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Matador City Council Meets

A Public Hearing was held at City Hall on Sept. 8, 2011 for the public's input on the 2011 Tax Rate. Present were Councilmen Alvin Alexander, Chuck Ream and Shane Jones, Water Supt. Steve Barton and City Secretary Debra Scott. There was no outside participation in the hearing.

Matador City Council met at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall on Thursday, September 8, 2011. Present were Councilmen Alvin Alexander, Bobby Klodgenski, Shane Jones, and Chuck Ream, City Secretary Debra Scott and Water Supt. Steve Barton. Absent were Nathan Shannon and Mayor Pat Smith.

Mayor Pro Tem Chuck Ream called the meeting to order and gave the invocation.

Water Supt. Steve Barton told council that the wells were holding at the same level as the previous month. Meters were read the 19th of the month, just a week after the public was encouraged to voluntary curb water use, so meter readings for the month of September will not reflect any efforts being made by the Public to conserve water.

Debra Scott reported that the Secco Grant replacing windows,

doors and insulating the building has been completed. The electric bills have remained the same in spite of the extreme heat experienced this summer.

Alvin Alexander made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Bobby Klodgenski and the motion carried 4/0.

Alvin Alexander made the motion to approve the 2011 Tax Rate of \$.49876 per \$100 evaluation, seconded by Shane Jones. Council were polled individually and the motion passed 4/0.

Revisions to the Drought Contingency Plan were tabled until rates and wording could be determined by the Water District Board. The motion to table was made by Alvin Alexander, seconded by Shane Jones and the motion passed 4/0.

The Ordinance for the Emergency Management Plan was read and approved on the first reading. The motion to approve was made by Alvin Alexander, seconded by Bobby Klodgenski and council was polled and the motion passed 4/0.

The Ordinance for the Emergency Management Plan was read, approved and adopted

after the second reading. The motion to approve was made by Alvin Alexander, seconded by Bobby Klodgenski and council was polled and the motion passed 4/0.

Council then discussed the possibility of replacing some of the equipment used to maintain the streets. Alvin Alexander made a motion to table this until further information could be obtained, seconded by Bobby Klodgenski and the motion carried 4/0.

Alvin Alexander made the motion to approve the expenditures, seconded by Bobby Klodgenski and the motion carried 4/0.

Mayor Pat Smith arrived at the meeting at this time. He apologized to Council for not arriving earlier but he just returned from an ambulance run.

Items for next month's agenda are the Drought Contingency Plan, Equipment, Financial Policy Review, additional Water Wells and Roy Moreno's Land- ing License.

Chuck Ream made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Alvin Alexander and the motion carried 4/0.

RS City Council Approves Tax Rate

By Lisa Perryman
Motley County Tribune

The Roaring Springs City Council met in regular session September 12, 2011, in the City Hall conference room. Those in attendance were Mayor Corky Marshall, Council members: P K Green, Perry Gullede, Timmy Brooks and Alex Crowder; Water Manager Robert Osborn and City Secretary Lisa Perryman; absent was James McCleskey.

The August 8, 2011, regular city council meeting minutes

were approved. The financial report was approved as written and bills paid as presented.

The City Council voted unanimously to adopt Ordinance No. 09122011 for the new City Tax Rate of .63622 for the Year 2011.

Council voted to donate \$700.00 to the Motley County Library.

Mayor Corky Marshall reported that 3rd Street is in need of repaving and reported that he met with Robert Alexander regarding repairs and cost.

Robert estimated a cost of \$2,800.00. Council tabled this item for a later date pending a finalization of cost.

Council voted unanimously to adopt Ordinance No. 091211 for the City's Comprehensive Emergency Management to be effective immediately.

One bid was turned in for Lots 27 and 28, Block 13; Luis Luna bid \$300.00 per lot for the total amount of \$600.00. The Council voted unanimously to decline the bid and will consider re-advertising the Lots at a later date.

Quanah Parker Trail Steering Committee meets at Hotel Matador



Pictured (L to R) attending the Quanah Parker Trail Steering Committee meeting are: Deborah Sue McDonald, Dolores Mosser, Margot Hardin, Hanaba Welch, Carol Campbell, Tai Kreidler, Holle Humphries, and Marisue Potts. Seated at the computer is Danyel Parkhurst, the new incoming TPTR Chair, Oldham County.

By Carol Campbell
Motley County Tribune

The Steering Committee of the Quanah Parker Trail (QPT) met for a working luncheon at Hotel Matador on Friday, September 16, 2011.

Steering members attending were Deborah Sue McDonald, Executive Director of the Texas Plains Trail Region; Incoming TPTR Board Chair Danyel Parkhurst; Dolores Mosser, Margot Hardin, Hanaba Welch, Carolyn Wilson, Tai Kreidler, Holle Humphries, and Marisue Potts. Also attending as a guest was TPTR Board Member Carol Campbell.

The purpose of the meeting was to develop a QPT strategic plan for the upcoming year.

The next general meeting of the QPT is October 28, 2011, at Scurry County Museum in Snyder, Texas. A suggested strategy was to ask each host site to be responsible for developing the agenda in order to encourage all stakeholders to make equitable contributions to the overall effort.

After introducing the new Board Chair, McDonald said, "When we leave today, we will have a keener sense of where we are and where we are going," adding, "this is an amazing project - a raging fire that took off."

Functions of the QPT Steering Committee and the TPTR Board members are as follows: Webmaster: Hanaba Welch; Giant Arrow Installation:

Holle Humphries; Marketing: Margot Hardin; Media/Public Relations: Dolores Mosser and Carol Campbell; and Outreach to all other counties not yet on the QPT, the Steering Committee and all Texas Plains Trails Board members.

An attempt to distribute questionnaires to all 52 counties in the region is underway, asking the county to outline the Comanche presence in their county. The questionnaire consists of sections on: Known Comanche Indian sites; Cultural Activity or Significance; Significant Historical Events; or Visitations Occurred.

The group is concerned about identifying counties in the 52-county region that have

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USDA Farm Service Agency Offers Assistance to Producers Affected by Texas Wildfires

(COLLEGE STATION, TX), September 9, 2011 - The USDA Texas Farm Service Agency offers several disaster assistance programs that can help producers recover from devastating natural disasters such as wildfires.

"Mother Nature has not been kind to Texas farmers and ranchers in 2011," said James Douglass, Acting State Executive Director for Texas FSA. "Although not a remedy to the extensive hardships and heart-break experienced by many producers this year, it's my hope that FSA's disaster programs and loans can alleviate some of the financial strain producers have suffered from the devastating impact of the recent natural disasters."

FSA offers disaster assistance and low-interest loan programs to assist agricultural producers statewide in their recovery efforts following wildfires or similar qualifying natural disasters. Visit <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/> for more details. The assistance programs available include:

- Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) which provides emergency funding for farmers and ranchers to rehabilitate land severely damaged by natural disasters; includes fence loss.
- Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program

(NAP) which provides financial assistance to producers of non-insurable crops when low yields, loss of inventory, or prevented planting occur due to natural disasters (includes native grass for grazing).

- Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) which offers payments to eligible producers for livestock death losses in excess of normal mortality due to adverse weather. Eligible losses may include those determined by FSA to have been caused by hurricanes, floods, blizzards, wildfires, tropical storms, tornadoes, lightning, extreme heat, and extreme cold. Producers will be required to provide verifiable documentation of death losses resulting from an eligible adverse weather event.

- Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) that includes payments to eligible producers who suffered grazing losses for eligible livestock because of drought or fire.

- Tree Assistance Program (TAP) for eligible orchardists and nursery tree growers for qualifying tree losses due to natural disaster.

- Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP) Under the ELAP, FSA may spend up to \$50 million per year to provide emergency relief for losses due to feed or wa-

ter shortages, disease, adverse weather, or other conditions, such as blizzards and wildfires, which are not adequately addressed by other disaster programs

- Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payment Program (SURE) which offers payments to eligible producers who have incurred crop production losses or crop quality losses, or both.

- Emergency Loan Program - The recent primary or contiguous Secretarial Disaster designation for all counties in Texas which triggered the availability of FSA's low interest (3.75%) Emergency Loans. These loans help producers recover from production and physical losses due to drought, flooding, wildfire and other natural disasters or quarantine.

- Emergency Forest Restoration Program (EFRP) which provides payments to eligible owners of nonindustrial private forest (NIPF) land in order to carry out emergency measures to restore land damaged by a natural disaster.

Legislative authority for SURE, LIP, LFP, TAP and ELAP ends on September 30, 2011.

For more information on disaster assistance programs or to apply for program benefits, contact your local USDA Service Center.

What's happening this week at school

Open House is Tuesday September 27th at 6:30 in the Gym
Title 1 meeting followed by Open House, refreshments will be served
Report cards will be passed out

JR High and High School Pep Rally will be combined at 2:45 on Friday

This Friday Football Schedule against Follett: JH. 5:00p.m.: JV. 6:30 p.m.
Varsity 7:30 p.m. Also it is Senior Parents night at the football game

Directly after Games there will be a 5th quarter at the Faith Fellowship in Matador

Foothill Country Connections

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



By Larry Vogt

Statistics about the decrease in volunteers across America keep resurfacing but I would say that in small rural towns like Matador and Roaring Springs the efforts are alive and well. I know, for instance, that we have volunteer fire departments and an ambulance service. There are people who volunteer their time and effort for all manner of activities. There are the Roaring Springs Community Volunteers, the Roaring Springs Lions Club, The Matador Lions Club, The Friends of the Motley County Library, The Friends of the Historic Motley County Jail, The Motley County Chamber of Commerce, The Motley County Parents Club, and there are volunteers who help out at the Senior Citizens Center and Hackberry Creek Care Center.

In addition, there are

groups of volunteers within each church that help within their own church membership and also help people in need in the County. If you belong to one of these organizations, or, if I have left out a club or organization, write a short description of what the organization does and we can publish it to let people know about your efforts. There are also individuals who help out behind the scenes with no recognition and if you would like to mention someone who has helped you, let us know about that and we can give some recognition, with permission, of course.

Motley County pulls together in times of crisis and comes together to put on events that bring folks to our area, like the Foothills event of a few weeks ago, the 4-H barbecue and dance a couple of weeks ago, the Stock Show in February, and the list goes on. There is community involvement that makes these worthwhile activities go on and the folks who put in their time and effort are to be commended. Hats off to all the volunteers and helpers around Motley County!

WRITING COMMUNITY

Riley Rigsby's Fiddle Comes Home

By Sherril Rigsby

Editor's note: The family of Riley Roscoe Rigsby (1905-1964) met at the Motley County Museum on September 7, 2011, to bring his fiddle home to Matador where he often had impromptu jam sessions in his front yard. His son, Sherril Rigsby of Hale Center, honored his father by building a special oak case and table to display the fiddle that was made in 1888 and by writing these words:

For those of you that never met Dad, he was a 5' 5" Irishman. Riley Rigsby's only claim to fame was his expertise with the fiddle! He loved performing with his three or four piece band.

A horse broke Dad's leg when he was in his mid-twenties and, therefore, he was confined to bed for two months. A friend brought his fiddle over and gave it to him. In those sixty days, he learned to play. When he was allowed to get up he found he could not play his fiddle standing up. Eventually, he got it all together, and the rest is history. In time, he learned to play the guitar, mandolin, banjo, piano and harmonica, although Dad could not read music on the written page.

I happen to be the oldest child in the family of five children, so I recall much of the history about my father. Sadly, I never realized what an exceptional fiddler he was until several years after his passing.

Riley competed in many Fiddle Contests over the Western part of Texas. Bob Wills also competed at a number of the same events. Dad did win the renowned Fourth of July Fiddlers' Contest at Hale Center, and another time came in sec-



Members of Riley Rigsby's family who met at the Motley County Museum on September 7, 2011, to present his fiddle were: (L to R) Riley's daughter, Wendy O'Brien, and daughter, Frances Martin and her granddaughter Toni Matlock; son, Sherril Rigsby and his wife Emma, and R. B. Martin, husband of Frances Martin.

ond. Back in those days that was one of the top events in Texas. Dad and his band played for the "Old Settlers Reunion" at Roaring Springs a number of times.

He and his band played for dances at ranch houses all over the area. Mom and I always got to go along. She would make a pallet in the corner behind the band and that was where I stayed and slept. I can remember there being a washtub filled with ice and bottles of what I thought was soda pop. I was never allowed to have one. Eventually, the lady of the house took me in and showed me where to pick a soda pop. It was an Orange Crush, and,

boy, was it good.

Riley Rigsby's love of music and performing gave him the personal drive it took during such a tough financial time in history. He had no case for his second fiddle, so he wrapped it up in a baby blanket. He had no vehicle that would make the round trip, therefore, he had to hitchhike to the Hale Center contests.

This is but a very brief part of Riley's life. He was a man who achieved a lot with only musical talent, drive and a fourth grade education.

With great pride, I present his fiddle to our museum.

Molly Goodnight: The Darling of the Plains

By U.S. Sen. John Cornyn

Known as the "Mother of the Panhandle," this month marks 141 years since the marriage of Mary Ann "Molly" Dyer to one of Texas' most famous ranchers, Charles Goodnight. Married on July 26, 1870, the couple spent a seven-year stint ranching in Pueblo, Colorado, before a number of unfavorable conditions resulted in their relocation to the Palo Duro Canyon. According to historical accounts, Molly, as she would be regarded by cowhands throughout the years, considered Texas to be much more civilized than Colorado and was particularly disturbed when two men were found hanged to death on a telegraph pole nearby. This lack of civility, coupled with the ensuing drought and the Panic of 1873, resulted in the Goodnights relocating to the Palo Duro Canyon in the Texas Panhandle.

