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Members and Supporters Recognized at Texas FFA Convention

The Motley County FFA Chapter was well represented at the 83rd annual Texas FFA Convention held July 11-15 at the United Spirit Arena in Lubbock Texas. Six members, chapter advisor Jim Cooper, chapter chaperone Judy Cooper, and numerous parents and supporters attended the event.

The State Convention is the epitome of leadership in action as showcased by the student-members, who plan and conduct the convention. The convention is designed to recognize the achievements of those members who, through hard work and dedication, represent excellence in agricultural education. It is also to honor those men and women who support the FFA program through their unselfish giving of personal time and effort and their continued dedication to the program through their financial and moral support. The Texas FFA boasts the largest state association in the

nation with more than 81,000 members.

Five members of the Motley County Chapter received the coveted Lone Star Degree, which is the highest degree awarded on the state level. These members excelled in their dedication to the program through their involvement in leadership development, career development, and supervised experience programs. Each one also demonstrated school and community involvement through an outstanding scholastic record and by participating in numerous community service activities.

In a special ceremony held on Tuesday afternoon, the following members were awarded the Lone Star FFA Degree by State President Mason Parish. Keyan Kautz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Kautz of Dickens; Christian Brooks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Timmy Brooks of Roaring Springs; Reagan Elliott, son of Mr. and Mrs. Shawn Elliott of Matador; Jon-

athan Osborn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Osborn of Roaring Springs; and Lexi Osborn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Osborn of Matador.

The Texas FFA Constitution makes provision for recognizing and honoring those individuals who have rendered outstanding service to the FFA. In a special ceremony held on Friday morning, supporters of the FFA from across the state were awarded the Honorary Lone Star FFA Degree. Mike Bigham, head football coach and athletic director at Motley County High School was awarded this degree in recognition for his support of the FFA and outstanding service to the Motley County FFA Chapter.

The FFA is a national organization that strives to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education.



Lone Star Degree Recipients honored at the Texas FFA Convention are (top, L to R) Christian Brooks, Keyan Kautz; (bottom, L to R) are Jonathan Osborn, Lexi Osborn,



Attending the Texas FFA Convention from Motley County (top, L to R) are: Jonathan Osborn, Christian Brooks, Braden Mason, Keyan Kautz; (bottom, L to R) are: Judy Cooper, Lexi Osborn, Reagan Elliott, and Jim Cooper.

Matador City Council meets

Matador City Council met at City Hall on Thursday, July 14, 2011. Present were Councilmen Alvin Alexander, Chuck Ream, Bobby Klodginski, and Nathan Shannon; and Mayor Pat Smith, City Secretary Debra Scott and Water Superintendent Steve Barton. Also attending was Knox Waste representative Don Kolacek.

Kolacek spoke briefly with council about a landfill contract, hauling the City's solid waste. He is the person who would actually run the route and spoke highly of his company.

Council considered contracts offered by Knox Waste and Caprock Waste but voted to delay the decision until further questions could be addressed by both companies. The motion to table the contract decision was made by Alvin Alexander, seconded by Chuck Ream. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Water Superintendent Steve Barton reported they have replaced over 900 feet of 8-inch pipe, installed three valves and is currently working on the construction of a new well house. Even with the extreme dry conditions, Mr. Barton reports the measurements of the depth to

our water is still staying around 37- to 38-feet.

Secretary Debra Scott reported she has attended three required seminars on Labor Law, Elections and Public Funds Investing. Carol Campbell had also presented documentation to her that the grant had been received in the amount of \$4000.00 for the film documentary for the jail project. Matching 4-B funds will now be released to the project.

Bobby Klodginski made a motion to use Hotel/Motel tax money to restore the bath facilities on the north side of the courthouse, using volunteer labor. Nathan Shannon seconded the motion and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

Council then reviewed two bids submitted by South Plains Community Action and Marilyn Hicks for grant administrator for the Housing Grant. After discussion and review, Nathan Shannon made the motion to accept the bid submitted by South Plains Community Action, the motion was seconded by Chuck Ream and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

Alvin Alexander submit-

ted some estimates of what it would cost to pave White Street from Dundee to Spur 94. Council then discussed methods of obtaining \$80,000 for the suggested project. The possibility of disbanding the 4-A Sales Tax and using the one percent sales tax as a Street Maintenance Sales Tax would have to be voted on by the Citizens of Matador. Alvin Alexander made a motion to research different methods of financing this project, seconded by Bobby Klodginski and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Nathan Shannon to send a letter to Jaybirds Restaurant requesting a grease trap be installed to possibly prevent the current problems being experienced in the alley behind Main Street. This motion was seconded by Chuck Ream and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

Items for next month's agenda are preparations for the Centennial, landfill contracts, approval of investment policy, transferring 4-A Sales Tax funds to Road Maintenance, sales tax, and letters to property owners concerning public health hazards and animals control issues.



Honorary Lonestar Degree recipient at the Texas FFA Convention was Mike Bigham, pictured with chapter members (L to R) Reagan Elliott, Lexi Osborn, Jonathan Osborn, Coach Bigham, Chapter Advisor Jim Cooper, Keyan Kautz, Christian Brooks, and Braden Mason.

USDA Announces Last Call for Producers to File AGI Forms with the IRS

Motley County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Amy Hackler, reminds producers that they must submit an Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) verification consent form (CCC-927 or CCC-928) to the IRS as soon as possible in order to maintain eligibility for 2009 and 2010 program benefits.

The consent form authorizes IRS to verify for FSA whether the eligibility requirements for FSA programs. The form became a requirement for payment eligibility beginning with the 2009 crop year, however many program participants have not yet submitted this form for 2009 and 2010 program benefits.

"Producers who fail to file these forms before Sept. 2011 will receive a notice from the National Office stating that the producer is ineligible for 2009 and/or 2010 payments," said Hackler. "The producer will be responsible for fully refunding all payments received under programs subject to AGI limitations," she said.

IRS requires written consent from all individuals or legal entities before verification of the average AGI can be provided to USDA. Individ-

als must submit form CCC-927 and legal entities must submit form CCC-928. Without these forms on file, eligible producers will not receive USDA program payments.

Hackler further clarifies that these consent forms are required for payments received from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) as well as those received through FSA. Completed forms must be returned to the IRS.

