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Hackberry Creek Care Center Celebrates Open House



OPEN HOUSE FUN - Mr. Ken Abbott's train rides were a big hit at Saturday's Hackberry Creek Care Center Open House. Pictured here enjoying a ride are Judson Jones of Lubbock and Tucker Barton of Matador. See related story in Hackberry Happenings on page 3. photo by Carla Meador

Local residents launch new beekeeping venture

By Carol Campbell

Motley County ISD Superintendent Dr. Andrew Seigrist and his son Nathan have a new hobby; and like their tiny counterparts in construction, they are busy as can be building structures, mastering technique, locating and relocating hives, and capturing nectar and honey comb.

Dr. Seigrist's interest was heightened during a conversation at a local restaurant with his brother David, visiting from Hollis, OK. His brother has a modest beekeeping hobby with three hives -- his enthusiasm was contagious. This lively conversation launched a new rewarding adventure for father and son. Later, with a hint of friendly competitiveness, Andrew said he now has five hives; soon to be seven. His new time-consuming passion brought a good-natured jab from his wife Angela, who said that David was officially off her Christmas card list.

But first things first: He read "voraciously," joined an online beekeeping forum (www.bee-source.com); purchased educational books, most notably, "Beekeeping For Dummies;" and began to look for bees to purchase. "Three pounds of bees with a queen may have 7-10,000 bees," he said.

He decided to purchase a "nuclear colony" in a package deal from "a great guy" he met online. His current mentor in Terrell, Texas, has more than 200 hives, he said. He has purchased four nuclear colonies and four queens.

But feral bees from Motley County have also expanded the beekeeping farm. And speak-

ing of the farm, Terry Simpson, a well-known local bee excavator with some experience, has donated access to his farm in northeast Matador for the hives. Alvin Alexander (former beekeeper) has loaned equipment like frames for the hive boxes. "I couldn't have had any success without the help of Terry and Alvin," Seigrist admits. They have been my Matador mentors."

Relocating bees requires timing, a bit of luck, nerves of steel and practiced skill. "We move bees without their consent," Seigrist happily noted. So far, he has relocated bees from two locations in Motley County. His first encounter with these industrious and ferocious little beasties was in an old tire pile in East Matador.

"Christian Brooks showed me where the bees were," Seigrist said. "When we cut open the tire, they attacked." But Seigrist was quick to instruct that bees are only aggressive when they are defending honey or brood.

"A true swarm of bees is extremely calm," he said. A "true swarm" is a throng of bees that have decided to vacate a location on their own because of overcrowding. When the bees begin to outlive their space, he said, they "raise a new queen" and one or two days prior to hatching, the old queen sees the writing on the wall. She gathers up one-half of the colony and they begin to gorge on honey to start a new home. When the time is right, the interlopers fly the hive, usually within 50 yards or so from their former home. They hover in a high place (usually in a tree) with their tiny bellies so full they can

barely move, while the scouts begin to search for a suitable place to relocate their queen. When new digs are secured, the hive leaves in a swarm to begin housekeeping in the new location. So, if you encounter a true swarm of bees, please leave them be. They are just too lethargic to be a threat, Seigrist said.

Meanwhile, Seigrist helps bees relocate before they know its time. And most of the time, the relocation is a traumatic experience for the little insects, sometimes for the beekeeper as well.

If you capture a hive without the queen, the bees are disoriented, aggressive, and apparently bent on stinging your face off. Nathan named the fifth hive that was captured as the "Crazy-5s."

"These bees were crazy insane," Seigrist said. "They would greet us the minute we stepped out of the pickup and bump our veils." The Seigrist's got a few stings through their suits, gloves and veils. But the Crazy-5s didn't have a queen, he explained. Once the queen was installed, everyone calmed down, and started to work. Installing a queen in an aggressive hive takes very careful maneuvering. "We put the queen in a little cage in the hive," he said, separating her from the workers and drones that would suffocate the queen in their excitement, or kill her as an invader.

Within 24 hours, the bees calm down, start feeding the queen in her little cage and building honey comb, he said. Once everybody is calmed down, the cage is removed, the queen emerges, surrounded by

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Motley County Tribune Honored

(Austin) Laverne Zabielski and Larry Vogt of The Motley County Tribune were named to the 2010 Media Honor Roll, a program sponsored by the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB), by Motley County ISD. The Media Honor Roll recognizes media representatives statewide for fair and balanced reporting of news about public schools. Media representatives from more than 450 Texas newspapers, radio and television stations, and online publications were honored by their local

school districts.

Criteria for the district selection included the media representative's efforts to get to know the superintendent, board members and the district's mission and goals; report school news in a fair, accurate, and balanced manner; give a high profile to positive news about schools; visit the schools; and maintain a policy of no surprises by sharing information with school officials.

"Districts across Texas appreciate these reporters for their balanced and accurate

approach to sharing both the challenges facing our schools and the successes achieved by local teachers, students and school boards. Their work aids local communities in focusing on the goal of providing the best public schools we can for every child," said Sarah Winkler, TASB president.

Motley County ISD would like to thank Laverne Zabielski, Larry Vogt and The Motley County Tribune for the wonderful job they do in working with the school district. Thank you so very much!



Representing the *Motley County Tribune*, Office Manager, Charli Bigham, receives the 2010 Media Honor Roll award certificate from Dr. Andrew Seigrist.

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Foothill Country Connections

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

By Larry Vogt

While researching old photos from the West Texas area, I have come across the pictures of the dugouts that the folks lived in before lumber was hauled to the frontier. While those dwellings may seem primitive and representative of hardships on the range, the dugout was a practical way to make do and use native materials when there simply was no other way to live.

The pioneers who settled in areas that had plenty of forest trees of different species made do with what they had and built the quintessential log houses of the period. In the parts of the country where there were no trees, the builders dug out an opening in a hillside and fashioned their home and raised their families and tended their livestock and crops and life went on.