Charles found a financial backer in John George Adair, a wealthy Irish landowner, and the two men and their wives started the JA Ranch in the Palo Duro Canyon. The Goodnights convinced the Adairs to select this location

because of the plentiful grass for grazing, a steady water supply, and protection for the cattle during the winter by the canyon walls.

The group moved a herd of 100 Durham bulls and four wagons stocked with provisions to the site in May of 1877 and built a two-room cabin. Soon the Adairs left the management of the ranch to Charles and Molly, signing a five-year contract that guaranteed Charles one-third of the ranch's interest and a \$2,500 annual salary. Charles began what would become an 11-year career with the JA Ranch, growing the herd and expanding the ranch, which at its peak spanned 1,325,000 acres. Faithfully by his side was Molly, who not only carried out the duties of homemaker but also served as his helpmate on the ranch. Charles designed a two-horned saddle to make it easier for Molly to navigate the ranch on horseback. She quickly learned the ins and outs of ranch life, including the often long and lonely periods when few visitors would cross their path and the nearest neighbors lived 75 miles away. It's said that when a

cowboy gave the Goodnights three chickens as a token of appreciation—intended for a Sunday supper—Molly made the chickens her personal pets to help pass the time.

Over the years, Molly earned the respect and admiration of the cattlemen for the compassion she showed them and the natural remedies she developed for wounds and fevers. She often gave parties for the cowboys, mended their clothes, and taught a number of them how to read. For this, she was soon regarded as the "Mother of the Panhandle" or the "Darling of the Plains."

Molly also extended her compassion to orphaned buffalo calves who were left to die after commercial hunters killed their mothers on the range. By rescuing the orphaned buffalo and bottle-feeding them, Molly established an impressive buffalo herd, soon known around the world as the Goodnight Herd. Many credit her efforts with helping to prevent the extinction of the southern buffalo.

As the Panhandle became more populated, Molly donated her time to various philanthropic efforts. In 1898, she and Charles helped es-

tablish Goodnight College through the donation of 340 acres. Molly passed away in April 1926. A fitting tribute to her life, her gravestone was inscribed: "Mary Ann Dyer Goodnight One who spent her whole life in the service of others."

Today, visitors can catch a glimpse of Molly Goodnight's life in various exhibits at the Armstrong County Museum in Claude, Texas. The museum is also working to restore the Goodnight home, which is on the National Register of Historic Places, and develop the Charles Goodnight Historical Center. To learn more, visit: <http://armstrongcountymuseum.com/>.

Sources: Texas State Historical Association; Armstrong County Museum; Southwestern Historical Quarterly

Sen. Cornyn serves on the Finance, Judiciary, Armed Services, and Budget Committees. He serves as the top Republican on the Judiciary Committee's Immigration, Refugees and Border Security subcommittee. He served previously as Texas Attorney General, Texas Supreme Court Justice, and Bexar County District Judge.

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CORRECTION

The statement in the article on feral hogs, "Mr. Fuston's services are paid for by the Federal Wildlife Services, the Texas Wildlife Management Services, and Motley County" is incorrect. Motley County does not pay for this service.

You are invited to join
us in saying
"Thank you" to Mary Ann Potts
and
"Welcome" to Carla Meador
at a coffee at the
Motley County Library, Friday,
September 30,
from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

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Giant Arrow Dedication
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October 15, 2011
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Zella Palmer retirement party



A retirement party hosted by Edith Daniell honored Zella Palmer with a reception on Sunday afternoon, September 18, 2011, at Travelers Inn in Roaring Springs. Guests and family enjoyed finger foods, including a vegetable tray, mini-quiche, and chocolate mini-cupcakes, peanut butter cookies, and cheese cake, topped off with a fruit punch and coffee. Zella retired after 12 years as the City Secretary for Roaring Springs. "I thought I would work for two or three years, and then it stretched out into 12 years," she said, adding, "I enjoyed every minute of it." Pictured (L to R) standing are: Miranda Palmer, Tammy and Johnny Palmer, all of Lubbock, and seated, Guest-of-Honor Zella Palmer.

Matadors slay the Dragons

By Charli Bigham
Motley County Tribune

The Motley County Matadors defeated the Paducah Dragons 46-0 making short work of the game Friday night. "The boys did an amazing job stepping up on defense and shutting down a very athletic team," said Coach Bigham. "We made a few adjustments last week during practice and our team executed the scheme to perfection. Our team was very physical again this week and that caused all kinds of prob-

lems for the Paducah Dragons."

The Matadors were led on Defense by Augustine Chavez who had 10 tackles, John Osborn, Juan Flores and Aaron Rogers all had eight tackles on the night.

The coaching staff is very proud of our defensive pressure and relentless effort running to the ball at this point in the season. We were given a short field most of the night due to our Defense which in turn had a huge impact on the offensive stats.

Augustine Chavez also led

the offense by scoring three times on five carries, while Christian Brooks and Aaron Rogers both found pay dirt before the half ended. The game ended full of excitement with Austin Taylor returning an 80 yard interception to finish off the Dragons. The coaching staff would like to thank all the people who supported us at Paducah last Friday. Our next will be at home against Follett on Friday, September 23. The night will start at 5 p.m. with junior high then JV and Varsity following.

You are Invited!

WHAT: GOSPEL MEETING

WHERE: Matador Church of Christ
Matador, Texas

WITH: Mike Crowley, Jr., EVANGELIST OF MODESTO, CALIFORNIA IN A SERIES OF BIBLICAL LESSONS.

Don't you just wish that life could be easy, or at least a little simpler? Have you ever asked God to take the frustration and disappointment out of your life? Have you ever wished you could have more joy, or a more positive perspective? What if God was willing to offer peace in the midst of life's turmoil, would you accept it? What if God was offering to lead you into a deeper, more profound confidence in your life, would you follow Him? What would such a journey look like? When life's sea grows dark and stormy, will we sink, swim, or sail? Let's find out!

WHEN: Sunday, September 25th, through Wednesday, September 28th.

Sunday Bible Class - 10:00 a.m. - "Sink, Swim, or Sail?"

Sunday Morning Worship - 11:00 a.m. - "Fog or Faith?"

Please stay and enjoy a potluck meal with us following the morning worship service.

Sunday Evening Worship - 6:00 p.m. - "Truth or Dare!"

Monday Evening - 7:00 p.m. - "Life or Death!"

Tuesday Evening - 7:00 p.m. - "Safe or Sound."

Wednesday Evening - 7:00 p.m. - "Life on the Rock."

A WARM WELCOME AWAITS YOU!

American Legion Post 337 to meet on September 26

American Legion Post 337 will meet on Monday, September 26. Ed D. Smith is the Post Commander for the 2011/2012 year. Chris Spence is Vice Commander and Jim Watson is Adjutant. The meeting will be held at 7 PM at the home of Jim Watson, 1701 Main Street. Topics to be discussed are post finances, schedule of events for the coming year, Boys State participation, honor guard activities and election of other post officials.