For more information on AGI eligibility requirements or the AGI verification process, contact the Motley County FSA office at 806-347-2263.

Motley County EMS Sponsors EMT Class

Motley County EMS will conduct an EMT-Basic Class through South Plains College in Matador starting September 7, 2011. Class orientation and sign up will be August 31, 2011 at 6:00 pm at the EMS station. The class schedule is designed around both Jr. High and High School football and basketball schedules so there will be no reason to miss any games.

Motley County EMS needs new volunteers in order to continue to provide fast and efficient emergency medical response to our community. This class provides a great opportunity to learn basic emergency medicine for yourself, your family and your community. Anyone wanting to attend the class contact Seven Alexander at 806-346-7400, or any member of our EMS team.

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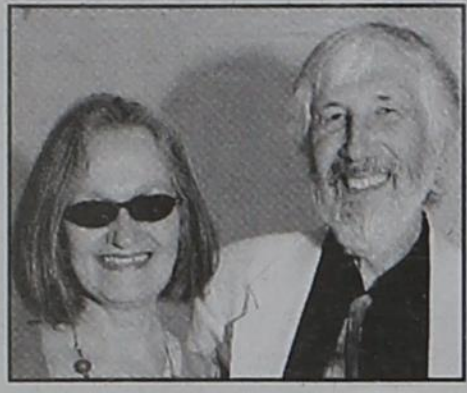
Junior/Senior -
August 9th 9:00 - 12:00

6th Grade
Orientation
August 9th 2011 2:00 p.m.

7th and 8th Grade
schedules will also be available on Aug. 8th and 9th

Foothill Country Connections

Community, Diversity, Art
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By Larry Vogt

This is the summer that will be known for extreme weather and the fact that I attended two family reunions. In the beginning of July there was a reunion of Laverne's siblings in Fort Worth and then on the third Saturday there was a cousin reunion on my side of the family in Butterfield, Minnesota. Since there was no air travel involved, there were many highway miles driven to and from each reunion. These family gatherings have many positive emotions connected to them as various family members reconnect after years (in some cases) of separation.

The cousin reunion in the upper Mid-West is a gathering of people who had a common grandfather who had passed on in the early 1960s. Some of us played together as children and have photos and memo-

ries of those happy times. We were all born in a span of time from the early 1920s to the middle 1940s. Since our grandfather had nine children who grew to adulthood, there were lots of cousins who grew up and saw each other from time to time during our childhood.

This last reunion included eight of the original cousins and an assortment of the next two generations of relatives. We had a wonderful time of fellowship and the usual exchanges of photographs and looking through old scrapbooks of pictures and articles. We also had potluck meals that included favorites from all home-prepared dishes. Mulberry pie is something you just can't find in any random location, and it was there, scrumptious as always. I brought a couple of guitars and we sang some of our favorite hymns on Saturday evening. The highlight for me was a version of "God Be With You" that we sang a cappella the next morning just before our last fellowship together. The harmony parts ringing out reminded me of our ancestral musical heritage and what a treasure it is to share moments like that with loved ones.

Local historian speaks at Matador Lions Club

Topic: "The Chapman Affair of 1862"

By Carol Campbell
Motley County Tribune

Captain Ridgley Greathouse (1831-1905) was the topic of conservation at Matador Lions Club meeting on Tuesday, July 19, 2011.

Following a chicken-fried steak meal with all the trimmings at the Windmill Café in Roaring Springs for 10 members and two guests, local rancher and historian Marisue Potts introduced the group to "The Chapman Affair of 1862."

Marisue's interest in the Greathouse story was peaked initially by a story written by cowboy author John Duff Green. Green wrote a book called *Recollections* and a segment featured Greathouse, a Matador Ranch "prairie dog poisoner." This work is available at both the Motley County Museum and Motley County Library.

Later, Wynelle Wagon and Danella Dickson of the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) Association in Lubbock asked Marisue about his history on the Matadors. Mrs. Dickson offered to share the genealogical research she had put together on him. Although a supporter of the Confederacy, he did not have a proven military record, but he was a patriot of sorts, and he did serve — albeit "self served" some would say.

So how did a man from Mason County, Kentucky, the owner of a stage and express company in northern California, a wealthy banker, a self-proclaimed "capitalist" end his career in Motley County as a pauper — an old drunk who had fallen on bad times — buried in an unmarked grave at East Mound Cemetery?

Marisue's and Danella Dickson's internet and book searches coupled with conversations with relatives doing genealogy of Greathouse descendants, revealed a fascinating and complicated story — "Was he a famous confederate Civil War hero or an infamous criminal?" Marisue asked. "You be the judge."

In 1861, Ridgley became involved in a scheme to outfit a privateer, and with a "Letter of Marque" or endorsement from Jefferson Davis, President of the Confederacy, confiscate shipments of Union gold off the coast of California. The pirated proceeds would be turned over to the Confederate forces to purchase much needed weapons and supplies for the Civil War effort.

In 1863, the Chapman schooner was seized in the harbor of San Francisco by Union forces. Greathouse and co-conspirators Asbury Harpending and Alfred Rubery were tried and found guilty of treason and sent to Alcatraz. In 1864 Greathouse was bailed by a rich cousin; and later he was pardoned by an amnesty proclamation issued by President Lincoln. Yet, he was arrested again in April, 1864, for court-martial proceedings and later confined at Fort Lafayette in New York Harbor. He escaped and went first to Canada, then England and finally to Mexico where he remained until cleared by President Johnson's general amnesty for war criminals to return to the United States.

The Greathouse story is not complete, Marisue said, but the census records provided by Danella are fleshing it out. Ridge and his brother Robert left Gonzales, Texas, with a cattle herd destined for another brother in Boise, Idaho Territory. Robert contracted cholera and died, causing the hired hands to quit, which then forced Ridge to dispose of the herd in Kansas. On the 1870 Federal Census he lists his occupation as a banker and is living in the household of his brother, George Greathouse, who had established another stage line. But, what happened from there, when he was in his late thirties, to the next time he shows up at age 68 on the 1900 King County, Texas, census? Why was he living with the J. A. Franklin family as a boarder, although he listed his occupation grandly as a "Capitalist?"

