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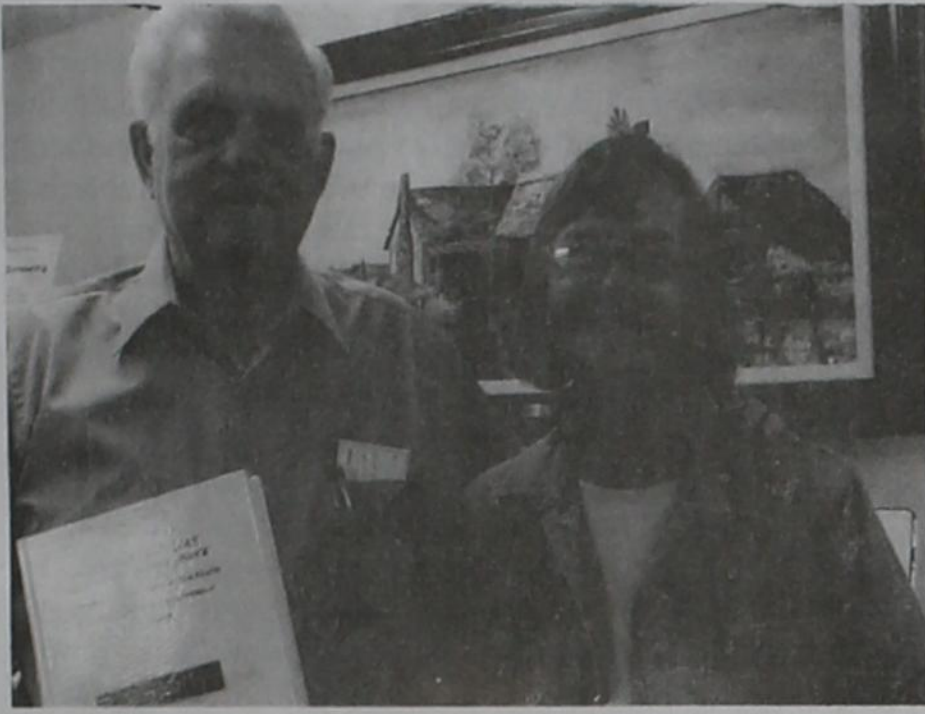
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## Museum Receives Two Important Research Books



Billy Morrison of Montgomery, Texas, recently presented his book *Dougherty, Texas, A Little Gem on the Caprock* to the Motley County Museum, represented here by Marisue Potts Powell. His research includes chapters on the Quanah, Acme and Pacific Railroad, geology, flora and fauna of the caprock, merchants and businesses, as well as families who settled around the small town known for its tall grain elevators and shipping point for farm produce and cattle.

By Marisue Potts Powell  
*Motley County Tribune*

The Motley County Museum recently added two outstanding volumes relating to the history of the area. The books represent an untold amount of research and effort on the part of Billy Morrison of Montgomery, Texas, and Thomas Lee Musser of Lubbock. These donations fill a void in telling the colorful his-

tory of the county and related areas.

Billy Morrison and family members personally stopped by the museum to donate *Dougherty, Texas, A Little Gem on the Caprock*, edited and compiled by Mr. Morrison, brother of Virginia Cage who lived on the edge of the caprock and the boundary between Motley and Floyd counties. He not only tells the story of a small town on the plains

west of Roaring Springs, but he also adds wonderful insights on the geology, the physiology, weather, flora and fauna. His chapter on the Quanah Acme and Pacific Railroad covers the construction up the "cap," the terrible snowstorms faced by Engine 101, and the Dougherty depot built in 1931. Then there are many poignant stories of the families who settled the region, farmed, and established the foundations of a town: schools, stores, gins, elevators and post office. This book is also available at the Motley County Library through a donation in memory of the Howe Hines family who lived north of Dougherty.

Thomas Lee Musser, contributor of the *Oil and Gas News* published in area newspapers, has compiled a notebook on *The History of Oil and Gas Exploration and Production in Motley County*. This information includes the first well drilled for oil in Motley County from 1919 to 1922, Echols Well # 1. It also highlights *Oil and Gas Production* from 1957 through 2009, *Field Discovery* information, the *chronological List of Wells drilled*, and *Detail Well information*.

As Mr. Musser wrote to Neal Potts, docent volunteer, there are some wells drilled in Motley County.  
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## Matadors win Regional Championship, 71-26



11/19/2010

photo by Charli Bigham

By Charli Bigham  
*Motley County Tribune*

On Friday, November 19, 2010, the Matadors loaded a bus and traveled to Valley's football stadium to compete in the regional playoff game. The stands, though bigger than the Motley County home stands, were packed with eager fans. After battling early in the game, the Matadors put it together and finished off the number six ranked Tigers early in the third quarter.

The Motley County offensive line did a great job at picking up stunts which made us very successful in our running

game. Once again, the Matadors dominated both sides of the ball with the defense also making great plays.

"We are very thankful as a coaching staff to have our team playing over the Thanksgiving holiday once again this year," Coach Bigham said. "It really shows how solid our program and team is to be consistently playing in the post season."

"The coaching staff would like to thank all the fans who came out to support the team," Coach Bigham said. "Also, it is great to see our fans picking up the trash in and around the stands after the game. It really shows that not only our team

but also our town has great character. We have the best fans in the state," said Coach Bigham.

The Quarterfinal playoff game will be against the Miami Warriors on Friday, November 26, 2010, at Pampa. The Matadors will be the visiting team. Happy Thanksgiving!

Statistics: Jonathon Osborn, 14 carries, 4 tds, 161 yards rushing and 9 tackles;

Augustine Chavez, 12 carries, 4 tds, 182 yards rushing and 9 tackles; Britt Simpson, 7 tackles; Colby McCleskey, 6 tackles; and Juan Flores, 10 tackles.

## Groundwater Ownership a Matter of Concern

By Marisue Potts Powell  
*Motley County Tribune*

Ownership Rights and Regulations was the focus of a meeting on Texas Groundwater Issues held at the Market Center in Lubbock on October 28. Motley County residents Dorothy Traweck and Marisue Potts Powell heard a variety of speakers address concerns put forth by the Texas Wildlife Association, the Texas Farm Bureau, the Texas Southwestern Cattle Raisers, as well as nine other groups.

A clash is coming between groundwater regulation and ownership rights. The right of a property owner to have an absolute ownership of the water below his land was established in Texas in 1904. Rule of Capture allows a property owner to produce groundwater for any beneficial purpose without liability to his neighbors. Once the water is withdrawn from an underground source, it becomes personal property, subject to sale, commerce, and taxation.

As Texas continues to grow and the supply of water becomes more scarce, the need to import water from rural areas for the benefit of the urban centers will increase. Some 96 Groundwater Conservation Districts, based on boundaries of major aquifers, can no longer prohibit transfers of water outside district boundaries. GCDs can,

however, set more restrictive limitations on future groundwater use if the restrictions are applied to all new and increased uses. They are authorized to provide greater protection to historic and existing uses of groundwater.

In 2005 the Texas Legislature mandated that each GCD establish a "desired future condition" of groundwater resources in their respective management areas. Current groundwater availability, by measurements and models, must be established before a desired future condition is established. Then regional water planning groups must use this data in their planning efforts to conserve water for future generations (Many set as their goal to retain one-half of the current available groundwater.) So, not only will the individual property owners be impacted, but the entire planning region if restrictions or caps are set on production. If no "available" groundwater remains after allocation to exempt users, historic users, and existing users, the property owner who conserved his water will be left out.

This clash between regulation and property owners' rights is being played out in court. The Texas Supreme Court is considering the nature of a landowner's ownership interest in groundwater in the case of *Edwards Aquifer Authority v. Day*. The Attorney General and

the Edwards Aquifer Authority maintain that property owners' groundwater rights in place are not vested, and thus regulation by GCDs can never be considered a taking. As it stands now, the state may not unreasonably limit a property owner's groundwater rights without compensation. Limiting these rights, opponents say, could deprive all Texas citizens of the economic benefits of the water resource.

"Without water, farmers cannot irrigate, refineries cannot produce gasoline, and paper mills cannot make paper," said the Texas Water Development Board. So the challenge is to meet a growing need, protect historic uses, and somehow conserve enough water for future generations.

This seminar's point of view was the best way to manage and prepare for the state's future water needs in a reasonable, science-based regulation that continues to recognize vested real property rights in groundwater. Private ownership provides a vested interest in conservation, encourages good stewardship and promotes accountability. Ownership in place will promote a balance between rural water-producing areas and urban water-consuming areas, without jeopardizing potential growth in any area of the state. The alternative is loss of rights without remedy, and the state deciding who can use water and for what purpose.

## TxDOT makes changes to mowing policy

CHILDRESS - Recently, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has received several inquiries regarding our mowing policy. Maintaining 7,956 miles of highway in the TxDOT Childress District is an enormous task that involves more than roadways; 23,635 acres of right of way in the district's 13 counties also require maintenance.