I met a man who built sod houses on the prairies of the Dakotas during the early part of the 1900s. The pictures he showed me of a sod house he had built to be used as a museum displayed a great deal of skill and ingenuity. After regu-

lar building materials began to arrive he became a carpenter and bricklayer and went on to build many houses using the usual materials that were brought to the area via the railroad. He came for a visit when I had built a log cabin in Kentucky and after looking over the design and the notching on the logs he gave me his approval and we enjoyed a friendly visit. I think about him and his skills every time I look at a picture of a dugout or sod house and marvel at the ways humans have adapted to various environments and geographical differences.

It seems hard to imagine that a woman would actually marry a man and raise a family in a dugout, but it happened with some amount of frequency around this West Texas area in the days before the lumber and materials started to arrive and make the building of a "proper" house become a reality. Still, I admire those folks and their tenacity, their creativity, their undaunted spirit to overcome the forces of nature and make a life for themselves in conditions we now deem impossible.

her court and the beat goes on.

The second installation of Motley County bees brought an experience that Seigrist describes as "exciting, nerve-racking, and truly amazing." He went to Northfield to the Franklin and Susan Jameson place to relocate a hive in an old out-building with a porch. "When I came within about two feet of the porch, the bees began to check me out," he said, eyeballing him and bumping his veil. Because bees "hate carbon-dioxide," Seigrist cleared his path by blowing on the bees.

Educational note: When bees return to a hive with nectar, it is stored in the hive in a liquid form that is 80% water, and 20% sugar, Seigrist said. The worker bees then fan the liquid with their little wings to dry out the water, resulting in a very thick honeycomb.

Back at the ranch: Seigrist was bent on stealing honey, he said, and when he reached up with his gloved hand to pull boards away to examine the honeycomb, a wall of liquid nectar gushed forth and covered him from head to toe. After this surprise and recovery, "We gathered up a 5-gallon bucket of honeycomb," he said.

The next step in the process is to perform a surgical procedure called a "cutout" on the hive, removing a portion of the ceiling and floor of the hive. A cutout is a lengthy square of honeycomb teaming front and back with bees. Next, you simply vacuum the bees into a wooden carrier to relocate them to their new home. Seigrist built a "bee vacuum" from a shop-vac, inserted the hose into a series of wooden boxes designed to move the bees from one level to another. The key is to capture the queen, he said, and the workers and drones will follow, but apparently that can be a tricky business. Sometimes the queen eludes the capture, hence, the Crazy-5s (see above).

There is more to beekeeping, than equipping oneself in full-body armor and marching forth. "I do it as a hobby, but also as a way to manage bees," Seigrist said.

According to *Science Daily* (see www.sciencedaily.com) entomologists are "buzzing about vanishing bee populations." Apparently there is an enormous bee die off happening across the country. It is called Colony Collapse Disorder or CCD. Scientists are predicting if a solution is not found, then "80% of fruits and vegetables that require pollination may not make it to the market." No one is certain if the collapse disorder is due to diseases from pesticides, disappearing food supplies, or toxins that make bees more susceptible to disease.

And then there are "com-



Pictured, Andrew Seigrist in protective gear, checking one of four boxes of honey bees building brood cone and storing honey. Each box holds 10 frames. A fifth box (Crazy-5s) houses a hive with no queen. This hive sits 50 yards away from the docile bees. The queen was delivered via UPS and was installed Tuesday.

mercial pollinators," Seigrist said. For example, bees are trucked to Florida to pollinate the orange trees, California for almonds, "force-fed on one source at a time." This causes the colony to be in extremely stressful conditions for long periods of time, making them more prone to illness and disease. Additionally, there are nutritional problems where bees feed on "poor plants and ingest second-rate sugars, such as the leftovers from soda production." (*Science Daily*, July 1, 2007).

"Also, there is a pest called the varroa mite," Seigrist said. "It is a small parasite that lives on bees." According to *Science Daily*, this bloodsucking parasite causes deformed wings and abdomens. The varroa mite also transmits viruses, and some scientists believe that CCD is due to a virus.

The good news is that wild bees are more resistant to CCD, Seigrist said, and that is how the Seigrist's are doing their part. Further, he has captured some raw honey for his personal use. The ratio between nectar collected and finished honeycomb staggers the imagination.

"It takes between 15-18 pounds of nectar for bees to produce one pound of wax for

the honeycomb," Seigrist said. In addition, the queen can lay up to 1500 eggs a day. And bees travel constantly, sometimes two or three miles in a straight line, to find nectar. "Worker bees don't live very long, they actually fly themselves to death," Seigrist said.

The workers are all female bees, accounting for 95% of the colony; and the drones are the male bees. "They do not forage, they do nothing," Seigrist said. However, he admits, the drone breeds the queen, perpetuating the species. Sometimes the colony will "rid itself" of the drones that aren't performing, and the queen will create new drones. If the queen breeds more drones than workers, the workers nurture a new queen and an uprising by the worker bees replaces her. Worker bees spend the first half of their life tending the honeycomb, and

the last half of their life securing nectar and pollinating flowers and vegetables.

This hobby turned passion, may result in a Motley County label. Locally grown honey can be very beneficial, especially as a medicinal cure for some allergies. "The honey will be very limited this summer, but by next summer, I will have a bunch," he said, adding, "Hopefully I will have honey under my own label by Old Settlers (the last weekend in August).

Editor's note: Dr. Andrew Seigrist has agreed to write a monthly column on beekeeping for your enjoyment. Some issues that he may cover are: Bee Therapy, Bee Jobs, Medicinal Uses of Honey; and explaining the difference between processed and raw honey; Colony Collapse updates, and more.

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HACKBERRYHAPPENINGS
BY CARLA MEADOR, MARKETING DIRECTOR

Hackberry Open House is Successful

Hackberry Creek Care Center hosted its annual Open House Saturday, June 5, and the event was a complete success! About 75 friends and family members enjoyed the day of festivities. Those entering the Center were greeted by two pretty volunteers, Katie Barton and Morgan Jones. The girls welcomed the guests with smiles, a schedule of events and a chance to win a door prize as they instructed them to sign up. Several guests toured the facility and were able to meet the therapists in our Rehab Department, and witness first hand what a top-notch therapy department we have as therapists worked with residents.