She has learned that before his death around 1905, Greathouse worked as a "dog poisoner" and trapper for the Matador Ranch. It was said that he was an educated man who quoted poetry, and fastidious, "bathing every night, before putting his rotting and sticking clothes back on." He was a loner. He would show up at the Matador Wagon where they were butchering calves for meat for the hands; ask for the entrails and then drag them behind his wagon to attract wolves. He would poison the wolves with strychnine, and sell the skins to buy whiskey, Marisue speculated. But that was close to the end. According to Duff Green's account, Ridge was buried on the Matador Ranch. Today his grave is in the East Mound Cemetery near Matador.

In 1925, a letter from P.A.



A homemade concrete marker was placed on the grave of Captain Ridgley Greathouse at East Mound Cemetery at an undetermined time. Scratched on the top of the slab are the words: "Uncle Ridge Greathouse." In order to complete the research, Potts requests that anyone with information about this marker, the grave or the man, please contact her or this newspaper.

photo courtesy of Marisue Potts

Cribbs, a Confederate veteran living in Matador, and father to Ella (Cribbs) Keith, (the great grandparents of local resident David Keith) was published in the Confederate Veteran Magazine (Vol. 33, Page 353) asking for help to mark the graves of 17 Confederate veterans buried in the local cemetery. One of the graves he identified was for Ridgley Greathouse. At a later date, a homemade concrete marker was placed on this grave that read "Uncle Ridge Greathouse."

Meanwhile, Marisue was invited by the United Daughters of the Confederacy to speak to the Lubbock group on the Greathouse saga. Following the October, 2010, presentation, "two ladies gave me donations for a marker for Greathouse, and later the Stephen Wilkinson chapter of the UDC donated \$500.00."

Marisue's new passion: Placing a stone at Captain Ridgley Greathouse's gravesite at East Mound Cemetery. She has a goal of \$1,500.00 and has raised \$855.00, which is currently on

deposit with Sadler Monument Works in Slaton.

"Donations would be welcomed and accepted," Marisue said. She displayed a rendition of a design and dedication by Wynelle Wagon, a Lubbock resident who has a home in Roaring Springs. The granite stone will be emblazoned with a picture of a schooner with the following:

"The Chapman Affair of 1862. Captain Ridgley Greathouse. Born: 1831, Maysville, Kentucky. Died: 1905, Matador Ranch, Texas.

"Here lies a once zealous, cultured man of Confederate Marque who gave his fortune and heart for a Southern ship that never sailed. Dying without fanfare or honor, he lived here in poverty and privation, seeking neither fame nor respect of person, self-proclaimed 'Capitalist' to the end."

For donations to honor this colorful character in our past, please contact Marisue Potts at 806-269-1098; or Sadler Monument Works at Slaton, Texas (sadlermw@sbcglobal.net).

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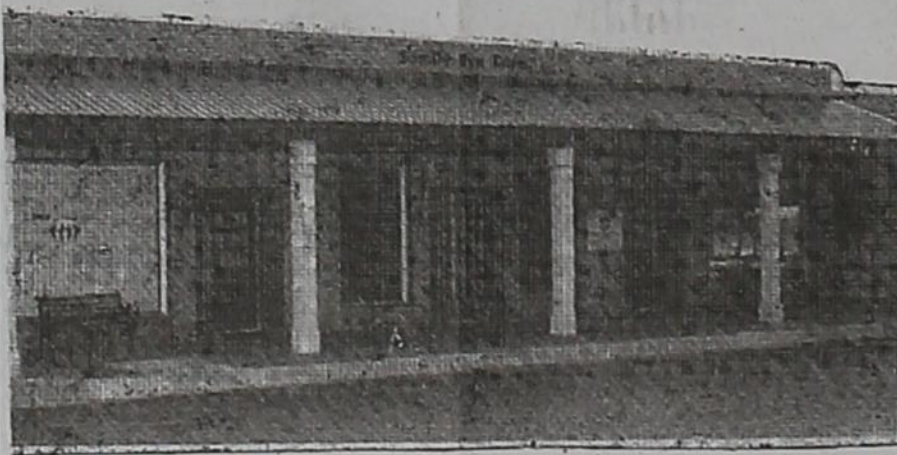
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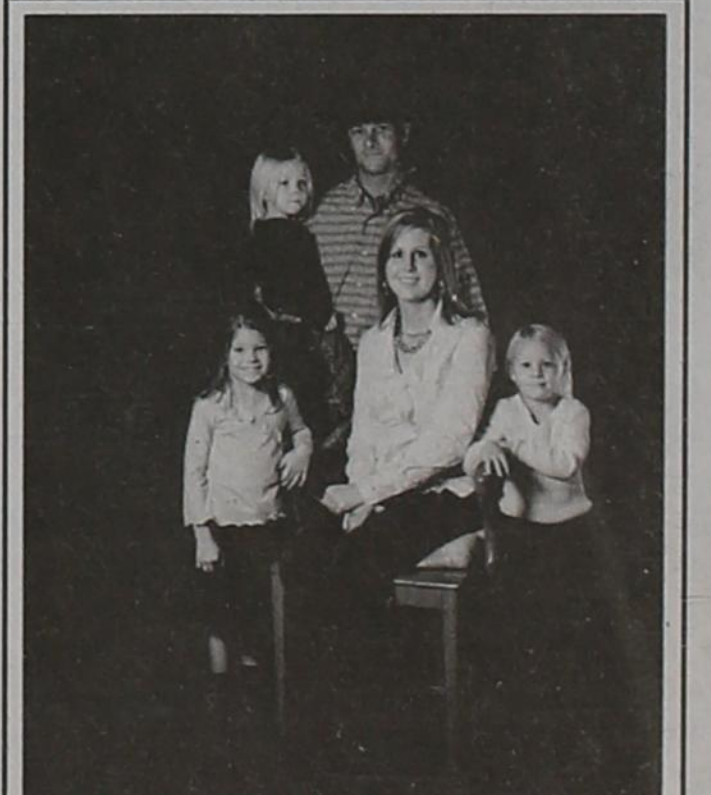
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Photo exhibit highlights Nova Scotia trip

By Carol Campbell
Motley County Tribune

Photographer Ken Young and his wife Dinah took a photographic journey to Canada last fall. On Saturday, July 23, an audience of about 25 residents shared Ken's inspiring journey at the Motley County Library Annex via an artistic exhibit of water, wildlife, skies, and stunning landscapes.