AG LIFE EXTENSION

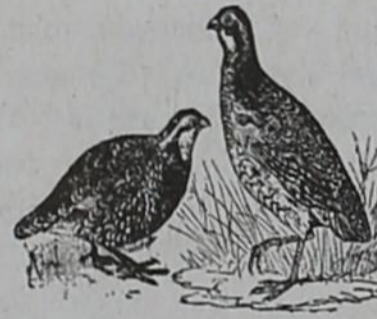
Foard County QUAIL APPRECIATION DAY

October 4th, 2011

beginning at the Crowell State Bank Room, just North of the Courthouse in Crowell, TX

Registration--\$15 by Sept. 30th (to cover lunch, handouts, etc.)
\$20 at the door


Morning session
8:30 Registration
9:00 Administer pre-test and lab practical
9:20 Appreciating quail? (Dale Rollins)
9:30 Getting to know your quail
10:15 Scoring Quail Habitat
10:45 Research updates & FAQs
11:15 Operation Idiopathic Decline -
11:45 Bobwhite Brigade presentation



Noon Lunch

Afternoon session
Ranch Tour
12:45 Manager's goals
1:00 Stop 1: Softball Habitat Evaluation Technique
Key Plants for Quail
2:00 Stop 2: Assessing quail nesting cover
Dummy nests
Interpreting nest depredation evidence
Assessing predator trends
3:00 Stop 3: Intensive quail management
4:00 Post-test and lab practical
4:30 Adjourn


For Registration or other
Information call:
Foard County Agent, Seth Manney
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IT IS STILL THE POWER!




The gospel is powerful. In Acts chapter two we the gospel converted thousands. The gospel changed the life of a jailor in Phillip. It improved the quality of a good man named Cornelius. The power of the gospel is clearly seen in the changed life of a Jew named Saul of Tarsus. The gospel is still the power to save mankind.

The gospel is still changing lives today. It changed my life and I am sure that many of you would say the same. The gospel is the "good news" that death could not hold Him. We believe that Jesus died for our sins on Calvary and rose again the third day. We serve a risen Savior who gives us the power to overcome sin.


Believing that Jesus rose from the dead is the very heart of the gospel. This belief did not grow up within the church. It is the belief around which the church itself grew up. The early church understood that the resurrection of Jesus is the only explanation for the tomb being empty. Jesus called us who believe "blessed." Why? Because... "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." The gospel is still the power God has provided for salvation.

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


Motley County Shining Stars



Lexi Osborn and Braden Mason- Mrs. Gillespie (Elem. Science Lab)
Danielle Gwen and Sabra Pope- Mrs. Parks (Pre-K)
Ashley Allred and Mark Quintero- Mrs. Neaves (Kinder)
Austin Taylor and Britt Simpson- Mrs. Overton (1st)
Reagan Elliot- Not pictured and Sormy Guerrero- Mrs. Green (2nd)
Cassidy Turner and Conner Mason- Mrs. Gass (3rd)
Nayo Santos- Mrs. Ballard (4th)
Coby Cochran and Christian Brooks - Mrs. Rankin (5th)



These kids were selected by the elementary teachers to help during the kids during tutorial time. They helped with games, tutoring the kids, also reading in small groups, and whatever the teacher needed help with.



Library Journal
by Carla Meador Librarian

"Be a little careful about your library. Do you foresee what you will do with it? Very little to be sure. But the real question is, What it will do with you? You will come here and get books that will open your eyes, and your ears, and your curiosity, and turn you inside out or outside in." Ralph Waldo Emerson

Mr. Emerson was right, books will open your eyes and ears and expand your curiosity. The Motley County Library has the tools to do so much for you! We offer books on just about any topic you can think of, from eyes and ears and toes to gardening and grub-hoes, from mystery to fun, true stories and those that are spun, fairy tales, scary tales, books about bugs and even stories about hugs. If by some chance we don't have the book you're looking for we will do everything we can to get it for you. We offer inter-library loan availability and can have your requested book here in a matter of days.

I've got a lot of ideas rolling around for some new activities at the Library. Just as soon as I get everything planned, you'll be the first to know. In the meantime, don't forget about our upcoming contest. Remember, you'll have to read this column to find out how to play. Should be fun and prizes will be given. Details coming soon!

We have several new items on our shelves this week. The girls at Hotel Matador have donated four new audio books - *The Sixth Man* by David Baldacci, a murder mystery; *The Boy Who Came Back From Heaven*, a true story by Kevin and Alex Malarkey; *The Gate House* by Nelson DeMille, a mafia crime story; and *Odd Hours* by Dean Koontz, the story of a young fry cook, Odd Thomas, with occult powers. Thank you ladies for your generous donations. We have many patrons who check these out on a regular basis.

New books in the library include *Cross Currents*, by John Shors, a novel about two families caught in the cross currents

of conflict and change.

Lethal by Sandra Brown, widely acclaimed for her high-velocity and emotionally charged novels of suspense. In *Lethal* she returns to the bayous of Louisiana to deliver a heart-pounding tale of corruption, betrayal, and murder.

Son of Stone, by Stuart Woods, a Stone Barrington novel. Stone Barrington returns to New York and his life is about to take a turn he never imagined.

Forbidden, by Ted Dekker and Tosca Lee, is set in a terrifying, medieval future where grim pageantry masks death. This tale of dark desires and staggering stakes peels back the layers of the heart for all who dare to take the ride.

Dream Angus by Alexander McCall Smith, is the story of the Celtic God of Dreams who comes to you at night and bestows dreams. Just the sight of him may be enough to make you fall in love, for he is also the god of love, youth and beauty.

Field Gray, a Bernie Gunther novel, by Phillip Kerr. Bernie is a tough-talking cop who spent eleven years as a homicide detective in Berlin's Kripo where he witnessed just about every form of deviance, corruption, and gratuitous violence known to man. *Field Gray* strides across the killing fields of Europe, ultimately arriving at a divided Germany, where former allies are now at one another's throats.

New to our Juvenile department is *The Glorious Adventures of the Sunshine Queen*, by Geraldine McCaughrean, the tale of a wild and unpredictable journey downstream on a shipwrecked paddle steamer on the flooded Missouri River.

And for the children, *What Do You See*, by Shao-Min Yeh, a student at Roscoe Wilson Magnet Elementary in Lubbock. Also, a new DVD, *Veggie Tales' The Wonderful Wizard of Ha's*.

There's something for everyone at the Motley County Library. Our hours are Monday, 2-5; Tuesday - Thursday, 1-6; and Friday, 9-2. See you at the

County Agent's News
by Ryan Martin, Agri LIFE EXTENSION Agent



**Bed bugs may bother some displaced Texans
Experts provide tips on reducing bed bug encounters in new accommodations**

A bed bug takes its "blood meal" from a human host. Some people displaced by Texas wildfires may encounter bed bugs in their new location -- be it a hotel, motel or even the home of a friend or relative who doesn't even know the pest is there. But there are steps they can take to protect themselves and help keep bed bugs from hitching a ride on the trip home.