The day was filled with fun activities, including train rides by Ken Abbott. Mr. Abbott's miniature, handmade train was a hit with kids and adults as several rode the train many times. Also featured for display outdoors was the Motley County Ambulance, with EMT's Tina Brooks and Tony Rose on hand to explain the ambulance equipment and offering free blood pressure checks. Sheriff Chris Spence displayed the recently purchased sheriff's department pick-up, while one of Motley County's big red firetrucks was also on display. We appreciate Mr. Abbott, Mrs. Brooks, Mr. Rose and Mr. Spence for giving

their time on a Saturday to help make our event successful.

Hackberry Creek's kitchen staff prepared and served a delicious meal of barbecue brisket sandwiches, pinto beans, potato salad, bread pudding and fresh baked cookies. Family members and friends enjoyed dining with their loved ones while others enjoyed meeting and visiting with the residents, also. Rave reviews were given for the wonderful meal.

Hackberry Activity Director, Mellane Parson, assisted by volunteers, Katie Barton, Morgan Jones, Emery Rains and Lauren Cruz took advantage of everyone gathered together for the meal to give away the door prizes. Names were drawn by Emery Rains and Lauren Cruz. Those lucky enough to have their name read received some great prizes. We appreciate the businesses who were kind enough to donate door prizes. Those donating were Matador Branch First National Bank, a \$50 dollar savings bond; Matador Variety, cooler; Meredith Gas & Supply, 50 gallons of propane; First National Bank, Floydada, a beautiful collector's silver dollar; Hotel Matador, Motley County afghan and a breakfast for four; Windmill Cafe in Roaring Springs, Friday Night Dinner for two; Traveler's Inn, a famous Edith Daniell homemade Pecan Pie; Cap-Rock Telephone, DVD Movie; Jaybird's Kitchen, \$20 gift certificate; Dianne Washington,

flashlight set; Moore Maker's, two beautifully engraved pocket knives, anvil paper weight, 2 sets of files and a yoyo; Wylie L.P. Gas, Inc., 20 lb. propane cylinder; Chillerz, Ceramic Cross wall hanging; Zacha's Beauty Salon, a free haircut by Zacha; Thacker Jewelry, black onyx bead necklace; Matador Ranch, playing cards and two beautiful Matador Ranch ceramic mugs. Our sincere thanks is extended to each one of these fine businesses. Hackberry Creek Care Center also gave two sets of cocoa/coffee mugs, and an insulated picnic set for door prizes.

The afternoon held exciting and fun "Minute to Win It" games. Several staff members participated, as well as several guests and one of our residents, Mr. Max Hill. Mr. Hill thoroughly enjoyed the games and did well. Prizes were given to the winners. This part of our event proved to be the most exciting, as guests watched the participants work with speed to complete their events in one minute.

We thank everyone who attended our Open House event. We also thank our volunteers who helped with registration and games, Katie Barton, Morgan Jones, Tucker Barton, Judson Jones, Emery Rains, Jackson Rains and Lauren Cruz. We appreciate these kiddos giving their time on a Saturday.

Please don't wait until next year to visit the Center again. We welcome you to stop by anytime.

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NRCS announces new conservation team member



The USDA Service Center, Natural Resource Conservation Service, announces new member Ashley Young to the conservation team in Matador.

Young was born and raised in Crystal City, Texas, and attended school 20 miles down the road in La Pryor, Texas. She graduated Valedictorian of the 2003 graduating class at La Pryor High School and spent two years at South West Texas Junior College in Uvalde, Texas. She transferred to Sul Ross State University, graduating in 2008 with a bachelor's degree in Natural Resource Management.

Following graduation, Young moved back to Crystal City and went to work as a Technical Service Provider for the Soil and Water Conservation District. "I worked there four months before getting on with the Natural Resource Conservation Service through the Career Intern Program," Young said. She started her career with the agency in San Antonio, Texas, working there 18 months before being transferred to Matador. "I look forward to contributing to my NRCS team and sharing my knowledge with the community," Young said.

Relay for Life Night Golf Tournament huge success

By Charli Bigham

The Relay for Life Night Golf Tournament that was first scheduled for April 16 but had to be postponed due to the weather was played last Friday, June 4th. The day was beautiful and everyone was eager to get playing.

There were 15 teams and over 70 people that played in the tournament. The teams started off by playing the first nine holes then took a break to eat a meal consisting of hamburgers, hot dogs, chips and a large assortment of cookies.

After eating, the course was set with glow sticks so the teams could see and get to each hole. Each player and their golf cart also had a glow

stick on them so they could be seen by the other players.

The tournament began at 5:30 that evening and lasted until around midnight. The Relay team that put on the tournament was Team Hunting for a Cure. They raised about \$1600 for The American Cancer Society.

The team would like to thank Lowes Pay-n-Save, Mrs. Bairds, Academy, Wylie LP, Ken Marshall and Jaybirds Kitchen for all their donations. They would also like to thank Rodney Williams and Terry Simpson for donating their time to cook the hamburgers and hot dogs and Cynthia Stafford at the pro shop for all her hard work and staying up late until the last golfers were done.



Conway Clary putting at the Relay for Life night Golf tournament. Pictured left to right are Shane Taylor, Caleb Clary, Conway Clary, Mickey Clary and holding the flag Bryant Taylor photo by Charli Bigham

Relay For Life announces raffle winners

By Monta Marshall

On Friday, May 28, 2010, the drawing for the items raffled by the Committee of Relay For Life was held at New To You. The winners were: Larry Hollinsworth, who won the Wii Nintendo; Deanna Russell won the barbecue grill; and Virginia Flores of Snyder won the patio furniture. Virginia is the sister of Andi Henzler. The committee was able to raise over \$1,000 on the raffle items.

Annette Hollinsworth attended the Brisco County's American Cancer Society's fundraiser at Quitaque on June 4, 2010. Their fundraiser was a fantastic dinner, musical entertainment and an exciting game of bingo. The way to bingo was to get the numbers on your card that would spell out the letter C. There were only two games but the prizes were very nice; they also had door prizes.