A slide show on a large computer screen set to music reminiscent of the famous French Canadian fiddling that is popular in Nova Scotia, Canada, took the viewer on a kaleidoscope of color – fall foliage in reds, every shade of green, yellow, and orange; waterfalls galore in strange sounding places like Pollocks Cove, Cheticamp, Jesse's Brook and Cabot's Cove; then images of moose in the wild, and eagles in flight, and whales romping in the Atlantic. These are a few of Ken's favorite things. So what sends an artist to Nova Scotia to photograph the most spectacular beauty on the planet?

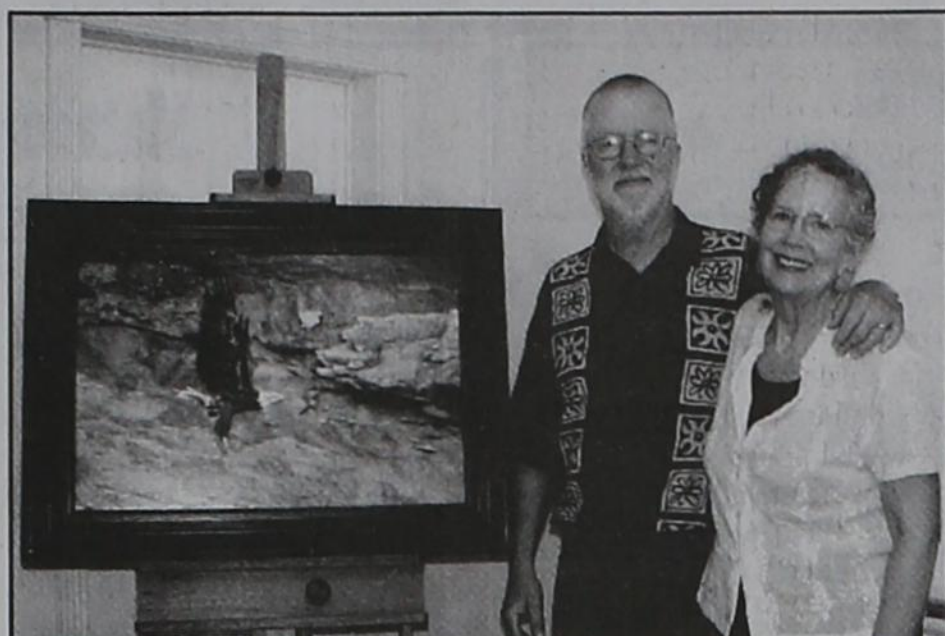
"Dinah always talked about it, I wanted to see it," Ken said. Plain and simple. "It is a very special place," Ken added.

Dinah lived on Cape Breton Island for 10 years, raising four children on the island. In August, when her son Aubrey Elliott and his wife Josee were expecting Dinah and Ken's grandchild, she traveled to Montreal, Canada, for the arrival. Ken joined her in October, and the journey began.

They traveled by train from Montreal to Nova Scotia, where Dinah's long-time friends Wesley and Donna Timmons met the train and ferried them to the northeast corner of Cape Breton Island to Pleasant Bay. This is where Dinah lived for 10 years – 15 miles from civilization, just outside the Cape Breton Highlands National Park in an area so remote there were no conveniences, she said. No electricity, no indoor plumbing and a wood burning stove for heat.

Dinah and her then husband, Robert, were in a wilderness area. Robert was an architect and had plans of building a home on the island. They purchased land that had a house on the coast. The winters were brutal, Dinah said. "We had five feet of snow by the end of November." The wind and ocean breaking on the Highland Cliffs continuously showered the house and outbuildings – cold, wet, and dangerous. They fashioned a rope to help navigate from the house to the barn in the winter to feed chickens and cattle.

As Ken traveled through the slide show, Dinah narrated at



Pictured is Ken and Dinah Young standing by an image of a bald eagle, photographed in Nova Scotia, Canada, last fall. The photo was displayed at the Library Annex July 23 in an photographic exhibit entitled "Canada."

photo by Carol Campbell

times during the presentation, helping the audience understand the landmarks of her 10-year adventure in the Highlands. The Highlands are an extension of the Appalachian mountain chain. Cape Breton Highlands National Park covers 366 square miles; and the Cabot Trail scenic highway encircles the coastal perimeter of the plateau (Wikipedia).

Once, Dinah said, a whale beached itself very close to her home. She took the children to the ocean front where they walked on the whale while the pod called in a plaintive song. "It was very sad," Dinah said, "but when we left, the eagles came down and took huge bites out of the dead whale to feed their young. Somehow, this made me feel better – death for some is life for another."

Wesley and Donna Timmons escorted Ken and Dinah over the island – moose were photographed in the national park and whales on an ocean excursion. Wesley works multiple jobs – a guide for moose hunters, a "whale watching business," and tours for summer visitors.

One of the highlights of the two-week trip was photographs of a bald eagle in flight. "I captured the eagle just as he jumped for flight," Ken said. Several split-second shots in rapid succession caught the magnificent bird in a powerful climb, before soaring to great

heights. Ken caught it all – "especially the big sky pictures."

"When I looked up, I thought I was looking down at waves," Ken said. The eye of the artist caught the clouds in poses of deep color at sunset, of rippled skies that looked like water, of skies at sunrise on the Highlands.

While the north wall of the annex was covered in shots of the Canada trip; the southern wall of the exhibit was reserved for Ken's ranch photos. Ken has spent one year at a time, through all four seasons, filming ranches, their families, cattle, wildlife, and hunting excursions. He then publishes a book for future generations, he said.

"I am fortunate to do something I love," Ken said. "I want to create a piece that gets handed down to other generations. Ken's great-grandparents were ranchers in the Lubbock area. Lack of photographic images to record the pioneer life in his own family inspired him to create a work of art for others. "I feel honored to do this," he said.

Next Friday and Saturday, July 29-30, Ken will be setting up shop for portrait photography in the Library Annex. "There is no sitting fee, and I make up packages like school pictures," he said. "This can save a lot of money for people."