COLLEGE STATION - With many Texans displaced by recent wildfires, bed bugs may become another unwanted irritation during relocation, said Texas AgriLife Extension Service and Texas AgriLife Research experts.

"With so many people being displaced and having to find accommodations in hotels or motels, it's important for them to be aware of the possibility of encountering bed bugs and to know something about their behavior and biology," said Wizzie Brown, AgriLife Extension integrated pest management specialist in Travis County.

Brown said bed bugs have been a growing problem throughout the U.S. and beyond, especially in urban areas with a large volume of visitors. And national media have noted complaints of bed bugs by people in accommodations ranging from low-end motels to five-star hotels.

"However, I also get calls from student housing on campus, people in apartments, in homes and other locations," Brown said. "It's not just hotels or motels. People can even be exposed to bed bugs while staying in the home of a friend who doesn't know they have them."

Bed bugs often leave dried blood or rust-colored stains in mattresses, especially on the mattress folds and tufts, she said.

"When you get to your hotel or motel room, pull back the bedding to expose the mattress and box springs and check the mattress, especially the areas near the seams and tags," Brown said. "It's also a good idea to inspect the headboard as well as items near the bed, such as a lamp base or nightstand."

While bed bugs, as their name implies, prefer beds and bedding, they also can be found under cushions, behind picture frames, near lamp stands, behind baseboards, in back of electrical switch plates and in other locations, she said.

Inspect the room where you plan to stay before bringing up your belongings, Brown suggested. If there's evidence of bed bugs upon a thorough room inspection, request a different

room or, if possible, go to a different location.

"But the more hotels and motels you stay in, the greater the probability of being bitten by bed bugs," said Dr. Roger Gold, urban and public health entomologist with AgriLife Research in College Station. "They have really proliferated over the past several years throughout Texas and the rest of the U.S."

Gold said newly hatched bed bugs are about the same size as a sesame seed, only flatter, and can hide in a variety of cracks, crevices, nooks and crannies. A large adult bed bug, about the size of an apple seed, can be mistaken for a tick.

Brown and Gold said there are some steps travelers can take to protect themselves from these pests and reduce the risk of bringing them home. The first is to have housekeeping vacuum thoroughly to remove as many bed bugs and their eggs from mattresses, box springs, carpets and other areas, concentrating particularly on mattress and box springs seams, tufts and edges, as well as where baseboards and carpet meet.

Entomologists say bed bugs are thought to locate their human hosts by body heat and the carbon dioxide exhaled during respiration, but some bed bugs may wander before they locate a host. Therefore, people should take steps to reduce the risk of taking the pests home with them when they leave their temporary accommodations.

Since bed bugs crawl into cracks and crevices near the bed, they suggested keeping suitcases off the floor.

"Placing luggage in the bath tub may be an option since it has smooth sides and may be harder for bed bugs to access," Brown noted.

"If there's any positive at all to bed bug bites, it's that they're relatively painless," Gold said. "Typically they'll feed and be gone and you won't even know it."

However, about half of all people bitten have an allergic reaction to the saliva injected while bed bugs feed, Brown said.

"It's the people with the allergic reaction who develop the welts," she said. "This also explains why there have been many cases where people are unaware that they have bed bugs -- because they aren't reacting to the bite -- as well as why one person develops welts while another in the same room doesn't."

AgriLife Research and the AgriLife Extension have additional information on bed bug identification and prevention in English and Spanish at the Texas AgriLife Extension Bookstore website, <https://agrilifebookstore.org/>. Enter the term "bed bugs" or the publication number L-1742 in the home page search field. Enter L-1742S for the Spanish-language version of the publication.

COWPOKES By Ace Reid



"At least we're gittin' to work in the shade!"

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Quail research ranch sets annual field day Sept. 30

ROBY - "Bobwhite vs. La Niña: Quail Management During Drought" is the theme for the Rolling Plains Quail Research Ranch's fourth annual field day set from 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Sept. 30 near Roby.

The research ranch is 11 miles west of Roby on U.S. Highway 180 or just east of the intersection of Farm-to-Market 611 with U.S. Highway 180.

"This year's record heat and prolonged drought has hit struggling quail populations with a serious one-two punch across West Texas," said Dr. Dale Rollins, Texas AgriLife Extension Service wildlife specialist at San Angelo and ranch director. "Here at the ranch, we're implementing various management strategies designed to mitigate the impacts of drought on quail. Much of this year's field day will deal with those strategies."

Rollins said another topic will be an update on a recently funded \$2 million research effort aimed at examining the effects diseases and parasites have on wild quail populations. The study, "Operation Idiopathic Decline," started Aug. 25 with quail trapping and disease sampling on 21 West Texas ranches and 10 sites in western Oklahoma.

"Drought has always played a key role in bobwhite population fluctuations," Rollins

said. "I've always maintained that 'drought cocks the hammer and rain pulls the trigger,' but this year there has been no rainfall to trigger the right conditions for a quail rebound. So, we'll be demonstrating the utility of water-harvesting techniques like spreader dams and also the use of water sprinklers to create 'quail oases.' We'll also look at efforts at feeding a laying ration to stimulate nesting activity during these torrid conditions."

Other presentations and activities will include a plant ID quiz, patch burning during drought and updates on quail economics, predation, quail management on Conservation Reserve Program acres, horned lizard abundance and the role of prickly pear in quail management.

The field day is being conducted by the Rolling Plains Quail Research Foundation, AgriLife Extension, Texas AgriLife Research, and Park Cities Quail.

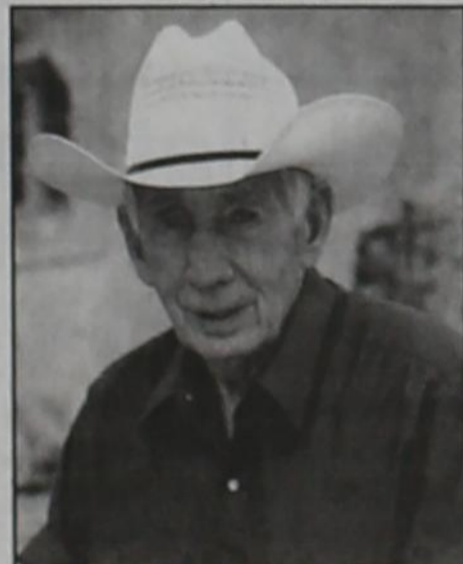
Two Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units will be offered. Individual preregistration is \$15 prior to Sept. 25 and \$20 thereafter and at the door. Registration includes a catered lunch, refreshments and handout materials.