June 16 K-2nd grade Story time with Pam Thacker, craft project and snacks at Library. 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Classes 1974-1984 set reunion date

Members of Motley County classes of 1974-1984 will meet for a reunion at the Roaring Springs Community Center on August 7, 2010, for food, fun, sharing current stories, and reminiscing about the past.

The MC Reunion began with a few friends connecting on Facebook, an online social network that connects classmates and family, Beverly (Zabielski) Shorter (Class of 1976) said.

"It started off as just a few people spanning several years wanting to get together and much to everyone's surprise it has really caught on, so we are now officially calling it a reunion," she said. "The summer date was chosen because the consensus was that having it in the summer while school was out and folks were already taking off work for vacations would make it much easier to arrange a trip to Motley County."

"If you are a member of the Motley County classes of 1974-

1984 and are just dying to see what everyone is up to these days, please join us at the Roaring Springs Community Center on August 7, 2010," Shorter said, adding, "arrangements have been made for access to the Roaring Springs Ranch Pool and Golf Course but you need to RSVP if you want to participate in that."

Brisket will be furnished for the noon meal, and the rest of the food will be pot luck. Individuals are encouraged to RSVP in order to coordinate the food venue and to reserve access to Roaring Springs Ranch.

For questions and RSVPs, please email mcreunion7484@gmail.com or locate the group on Facebook at MC Reunion.

Persons interested in being the spokesperson for your class to contact classmates that are not on Facebook or do not receive the Motley County Tribune, please email mcreunion7484@gmail.com.

"A Walk With God."



Enoch was a man of exceptional faith. God valued His relationship with Enoch so much that He simply took Enoch off of this earth. We read of this in Genesis 5:21-24.

Enoch did not die a "normal" death on this earth.

Well, for that matter, he did not lead a "normal" life either. From Scripture it is clear that Enoch lived an exceptional life and left this world in an unusual manner. All because he "walked with God."

Even though the Old Testament does not give us many details of Enoch's life, we know that his life was so exemplary that he is listed in the roll call of the men and women of faith found in Hebrews chapter 11.

Enoch evidently was a man who believed that God did exist and that He would surely reward those who earnestly sought Him. The Bible tells us that for at least 300 years, Enoch walked with God. This is the kind of daily life that God values the most.

The value that God loves is something so basic to our existence...faith in Him. May God grant us the ability to have faith like Enoch that we may also walk daily with Him.

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Roaring Springs Lions Club elects new officers

The Roaring Springs Lions Club met at the Windmill Cafe on Thursday, June 3, 2010. The meeting was opened by Boss Lion Wes Campbell. Ten members and two guests were present.

The 2010-2011 officers were elected and approved. They are: Wes Campbell, Boss Lion; Corky Marshall, Secretary/Treasurer; Alex Crowder, Tail Twister; Buzz Thacker, Membership Chairman; and Tince Thacker, Club Sweetheart.

Richie Martinez and Barbara Bogart from Cap Rock Telephone Co-op were our guests. Richie presented a program on the telephone co-op.

Lions Buzz and Tince Thacker, Floyd Carter, Zella Palmer, Chris Spence and Corky Marshall played bingo with the Hackberry Creek Care Center's residents at 2:00 p.m. with 12 residents. The residents enjoyed the game and won a total of \$30.00 playing bingo.

NEWS AROUND MOTLEY COUNTY

Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

On a personal note . . .

Lil Toot hid out all day Saturday; I guess she found a cool spot or else went off exploring. She is usually on top of my car all day or on the front porch. She does have a little hide-away out under the bushes and hon-ey-suckle.

I am glad for a cool house on days like Saturday and Sunday. It seemed like a sauna even at 11:00 p.m. Saturday night. Toot sheds so badly and I am so allergic to her during the summer; she just has to look for damp places in the shade where I have watered.

In the community . . .

On May 22, Doyle and Sue Shannon were married 50 years. On May 25, 2010, they celebrated their anniversary with a family luncheon. Doubling the occasion they also celebrated their granddaughter Adrian Walker's graduation. Adrian is the daughter of Katherine Shannon and David Walker. Attending the festivities were: Robert and Debbie Shannon; Chad and Denise Lawrence, Balie and Cully of Roaring Springs; Nathan Shannon of Matador; Shannon and Taylor Hodges, Martin Walker of Girard; Gina and Nellie Shannon of Matador; Billy and Suzie Shannon of Flomot; Donnie and Carol Martin of Silverton. The day of family visiting was enjoyed by all.

Mack and Reba Tucker of Childress visited in the home of Bill and Mozelle Hand recently. Mack is Mozelle's brother. They live in Childress. On May 30, Mozelle attended the Tucker Cousin Reunion held in Paducah. Twenty-nine cousins enjoyed catching up on family news. Several were from the Childress and Paducah area. One cousin and spouse were from Wisconsin, and several from Mineral Wells, Texas.

Eugene Daniell visited his parents for a short while last Wednesday.

Other guests staying at the hotel this week were: Pastor and Mrs. Gary Taylor who were here holding a revival at the Full Gospel Church; Harold and June Hines from Sunnyvale, Texas, stayed at the Hotel while attending a reunion; Gary and Becky Smartt and Al and Pat Jackson stayed at Traveler's Inn also. They were here for the wedding of Kenneth and Memori Jackson in Matador. Sam Storm of Pflugerville, Texas, and Ralph Roming of Hutto stayed there Friday evening. Sam was helping Ralph get moved here.

On Friday, June 4, Zella Palmer and her son Johnny and daughter-in-law Tammy traveled to Guthrie, OK, to visit Zella's brother-in-law, Cecil Snow. They also visited Zella's sister-in-law, Frances Goolsby. Zella said Frances had one of the most beautiful yards where she grows several colors of hydrangeas and lilies among other flowers. Being a gardner, Zella really enjoyed seeing Frances' garden. On Saturday, they drove over to Sapulpa, OK, to visit Zella's older sister, Ruth Bradford who lives in a nursing home there. Ruth is 93 years old. They visited Zella's nephew and wife, Dennis and Shirley Bradford.