To make an appointment for a Ken Young portrait, call 806-348-7330.

Motley County Chamber to host annual event

The Motley County Chamber of Commerce met on July 19 to begin to finalize plans for the Foothills Saturday Night event set for August 20 in downtown Matador. Attending the planning meeting were Chamber President Dianne Washington, Shane Jones, Marisue Potts, Carol Campbell, Annette Hollinsworth, and Marilyn Hicks.

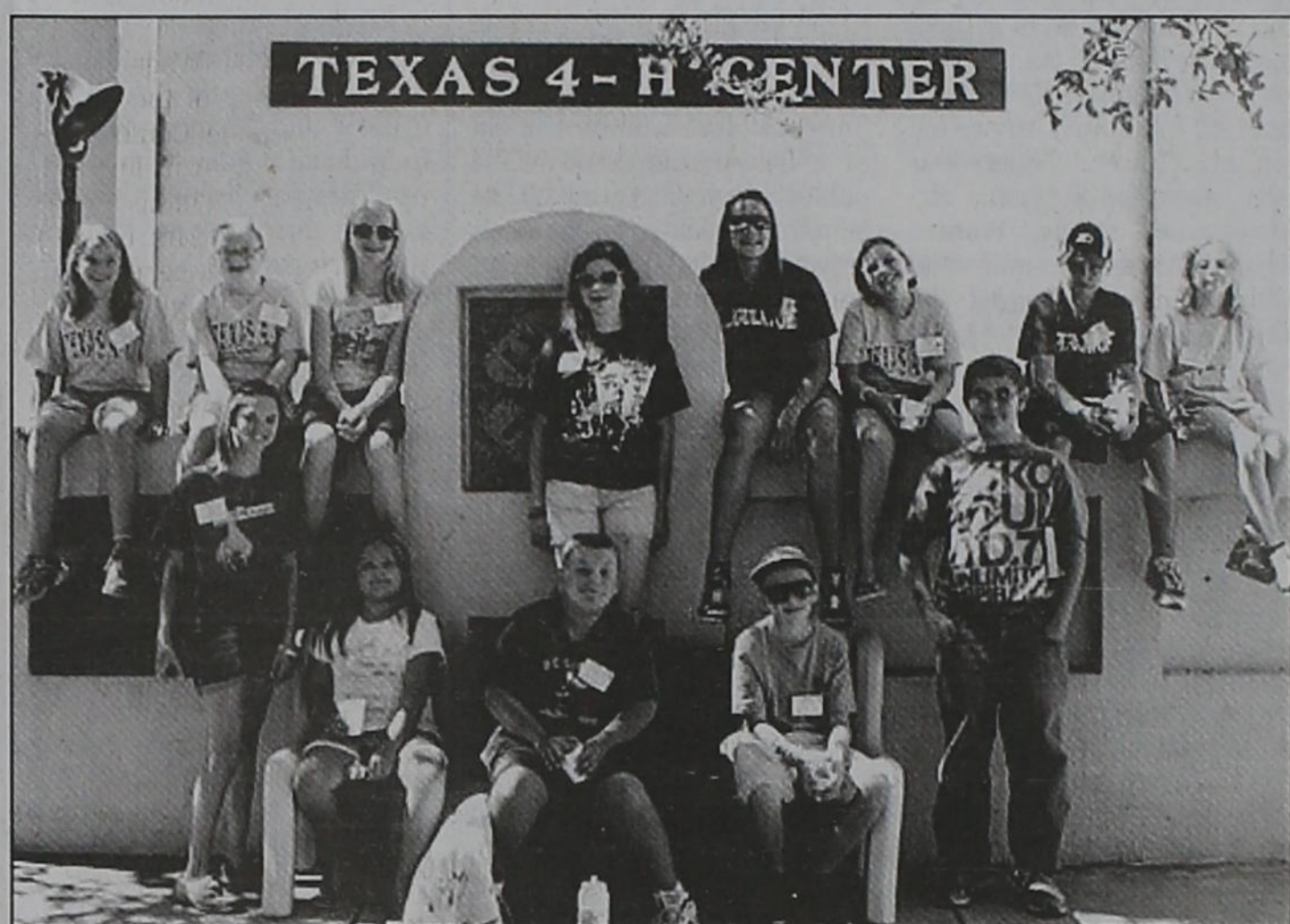
The event will start at 6:30 p.m. with "Motley County's Got Talent," showcasing local talent. Door prizes will be given away throughout the evening. The 108 E. Broadway Band will perform for dancing and listening. The Chamber will feature barbeque sandwiches, chips, a drink and dessert. Other vendors will be set up downtown offering food

and crafts for sale. To reserve a vendor booth at the Chamber event, please call Linda Roy at 806-347-2600 or 347-2939. There is no cost for a booth to chamber members; others will be charged \$10. To sign up for the talent show, call Marilyn Hicks at 806-347-2939.

In other business, the Chamber voted to support the Texas Plains Trail Region Tourism and Preservation Round-up as a Bronze Sponsor. The Roundup is set for August 15-16 in Post, Texas, and will feature speakers tackling topics such as youth engagement, marketing communities, bringing history to life, and more. The event expects to register about 150- to 200 people at the fully-restored Heritage House.

In addition to hosting a booth at the Roundup event to display brochures and other marketing materials, as a sponsor of the event, the Chamber will receive special recognition on invitations, posters, and programs. In addition, a silent auction will be conducted.

Hotel Matador donated a night at the beautiful hotel, Bill Armstrong has donated a beautiful wooden cross; and artisan Laverne Zabielski has donated a silk scarf from her Wearable Art collection. The Matador Ranch Gift Shop donated caps, a cowhide purse, and thermos. Other donations from Matador to be used as "give-aways" or to place in the silent auction will be accepted by Carol Campbell at 806-777-8575.