For more information or to preregister, contact Mary Lynn Nelms at 325-653-4576 or ml-nelms@tamu.edu. See the ranch's website at www.quail-research.org for program updates.

Obituary

Jackie Smith

Graveside services for Jackie Royce (Sonny) Smith, 77, of Matador, were held Tuesday, September 20, 2011, at East Mound Cemetery. Mr. Smith died Saturday, September 17, at Texas Specialty Hospital in Lubbock.



He was born August 1, 1934, in Cottle County and attended school in Paducah. He married Shirley Ashley on May 7, 1954, in Roaring Springs. In Matador, he managed the Mobile Station and also worked at Bob's Oil Well. For many years he worked as a mechanic at Campbell Chevrolet. He and his wife also lived in Tulia for three years before relocating to Alamogordo and later Ruidoso, NM, where they owned and operated an Interior Design business for over 30 years. Upon retirement the Smiths returned to Matador in 1999.

Smith was a member of First Baptist Church of Matador. He loved old cars, old country music and old cowboy movies. He enjoyed southwest history and visiting historical sights. His grandchildren and great-grandchildren were the light of his life.

Smith was preceded in death by his wife of 50 years in 2005. He is survived by one daughter, Shirlene Cooper and hus-

band, Ron, of San Antonio, and one son Steve of Matador; six sisters, Peggy Krebs of Amarillo, Nita Kenny of Greenville, Darnell McGowen of Plainview, Linda Plemmons of Saginaw, Joy Scott of White Right and Teresa Brown of Atoka, OK; two brothers, Don Smith of Bartlesville and Johnny Smith of Sweetwater, OK; three grandchildren, Jayson Cooper of Arlington, Amber Lujan of New Braunfels and Nick Cooper of San Antonio. He is also survived by three great-grandchildren, with another on the way.

The family requests memorials be made to the First Baptist Church of Matador, East Mound Cemetery, Roaring Springs Cemetery or the Garden of Memories Cemetery of

Obituary

Rayworth "Bub" Eugene Hoover

Rayworth "Bub" Eugene Hoover, age 87, died Thursday, September 08, 2011 in Childress. Services were held Saturday, September 10, 2011 in First United Methodist Church with Rev. Ronnie Shoffner officiating. Burial was in Northfield Cemetery.

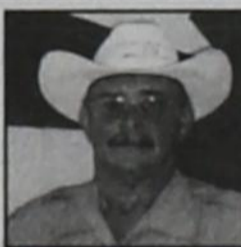
Rayworth "Bub" Eugene Hoover was born on February 6, 1924 in Wichita Falls, TX to James B. and Edna Arvela Hoover. Bub served his country in the Army, and was a WWII veteran. He was also Commander of the Childress VFW, and Commander of American Legion.

Bub is preceded in death by his parents; sister, Nelly Martin; sister, Laquita Cox; broth-

er, George Hoover; grandson, Keith Hoover; great grandson, Llyod Hoover Jr.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Hoover, Childress; four sons; Dennis Hoover and wife Carolyn, Springtown, TX, James Hoover and wife Linda, Big Spring, TX, Curtis Hoover and wife Dale, Canyon, Bruce Hoover and wife Tammy, Iowa Park, TX; Brother, Travis Hoover, Childress, TX; Sister, Rita Hutchins, Hedley, TX; 13 Grandchildren; 28 Great Grandchildren; 1 Great Great Grandchild; Many Nieces, Nephews, And Friends

In lieu of flowers, please send memorial contributions to the CRMC Hospice or the Northfield Cemetery.



Sheriff's Desk
by Chris Spence

For the month of August, 2011, the Motley County Sheriff's Office received 24 calls from citizens and drove 4,102 patrol miles.

CASES: Cases, 1; cases solved, 0; Cases under investigation, 1; amount lost to theft or burglary, \$0.00; Amount recovered, \$0; Motor vehicle accidents investigated, 0; Assaults, 4; Thefts, 0; Burglary, 0; Criminal Mischief, 1; Disorderly Conduct, 0; Livestock Calls, 9; Assist Citizens, 2; Assist outside agency, 5; Civil Standby, 0; Suspicious Person, 0; Telephone Harassment, 0; Family Disturbance, 1; Alarms, 0; Cruelty to Animals, 0; Civil Matters, 2; and Other, 0.

ARRESTS: Misdemeanor, 5; Felony, 0.

PAPER SERVED: District Court, 8; County Court, 1; JP Court, 0; Out of County Court Papers, 0; Bailiff for Court, 5.

TRAFFIC: Traffic Citations, 9; Traffic Warnings, 13; Funeral escorts, 0.

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Texas State Bison Herd now restored to Caprock Canyons State Park

By Carol Campbell
Motley County Tribune

Caprock Canyons State Park was the scene of a celebration on Saturday, September 17, 2011, to officially announce the release of more than 80 buffalo from captive pens back to their native home to roam free in an open range of 1,000 acres.

A large crowd gathered at the Visitors Center to hear speakers from the Comanche Nation, Texas Parks and Wildlife, Texas A&M University; and other dignitaries.

Donald Beard, Park Manager at Caprock Canyons, and the Texas Parks and Wildlife staff hosted the release event. "The buffalo herd has grown to about 80 adult buffalo," Beard said. By 1902, all the buffalo had been killed and hunted out, Beard said. The Goodnight herd consisted of about 250 buffalo at one time. The herd stayed at the JA Ranch for about 100 years, when in 1996, they donated the remnants of the herd to parks and individuals. The Caprock Canyons herd is the direct descendants of the Goodnight herd.

Speaking in behalf of the Comanche Nation, Johnny Waugua, Chairman, said he

"had a passion for the buffalo" and called the buffalo the "tribe's heritage."

"If it wasn't for the buffalo, the Comanche would not have stayed alive," he said. "They wintered here in this place."

Dr. James Derr, Department of Veterinary Pathobiology, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX, said, the university had tested more than 15,000 animals since the early 1970s; "and the bison herd in Caprock Canyons is an important source of bison conservation, consisting of one of the oldest herds in the USA."

The Director of State Parks, Brent Leisure, spoke eloquently of the primary goal of the Texas Parks and Wildlife: "Our goal is to restore the Southern Plains bison in its rightful place here in Caprock Canyons. This particular herd has unique genetic qualities that form a sound foundation for reestablishing this noble creature on the Texas Plains."

Linda Kirkpatrick of Lakey, Texas, in Uvalde County, recited an original poem quoting Molly Goodnight: "... during the day I hear the rifles ringing, and at night the orphan's bawl." Molly Goodnight is credited with helping prevent the extinction of the

southern buffalo.

Vans running continuously from the Visitor Center to the picnic area at Theo Lake, took guests to living history exhibits and interpretive displays, and a bison burger lunch. Retired teachers and volunteers posed as Buffalo Soldiers in front of tents with artifacts displayed on tables. Re-enactors engaged guests with informative history lessons on Civil War mobilization and artillery to Colonels McKenzie and Shafter maps printed in 1874.