Roaring Springs has a new resident; he is Ralph Roming who has moved here from Hutto, TX. He leased Harry Hamilton's house at 706 3rd St. Ralph is retired from various occupations as a farmer, Texas State Water Commissioner, and locksmith. He is a long-time friend of Corky and Monta Marshall; he was the best friend of Monta's late husband, Jerry McClaran. Our families both farmed and their children went to school together at Bovina, TX. Ralph has a daughter, Dian Allen, who is a respiratory therapist at the Heart Hospital in Lubbock.

Another new resident of Roaring Springs is Ashley Young from Crystal City. She works at the FSA office with the NCRS in Matador. She is currently living in Kenneth Marshall's R.V. parking near the old school lunchroom. She has a little black pug named Tug. Welcome to Roaring Springs.

Larry and Annette Hollinsworth are great grandparents! Chance and Kayla Maynard of Matador had a baby girl at the hospital in Lockney early June 5, 2010. Both mother and little Emma Jean are doing fine and have returned home. Emma Jean was named after her great grandmother who died in late April.

J. T. Swim is at home. Imogene is still in Lubbock in a skilled nursing facility.

Don and Billie Stuckey returned home from Flower Mound, Texas, last week.

The home of the late Joyce Smith has been sold to Stacy and Terrie Nichols of Shallowater, Texas. They have four children. The Nichols own and operate Artic Air Conditioning & Heating in Lubbock. For the time being this will be a weekend and vacation home.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

Overheard

"Keep that up and I'll give you something to cry about." Parents said that so many times in days past that I thought it came from the Bible, like the eleventh commandment or something!

Guests of Ruth and Orville Lee Sunday, May 30, 2010, were Eldon and Lana Box of Plainview.

Wilburn Martin visited during the memorial holidays in Borger with daughter and husband, Marilee and Fred Cooper. Other guests were Cory Cooper, Gavin and Mason of Borger.

Mrs. Aleda Ross visited recently in Lubbock with daughter and husband Elisa and Stan Wigley. They had a garage sale.

Mrs. Leona Degan, former Flomot resident, is a resident at the Hackberry Creek Care Center in Matador. Her children, Stanley and Donna Sue Degan of Calgary, and Morris and Lou Degan of Medicine Mound moved her this past week from home in Chillicothe so she would be near friends.

Arnold and Carolyn Johnson and daughter, Mrs. Kayla Guest of Turkey were in Vernon recently with daughter and sister, Mrs. Lucretia Dockery who was a patient at the Willbarger General Hospital. Lucretia suffered medical complications following her surgery. She is reported to be doing fine. Also at her bedside were husband, Breck Dockery and daughter, Brittany.

Tim Kendall was in Houston this week to attend an Auto Cad Class, a mapping system of the Lighthouse Electric Co. He was a houseguest of friend, Jere Banweski. A family friend, E.C. Thomas of Houston donated equipment and supplies for Tim's Boy Scout Troop 274 which was appreciated.

Motley County Soil Moisture adequate for May Planting

Beth Pratt: "Nature remains the most powerful force that determines the fate of the farm."

Soil moisture was adequate in May and the planting of cotton and feed crops continued as weather permitted. The weather was sporadic with temperatures 90 degrees one day and 57 the next.

Winds were high much of the month. Many wheat fields are continuing to be grazed by cattle, which are in good shape. Pastures and range land are in good condition.

Total rainfall for May recorded by the Motley County National Weather Service Volunteers was: Buzz Thacker, Roaring Springs 1.85 inches; Ronnie Bailey, Matador 2.15 inches; Betty Simpson, Northfield 1.99 inches; Lawrence Allen, Whiteflat 2.15 inches and Clois Shorter, Flomot 1.42 inches.

Visiting in the home of Brenda and Darrell Cruse is daughter, Leah Cruse of Amarillo and granddaughter, Reese Cruse of Gillett, Wyoming, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Keane Cruse.

Mrs. Kathy Shorter met daughter and son, Mrs. Keri and Brian Sehon of Wolforth in Plainview, Friday, June 4, and Brian returned home with her to visit. Sunday, Clois Shorter accompanied Brian to Ralls and met his parents, Keri and Kevin Sehon for his return trip home. Brian is attending basketball camp this week.

Visiting Carolyn and Arnold Johnson Saturday and Sunday was his sister, Mrs. Mary Scott. Joining them for lunch Sunday were daughter and husband, Kayla and Neil Guests of Turkey.

Anna Beth and Joe Ike Clay visited in Panhandle and attended church with son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Clay, Kelsey, Tanner and Sarah. Enroute home, they visited in Claude with Donna and Jess Little, Morgan, Lauren and Landry.

Visiting Friday night and Saturday with Sandra and Jerry Barclay were grandchildren, Ty-lee, Trent and Trevor, children of Mr. and Mrs. Ty Barclay of Matador.

Mrs. Michael Starkey of Canyon visited Nada and Jack Starkey Monday, Tuesday, she accompanied them to Lubbock to Jack's medical appointment.

Bengie, JJ and Katie Hughes of Royce City are visiting in the home of his parents, Butch and Janice Hughes. They visited in Floydada, Sunday in the home of Roger and Tiffany Hughes and celebrated the 19th birthday of daughter, Tara Hughes with a party and cookout. Ricky Hughes of Floydada visited during the weekend with the family.

Matador News

Proud grandparents, Bill and Arlyce Manney are happy to report that their granddaughter, Tegan Shannon, of Pflugerville, has made a complete recovery after sur-

gery on her spine in March. Thanks to all who prayed for her. Also, Tegan had 100 percent scores on her end-of-year TAKS tests.

Homecoming 2010 Update

September 17th and 18th, the Matador/Motley County Ex-Student's Association will celebrate our biennial Homecoming. Many classes will be having Class Reunions, including the Class of 1960 who will be celebrating their 50th. Any other classes who plan to have reunions are encouraged to let us know so we can make sure they are announced in the Homecoming Mail-Outs.