Over the past few years, TxDOT has experienced a steady decline in the funding for both maintenance and construction of our highway system. During this time of shrinking budgets, every aspect of how TxDOT spends those limited funds has been

analyzed, including the statewide management of roadside vegetation. "Because of limited funding, TxDOT has changed its mowing policy," said Darwin Lankford, P.E., Childress District Director of Operations. "The new policy will allow us to better focus our mowing efforts for safety rather than aesthetics."

TxDOT's new policy limits the number of times rural highways receive a modified full-width (30 feet from the edge of the road (and medians) instead of the entire width of the right of way) mowing to two per year. Full-width mowing is primarily done for aesthetic reasons and does not affect safety. The de-

partment will continue to perform safety mowing as needed at intersections, driveways and on the inside of curves.

"The safety of the traveling public is a TxDOT priority and we'll continue working with the public to ensure that visibility is not an issue," Lankford added. "But by reducing mowing cycles from three to two, we're expecting to save taxpayers as much as \$25 million this year, statewide, and that's money that can be used for more critical roadway maintenance needs, like filling potholes and resurfacing roadways."

TxDOT's herbicide and wildflower programs help our  
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## Chamber to sponsor late night shopping

### Santa to make appearance at the library on December 2

By Dianne Washington  
*Motley County Tribune*

The Motley County Chamber of Commerce has contacted Santa Claus and asked him to come to Matador and visit with all the good boys and girls. The Matador Fire Department has been pretty good so they get to pick Santa up and bring him to

Motley County Library at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 2, 2010.

Santa will not be the only excitement in town. The stores will be open and vendors will be setup on the sidewalks. Various businesses will have a senior citizens discount from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. At 5:00 p.m. everyone is invited to join

in the fun and shop all the specials in town. Shoppers can sign up for various door prizes.

There will be a book sale at the library; Jaybirds Kitchen and Main Street Café will be open and will have specials.

Everyone is invited to this annual event. Contact Shane Jones at 806-347-2820 for vendor information.

# Foothill Country

## Connections

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



By Larry Vogt

together. The Puritans being who they were, it is probably a stretch of the imagination to see them as celebrating.

My favorite painting is the Norman Rockwell painting called "Freedom from Want," and was painted in 1943 as part of a series of paintings inspired by a speech by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. In the painting, the food looks good, the table setting is very familiar, the folks look happy, and we, the viewers, are included in the festivities by the depiction of the gentleman in the lower right hand corner who is looking back at us as if in a snapshot from a Kodak box camera.

On behalf of the staff at the Tribune, I wish you and your families a Happy Thanksgiving and hope your family fellowship is joyous and fulfilling.

Our present day celebration of Thanksgiving has evolved from celebrations concerning the gratitude to God and the Native Americans for survival skills and the means to survive the coming harsh winter.

Most of the depictions in our schoolbooks and popular paintings seem quite idealized and show Natives and English settlers socializing and eating

# WRITING COMMUNITY

## Childhood Memories of World War II

By Monta Marshall

Continued from last week

We wanted to do all we could to help win the war even though we were small children. So you see, children were busy and they learned to give up things they wanted to help others which of course helped keep them safe too.

There were other stamps that were important; these were the ration stamps. Because so much of our produced goods went to feeding and clothing the armed forces, fueling their vehicles and making ammunition, a person was allowed an allotment of goods. The stamps enabled a family to purchase things that were rationed like sugar, meat, butter, gasoline, leather goods, rubber and other necessary things needed to keep the folks that were not in the war fed and clothed.

For instance, when it was time to get school shoes, a ration stamp for leather was needed. One pair of shoes usually lasted a year. Kids went barefooted all summer and shoes that weren't worn out were passed to someone in the family younger than you. If you had change coming back from your stamp, a thin blue or red pressed cardboard token was given. Since metals were so needed, the tokens were given for change. They also represented the portion allotment of a particular ration stamp that was not used for that product. Grownups needed more stamps to purchase their shoes be-

cause they were bigger and took more leather to make.

There weren't many sports shows then and most had already seen better days! What we had were rubber soled 'PF Fliers' that were a sneaker or a high topped shoe for playing sports. Athletic shoes were really special because rubber was scarce since most of the rubber trees were grown in countries that belonged to our enemies or had been captured by our enemies.

The war affected style and fashion. A victory bob was a popular haircut for women and girls. The hair was cut short and shingled in the back. The style made it easier to care for and left more time to spend helping the war effort. Our little neighbor girl had long Shirley Temple ringlets. She gave herself a victory bob and cut off most of her pretty hair except for one long curl in the back! Silk stockings were almost non-existent; silk was used to make parachutes. Like rubber, most silk came from countries that were our enemies. Cotton and wool were used to make clothing and blankets for our servicemen.

During the war synthetic rayon and nylon were invented as alternative fabrics. Women went barelegged and a leg 'make-up' was used to appear like hose for special occasions. Women began to wear slacks because slacks were more practical for working in factories. The

war changed many customs, taboos and fashions forever. Making do or doing without was common. Women learned to substitute one thing for another to prepare meals for their families with less sugar, less shortening and fewer eggs and meat.

We stayed at home. All school activities were fitted into the regular school hours so that extra gas could be used and saved for more important travel. All children rode the school bus or walked to school. Wear and tear on vehicles and fuel rationing limited our lives drastically.

I don't remember anyone in our community that bought a new car during the war years. If one had the money, the waiting list for obtaining a car was long and it might be over a year or more before your name came up to allow a new car purchase. It was not "the patriotic thing to do" unless a new vehicle was an absolute necessity. Even after the war, the waiting list was long for cars and trucks; lumber, steel fencing, furniture, appliances and other needed goods were still scarce. By that time much of what we had was used up or worn out.

Living during those times made us appreciative of the things we had. It was certainly a time of all of America pulling together to support a common cause, our freedom!

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## The Butterfield Escape

By Marisue Potts

That A. E. Butterfield, Jr., grandfather of Grace Tilson and Eugenia Bethard, was a missionary to the Comanches during the early reservation years, is widely known. What is less known is that Butterfield's father, A. E., Sr., along with a soldier, were captured by Quanah's band near Tahlequah, Oklahoma, shortly after the close of the Civil War. According to Bill Neeley in Quanah Parker and His People, the white men expected to suffer a slow, painful death at the hands of Comanche torture. To their surprise, Quanah informed the prisoners that only an attempt to escape would bring them harm.

Ben Moore told it this way in 7 Years with the Wild Indians:

"Butterfield wisely feigned perfect contentment, but after a few days his companion begged to be released, whereupon a proposition was made

by the Indians in that they were to form a double line of warriors, one hundred yards in length, one warrior standing every ten feet with bow and only one arrow each. The victim was to be set free provided he emerged alive at the lower end of the gauntlet. Needless to say, he did not return to Texas."

Six months passed, Neeley writes, and Butterfield remained in Quanah's constantly migrating camp. He was surprised that one of the Eagle's wives offered him a plan of escape. The plan called for the captive to feign enjoyment of deer hunts, while getting "lost," only to show great excitement upon returning to camp. Each time Butterfield was supposed to stay out longer before joyously returning to camp. Finally, after his longest period of being "lost," Butterfield reached the safety of family and friends.

## MCSC Serves Record Crowd at Pre-Thanksgiving Fundraiser

By Carol Campbell  
Motley County Tribune

The Motley County Site Committee (MCSC) served a record crowd of 139 residents and guests on Sunday, November 21, 2010, netting \$2,151.00 to benefit the center.

The Senior Citizens lunch program is a non-profit entity, furnishing thousands of meals to seniors each year, including a home delivery program for the disabled residents of the county. One hot meal a day is the goal of the program, said Tommye Keith, director of the program for the past 10 years. The center also provides space to other non-profits, like the Motley County Arts and Crafts Club monthly meeting. In addition, they rent the space to families for reunions, the American Legion, and other clubs or individuals in the community, Keith said.

"This is the best fundraiser

we have ever had for the center," she said. "The Site Committee is the most dedicated, terrific bunch of people I have ever known. They donate time, turkeys, dressing, and the trimmings for this annual fundraiser. We couldn't operate the program without them."

This is a mutual admiration society - Elaine Hart, president of the Site Committee said Tommye Keith is the backbone of the center. "She keeps us all focused in the right direction," she said, adding, "It takes so much coordination to organize this fundraiser. Tommye Keith is 100 percent for the program."

In addition to Elaine Hart, president of the MCSC, other members are: Arlyce Manney, Pat Warren, Glenda Williams, Janie Campbell, Judy Renfro, Ray Baxter, and Raynita Murphy.

## Sheriff named to museum and history committee

Sheriff Chris Spence was recently named to serve on the Museum and History Committee of the Sheriff's Association of Texas for 2010-2011.

He will serve with nine other sheriffs in the state who will meet to help preserve the history of the Sheriffs of Texas. The committee will receive memorabilia which will be housed temporarily in the headquarters office in Austin, Texas.

"As President of the Sheriff's Association of Texas, it is my privilege to appoint you to serve

on the Museum and History committee," Steve Westbrook, Executive Director said.

"It is an honor to serve on this statewide committee," Spence said. "It is my understanding that I will be involved in deciding what goes in the museum of the Sheriff's Association of Texas."