Motley 4-H members attend County Camp in Brownwood. Despite the hot/dry weather, thirteen Motley 4-H members traveled to the Texas 4-H Center in Brownwood on July 11-13 to attend County Camp II. At this camp, 4-Hers participated in rock climbing, archery, rifle, swimming, crafts, outdoor skills, and dance. Picture left to right: top row – Emily Jameson, Carley Turner, Natalie Jameson, Cassidy Turner, Mattie Brooks, Dode Gleghorn, Bryson Elliott, and Emma Hackler. Bottom Row: Chloe Gleghorn, Tatum Guerrero, Cameron Stafford, Wyatt Hackler and Grant Potts. 4-H members were accompanied by Cathey Turner, Jamie and Ryan Martin.

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As a group of college students toured the slums of a city, one of the students, seeing a little girl playing in the dirt, asked the guide, "Why doesn't her mother clean her up?" "Well the guide replied, "that girl's mother probably loves her, but she doesn't hate dirt. On the other hand you hate dirt, but you don't love the child enough to get down there and clean her up."

The lesson in the story is this: Until hate for dirt and love for that child are in the same person, that little girl is likely to remain as she is. Until a person learns to hate the sin and love the sinner, little will be done about the lost. The best lesson found in scripture on this point is found in the story of the Good Samaritan.

When we love the sinner and hate the sin, we will make every effort to share the good news of Jesus Christ with them. Remembering the Good Samaritan who had a hate for the condition of the man and a love of his life, we can be "good neighbors" and take the time to care not only for the body but also for the soul.

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4	\$27,563
5	\$32,238
6	\$36,913

NEWS AROUND MOTLEY COUNTY

Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

On a personal note

Hey, you know you are getting old when you are the third eldest person at a family reunion! Why is it that as long as there are people older than you it seems like you are protected from aging but once they are gone it gets scary? It's kind of like they are holding the line for you!

Reunions are pretty special. I only remember two being held in my family. Corky's family has a reunion every year and this was the 75th reunion. I believe this one was the 21st Marshall reunion I have attended.

The Marshall's reunion was Saturday afternoon and Sunday. On Saturday evening there were more than 80 people present. On Sunday there were about 52 for church service led by Cody Clower. Ninety-four people were fed at noon. Virgie Clower's family, Frances Marshall Mitchell's family and David Marshall prepared the brisket, beans, and all the trimmings for the Sunday noon meal and hamburgers and hot dogs on Saturday evening after enjoying the Roaring Springs Ranch Club's swimming pool.

Looking at the children made me realize that there is a lot of growing up and getting older is going on in the family! There are many little ones less than five years old. Lots of teenagers - if their grandparents get their wish this family will continue reunions for many years to come. As many as were there, I could think of many more who didn't attend. They missed a special time. The next reunion is planned for the fourth weekend in July 2012.

In the community

Edith Daniell returned home from the hospital on Tuesday of last week. She is doing well. Donna Kennedy and Rhonda McCleskey are filling in for her.

Dan Brandon was taken by ambulance to the hospital where he was treated and released on Thursday.

The Roaring Springs Community Volunteers will hold their regular meeting on Tuesday, August 9, 2011.

The Windmill Café will be closed for vacation the first two weeks of August. They will reopen on Tuesday, August 16, 2011.

On the fifth Sunday, the Full Gospel Church will be hosting a "donation only" noon meal as a fundraiser for a women's retreat to be held in mid-October. The public is invited to attend. The Windmill Café will be closed on July 31st, so this is a chance to eat out on fifth Sunday.

Pearl Patten was hospitalized on Tuesday of last week. She returned home on Friday. Over the weekend, Buddy Allen of Pampa, Jo Ann Reagan of Quitaque, Willeta Burkes, Willie and Shelly Palmer of Lovington and Linda and Arnold Parker of Boyd, Texas, visited their mother.

Sheri Osborn was hospitalized in Lockney on Wednesday of last week. She returned home on Thursday and is doing well.

James and Pat Palmer of Eureka, Kansas, were here last week. They stayed in their house here for several days. They accompanied Zella to Lubbock while here.

The Roaring Springs Full Gospel Church Ladies Ministry will have a lunch for the public on July 31 in the Fellowship Hall (in back of the church). This will be a 5th Sunday when most churches have lunch and the restaurants are closed. They will serve lunch from 12:00 pm until 2:00 pm. Donations will be accepted for the lunch. The ladies are raising money for the upcoming Ladies Retreat October 15, 2011. Plan now to have your 5th Sunday meal in Roaring Springs at RSFGC.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

Overheard

A mother whose son missed the school bus had to drop him off a bit late for class. On a form explaining his tardiness, she wrote, "Two working parents, four children and one bathroom."

Community News

James and Darla Gwinn and Danielle attended the 50th wedding anniversary for his sister, Marilyn Gwinn Holcomb and husband Ray Holcomb of Floydada on Sunday, July 3 with a family gathering in Lubbock. Their children and grandchildren hosted the celebration. They were married July 7, 1961, in Roaring Springs.

Travis and Linda Kendall accompanied home grandsons Connor and Chancey Kendall, to Midland Sunday who visited here the past week. They are visiting this week in Midland with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cory Kendall. Sons of Melissa and Tim Kendall, Jere and Jacob are also visiting in Midland this week with the Cory Kendall family.

Connie and Coy Franks and her mother, Mrs. Erma Washington, joined son and family, Cory and Amy Franks, Madi-

son, Hudson, and Heston of Idalou in Wolfforth Saturday and enjoyed a baseball game in which Hudson played.

Natalie Rogers met her sister, Brooke Rogers of Austin, in Dallas Friday and they visited their mother, Mrs. Crystal Rudko. They enjoyed entertainment and returned to their respective homes Tuesday.

Wilburn Martin visited in Anson, Sunday with J.C. Moss and enjoyed renewing memories. He said Anson also had no crops due to the lack of rain.

Weekend visitors of Butch and Janice Hughes were sons, Rickey Hughes and Roger Hughes and son, Brody of Floydada.

Mrs. Lou Burleson of Floydada, Mrs. Marisue Powell of Mott Creek Ranch, Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton and Wilburn Martin of Flomot and Ken and Dinah Young of Roaring Springs enjoyed visiting and lunch at the Windmill Café in Roaring Springs, Thursday.

Visiting this week with Johnnie Starkey and Jack and Nada Starkey at their family Barn Building are Mrs. Phyllis Gladson of Austin, Mrs. Nola Long of Winnewood, Oklahoma, Bobbie Hanna of Warner, Oklahoma, and L.T. Starkey of Ralls.