A Board meeting of the Ex-Student's Association will be held at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 15th, at the Motley County Courthouse. All Board

members are urged to attend, as final plans for the Homecoming activities will be made.

Please Note: If your mailing address used to be a Rt. Number, Box Number, please let us know your new 911 mailing address. The Post Office will not forward the Homecoming Mail-Outs. Also, if you, or your kids have a new mailing address, please call Kay Bailey at 806-347-2399, or email kayron@caprock-spur.com

Looking forward to seeing you all at Homecoming in September!

Rainbow Array of Colors at Do Gooders' Club Meeting

The Do Gooders' Club began the month Tuesday, June 1, 2010, at the Community Center in Flomot and was greeted with a cheerful array of rainbow colors.

Mrs. Kathy Shorter presided at a flower-designed service at the table laid with a pastel striped cloth. Adding to the colorful décor, the centerpiece was a beautiful flower arrangement. She served refreshments of vegetables, crackers and dips, chocolate chip cookies and peach tea.

Mrs. Waydette Clay conducted the business meeting.

Mrs. Anna Beth Clay read minutes of the club that were approved. They voted to have the club's annual Bazaar Saturday, November 6, 2010, at the Community Center. They worked on the Bazaar quilt, which is almost completed.

Members attending were Mesdames Doris Vinson, B. Rogers, Erma Washington, Mary Jo Calvert, Anna Beth Clay, Kathy Shorter, Waydette Clay and Suzie Shannon. Guests were Mrs. Cindy Cowart and son, Cadé of Istanbul, Turkey, Emily and Haley Milam of Lake Kiowa.

FSA News By Amy Hackler

Public Meeting for COC Elections - This meeting will be held on June 23rd at 8:30 a.m. in the Motley County USDA Service Center Conference Room. Please join us for this informational meeting.

It's Cotton planting time so please remember to call the of-

ice and make an appointment to report planted acres on all farms. We encourage producers to make appointments, so that you do not have to make extra trips to town and you are not waiting in the office for long periods of time. Reporting deadline is July 15th.



A delicious meal was enjoyed by many friends and family members attending Hackberry Creek's Open House event Saturday. See related story in Hackberry Happenings on page 2. photo by Carla Meador

Put June 19 on your calender as a workday to clean up fix and paint at the City Park Please come Volunteer!

This Week's Local Forecast

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	T-storms
99/69	96/68	92/68	90/71	89/68	92/70	95/71

Weather Trivia

What does the term "lake effect snow" mean?

Weather History

June 10, 1752 - It is believed that this was the day Benjamin Franklin narrowly missed electrocution while flying a kite during a thunderstorm. Franklin was trying to determine if lightning is related to electricity.

Moon Phases

New	First	Full	Last
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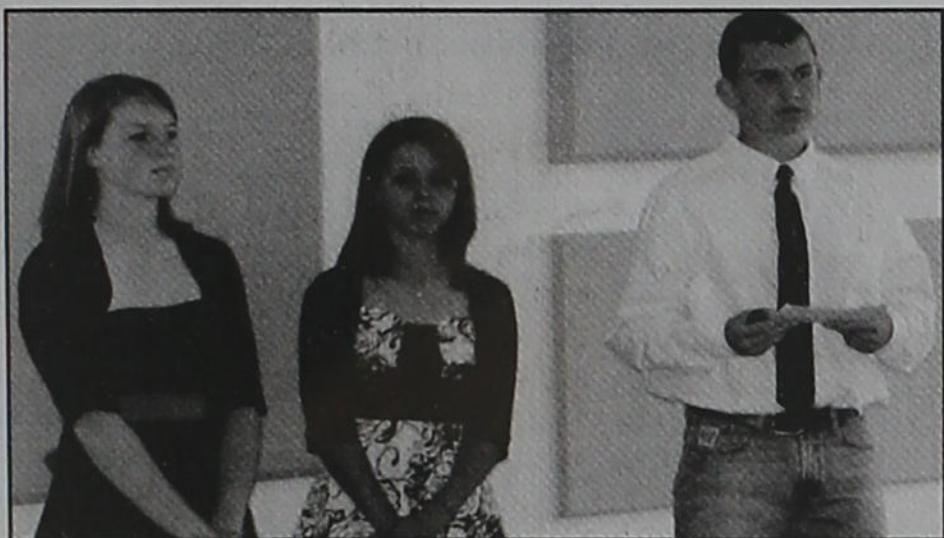
By Mary Ann Potts

First of all, I want to announce that the library has received 3 new releases this week. The *Deadliest Sea* by Kalee Thompson is a daring story about the greatest rescue in Coast Guard History. I've only read the first 30 pages but am so intrigued with each page that I know I'll have it read before you read this column. Craig Johnson's, *Junkyard Dogs*, is our 2nd arrival and the 6th book in the Walt Longmire Mystery Series. And lastly, Clive Cussler's, *The Spy*, featuring your favorite detective Issac Bell who is confronted with his most extraordinary case yet.

And on Sunday, May 23rd, Christian Brooks, Lexi Osborn and Jaci Zingerman presented a PowerPoint program on Safety Belt Awareness and the possible consequences associated with unbuckled drivers and passengers. The most powerful part of this presentation was seeing Lexi Osborn's photos of the aftermath of her accident in which she was thrown from the vehicle because she was not wearing her seatbelt. Being a parent

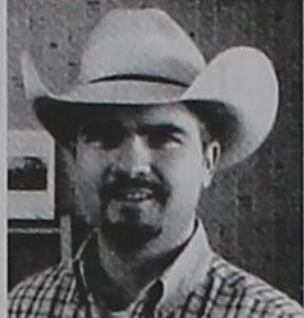
of three boys, two of which are teenagers, I worry every time they hit the road for school, errands or play so I made sure they attended the presentation to reinforce these possible consequences. Christian, Lexi and Jaci, Motley County 4-H members, did an excellent job with their presentation. The library and Friends of the Library want to thank them for scheduling time to share the lessons they've learned and to wish them luck at their final 4-H competition.