Other county sheriffs named to serve on this committee are from counties throughout the state consisting of Hopkins, Hamilton, Bexar, Chambers, Hill, Gonzales, Burnet, and

### Thank you

for all the prayers, cards, visits, flowers, and good wishes I have received since my illness and surgery. I am at home now and doing well. I will always remember each of you for your kind deeds. May God bless you.

Mary Jones

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# Santa Claus is coming to Roaring Springs

## My Favorite Recipes by Carol Campbell

The following recipe has been in the Estes family for years. No one remembers where it came from, but all my aunts and my mother have made this cake for Christmas, using the same recipe, but they all taste different. Aunt Winifred uses walnuts and pecans; Cretia just uses pecans; and Aunt Opal's family didn't like dates, so she omitted them.

My sister Charlotte and I used to fight over who was going to get the first slice of fruit cake each year; mom would send us home after the holidays with about 1/4-size piece of cake each. One day, Charlotte called and asked me if I had any fruit cake left. Yes, I reluctantly told her. "Put the coffee on, I'll be over," she said. We topped off my cake, and sadly, I knew it would be next year before another. Later in the week I dropped in on my sister unannounced, and 'lo and

behold, there she was sipping tea and eating Chinese Fruit Cake! She had a red face, and I made her share her last bite of fruit cake with me. It is the only fruit cake I have ever eaten.

### Chinese Fruit Cake

- 4 eggs, beaten
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup flour
- 2 tsp. baking powder
- 1 box dates (about 1 cup)
- 1 lb. candied pineapple
- 1 lb. candied cherries
- 8 cups pecans (or mixed nuts, if desired)
- 1 cup flour for fruit

Chop fruits with kitchen scissors; add nuts and mix with one cup flour. Mix first 4 ingredients, pour over the fruit and mix well. Press into tube pan. Bake in slow oven about 325 degrees for one hour or more.

This recipe is from Laverne Price Johnston's collection. Her daughter, Linda Kay Rattan Bailey shared it with me.

### Linda Kay's 24-hour Fruit Salad

In large bowl, add:  
1 large can fruit salad, drained  
1 large can pineapple chunks, drained (reserve for sauce)

- 1 large jar cherries, drained
- 1 package small marshmallows
- Add 3 or 4 bananas
- 1 cup whip cream
- Cook until thickened:**
- 3/4 cup pineapple juice
- Juice of 1 lemon
- 2 beaten eggs
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 Tbls. Flour

Pour over fruit  
chill for 24 hours.

## My Favorite Recipes by Jennifer Lawler

### Grandmother's Cheesecake

Preheat oven to 400 degrees  
Room soften 8 oz cream cheese

Butter 8-9" sq pan

1 cup crushed graham crackers  
Add 1/4 cup butter and 1 tsp sugar  
Press into pan and bake 10 minutes

Blend softened cream cheese  
Add 1/2 cup sugar

1 egg  
1/2 c canned milk (or 1/4 c milk and 1/4 c cream)  
1 tsp vanilla

Pour on crust and bake at 325 for 40 min  
Let cool, blend 1/2 pt sour cream, 1 T sugar, 1 tsp vanilla  
Spread on cake and bake 5 min at 450

## My Favorite Recipes by Laverne Zabielski

### Grandmother's Sugar Cookies

- 3/4 c sugar
- 2/3 c veg oil
- 2 tsp vanilla
- 1 tsp grated lemon peel
- 1/4 tsp lemon extract
- 2 eggs
- 2 c unbleached flour
- 1 tsp baking powder

Mix wet ingredients. Add dry. Drop heaping tsp of batter on ungreased cookie sheet. Flatten with buttered bottom of small glass dipped in sugar. Bake 400 degrees 8-10 min ("Watch 'em so they don't burn.")

### Lou's Coconut Brownie Mix

- 1/3 c chopped walnuts
- 1/2 c chocolate chips
- 1/3 c coconut
- 2/3 c brown sugar
- 3/4 c sugar
- 1/3 c baking cocoa
- 1 1/2 c flour

Layer ingredients in a wide-mouthed, one-quart canning jar. Pack each layer down as tightly as possible before adding the next layer  
add mix to 2 eggs, 2/3 c oil, 1 t vanilla. Blend well. Spread in greased 8" baking dish. Bake at 350' for 30 min.

## Let's get cookin'

Email, mail or drop off your favorite holiday recipes by December 17th for the Christmas Edition

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## Santa Claus is coming to Roaring Springs

November 26th from 5pm to 8:30pm  
Enjoy Stew or Chili at the Windmill

Christmas music on the sidewalk  
Arts and Crafts Sales

Free train rides  
for the children  
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at the  
Windmill  
at 7:30



## Graham Supply

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# Notes from the Library

By Mary Ann Potts

Happy Thanksgiving Everyone! What a great time of year, with the weather getting colder, to gather with family and friends and just enjoy each other's company and eat a lot of turkey. But once everything dies down to a low roar, it's time to put your feet up and sink into a good book. And the library can certainly help you choose from a wide variety of books. We have 6 new arrivals this week starting with Louis L'Amour's **The High Graders**, where a small ranching community has turned into a booming mining town and the peaceful days are long gone. If you want a more modern detective tale, then try **Hollywood Hills** by Joseph Wambaugh. Wambaugh, a former LAPD detective, pens a story right up his alley, with high end thievery and Walk of Fame clientele. But if you're a true James Patterson fan then you'll need to check out **Cross Fire**. Detective Alex Cross is back and getting married?! And if you only like Texas based mysteries then Nevada Barr is the one for you with **Borderline**. There is more intrigue on a Big Bend rafting trip than just the rap-

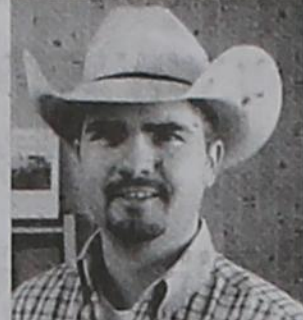
ids. For the true classic enthusiast there's the prequel to **Gone with the Wind**. Meet Rhett Butler as a boy and the people who shaped him for Scarlet, in **Rhett Butler's People** by Donald McCaig. However, if you're more of a serious reader then consider **America By Heart: Reflections on Family, Faith, and Flag** by Sarah Palin. The title alone tells exactly what the book is about.

If you'd rather just sit back and enjoy a movie we have 3 new DVDs on the shelf. For our grown up audience there's **Eagle Eye** with Shia LaBeouf and Michelle Monaghan, and **Walk the Line** with Joaquin Phoenix and Reese Witherspoon. And for the kids, they'll love watching **Thomas' Snowy Surprise**. And don't forget the popcorn!

Mark your calendars Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>! The Friends of the Library will have their Annual Book Sale in the Library Annex during Late Night Shopping and will also have a silent auction for a Computer and TV/VCR. Hey kids! Santa is scheduled to make a stop at the library too so get your lists ready.

# County Agent's News

by Ryan Martin, Agri LIFE EXTENSION Agent



## Top Cooks Named in 4-H Food Show

Vernon - 195 boys and girls from 24 counties exhibited their nutritional knowledge and cooking skills at the Rolling Plains District 4-H Food Show here Saturday (November 13) at the Wilbarger Auditorium. Four seniors will advance to the state competition in June 2011. Each received a special award and ribbon in addition to advancing to the State Contest. Second place senior winners will participate in the State event if the first place winners can't take part. Intermediate and Junior Division winners also received special awards and ribbons but do not compete beyond the District level.

Motley 4-H Club members that placed include: Caitlin Seigrist - 1<sup>st</sup> place Junior Bread and Cereal, Cassidy Turner - 4<sup>th</sup> Place Intermediate Main Dish, Chloe Gleghorn - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Intermediate Bread and Cereal, Kaylee Woolsey - 5<sup>th</sup> Place Intermediate Nutritious Snacks, Mattie Brooks - 4<sup>th</sup> Place Intermediate Desserts, Danielle Gwinn - 5<sup>th</sup> Place Senior Fruits and Vegetables. Tatum Guerrero, Carley Turner, Autumn Perryman, Seth Baxter, Brendan Fisk and Sage Guerrero were

also recognized for preparing an exhibit related to the foods and nutrition project.