Matador News

By Marilyn Hicks

It is a sad day at the Hicks House. Our granddog, Gus, went back to his family yesterday. He had stayed with us until Lara, Adrian, and the kids could move into a house where they could keep him. We had gotten quite attached, but we have his intern, Tater, to keep us entertained. Tate really enjoyed Bible School at the FBC last week. He escaped to play with the children a couple of times; I'm sure he was also trying to pick up some religion.

Around Town

This week brought 15 principals from Plainview ISD for a workshop/retreat. The group used the hotel, the library annex, and the Turner hunting lodge. The trainer for the session about C-Scope was Kim Beth Buchanan from Lubbock. This is the second year of implementation and the faculties will be looking at full implementation.

Those attending were Sharon Wright, Jimye Sadler, Vickie Young, Dana Browles, Greg Brown, Kelly Priest, Tye Rogers, Brandy Merrick, Richie Thornton, Roxie Igo, Becky Buxton, Linda Watson, Lisa Kersh, Tillie Becerra, and Sylvia Suarez.

Attending the memorial service for Linda Ruhl were Terry and Pam Collins and children Cody and Callie, Duane and Mechelle Helmberger, all from Stillwater, Oklahoma, Pat and Rene Moore and children Josh and Kasey from Bartlesville, Oklahoma, Marcia Gilbreath and Gary Inman from Gainesville.

Members of the family of

Gordon Simmons were also in town to attend his funeral service. Those staying at the hotel were Tom and Julie Green from Midland, Gary and Lisa Simmons and son Hayden from Wolfforth, Elwanda Simmons from Lubbock, Larry and Annette Simmons and children Greg, Kyle and Vanna from Elk City, Oklahoma.

Attending the Marshall/Clowers family reunion in Roaring Springs, but staying in Matador, were Dwight and Krista Clowers from Clovis, New Mexico, Brenda Martin from Lubbock, Jimmy and Sam Bennett who has just recently moved to San Angelo from Ballinger, Angela and Stan Stallings from Lubbock, and Maggie and Darrell Marshall from Wheeler.

Lance Brooks and one other member of the Spirit Seekers brought in some sophisticated equipment to study the "energy" in the old jail building. It will be interesting to finally learn of their conclusions sometime in August.

Let me know if you have visitors or news and remember to call if you want a booth at Foothills Saturday Night on August 20th or want to be a part of the Motley County Talent Show that same evening. Just call the hotel and leave a message if we are not in the office.

Jamie and Leanne Jameson visited the past week with their grandparents, Clay and Melinda Jameson at their vacation home in Creede, Colorado. They were pleased with the cool weather. Accompanying them to Creede were great grandparents, Debra and Joel Dean Spray.

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The times for the first week are as follows:

Week of August 1st

Monday 7-9 am and 7-9 pm
Tuesday 7-9 am and 7-9 pm
Wednesday 7-9 am and 4-6 pm
Thursday 7-9 am and 7-9 pm
Friday 7-9 am and Midnight Madness

RSFG Church Ladies Ministry to serve lunch on July 31

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Weather Trivia

What are the odds of being hit by lightning?



Weather History

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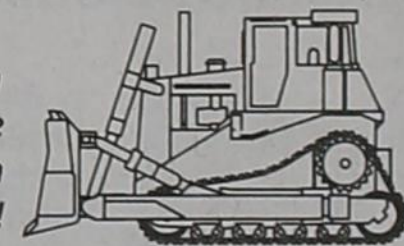
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Notes from the Library

By Mary Ann Potts

Adding to our library collection this week are three just released titles: *Split Second* by Catherine Coulter intertwines a mysterious family tale with an infamous long-dead mobster. *No Rest for the Dead* is written by 26 different authors. This fact alone is enough to peak your interest! And Danielle Steel is back with *Happy Birthday*, in audio CD form, where unbridled success is never enough and life maybe the greatest gift one receives.

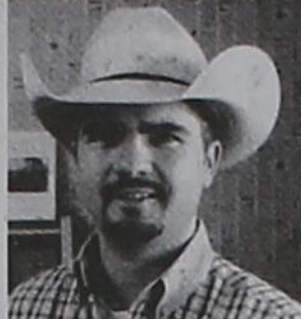
More book donations are ar-

riving almost on a daily basis and the library sends many thanks to Marcus Ortiz for his contribution to our Junior collection, and John and Ginger Jones for the many hardcover books donated to our library. Please remember to ask for a tax deductible receipt when donating books.

It's Time! The Summer Reading Cards are due in the library by 2:00 p.m. on Friday. The winners will be announced next week.

Good Luck!

County Agent's News



by Ryan Martin, Agri LIFE EXTENSION Agent

Motley 4-H Club Enrollment

The annual Motley 4-H Club enrollment will take place on July 26-28. Youth and parents wishing to enroll in 4-H need to come by the Motley County Extension Office during this period of time if you have not enrolled on 4-H connect previously. The Motley County Extension Office will also be open on July 28 from 6:00pm-10:00pm to assist those that need help enrolling.

South Plains Fair Entries due August 9

Youth wanting to participate in the 2011 South Plains Fair in Lubbock need to have their entries turned in to the Motley County Extension office by August 9. All entries will be sent in on that date. Entry forms can be picked up at the Extension office or by going online to www.southplainsfair.com

State Lamb and Goat Validation Tags

It is time once again to order state validation tags for goats and lambs that will be shown at a major stock show in Texas. State validation tag orders are due in the Extension Office by August 26. The cost is \$8 per tag. Tags ordered after the deadline will cost \$20. Goats and lambs shown at a major stock show in Texas must be validated in the Texas 4-H/FFA Validation program.

Veteran foresters tapped to help lead Texas Forest Service

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — The Texas A&M University System Board of Regents on Friday named two veteran foresters as seconds in command of Texas Forest Service. Bill Oates was named as associate director for Forest Resource Development and Sustainable Forestry, the division dedicated to promoting the health of trees and forests across the state. Oates has worked for the agency for

nearly 30 years, serving most recently as interim associate director.

Mark Stanford was named as associate director for Forest Resource Protection, the division tasked with responding to wildfires and other disasters, statewide. Stanford has worked for the agency for more than 32 years, most recently as fire operations chief.