And in case you haven't heard or seen the flyers posted around town, the Motley County Library's Reading Express is underway as of June 1. Our Children and Juvenile sections are buzzing with activity as soon as the doors open. Four days into the reading program one enthusiastic 2nd grader has finished his reading card which means he's read 22 books and now is in the running for a Portable DVD Player! We also hope to see kids K-2 grade each Wednesday, June 9, 16, 23 and 30th, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., for Storytime, Crafts and delicious snacks.



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County Agent's News



by Ryan Martin, Agri LIFE EXTENSION Agent

'Pork & Beef field day offered in Childress June 29

CHILDRESS – A "Pork & Beef Field Day" presented by the Texas AgriLife Extension Service and U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service will be held June 29 on the Kenneth Ellis Farm near Childress.

There has been an increased interest in Old World bluestem grass as a nutritional pasture grass for livestock, but it requires proper management and fertilization, said Lonnie Jenschke, AgriLife Extension agricultural and natural science agent in Childress County.

In addition, Jenschke said, feral hogs are becoming more of a nuisance in the county, so that topic has been combined as part of a discussion of county management practices, as well as quail habitat and management.

The program will run from 9 a.m. to noon, with lunch served following the program, he said. Those planning to attend should call 940-937-2351 by June 22.

Presentations will cover Old World bluestems, pasture management, quail management, feral hog control, marketing feral hogs, the Environmental Quality Incentive Program and native pasture restoration, Conservation Reserve Program and Childress agriculture. Additionally, Dow and DuPont chemical companies will present product updates.

Three continuing education units will be offered, two general and one integrated pest management, Jenschke said.

Cattle Trails Stocker Conference to be held July 24 in Wichita Falls

WICHITA FALLS – The newly created Cattle Trails Stocker Conference will be held July 24 at the MPEC Center, 1000 5th Street, in Wichita Falls. This conference is a joint effort between Texas AgriLife Extension Service and the Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service.

The vision of the conference planners is to create an annual conference that will provide wheat producers and/or stocker cattle operators the most up-to-date information on topics that influence wheat and stocker cattle profits. In effect, the conference will assist those producers in driving their cattle to profits.

The conference will alternate between Texas and

Oklahoma each year. The conference is named to represent the vast area of agricultural production between the Chisholm Trail and the Great Western cattle trails of the late 1800's, both of which started in south central Texas and moved up through central and western Oklahoma.

The keynote speaker for the event will be Mike Bumgarner, vice-president for the Center for Food and Animal Issues, Ohio Farm Bureau Foundation. The Center was created in May 2009 to engage farmers, ranchers, consumers and others who have connections to animals in a public dialog over the proper role of animals in society.

The spark for the Center's formation came as, over the past couple of years, the Ohio Farm Bureau's staff and board of trustees followed pork, poultry and veal housing debates in states like Florida, Arizona and most recently, California's Proposition 2.

Taking a pro-active approach, Ohio voters passed a constitutional amendment in November 2009 creating the Ohio Livestock Care Standards Board. The Ohio Farm Bureau played a large role in getting that constitutional amendment on the ballot, he said.

If we (Texas animal agriculturalists) don't take a pro-active approach in creating legislation on safe handling and caring of livestock, someone with other intentions may do it for us, as in the cases in California, Arizona and Florida.

The Ohio bill requires the board to adopt rules governing the care and well-being of livestock in Ohio, including best management practices, and establishes the amount of civil penalties to be assessed against people who violate the rules, he said.

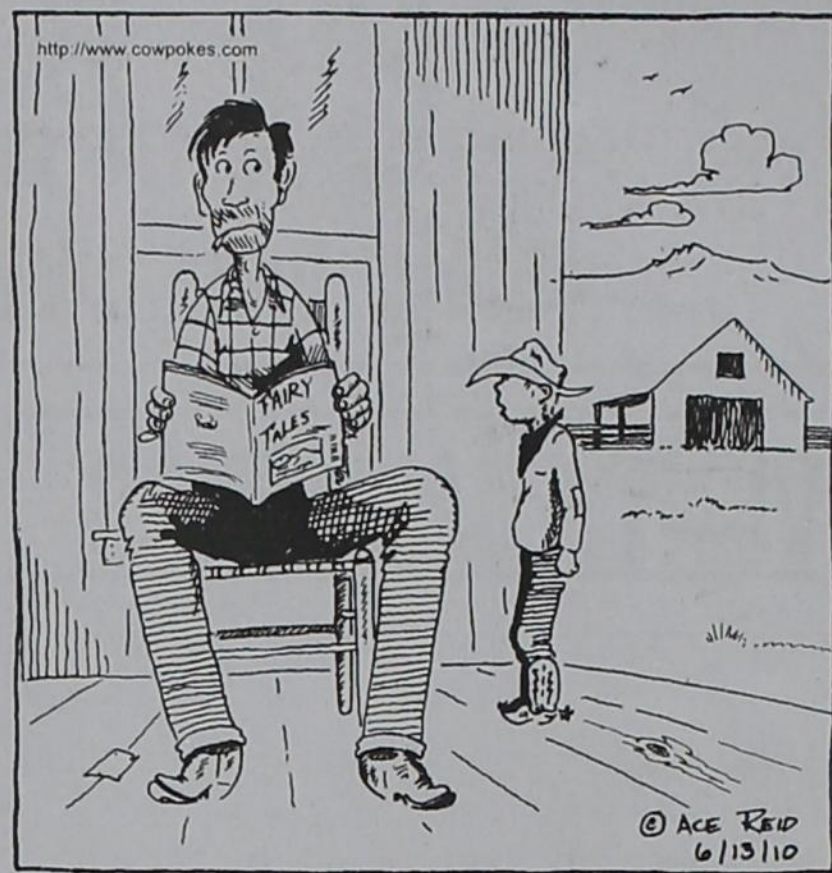
Additional speakers include faculty from both Oklahoma and Texas. Important topics of marketing and outlook, animal health, wheat pasture research and wheat production will be covered.