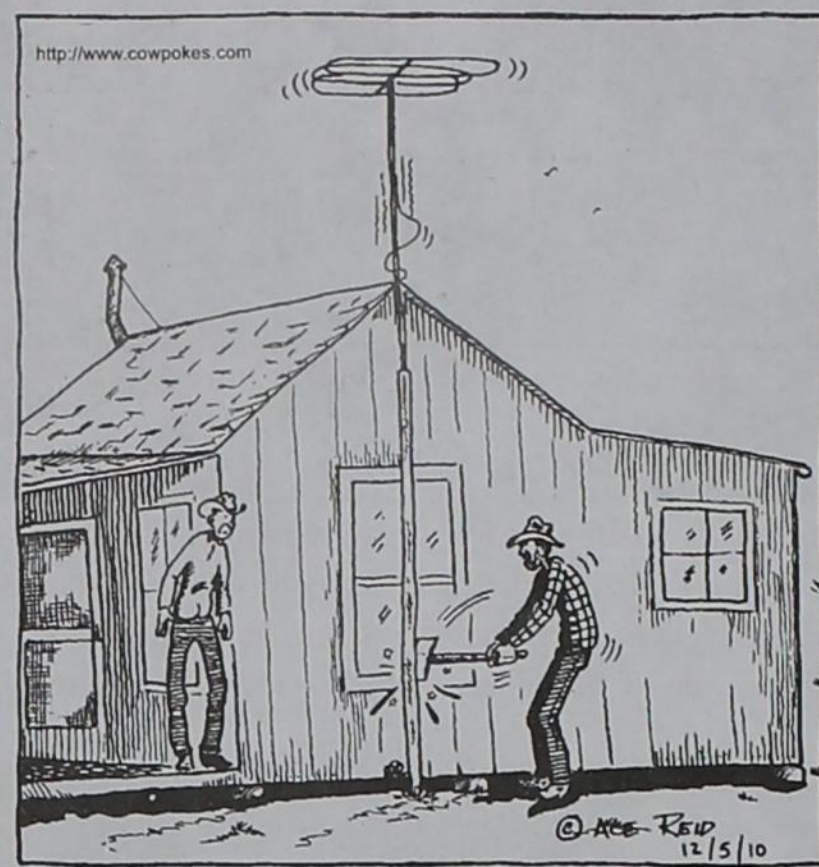
Each contestant had earned championships in their county to advance to the day-long competition at the District meet. The dishes were judged by panels of professional home economists and 4-H leaders. Contestants were quizzed on nutritional values, preparation methods and costs of preparation.

Two invitational features were special Food and Nutrition exhibits prepared by some of the 4-H members from the Rolling Plains as well as news releases specially prepared by various 4-H members in the district.

This show is one aspect of the year-round foods and nutrition project in 4-H, explained Kelli Lehman, Extension Program Specialist 4-H & Youth, with Texas AgriLife Extension Service. 4-H is the youth development program of Texas AgriLife Extension Service, a part of the Texas A&M System.

She said the project helps youth learn the relationship between science, foods and nutrition, and food preparation, as well as food buying, managing time, use of energy, and food storage and safety.

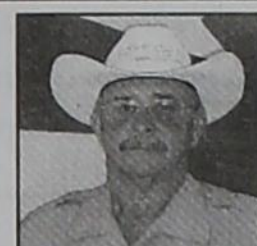
## COWPOKES® By Ace Reid



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## Sheriff's Desk by Chris Spence

As the holidays approach, please keep in mind if you see anything suspicious do not hesitate to call the Sheriff's Office.

The Sheriff's Office will be out patrolling for possible persons that are drinking and driving, and other violations

to make this holiday safe for everyone.

The Sheriff's Office would like to wish all the citizens of Motley County a Happy and Safe Thanksgiving. Phone numbers are: Chief Deputy Ware 806-269-3588; Sheriff Spence 806-269-3577 or 911.

## FSA News

By Amy Hackler

Texas is a storage deficit area for the 2010 cotton crop marketing year.

The CCC acknowledges areas as storage deficit if cotton production is more than the approved inside storage capacity of the warehouse that entered into a Cotton Storage Agreement with the CCC.

Warehouse operators in storage deficit areas may apply to CCC for approval to store cotton outside if the cotton is pledged as collateral for a CCC loan. Once approved, specific storage and reporting requirements will apply.

The ability to store cotton outside only applies to bales pledged as collateral for a marketing assistance loan (MAL) with CCC. Standard rules and regulations apply to CCC-owned cotton and cotton that is not pledged as CCC loan collateral.

For more information contact the Motley County FSA office at 806 347-2671.

USDA has started issuing an estimated \$420 million in 2009 crop Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) payments to producers enrolled in the ACRE program for wheat, corn, barley, dry peas, grain sorghum, lentils, oats, peanuts, soybeans, and upland cotton.

Congress established ACRE as part of the 2008 Farm Bill to protect producers from farm market revenue declines. A list of state payment rates for the 2009 crops of barley, corn, dry peas, lentils, oats, peanuts, grain sorghum, soybeans, upland cotton and wheat is available at <http://go.usa.gov/CCS>.

These payments are an important part of the farm safety net because they help protect the farmers who provide America and the world with a reliable source of food and commodities by buffering them from the effects of revenue declines.

In order for producers to receive ACRE payments, revenue triggers for a commodity must be met on both a state and farm basis. The Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (2008 Farm Bill) requires 2009 ACRE payments to be made following the end of the marketing year, but no earlier than Oct. 1, 2010. Of the \$420 million in payments, about 70 percent are expected to be issued to wheat producers and 23 percent to corn producers. Nearly 80 percent of the payments are expected to be issued to producers in Oklahoma, Washington, Illinois, South Dakota, Idaho and North Dakota.

As of Nov. 17, Texas FSA has processed more than 99 percent of ACRE payments totaling \$4.6 million. Producers enrolled in ACRE can expect to receive a payment soon.

State payment rates for other commodities will be determined after the 2009-2010 marketing year average price is published by the National Agricultural Statistical Service. The scheduled publishing dates for the 2009-2010 marketing year average prices are as follows: Large chickpeas, small chickpeas, sunflower seed, canola, flaxseed, mustard seed, rapeseed, safflower, crambe and sesame seed - Nov. 30, 2010.

Long grain rice and medium and short grain rice - Jan. 31, 2011.

For more information on the ACRE program visit your local FSA office or the website at [www.fsa.usda.gov/tx](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/tx).

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Motley 4-H Club Food & Nutrition District Participants (back row L to R: Emma Hackler, Danielle Gwinn, Emma Cagle, Lexi Osborn, Jaci Zingerman, Caitlin Seigrist. Front row L to R: Dode Gleghorn, Chloe Gleghorn, Kaylee Woolsey, Cassidy Turner, Mattie Brooks and Dereck Fisk. (not pictured are: Tatum Guerrero, Carley Turner, Autumn Perryman, Seth Baxter, Brendan Fisk and Sage Guerrero)

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Pictured (L to R) Cassidy Turner, Emma Cruse, Carley Turner, and D'Anna Russell. D'Anna of 4R Trinkets makes custom-styled jewelry, including necklaces and pins. She also has a line of handbags. photo by Carol Campbell

## MC Arts and Crafts Club hosts annual Fall Bazaar

By Carol Campbell  
Motley County Tribune

The annual Fall Bazaar by the Motley County Arts and Craft Club hosted eight guest vendors; while members displayed their wares from art classes past, including decorative bottles by Joy Archer; a Winifred Lee painted pumpkin donated by Evelyn Smallwood; spiced tea mix by Jane Neal; Loretta Thompson fire starters; and crocheted collars and ornaments by Linda Ruhl.

Candy by Ray Baxter included peanut butter and chocolate candy swirls, peanut brittle, and other goodies in Christmas hot chocolate cups and decorative serving platters, ranging in price from \$4- to \$7.00. She also baked strawberry and pound cakes and zucchini and banana nut bread.

Cakes by Winifred Darsey included a Chocolate Pound Cake, 3-flavor pound cake, Royal Chocolate Cake, and a pineapple pie. Marilou Grundy out-baked herself with a

German Chocolate cake, Italian Cream, Carrot Cake, a chocolate sheet cake and several sour cream cakes. Food items were a big hit, and guests browsed the tables, helping themselves to hot coffee and cookies.

Guest vendors included Jesse Turner and Selma Buske with hand-shelled pecans for \$7.50 a bag, just in time for that pecan pie for Thanksgiving. Jesse has four paper-shell pecan trees, loaded with nuts this year, he said. A table with 4R Trinkets by D'Anna Russell displayed a large variety of jewelry, a stocking-stuffer selection just in time for Christmas. Cassidy Turner helped showcase beautiful stained-glass hangings, crafted by Nova Dale Turner's niece, Gina Grimsley, Abernathy.

Tommy Russell, Amarillo, displayed custom-made knives, ranging in price from \$100- to \$150.00. The handles of the knives were made from burnished deer antlers, cow shin bone dyed green, and other materials. The blades are made from Damascus steel. The blades had patterns of swirls made by high heat while combining two dissimilar kinds of metal. The effect is beautiful, making these knives truly one-of-a-kind. Tommy recently donated a knife to Senior Citizens as a fundraiser. The drawing for a fancy Damascus hunting knife will be held on December 17. Tickets can still be purchased at the Senior Citizens building.