Stanford and Oates both were selected following a national search conducted jointly by Texas Forest Service, Texas Forestry Association and State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association of Texas. Their names were then submitted to the regents for review. Both are filling positions that have been vacant for several years.

Texas Forest Service Director and State Forester Tom Boggus praised the appointments, calling the pair a "natural fit."

"They know Texas, they know our agency, and they're both dedicated to serving the people of Texas," Boggus said, congratulating the pair. "It's not just a job that you come to every day for them; they've committed their lives to this agency."

A state agency operating under the umbrella of the A&M System, Texas Forest Service is tasked with protecting the state's trees, forests and related natural resources.

Both Oates and Stanford have served as active members of various community and industry associations throughout their careers. Stanford also has received many awards including the Texas A&M University System Regents Fellow designation in 2005 and a NASA Public Service Medal in 2003.

"It's wonderful to have two long-time foresters join the leadership team. I'm confident that they will continue the outstanding work of the Texas Forest Service across our state," said Mark A. Hussey, vice chancellor and dean for Agriculture and Life Sciences.

COWPOKES

By Ace Reid



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Obituaries

Audrey Jones

Funeral services were held for Audrey Jones, 88, Saturday, July 16, 2011, at the First Baptist Church in Roaring Springs. She went to her new home in Heaven to be with her Lord and Savior, July 11, 2011.

Audrey was born March 2, 1923, in Plainview, Arkansas, to Otto and Rozetta Underwood. She grew up in Afton, Texas and moved back to Arkansas in 1938 where she married Dale Jones, December, 1938. The couple had four children and raised their family in California where Mr. Jones died in 1977. Audrey moved to Roaring Springs later that year.

Audrey was surrounded by numerous family members in this area who loved her dearly and enjoyed visiting at her home. Audrey's home was always the gathering place for lunch, coffee and visiting. Her favorite get-togethers were when her sisters and nieces gathered for Friday lunches and craft day and for an annual Christmas supper and

ornament exchange. Audrey always had a smile, a memory to share and a listening ear. She will be greatly missed.

Mrs. Jones was preceded in death by her husband, Dale, in 1977; her parents, Otto Underwood in 1970 and Rozetta Underwood in 1993; her daughter, Peggy Jean in 1944; and a granddaughter, Glenda, in 2008; one brother, Dick Underwood, and two sisters, Edith Ashley and Marie Rogers.

She is survived by one daughter, Betty McGregor of Dallas and two sons, Vernon and Charles Jones of California; 11 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren; seven sisters, Emma Jean Grant of Paducah, Mildred Parr and Barbara Marvel of Roaring Springs, Dora Hurt of Matador, Sarah Martin and Mary Martin of Wellington, and Rose Martin of Hamlin; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Jones was a member of the Assembly of God Church in Roaring Springs.

Gordon A Simmons

Graveside services for Gordon A. Simmons of Lubbock were held Monday, July 25, 2011, at East Mound Cemetery with Mike Crowley officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Shannon Funeral Home of Matador.

Mr. Simmons was born on August 10, 1933, in Dickens County near Spur, Texas. He went to be with his Maker on Friday, July 22, 2011, at the age of 77 after a lengthy battle with cancer.

He proudly served his country during the Korean conflict as a member of the U.S. Navy. He then moved to Jal, New Mexico, and worked for El Paso Natural Gas Company for 32 years until his retirement in 1986. He was a member of the Matador

Church of Christ.

Mr. Simmons was preceded in death by his parents Issac (Ike) and Velma Simmons. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Elwanda of Lubbock; two sons, Larry Simmons and wife Annette of Elk City, Oklahoma, and Gary Simmons and wife Lisa of Lubbock; one granddaughter, Vanna Bookout and husband Kyle of Norman, Oklahoma; and two grandsons, Greg Simmons of Weatherford, Oklahoma, and Hayden Simmons of Lubbock.

A visitation was held on Sunday, July 24, 2011, at Shannon Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers the family suggests a donation to Hospice of Lubbock. Donations can be made online at www.hospiceoflubbock.org

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Golf

Update

by Cynthia Stafford

On July 16, the Ladies Golf Association hosted a 2-Lady Scramble with 13 teams who enjoyed a wonderful salad lunch provided by the members of the Ladies Golf Association.

Championship Flight winners were: Cheri Huntress and Marci Orr; Olivia Barton and Glenna Ross; and Tammy Simpson and Kori Wilson.

First Flight winners were: Leigh Ann Darsey and Jeanie Moore; Jean Hoover and Meagan Hoover; and Polly Campbell and Tempie Francis.

Closest to the Pin Winner was Jeannie Johnson. Congratulations ladies!

Policy of Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Handicapped Status

The County of Motley County does not discriminate on the basis of handicapped status in the admission or access to, or employment in, its program or activities. Elena Quintanilla has been designated to coordinate compliance with the non-discrimination requirements contained in the Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) regulations implementing Section 504 (24 CFR Part 8, dated June 2, 1988).

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EVENTS CALENDAR

- July**
- 31 The Roaring Springs Full Gospel Church Ladies Ministry, Lunch for the public in the Fellowship Hall
- August**
- 2 Matador Lions
- 4 Roaring Springs Lions
- 4 Friends of the Library Meeting, 3:00 P. M. at the Library.
- 6 Men's Breakfast, 7 am, Methodist Church,

LEGAL NOTICE

Motley County ISD hereby serves notice that they are now taking bids on

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 4. Additional information may be obtained by contacting William Cochran at Motley County ISD (806) 347-2677.
 5. Bidders may not withdraw their proposals after the closing time for submission of proposals.

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Dorothy Jameson Nichols, Deceased, were issued on the 1st of July, 2011, in Cause No. 2606 pending in the County Court of Motley County, Texas, to:

Travis Jameson and Franklin Jameson

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law to such Independent Co-Executors in care of the attorney of said Independent Co-Executors:

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Travis Jameson

Travis Jameson, Independent Co-Executor of the Estate of Dorothy Jameson Nichols, Deceased

Franklin Jameson

Franklin Jameson, Independent Co-Executor of the Estate of Dorothy Jameson Nichols, Deceased

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

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