Industry sponsors will have their products on display during the event.

The conference will begin at 8 a.m. with registration and end at 4:30 p.m. Registration is \$20 per person and includes educational materials, a copy of the Cattle Trails Stocker Conference Proceedings, a noon meal and refreshments. Additional information can be obtained at <http://agrisk.tamu.edu>.

Producers can register by contacting their local Texas AgriLife Extension county

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Conservation land-management meeting planned June 16 in Lubbock

LUBBOCK – With Conservation Reserve Program contracts closing and some not being renewed, many landowners are left with questions about what could or should happen next.

Texas AgriLife Extension Service will host an "After the Conservation Reserve Program: Wildlife, Farming and Grazing" seminar on June 16 at the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center at Lubbock, 1102 E. F.M. 1294, to answer some of those questions.

"The 2008 Farm Bill capped CRP nationwide at 32 million acres, which is about 20 percent less than the 39.2 million acre cap provided by the 2002 Farm Act," said Ken Cearley, AgriLife Extension wildlife specialist in Amarillo.

Contracts on almost 659,000 acres expire statewide in 2010, more than a quarter million acres in the South Plains, Cearley said. Some of these will not have the option to renew. The others face the decision to renew their contracts or not.

"This meeting is aimed at both those who are unable to renew and those contemplating taking their land out of the program at the end of their contract," he said. "Our aim is to give up-to-date information about the popular program as well as options to consider for

land management after CRP."

The registration fee is \$30 if paid by June 14 and \$40 for those registering after that date or at the door, according to Robert Scott, AgriLife Extension agriculture and natural resources agent in Lubbock. Lunch, refreshments and conference materials will be provided.

Registration can be made by calling the AgriLife Extension office in Lubbock at 806-775-1680 or by mail to: Texas AgriLife Extension Service-Lubbock County, Box 10536, Lubbock, Texas 79408. Checks should be made payable to the Lubbock Livestock Committee.

Program registration will begin at 7 a.m., followed by the program from 8 a.m. to 3:15 p.m., Scott said. Three general continuing education units will be offered toward pesticide applicator re-certification.

The day will be divided into three sessions, with a CRP overview in the early morning, followed by land-management alternatives in the late morning, and landowner experiences and local agency perspectives in the afternoon.

Partners in the program include Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, USDA-Farm Services Agency, USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service with partial funding provided by the Renewable Resources Extension Act.

For more information, contact Scott at 806-775-1680 or rscott@ag.tamu.edu, or Cearley, 806-677-5600, kcearley@ag.tamu.edu.

Obituary

Betty Jane Coffey

Funeral services for Betty Jane Coffey, 81, of Centerville and formerly Deer Park, were held Sunday, June 6, 2010, at the Walters Funeral Home in Centerville, Texas. Jeff Asher, Tim Coffey and Clay Thornton officiated the service and interment followed in the Centerville Cemetery.

Betty Jane Coffey was born on April 16, 1929, in Matador, Texas, to Sterling and Ina (Curl) Price. She was a devoted homemaker and a member of the Centerville Church of Christ. Betty and her husband, Bill, lived in Centerville since 1980. She passed away Thursday, June 3, 2010, in Madisonville, Texas. Betty is preceded in death by her parents; daughter, Cyndi Kirkwood and brother, Frank Price.

Survivors include husband, William "Bill" Coffey of Centerville; son and daughter-

in-law, Tim and Amy Coffey of Centerville; daughters and sons-in-law, Barbara and Farrell Walker of Round Rock and Sharon and Walter Reece of Wimberly; son-in-law, Dr. Ron Kirkwood of Clear Lake; eight grandchildren, Jamie, Kelsey, Daniel, Lori, Amy, Anna Lee, Leah and Dennis and four great grandchildren, Dylan, Logan, Ashton and Austin.

Pallbearers were David Branscum, Daniel Coffey, Dennis Coffey, Pedro Gonzales, Dr. Ron Kirkwood, Ryan Mikulenska, Farrell Walker and Felipe Garcia. Honorary pallbearers were Victor Hillman, Gayle Tittle, Steve Torno, Jeff Vincent and Bill Wilson.

Burial was Sunday, June 6, 2010, at Centerville Cemetery under the direction of Walters Funeral Home in Centerville, Texas.

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- June**
- 7 District Horse Show Registration Due
 - 7 - 11 State Roundup
 - 8 Baseball: T-B: Rangers vs Tornados
C-P: Longhorns vs Wild Hogs
S-B: Stampede vs Braves
 - 8 RSCV 7:00 p.m. to plan the Fourth of July celebration
 - 9 K-2nd grade Story time with Pam Thacker, craft project and snacks at Library. 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
 - 9 Hospital Board meets in the back of the ambulance barn 7am
 - 10 Baseball: C-P: Wild Hogs vs Raiders
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 - 10 Matador City Council
 - 10 Matador Chapter of the Eastern Star, in Floydada. Meal at 6:30pm meeting at 7:30
 - 14 Commissioners' Court
 - 14 Roaring Springs City Council
 - 14 10 County 4-H Camp Reservations due
 - 14 - 16 4HTeen Leader Lab
 - 15 Baseball:T-B: Rangers vs Tornados
C-P: Wild Hogs vs Longhorns
S-B: Stampede vs Braves
 - 15 Matador Lions
 - 16 K-2nd grade Story time with Pam Thacker, craft project and snacks at Library. 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
 - 17 Baseball: T-B: Tornados vs Rangers
C-P: Raiders vs Longhorns
S-B: Braves vs Stampede
 - 17 4-H Golf Challenge in Lubbock
 - 17 Matador Masonic Lodge, 6:30 pm
 - 19 Roaring Springs High School Reunion, Roaring Springs Community Center.
 - 22 10 County Camp in Roaring Springs
 - 22 Baseball: C-P: Longhorns vs Raiders
S-B: Stampede vs Braves
C-P: Wild Hogs vs Longhorns

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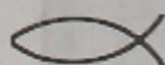
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