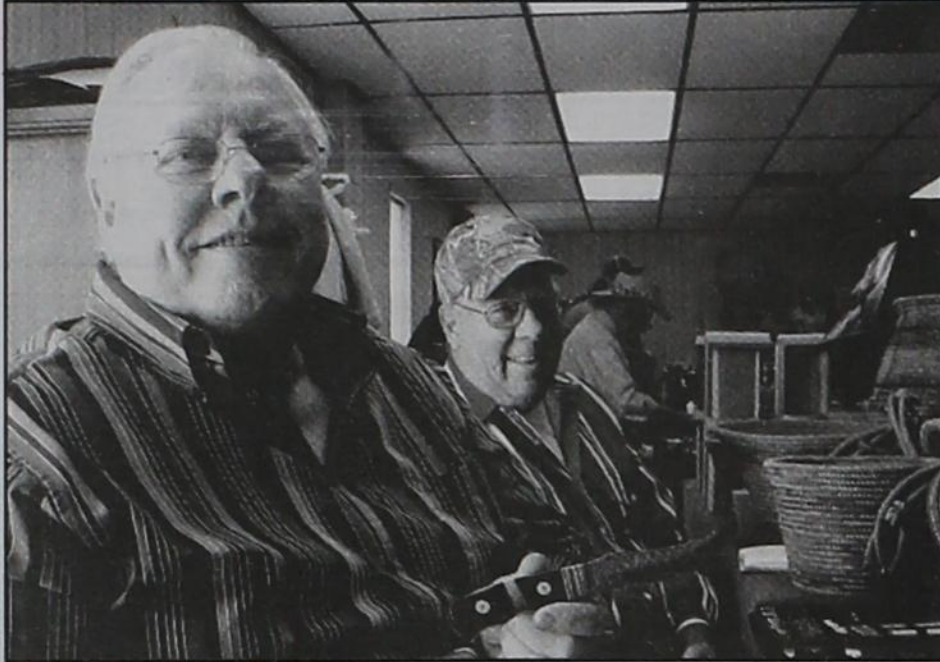
Jim Roberts displayed a unique art form of rope baskets made from coiling the rope then using a souder iron to melt the rope for a sturdy construction. Jim has cleverly installed a time-piece on the top of the lid of each basket. "I started this as a hobby about 10 years ago," Roberts said. The baskets sell for \$20- to \$35.00. He also displayed a custom-made lamp featuring a coiled rope base.

Edmond Hunter, Roaring Springs, displayed his trademark bird houses made of cedar. This year he expanded his design with double-decker bird houses, sporting four entrances. The large bird houses sell for \$40.00, and the smaller one-entrance bird house sells for \$15- to \$20.00. Edmond is a retired contractor, and when he quit building houses for people, he decided to start a hobby of building bird houses. He customizes the houses by adding emblems, like the double T (Texas Tech), Oklahoma University (OU); and Texas Longhorns. His best seller is a house with a cutout of the state of Texas as the opening.

Harold Temple, Plainview, set up shop to sell his trademark "Lone Star Cut" rings and pendants. These beautiful stones attached to necklaces or inlaid in gold bands are cut from blue insulator glass. On close examination, a dime-size stone reveals a perfect faceted star in the center, hence, Lone Star cut. After a 32-year career teaching chemistry at Wayland College, Temple's passion is now handmade jewelry.

Bruce and Patti Williams, Lubbock, set up a table loaded with leather work from cell phone holders, wallets, check holders, and money clips to spurs and bridles. "I have been involved in leather work all my life," Williams said. "Everything we make is handmade, nothing from a kit."

According to Arts and Crafts president Nova Dale Turner, the bazaar was a real success. "We had a really good crowd in the morning," she said. "I would like to thank the public for supporting our craft show," she added.



Pictured is Tommy Russell showing his custom-made hunting knives; and Jim Roberts, Matador, who makes decorative rope baskets. photo by Carol Campbell



Don Baxter, along with the rest of the school board, presents the regional championship trophy to the Motley County Matadors. photo by Charli Bigham

## TxDOT makes changes to mowing policy continued from page one

highways look good but also reduces the cost of maintenance and labor by encouraging the growth of native species that need less mowing and care.

TxDOT's goal is to reduce undesirable vegetation such as Johnson grass, careless weed, Kochia weeds, silver leaf night shade and rag weed, just to name a few species. TxDOT uses specific herbicides that target these undesirable species while maintaining desired species, such as blue grama, buffalo grass, sideoats grama, and bluestems. Herbicides also aid in regulating vegetation growth, enabling TxDOT to limit the number of mowing cycles. "Our maintenance sections are implementing aggressive herbicide programs in their respective counties to reduce the amount of undesired vegetation along the right of way, especially at intersections and median turn-arounds," Lankford said. "A herbicide program offers several benefits.

First, it reduces the need to frequently mow fast-growing weeds that obstruct motorists' view.

Secondly, it allows the natural grasses to flourish; improving driver visibility and enhancing the natural landscape."

In addition to the herbicide program, TxDOT will continue to mow at a seven inch height cut to maintain the health of the grass. Mowing at seven inches helps plants store energy in the roots, allowing grass to grow and choke out undesired vegetation.

Citizens are asked to continue to contact their local TxDOT maintenance section to report areas with visibility or safety issues along the right of way.

For more information contact Barbara Seal, Public Information Officer at (940) 937-7288.

TxDOT's five goals: reduce congestion • enhance safety • expand economic opportunity • improve air quality • in-

## Museum Receives Two Important Research Books continued from page one

ley County for which there is very little information, but there are other wells for which there is complete information. He also noted that since the documents are Public Record and none are under copyright restrictions, they are available for copying. Mr. Musser has also provided similar information for the counties of Briscoe, Floyd, Hale, Hall and Swisher.

A fountain of information about all of these counties, Mr. Musser reads all the area newspapers and remembers

family lineages and connections as a handy tool in his oil and gas research.

The Motley County Museum is proud to add these extraordinary works to its collection. They may be viewed on Wednesday afternoons when Barbara Armstrong is in town or on Saturday afternoon when Neal Potts is manning the museum. Appointments may be made at other times by calling Mrs. Armstrong at 806 347-2424 or Marisue Potts at 806 269-1098.

### NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF MOTLEY §

By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 110<sup>TH</sup> Judicial District Court of Motley County, on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2010, by the Clerk thereof, in the case(s) styled as follows:

Cause No.	Styling	Legal Description
669-TS	Motley County, et ux vs. Dale Arthur	1. Lot One-Hundred (100), Country Lake Estates subdivision, a replat of Springs Ranch Estates I, Motley County, Texas
672-TS	Motley County, et ux vs. James Roy McCoy, Jr., Deceased, Unknown Heirs of	2. Lots 11, 12, 13, Block 10, Original Town Addition to the Town of Roaring Springs, Motley County, Texas. 3. Lots 11 Thru 20 Block 9, Original Town Addition to the Town of Roaring Springs, Motley County, Texas.
686-TS	Motley County, et ux vs. Jennifer Bolden, Ind/Heir George L. Lewis, Deceased	4. Lots Five thru Seven (5-7), Block Eighty-one (81) of the Original Town Addition to the City of Matador, Motley County, Texas.
696-TS	Motley County, et ux vs. Eastside Community Action Center	5. Lots twenty-three (23) through thirty-two (32), Block fifty-seven (57) Original Town Addition to the City of Matador, Motley County, Texas
703-TS	Motley County, et ux vs. Billy Shawn Elliott, et ux	6. Lots Seventeen (17), Eighteen (18), Nineteen (19), Twenty (20), Twenty-one (21) and Twenty-two (22), Block Fifty-one (51), Original Town Addition to the City of Matador, Motley County, Texas.
704-TS	Motley County vs. Brenda Pruitt, Ind/Heir of Fred Pruitt, Deceased, et al	7. Lots Twenty-five (25), Twenty-six (26), Twenty-nine (29), Thirty (30), Thirty-one (31), Thirty-two (32), Block Seventy-four (74), Original Town Addition to the City of Matador, Motley County, Texas.
705-TS	Motley County, et ux, vs. Jessie T. Sims, Ind/Heir of Willie Smith, Deceased, et al	8. Lots Eleven (11), Thirteen (13), Fourteen (14) and Sixteen (16), Block Fifty-eight (58), Original Town Addition to the City of Matador, Motley County, Texas.

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This 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2010  
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Clerk of District Court Motley County, Texas  
By Katie Hurt Deputy

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# Motley County Matadors win Regional 2010 Championship



Back row left to right: Korbyn Simpson, Coach Richards, Stats Chuck Ream, Britt Simpson, Coby Cochran, Juan Flores, Austin Taylor, Dayne Bulter, Christian Brooks, Schlyar Tomlinson, Colby McCleskey, Jamie Jameson, Andrew Martin, Braden Bigham and Coach Mike Bigham. Front Row: Marcus Ortíz, Tate Richards, Jeffery Reyes, Braden Mason, Mark Quintero, Jonathon Osborn, Augustine Chavez, Conner Mason, Reagan Elliott, Jacob Woolsey and Bryant Taylor. photo by Charli Bigham



Leading the annual school-sponsored Veteran's Day program were students (L to R): Dayne Butler, Leanne Jameson, Hailey Blanco, Colby McCleskey, Sabra Pope, Braden Mason, Britt Simpson, Lexi Osborn, and Coby Cochran photo by Carol Campbell.



"American Tears," a medley featuring (L to R) Dode Gleghorn, Lauryn Bohn, Chloe Gleghorn, Carley Turner, and soloist Mikenna Ford, were led by Sarah Fowler, choir and English teacher; pre-kindergarten through 5th grade sang the chorus of the medley. photo by Carol Campbell.