Tad Gose of Wichita Falls was a former Texas Parks and Wildlife employee for 25 years. Dressed in a Civil War costume, he displayed medical supplies used in the Civil War by his great grandfather Dr. Coy Gose.

Jaime Salas from El Paso, Texas, portrayed a Vaquero - Mexican cowboys hired to drive cattle between Texas and Mexico City. Jaime visits schools to educate children about Mexican Cowboys, and to dispel their distorted history, he said.

When leaving the Park, visitors could view buffalo drinking in Lake Theo - a strange and wonderful sight. The Texas State Bison herd is finally home-free.



Buffalo are now roaming free at Caprock Canyons State Park in about 1,000 acres. The release was celebrated September 17 with speeches, interpretive displays, and re-enactments.

FREE "Empowering Texas Women in Agriculture" Build Successful Farming/Ranching Businesses in Drought, Recession

Albuquerque, NM - Can Texas farmers and ranchers build successful businesses in a time of drought and recession? People with interests in farming and ranching will find out when they attend Holistic Management International's

FREE "Empowering Texas Women in Agriculture" seminar on September 27th at Texas Tech University/Lubbock, an introduction to HMI's Beginning Farmers and Ranchers Program. Three of the presenters are from Lubbock.

WHEN/WHERE: Tuesday, September 27th, 9 am to 4 pm, at Texas Tech University, Office of International Affairs, Hall of Nations.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND? Women in Texas who currently own or work on ranches/farms, women who are considering ranching/farming as a profession and men who support women pursuing careers in ranching/farming.

LUBBOCK SEMINAR SPEAKERS

Susan Brints, IDALOU: Executive Director, Texas Organization of Certified Farmers Markets and owner, Apple Country Orchards; Sherry Pullen, Lubbock: Pullen Produce at Tree Grace Farms; Ellen Peffley Harp, Lubbock: Proprietor, From the Garden, and Professor Emerita of Horticulture, Texas Tech University; Peggy Sechrist, Certi-

fied Holistic Management Educator and owner of a certified organic grass-fed beef operation in Fredericksburg, Texas, Hill Country; Andrew Smiley, Farm Direct Projects Director of the Sustainable Food Center, Austin; and Peggy Maddox, Holistic Management Certified Educator and Director of Education for HMI's Kids on the Land program, Ozona.

WHAT IS HMI?

HMI (www.holisticmanagement.org) is a 28-year-old Albuquerque, NM-based international non-profit with deep roots in Texas. Holistic ManagementR is a whole-farm planning system that heals and manages land, and is in use today on more than 30 million acres on four continents. The system has been proven to mitigate the effects of drought.

HMI has organized a total of four free, one-day seminars throughout the state that are open to the public. All seminars are designed to give participants a better understanding of how Holistic Management can help farmers and ranchers build sustainable businesses and a market for local foods, particularly in a time of uncertain economic and weather conditions and how women, especially, can take part in HMI's three-year Beginning Farmers and Ranchers Program.

WHY THESE SEMINARS?

HMI's Texas seminars are an expansion of a program that was piloted in 2009 and trained almost 200 women farmers in New York and New England. Due to an overwhelming response of positive results and feedback from participants, HMI decided to expand the program to Texas. One hundred people registered to attend the first seminar on September 19th in the Austin area.

According to HMI's CEO, Peter Holter, a great need exists for a program that focuses on beginning women ranchers and farmers. "Currently, there are 942,000 women farmers throughout the country, and the number of young women getting into farming is growing," he said.

"The Women and Food Agriculture Network has information indicating that - since 2002 - the agriculture industry has seen a 30 percent increase nationally in the number of women running farms and ranches. If you look at demographic, social, and economic factors, they indicate that the number will continue to rise throughout Texas in the coming years."

FOR MORE INFORMATION About HMI's Beginning Farmers and Ranchers Program, and/or seminar registration details for Lubbock, Dallas and Edinburg, go to www.holisticmanagement.org and then click on the "HMI Workshops"

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Down economy hits small, rural libraries; conference teaches them how to garner money

Small, rural libraries have an advantage over larger libraries and it has everything to do with their size. They enjoy strong connections to the people, including local government officials, of the communities in which they operate, and are oftentimes the center of these communities. This was the overarching theme at the Association for Rural and Small Libraries annual conference this month. The conference emphasized the importance of rural libraries to their respective communities, and focused on the economic concerns many small libraries across the country are currently facing. Advocacy and funding have become central concerns, reported Miguel Figueroa of

American Libraries Magazine. As a result, some programs at the conference included grant writing, endowment building and working with boards of trustees.

The conference also made technology a focus, introducing a program called "Pushing the Limits," which the National Science Foundation is trying to bring to 100 small libraries across the country. Attendees of the conference were also encouraged to make their libraries community-centered by building partnerships with local organizations, schools and workforce commissions.

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Quail appreciation day scheduled in Crowell

CROWELL - The Texas AgriLife Extension Service has planned a "Quail Appreciation Day" for Oct. 4 in Crowell.

The event will kick off at 9 a.m. at the Crowell State Bank Room, just north of the Foard County Courthouse in downtown Crowell. The agenda for the day will include field visits as well as indoor activities and will go from 9 a.m. through 4 p.m. with lunch served.

Registration for the program is \$15 per person if received by Sept. 30. Registration thereafter and at the door is \$20. All checks should be made payable to the Foard Ag Committee. The fee covers lunch, refreshments and handout materials. For registration details, contact Manney at 940-684-1919 and leave a message.

In this field day, the term "appreciation" refers to "judging with heightened awareness" and being "critically or sensitively aware of," said Seth Manney, AgriLife Extension agent for Foard County.

Topics of discussion will be: getting to know quail, scoring habitat, research updates, Bobwhite Brigade, habitat evaluation, assessing quail nesting cover and intensive quail management, Manney said.

"Our aim is for participants to 'appreciate' the various components of quail management needed to produce bobwhite and scaled quail populations to the degree that a good bird dog can 'appreciate' the results come November," said Dr. Dale Rollins, AgriLife Extension wildlife

specialist in San Angelo. "We initiated the concept of Quail Appreciation Days back in 1998 and have conducted over 60 of the programs across Texas," Rollins said. "The quail day will offer research updates, troubleshooting habitat problems and other hands-on activities such as quail necropsies, dummy nest transects and plant identification."

According to Rollins, quail and quail hunting are becoming especially valuable commodities.

"Texas is the last stronghold for wild quail hunting, and I want to ensure that area ranchers appreciate the importance of quail habitat as a potential revenue stream," he said, noting that in some areas ranchers may glean more from a quail hunting lease than from a livestock grazing lease.

Rollins said although Texas is renowned for its fine quail hunting, he warns landowners not to become complacent.

