the interactions among rumen microbes that lead to the onset and duration of disease, he said.

Studying individual microbial genus or species in the rumen only provides part of the story, Osterstock said. In fact, the rumen is a complex microbial system comprised of bacteria, protozoa and fungi where the impact of a specific microbial species is dependent upon the activity of other microbes in the system.

Metagenomics is an ideal approach to studying these microbial communities because less than 10 percent of rumen microbes can be grown in culture using routine anaerobic methods, Osterstock said.

The team's current work has focused on bacterial populations in the rumen using sequencing methods and bioinformatics to classify which bacterial genera are present under different dietary conditions.

The bloat team recently completed the first genomics-based characterization of bacterial populations from steers associated with changing from a warm-season grass hay diet to a cool-season grazed forage diet. Their study included 14 steers sampled at two time points, the largest study of its kind to date, the scientists said.

During their research, the scientists found that the distribution of bacterial genera changes dramatically when stocker cattle transition from Bermuda grass hay to winter wheat forage diets, Pinchak said. In addition, analyses determined that bacterial communities were clearly different in the fiber, liquid and whole rumen fractions within the rumen, he said.

Overall, more groups of different bacteria occurred on Bermuda grass hay than

wheat forage diets, which is consistent with the increased rumen retention time of the less digestible Bermuda grass hay, Pinchak said.

During the study, they found that specific bacterial groups would increase, decrease, appear or disappear from one diet to the other, highlighting the complexity, plasticity and specificity of rumen bacterial populations, he said.

These results point toward the potential to use deeper metagenomic sequencing, including characterization of non-bacterial microbes, to gain better resolution and begin to unravel more complex relationships in future studies, Pinchak said.

Pinchak and Osterstock are joined on the research team by Dr. Dipti Pitta, an AgriLife Research post-doctoral research associate in Vernon; and Dr. Scot Dowd, director of the Research and Testing Laboratory in Lubbock.

The Bloat Research Project team recently formed a consortium with scientists at the Borlaug Institute at Texas A&M University; the J. Craig Venter Institute, a leader in genomic research in Rockville, Md.; and the University of Illinois.

Pinchak said metagenomics also can be used to study how cattle adapt to diets containing bioenergy co-products, discover novel enzymes for biofuel production, or to help understand how microbial community dynamics affect food safety pathogen prevalence, feed efficiency and greenhouse gas emissions.

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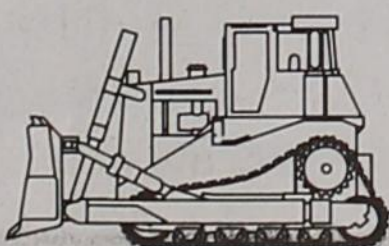
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- 11 Comm CT
- 11 RS City Council 2nd Mon
- 12 RSCV
- 13 Kids Praise
- 13 Hospital Bd 7am
- 14 M City Council
- 18 - Rolling Plains Chemical Conference in Spur
- 18 MCISD School Board, 7:30pm
- 19 Matador Lions
- 21 Matador Masonic Lodge, 6:30 pm
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