The Motley County FFA Leadership Teams competed at the District Contest held at Valley High School on Monday November 8th. Competing in Greenhand Creed Speaking were Conner Mason and Coby Cochran. In Greenhand Quiz were Jacob Woolsey, Jamie Jameson, and Parker Meredith. Competing in Sr. Chapter Conducting were team members Austin Taylor, Jaci Zingerman, Sabra Pope, Britt Simpson, Juan Flores, Dominique Quilimaco, and Aaron Woodruff. The Public Relations team was composed of Jonathan Osborn, Lexi Osborn, Braden Mason, and Christian Brooks. Keyan Kautz competed in the Job Interview contest. Pictured (Front row, L-R) Jacob Woolsey, Aaron Woodruff, Lexi Osborn, Sabra Pope, Dominique Quilimaco (Middle) Jonathan Osborn, Braden Mason, Juan Flores, Jamie Jameson, Britt Simpson, Conner Mason, Keyan Kautz, (Back) Parker Meredith, Coby Cochran, Christian Brooks, Austin Taylor, Jaci Zingerman.

## The Great Mouse Trap Car Race



The Physics class participated in the Motley County version of the Great Mouse Trap Car Race on Tuesday, November 23. The participants were given a mouse trap and the rules by their physics teacher, Mrs. Gillespie. The basic criteria were that the only propulsion was the spring of the mouse trap and the entire "vehicle" had to travel as a whole unit. The students started with 110 points. Points were deducted for failure to travel the given distance, failure to follow proper procedures, and failure to properly calculate velocity. Points were awarded for project design, explanation of the spring's impact, and relating the vehicle to Newton's Laws of Motion. The project was the culmination of the study of the Laws of Motion, momentum, acceleration, and velocity. Each student designed their own vehicle. While there was lots of laughter during the competition, the students did apply the knowledge appropriately, thus showing their teacher that they did understand what they had been learning for the past several weeks. Way to go Physics Class!!!

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# The Enigma of Ridge Greathouse

By Marisue Potts Powell

Months ago I met Wynelle Wagon at Hotel Matador, and she asked if I'd give a talk to the Lubbock chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy on one of Motley County's Confederate veterans, Ridge Greathouse. On November 8, 2010, I shared this "stranger than fiction" tale with some 22 Daughters at the Garden and Arts Center in Lubbock.

Recently I went to East Mound Cemetery, a few miles outside of Matador, searching for a grave. I entered the archway or lichen gate, and there, in the old part, I began finding the iron crosses that mark the graves of Confederate veterans, nearly fifty recorded in the county. A few rows over I found what I was looking for, an iron cross with the letters CSA and a homemade cement slab with these words crudely scratched on the surface: UNCLE RIDGE GREATHOUSE.

I had feared his grave was lost because a letter from P. A. Cribbs written in 1925 to the Confederated Southern Memorial Association pointed out that Ridge Greathouse was buried around 1905 by Matador Ranch cowboys in a pauper's grave without a stone or marker of any kind. However, at some point in time, someone thought enough of him to record the repose of his last remains.

Who you ask was Uncle Ridge Greathouse and why do I think his remains warrant any kind of recognition? Truly, his later years were not his best ones. As a silver-haired old man, taunted by the name of Old Skunk Skinner, he roamed the vast Matador Land & Cattle Company poisoning prairie dogs and skinning varmints for their pelts.

Often he camped near the Matador chuckwagon for a little company, a hot meal, and the entrails and hide left as the cook butchered a beef to feed the hungry cowboys. Taking the entrails, he would then drag them behind his light spring wagon, pulled by a couple of Spanish mules, to entice Lobo wolves to his poisoned potion or steel traps. When the old skinner had a load, he'd trade the hides for a few meager supplies, some strychnine, and whiskey.

Cowboys, known for their mischievous tricks, would sometimes steal his supply of whiskey. Duff Green wrote of one occasion when Ridge laid aside his book of poetry, pointed his gun in the air and said, "If the gentleman who stole my whiskey will step out and make acknowledgment of the fact, I will fill him so full of lead, he won't be able to walk up the hill." Then he turned to his reading again.

A man of learning, he favored Shakespeare or Homer's Iliad. Yet he dressed in tattered, smelly, greasy clothes and took a bath in even the rawest weather, often chopping a hole in the ice and skinny-dipping for his daily cleansing. Living in the open, mostly alone, his loneliness was punctuated only by the presence of an orphan boy he picked up. Later Billy Partlow was sent to school by the manager of the Pitchfork

Ranch and became known as the Pitchfork Kid, even after he went to work for the Matadors.

When we look at the elderly, do we have an inkling of the dreams they had, the adventures they lived, the challenges they faced, the disappointment that followed their choices?

Ridge Greathouse was an ambitious young man, born into a wealthy Kentucky family, the son of William and Jane Lewis Greathouse, around 1831 or 1833. Their family like many others, would become split down the middle over their loyalties to the North and the South. A cousin, Lucien Phillip Greathouse, was the youngest colonel in the Union Army, killed in the battle of Atlanta at age 22.

Long before hostilities broke out, Ridge and his brothers George and Henry were lured to California to the gold fields. They became involved in gold mining near Yreka, established a bank, and started a stage line from Shasta City to other towns in Northern California.

California was a mix of Southern and Northern sympathies and a great amount of intrigue was going on. Fights, duels, and murders took place over a matter of opinion stated on one side or the other. Within this context a group of Southern sympathizers began secret meetings to address how they might assist the Southern cause.

There Greathouse, by then a banker with connections in San Francisco, met Ashbury Harpending who laid out plans to redirect California gold to the cause of the Confederacy to buy much needed supplies and arms. Being a Southern gentleman, Harpending would not stoop to piracy, but took their plan to Jefferson Davis, president of the Confederacy by crossing not one, but two blockades. Davis conferred a naval commission on Harpending and sent papers to legitimize their endeavor according to the Southern thinking. However, when the time came to buy a fast sailing schooner, the Chapman, the bank draft offered by a Southern sympathizer and Englishman, Alfred Rubery, failed to clear. So Greathouse ended up financing the whole scheme, ultimately to the tune of \$75,000 (according to Cribbs). Harpending later described Greathouse as a man of unusual courage and determination.

The three, Greathouse, Harpending, and Rubery, proposed to sail the schooner to Manzanillo, Mexico, and outfit it into a fighting craft to waylay the Pacific Mail steamers. They bought an assortment of military supplies, small arms, rifles, revolvers, and cutlasses, and then employed seamen. What was missing was a navigator. After all, Southern gentlemen had few opportunities to learn about sailing. A navigator was found in William Law, but his loyalty was questionable from the start.

When it was time to sail

on the evening of March 14, 1863, Law did not appear. Determined to get underway the next morning, Seaman Libby attempted to hoist the sails, only to find they were facing the guns of the US Cyane in San Francisco Bay. As authorities boarded the Chapman, Harpending and Rubery attempted to destroy the incriminating papers but they were thwarted in their efforts.

Abstracts from the Sacramento Union newspaper of March 15, 1863, summarized the situation: "Schooner J. M. Chapman, fitted out for a piratical cruise in the Pacific, was seized at San Francisco by the Federal authorities. The ring leaders were imprisoned at Alcatraz and placed in irons, and the others were also detained on the island."

Greathouse, the capitalist, had more money at his disposal and posted bond, leaving his coconspirators in prison, a situation that did not go unnoticed. Harpending related that Greathouse visited him, Rubery, and Libby at the Old Broadway Jail where they'd been transferred. Greathouse was in great spirits, full of a good lunch, and allowed that their prospects weren't promising.

"I guess we'll all have to go to prison for a while, but I'll be able to buy my way out."

That statement prompted Libby, a Canadian, to turn state's evidence, a confession Harpending believed was brought on by Greathouse's foolish talk. The indictment that resulted, United States v. Greathouse et al, Oct. 17, 1863, alleged in substance: (1) The existence of a rebellion against the United States, their authority and laws; (2) That the defendants traitorously engaged in, and gave aid and comfort to, the same; (3) That in the execution of their treasonable purposes, they procured, fitted out and armed a vessel to cruise in the service of the rebellion, on the high seas, and commit hostilities against the citizens, property and vessels of the United States; and that vessel sailed on such a cruise.

Ridgley Greathouse, Asbury Harpending, and Alfred Rubery were convicted of treason. The trio was tried before a jury in the Federal District Court of the Northern District of California. Greathouse was released after a brief confinement and under the General Amnesty Act took the oath of allegiance. Rubery, being an Englishman with high connections, was granted a pardon by President Lincoln and shipped out to England.

According to Harpending, he alone was held because he had the commission in the Confederate Navy. Four months into the sentence the Judge ordered his release and remitted the \$10,000 fine under the same General Amnesty Act. He walked, a free man but a broke one. Friends of his, fearing the government reverse the decision, urged him to flee and he headed toward Santa Cruz, California, and ended up in a mine near Kernville. He later participated in and wrote the book, The Great Diamond Hoax.