"A good quail crop is really a tenuous situation," he said. "Everything has to hit just right for a bumper quail crop. The ongoing drought and hot temperatures have been a tough one-two punch for quail this year. The land manager's goal should be to ensure he's done everything within his control, and then let Mother Nature take it from there."

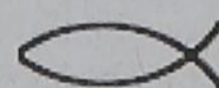
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Oct. 10 th (Mon.)	Crowell	4:00 pm
Oct. 15 th	Spur (tentative)	8:30 am
Oct. 26 th (Wed.)	District @ Plainview	4:00 pm
Nov. 5 th	Regional @ Mae Simmons—Lubbock	
Nov. 12 th	State @ Round Rock	

PUBLIC NOTICE

Brief Explanatory Statements of Proposed
Constitutional Amendments
Special Election November 8, 2011

Proposition Number 1 (SJR 14)

SJR 14 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to provide the surviving spouse of a 100 percent or totally disabled veteran with an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the surviving spouse's residence homestead as long as the surviving spouse has not remarried, the property was the residence homestead of the surviving spouse when the qualifying veteran died, and the property remains the residence homestead of the surviving spouse.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a 100 percent or totally disabled veteran."

Proposition Number 2 (SJR 4)

SJR 4 would amend the constitution to authorize the Texas Water Development Board to issue additional general obligation bonds on a continuing basis for one or more accounts of the Texas Water Development Fund II, with the restriction that the total amount of bonds outstanding at any time does not exceed \$6 billion.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of additional general obligation bonds by the Texas Water Development Board in an amount not to exceed \$6 billion at any time outstanding."

Proposition Number 3 (SJR 50)

SJR 50 would amend the constitution to authorize the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board or its successors to issue and sell general obligation bonds on a continuing basis for the purpose of financing educational loans for

students, subject to certain constitutional restrictions, including a restriction as to the maximum principal amount of bonds outstanding at any one time.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Texas to finance educational loans to students."

Proposition Number 4 (HJR 63)

HJR 63 would amend the constitution to permit a county to issue bonds or notes to finance the development or redevelopment of an unproductive, underdeveloped, or blighted area within the county, and to pledge increases in ad valorem tax revenues imposed on property in the area by the county for repayment of such bonds or notes. The amendment does not provide independent authority for increasing ad valorem tax rates.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit a county to issue bonds or notes to finance the development or redevelopment of an unproductive, underdeveloped, or blighted area and to pledge for repayment of the bonds or notes increases in ad valorem taxes imposed by the county on property in the area. The amendment does not provide authority for increasing ad valorem tax rates."

Proposition Number 5 (SJR 26)

SJR 26 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to allow cities and counties to enter into interlocal contracts with other cities and counties without having to assess an ad valorem tax and set aside a specified amount of funds for the payment of costs under the interlocal contract.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment

authorizing the legislature to allow cities or counties to enter into interlocal contracts with other cities or counties without the imposition of a tax or the provision of a sinking fund."

Proposition Number 6 (HJR 109)

HJR 109 would amend the constitution to increase the amount of principal that is available for withdrawal from the permanent school fund each year and would also clarify certain references to that fund in the constitution. Increased access to the principal of the state public education trust fund would be based upon HJR 109 granting the authority to consider alternative market calculations when determining the amount of principal that is available for distribution to the available school fund. HJR 109 would also provide authority to distribute to the available school fund annual revenue from school fund land or other properties up to \$300 million per year.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment clarifying references to the permanent school fund, allowing the General Land Office to distribute revenue from permanent school fund land or other properties to the available school fund to provide additional funding for public education, and providing for an increase in the market value of the permanent school fund for the purpose of allowing increased distributions from the available school fund."

Proposition Number 7 (SJR 28)

SJR 28 would amend the constitution by adding El Paso County to the list of counties authorized to create conservation and reclamation districts to develop parks and recreational facilities financed by taxes.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit conservation and reclamation districts in El Paso County to issue bonds supported by ad valorem taxes to fund the development and maintenance of parks and recreational facilities."

Proposition Number 8 (SJR 16)

SJR 16 would amend the constitution by requiring the legislature to provide for taxation of open space land devoted to water stewardship purposes on the basis of its productive capacity.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the appraisal for ad valorem tax purposes of open-space land devoted to water-stewardship purposes on the basis of its productive capacity."

Proposition Number 9 (SJR 9)

SJR 9 would amend the constitution to authorize the governor, on the written recommendation and advice of the Board of Pardons and Paroles, to grant a pardon, reprieve, or commutation of punishment to a person who successfully completes a term of deferred adjudication community supervision.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the governor to grant a pardon to a person who successfully completes a term of deferred adjudication community supervision."

Proposition Number 10 (SJR 37)

SJR 37 would amend the constitution by extending the length of the unexpired term that causes the automatic resignation of certain local elected officeholders if they announce candidacy or become candidates for another office from one year to one year and 30 days.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to change the length of the unexpired term that causes the automatic resignation of certain elected county or district officeholders if they become candidates for another office."

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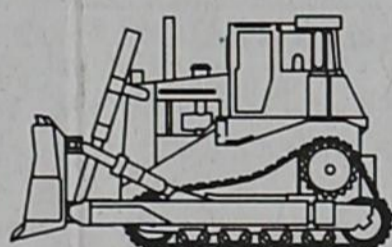
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September

- 21 Matador Ranch to host AgriLife Extension wildlife and wildfire field day
- 23 Fundraiser for Hackberry Creek Care Activitie, school cafeteria from 5-7 p.m. Spaghetti dinner with brownies for dessert. Tickets are \$7.00 for adults & \$5.00 for kids--Pay at the door.
- 23 Mavericks vs. Follett at 5:00 (JV at 6:30) Matadors vs. Follet at 7:30
- 24 Full,Gospel Women bake sale in Front of Lowe's Pay 'n Save, 9:00 a.m.
- 26 American Legion Post 337, 7 PM at the home of Jim Watson, 1701 Main Street.
- 29 Mavericks vs. Crowell at 5 p.m.
- 30 Thank you/Welcome party at the Library, 10:00--11:00 a.m.
- 30 Matadors @ Crowell at 7:30

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- and owned by low income households with incomes that are not greater than 60% of the Family Median Income for the area within Roaring Springs, TX. (See eligible income levels below).

The City of Roaring Springs invites eligible households to attend a general information session about the HOME Program, and to complete an application for the program on:

October 4th, 2011
2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Motley County Senior Citizens' Center
625 Stewart Street
Matador, Texas 79244

The general information session will begin at 2:00 p.m. Please bring:

1. Driver's license or other type of identification
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3. Proof of ownership of your home (e.g., warranty deed)
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CHILD FIND

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS MOTLEY COUNTY ISD'S STATE FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING

Motley County ISD will hold a Public Meeting at 7:30pm, Monday, October 10, 2011 in the Motley County I.S.D. Board Room, 1600 Bundy Street.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss Motley County I.S.D.'s rating on the State's Financial Accountability System. ct39

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