P.A. Cribbs, first one on first row, wrote a letter to Confederated Southern Memorial Association in concern about the unmarked grave of Ridge Greathouse who was imprisoned for treason against the Northern States for his part in the Chapman affair in 1863 in San Francisco Bay. The other Confederate veterans of Camp Maxey chapter and wives include (first row) Cribbs, Mr. Hurst, W.B. Pipkin, Wiley Jones, \_\_\_\_\_, (second row) Mack Campbell, Math Patton, Mrs. Cribbs?, T.N. Cammack, Mr. Robertson, \_\_\_\_\_, H. H. Campbell, J.W. Hamilton, (third row) Mrs. Math Patton, Mr. Anderson, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Cammack, Mrs. Robertson, Mr. Johnson, Mrs. H.H. Campbell, Mrs. Bain, and Mrs. J.W. Hamilton.

Greathouse on the other hand, was re-arrested as a "dangerous criminal" and transported to Fort Lafayette, located on an island at New York City. A family account from Ted McMullen stated that Greathouse "escaped after killing a guard. His diary of the whole affair was published as it was received by the Sacramento Union, stimulating many letters to the editor."

Yet, another family account by John D. Greathouse offered a different story. "He escaped and swam two miles to shore. He went to Canada

and then on to Europe. Later he returned and joined his brother Henry in mining in Idaho."

The 1870 Census documents that Ridgely Greathouse, born about 1833 in Kentucky, was at that time 37 years old and living in Idaho City, Boise, Idaho Territory, with personal property valued at A\$17,000. He listed "banker" as his profession. His brother Henry ran a prosperous stage line.

Both Henry and Ridgely ended up in Texas, Henry as a banker, but Ridgely never

again acquired the wealth he had when he was mining at Yreka, California. In the 1900 Census R. Greathouse, then 68, was a boarder in the J. A. Franklin home. Commissioners Precinct 1, King County, Texas and he defiantly listed his occupation as "capitalist." Five years later he was in a pauper's grave on a lonely hill.

One hundred and five years after his death, The Daughters of the Confederacy have started a fund to help purchase a headstone for the enigmatic Ridge Greathouse, lest we forget his sacrifice and his life.

## Recycled Products Help Tx-DOT Reduce Waste, Cut Costs

Asphalt shingles and rubber tire scrap used in road building materials

AUSTIN - With an agency goal of improving air quality and a desire to reduce waste, cut costs and improve efficiency, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and their contractors have to get creative. The use of recycled or reclaimed materials, such as asphalt shingles or rubber tire scrap, in road building is one way to accomplish that goal.

Approximately 11 million tons of asphalt roofing shingle scrap is generated each year in the United States. TxDOT, contractors, manufacturers, roofers and builders collaborated in blending recycled asphalt shingles into asphalt pavement because of the large quantity of scrap material, rising petroleum prices and increased disposal costs.

"Using recycled asphalt shingles in hot mix asphalt has created a win-win solution between the asphalt paving industry, TxDOT and the environment," said Robert Lee, pavement construction engineer. "Not only are we saving money and stretching taxpayer dollars, using recycled asphalt shingles reduces carbon emis-

sions, decreases the energy it takes to produce hot mix asphalt and saves landfill space."

Cost savings for materials are also realized through the use of these recycled products. Five percent of recycled shingles added to hot mix asphalt results in a 20 percent cut back on liquid asphalt purchases.

The savings can really add up. Not just fiscally, but also in the consumption of landfill space. Placing a two-inch hot mix overlay with five percent recycled shingles on one mile of a two-lane road uses 80 tons of shingles and saves 40 cubic yards of landfill space. That's as many shingles as roofers would remove from 40 2000-square foot homes.

In the last 18 months, TxDOT has prequalified two dozen shingle processing operations to supply TxDOT projects. "It's taken a lot of hard work from multiple agencies, the recycling industry and the paving industry to get the process off the ground," Lee said. "We're finally starting to see the benefits of all our efforts."

TxDOT is committed to improving the environment, and

in 2009, the department was honored by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality with an Environmental Excellence Award for TxDOT's commitment to a cleaner future for Texas.

In fiscal year 2009, TxDOT used more than 2.8 million tons of reclaimed asphalt and the equivalent of about 780,000 tires of scrap rubber in highway projects throughout Texas.

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# Strengthening Social Security presented at Hackberry Town Hall Meeting

By Carla Meador  
Motley County Tribune

Representatives from Social Security and AARP were on hand last Tuesday evening, November 16, at Hackberry Creek Care Center to talk about Social Security and keeping it strong in America. The meeting, hosted by Hackberry, was well attended by area residents.

Speaking first was Mr. Eric Alfaro, an outreach and education specialist with the Social Security Administration in Lubbock. Mr. Alfaro gave the basics of Social Security and outlined the benefits available through the system. The Social Security Act was signed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt on August 14, 1935. Taxes were collected for the first time in January 1937 and the first one time, lump-sum payments were made that same month. Regular on-going monthly benefits started in January 1940.

Medicare was passed into law on July 30, 1965 but beneficiaries were first able to sign up for the program on July 1, 1966. Mr. Alfaro said Social Security was originally just a retirement program. A 1939 change in the law added survivors benefits and benefits for the retiree's spouse and children. In 1956 disability benefits were added. Social Security payroll taxes are collected under authority of the Federal Insurance Contributions Act (FICA). The payroll taxes are sometimes even called "FICA taxes."

Mr. Alfaro explained the significance to the number assigned in the Social Security number. The first three digits are assigned by the geographical region in which the person was residing at the time he/she obtained a number. The remaining six digits in the number are more or less randomly assigned and were organized to facilitate the early manual bookkeeping operations associated with the creation of Social Security in the 1930s. Mr. Alfaro said that from 1937 (when taxes were first collected) through 2009 the Social Security program received \$13.8 trillion in income.

Mr. Alfaro explained that Social Security Benefits can be applied for online at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov). He said that one can apply for Social Security retirement/spouses benefits, disability, help with Medicare prescription drug costs. One can estimate their future benefits such as a personalized retirement benefit estimate. A benefit planner can be used to calculate one's retirement, disability and survivors benefits. A Social Security Statement can be requested at [www.socialsecurity.gov/statement](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/statement).

Mr. Alfaro answered many questions on Social Security benefits from those attending before Mrs. Carmel Perez Snyder, Associate State Director for AARP Texas spoke.

Mrs. Perez continued the discussion on Social Security and protecting retirement

security for Americans. She outlined five things everyone should know about Social Security:

Americans earn and pay for Social Security's guaranteed retirement benefits by making contributions out of each and every paycheck throughout their working lives. The average retirement benefit is \$1,168 per month and is adjusted annually to keep pace with inflation.

Social Security's guaranteed benefits are a rock solid commitment to American families.

An average worker's Social Security retirement benefit will only replace about \$4 out of every \$10 they earned while working. Social Security was never designed to be a worker's sole source of income in retirement.

Social Security has been running a surplus and has not contributed one dime to our nation's current deficit. While some in Washington want to reduce Social Security benefits for deficit reduction, Social Security surpluses have been masking the true size of the federal deficit for decades. Even in the midst of the current economic crisis the current \$2.6 trillion Social Security Trust fund continues to grow and is projected to reach \$4.2 trillion by 2023.

Currently, Social Security can pay full benefits for the next 27 years, and we can strengthen Social Security to ensure it will be there for our children and grandchildren with only "modest changes."

Mrs. Snyder said, "With the retirement of the boomers on the horizon, the Social Security Administration began building a cushion to help see this generation through its retirement years." Thanks to that planning, the Social Security Trust Funds hold more than \$2.6 trillion in special U.S. Treasury bonds, which earn interest every year.

Mrs. Snyder said, "For too long, Washington politicians have failed to deal with retirement security for today's seniors and future generations. This issue affects Americans of all ages, but the burden is especially heavy for those caught in the middle still raising their own children, yet very much concerned about their aging parents."

"The goal of this community conversation is to consider the benefits and drawbacks of a few of the ideas some people have raised to change Social Security," Mrs. Perez said.

Mrs. Perez presented some ideas that have been proposed to strengthen Social Security. "Any genuine solution will require a combination of approaches," she said.

In what ways would it benefit me personally?

What would it cost me or require me to give up?

On balance, would it make my family more secure?

Is it fair to all Americans and future generations?

What kind of unintended consequences might it have?

Could Americans unite be-

hind it and break through partisan division?

Mrs. Perez explained that each individual paid SS taxes equal to 6.2 percent on all earnings up to \$106,800 in 2010. Employers pay an identical amount. High-income earners do not pay Social Security taxes on their income above \$106,800, so they enjoy a lower average tax rate. As a result, only 84% of total wages get taxed for Social Security. Mrs. Perez outlined some proposals that would either raise the tax rate paid by you and your employer or apply the existing tax rate to some portion of earnings above \$106,800.

Raise the Social Security Tax Ceiling. People earning less than \$106,800 would not be affected. The maximum income subject to SS payroll taxes would be slowly increased so that high earners would have less income exempt from SS taxes. The taxable maximum would be automatically adjusted to ensure that 90 percent of total wages are covered in the future.

Increase Payroll Tax Rate. The increase would affect all workers. It would gradually increase the payroll tax rate by 1 percentage point for both the employer and employee over the next 20 years.

Additional Payroll Tax or Surtax. This would only affect people earning more than \$106,800. They would pay a 3 percent payroll tax on earnings above \$106,800. The surtax would not affect their Social Security benefits.

Longevity Indexing of SS Benefits. The purpose of longevity indexing is to maintain, on average, the same amount of lifetime benefits for current and future beneficiaries.


Increase the number of computation years from 35 to 38. Benefits are currently calculated based on the highest 35 years of earnings what a person pays SS taxes. This would use 38 years instead.

Price Indexing instead of wage indexing. Currently SS benefits are calculated using a formula that makes adjustments for the growth in earnings. This proposal would instead make adjustments for the growth in prices over time.

Progressive Price Indexing. This is the same as price indexing described previously, but it would exempt the bottom 30% of earners.

Mrs. Perez and her assistant, AARP Volunteer Scott Ingram of Lubbock, answered several questions from the audience, with some interesting discussions taking place. Mrs. Perez, Mr. Ingram and Mr. Alfaro presented several informative hand-outs to those attending.

A light supper of sandwiches, chips, homemade cookies, tea and coffee was served to those attending. Hackberry extends a big thanks to these wonderful and informative speakers and to everyone who attended this Town Hall Meeting. Future town hall meetings will be held with details announced in the local newspapers.



## HACKBERRY HAPPENINGS

BY CARLA MEADOR, MARKETING DIRECTOR

Hackberry Creek hosted its annual Family Thanksgiving Dinner last Friday evening, November 19. The Center was brimming with a festive atmosphere, a large group of family members, delicious food, and great visiting making for a delightful holiday evening.

Guests enjoyed the delectable meal with their Hackberry resident family members. The great Hackberry kitchen staff prepared the turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes and rolls while family members brought side dishes and deserts, setting a feast not unlike the first plentiful Thanksgiving meal enjoyed hundreds of years ago by the pilgrims and Indians. Hackberry residents were all decked out in their finest attire and spiffy hairdos for the festive evening. We extend our thanks to all family members who attended and helped us celebrate Thanksgiving with our residents.

With our early celebration of Thanksgiving, came an ever-present since of the holiday season. It is officially upon us, like it or not! Well, we like it here at Hackberry and plan to do everything we can to make the season magical for our Residents. They will be treated to another delicious Thanksgiving meal on Thursday, Thanksgiving Day, as well as a 'tailgate party' with lots of snacks to enjoy while watching the football games.

The Town Hall Meeting held last Tuesday evening, November 16, was a wonderfully informative presentation. Eric Alfaro, an outreach and education specialist with the Social Security Administration of Lubbock; Carmel Perez Snyder, Associate State Director for AARP Texas and Scott Ingram, AARP Volunteer of Lubbock spoke about Social Security and how it affects every individual, the benefits it provides and keeping it strong. Several area residents enjoyed the presentation and question and answer session. Mr. Alfaro, Mrs. Snyder and Mr. Ingram also gave those attending several handouts with great information. Hackberry provided a delicious supper of sandwiches, chips, homemade cookies, tea and coffee. We appreciate our three speakers, as well as those attending. It is our objective with these Town Hall meetings to make the public aware of beneficial subjects such as this.

Please remember that it's time to start thinking about renewing your dues for membership in our Hackberry Association. The annual dues are only \$5.00 per person and gives you a voice in

the association meeting which will be held in January. Watch for more details as they become available. If you would like to join the Hackberry Membership Association, just stop by the Center and speak with Brooke, or drop your five dollars in the mail with your name and address. Brooke will promptly mail back to you a membership form to be signed and mailed back, of which she will in-turn mail a copy back to you. We appreciate our members and welcome anyone who would like to be a part of this great Center.

Hackberry staff would like to extend good wishes to you and yours as you celebrate your Thanksgiving holiday. We are thankful for our Residents and for each of you for your interest in Hackberry. Happy Thanksgiving!

### SENIOR HEALTH TIPS Cranberries: Evergreen And For Ever Healthy

Thoughts of the cranberry probably brings forth memories of Ocean Spray commercials or circular slices of the jellied variety adorning a Thanksgiving platter, yet cranberries are one of the most healthful and multifarious fruit available. Found and grown in bogs throughout the northern hemisphere, cranberries are actually a type of evergreen dwarf shrubs or trailing vines. With skinny, wire-like stems, and dark pink flowers, they are popular with the honeybee and anyone who likes a sweet fruit with an acidic kick.

In the US and Canada, cranberries are a major commercial crop. They can be made into cranberry juice (hence the images of the Ocean Spray commercials), cranberry sauce, cranberry jelly, or dried into candy-like treats, although many people enjoy them fresh. Cranberries have been increasingly recognized as a super fruit, along with the *Acai berry* and blueberry, among others, because of their antioxidant and nutrient content.

*Vaccinium oxycoccos* (Northern Cranberry) is a species of cranberry found in Europe, northern Asia, and North America. These cranberries are small, pale pink, and have a tangy flavor. The *Vaccinium microcarpum* (Small Cranberry) is a species of cranberry found in Northern Europe and Northern Asia. *Vaccinium macrocarpon* (Large Cranberry) is a species of cranberry found in northeastern North America, and is one of the most popular varieties due to its closeness to an apple taste. Cranberries are close cousins

to huckleberries, bilberries, and blueberries.

Cranberries got their name by early European settlers. These pioneers believed that the flower, stem, calyx, and petals of the cranberry plant looked very much like the neck, head, and bill of a crane, so naming the fruit the "cranberry." In Northeastern Canada, cranberries are often called "moss berries," yet the traditional English name for the tangy fruit is "fen berry," due to the berries growth in the "fen," or marshes. Native Americans first consumed cranberries, or as they dubbed them, *Sassamanash*, as food, medicine, and colorant. They may have given them to starving European settlers, who then incorporated them into their Thanksgiving feasts. It wasn't until the 1820s that cranberries were exported to Europe, where they became popular in the Nordic countries, Russia, and Scotland.

How are cranberries grown? Well, Ocean Spray commercials pretty much have it right. The men in those goofy rubber overalls, surrounded by a veritable sea of berries are quite representative of what one might see in a cranberry bog. In the US, cranberries are cultivated in Maine, Wisconsin, Massachusetts, Washington, Michigan, Oregon, Minnesota, and New Jersey; Wisconsin leads production with over 50% of the market share, followed by Wisconsin with 28%. Traditionally, cranberries were grown in wetlands, yet today they are constructed in beds in uplands with a shallow water table.

There is no topsoil, which is scraped off and replaced with clean sand, brought in at four to eight inches, and then leveled off. The beds can be drained by socked tile or the perimeter ditch, dug around the bed. Cranberries are grown by moving established vines from one bed to a new one. The vines are pushed into the sand and then watered until roots form. They are showered with nitrogen fertilizer until they are a year old. They are harvested in the fall, when the berries are finally deep red.


Cranberries have numerous health benefits. They are full of vitamin C, fiber and manganese. Cranberries are rich sources of antioxidants, with benefits to the immune system, cardiovascular system, and aid in fighting off carcinogens. They can fight tooth decay and prevent kidney infections, including kidney stones, and consumption has been shown to reduce stress.



Eric Alfaro, Outreach and Education Specialist with the Social Security Administration Scott Ingram, AARP Volunteer Lubbock and Carmel Perez Snyder, Associate State Director for AARP Texas, (pictured left to right), presented a very informative program at Hackberry Creek Care Center last Tuesday evening, November 16, for a Town Hall Meeting.

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If you have nothing to be thankful for, make up your mind that there is something wrong with such attitude. Surely anyone can see that we are all blessed beyond what we deserve. It was D. L. Moody who said:

**Be careful for nothing;  
But prayerful for everything;  
Be thankful for anything.**

The spirit of thanksgiving was defined by Carlyle, when he stated, "that a man should put himself at zero, and then reckon every degree ascending from that point as an occasion for thanks." We have more to be thankful for than almost any other age in human history. So on this special day set aside for thanks, let us remember that Thanksgiving Day is a "jewel to set in the hearts of honest men," and be careful that we do not "take the day and leave out the gratitude."

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- 26 The Quarterfinal playoff game will be against the Miami Warriors at Pampa.
  - 26 Santa Comes to Roaring Springs
- December**
- 1 Kids Praise
  - 2 Roaring Spring Lions
  - 2 Matador Late Night Shopping
  - 7 Matador Lions 1st & 3rd Tues
  - 8 Hospital Bd meets in the back of the ambulance barn, 7am
  - 9 Matador City Council
  - 9 Matador Chapter of the Eastern Star, consolidated with Floydada, Meal at 6:30pm meeting at 7:30 pm
  - 13 Commissioners' Court
  - 13 RS City Council
  - 13 HCCC Board
  - 14 RSCV
  - 16 Matador Masonic Lodge, 6:30 pm
  - 20 MCISD School Board, 7:30pm 3rd Mon
  - 21 Matador Lions
  - 30 NO PAPER THIS WEEK
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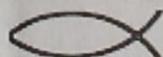
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