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## TPTR meets at 3-Rivers Astronomy Campus

By Carol Campbell  
*Motley County Tribune*

Dedicated Texas Plains Trail Region (TPTR) star gazers made an early trip to the Astronomy Campus in Crowell, one day prior to the quarterly meeting of the TPTR board on April 20, 2011.

The Three Rivers Foundation for the Arts and Sciences Company run a dark-sky campus 14 miles west of Crowell on Hwy. 70. The 700-acre facility featuring telescopes, observatories, and a star field, provides education programs, daytime and nighttime programs, teacher workshops, and hands-on school programs. The campus has two giant telescopes that are permanently mounted and a binocular telescope. Two star parties a month on specific dates are published on their website ([www.3rf.org](http://www.3rf.org)).

The group enjoyed a first-hand tour of the campus, courtesy of TPTR board member Caryn Borchardt. Borchardt is employed at 3-Rivers as an instructor, teaching children and adults about the endangered wildlife of the prairie. Her classroom instruction includes collaboration with Native Americans (Lakota and Comanche Indians) on the use of prairie resources. But her pride and joy is her conservation efforts. She has built a home for box turtles (ter-

rapins); and is in the process of establishing a Prairie Dog town on the property. She initially relocated 36 prairie dogs "but the Falcons had a wildlife buffet." Now she is trying to establish an environment to protect the little endangered rodents from natural predators.

The classroom is located in a beautiful structure with a wrap-around porch, complete with rocking chairs for star gazing. This was the scene of the quarterly meeting of the TPTR the next morning, April 21, 2011. Lunch was catered by Duane and Margie Johnson's steakhouse. The menu consisted of mesquite grilled chicken, baked potato, green beans and salad with peach cobbler for dessert.

The TPTR board consists of 23 representatives from a 52-county region who meet quarterly "to promote cultural, heritage, and natural resources for communities and their visitors." Representing Motley County in this effort is Carol Campbell, Chair of the Historic Motley County Jail. Also attending the meeting was charter member of the TPTR, Marisue Potts Powell.

Following approval of the minutes from the previous meeting; and a financial and treasurer's report, Executive Director Deborah Sue McDonald reported that "thanks to the outpouring of support for the heritage trails," all 10 trails

in the state of Texas may have survived biennium state budget cuts. "The Texas Heritage Trails program is a volunteer-based initiative in our communities statewide," she said. "We kept our Trails budget, at least temporarily," she reported.

McDonald also reported that the Texas Historical Commission Tourism Partnership grant deadline has been extended to May 2 due to region fires. Motley County submitted a grant for a video documentary. Other competitive grants submitted thus far consist of Tulia, Plainview, the Quanah Parker Trail initiative, the Goodnight House, and the Paducah museum.

In further business, the agenda included project reports on museums in the region by Lynn Hopkins from Hutchinson County, Borger, Texas. Lynn has been with the Plains Trail since the beginning. The Museum Project consists of developing a tabloid for museums to advertise a "passport" program for students to use to visit museums in the area. Once the passport is fully stamped (about 10 museums) kids can mail in their completed passport for a prize. Lynn has compiled a database of almost 80 museums in the region.

Additionally, the annual Adobe Walls Trek is planned for June 25, a program which will begin at the Hutchin-

son County Museum on the Red River War of 1864 and the 1874 battle sites at Adobe Walls with costumed interpreters. Don Parker will speak on Comanche and family traditions; and his sister will demonstrate making tools from buffalo. The next meeting of the Quanah Parker Trail initiative will be in Borger during this event.

Representing the annual Regional Tourism and Preservation Roundup Planning Committee, Secretary Debbie Wegman, Big Spring, gave a brief update on the Roundup planned this summer to be held in Post, Texas, on August 15-16, 2011. Some of the sessions will include "History Comes to Life," a WWII recreation; a Success Story Panel; Quanah Parker Trail; youth engagement, oral history projects, and tourism projects.

Sponsorship Levels for the conference will include Platinum Sponsors at \$1,000; Gold Sponsors at \$750.00; Silver Sponsors at \$500.00; and Bronze Sponsors at \$250.00. To learn more about sponsorship of this well-attended event or to ask questions regarding sponsorship and the recognition by the different sponsor levels, please check [txplainstrail@yahoo.com](mailto:txplainstrail@yahoo.com) or [www.TexasPlainsTrail.com](http://www.TexasPlainsTrail.com). A TPTR strategic planning meeting is set of June 23 in Canyon.

## RS Council Accepts Unopposed Candidates

By Zella Palmer  
*Motley County Tribune*

The Roaring Springs City Council met in regular session, April 11, 2011, at City Hall. Attending were Mayor Corky Marshall, council members Alex Crowder, PK Green, and Perry Gullede; Water Manager Robert Osborn and City Secretary Zella Palmer.

Mayor Marshall called the meeting to order. The March 14, 2011, regular city council meeting minutes were approved. The financial report was approved and bills approved to be paid.

Certification of unopposed candidates for the May 14, 2011, election was presented to council by City Secretary Zella Palmer. There were three council positions to be filled. Those positions are currently held by Alex Crowder, PK Green, and Tim-

my Brooks. Only the three incumbents filed applications for a place on the ballot. The council voted unanimously to accept the Certification of Unopposed Candidates for the May 14, 2011 election.

In other business, the council voted unanimously to approve Ordinance No. E-2011, Declaring Unopposed Candidates in the May 14, 2011, General City Election, Elected to Office; Canceling the Election; Providing a Severability Clause; and Providing an Effective Date. Candidates elected to office to serve as council members are Alex Crowder, PK Green, and Timmy Brooks.

Alex Crowder reported the application for the fire truck has not been received, and does not know what the specifications will be. The city is accepting donations to help pay for the truck.

## Quanah Parker Trail group meets at Copper Breaks State Park

Special to *Motley County Tribune* by Hanaba Welch

COPPER BREAKS STATE PARK, Texas (Special) -- All trails led Wednesday to Copper Breaks State Park for promoters of the Quanah Parker Trail, a grassroots heritage tourism initiative in the Texas Plains Trails Region (TPTR).

"We're identifying places across the Texas Plains Trail Region that have significant ties to the Cynthia Ann and Quanah Parker story," said Deborah Sue McDonald, TPTR director.

Don Parker, a descendant of Comanche Chief Quanah Parker, represented the Parker family at the quarterly confab. Parker, who grew up at Cache, Okla., now lives in Lawton.

"From the Parker family perspective, it (this area) feels like our homeland," he said, referring to the part of Texas where his ancestors once lived and hunted buffalo. "I am thankful that you have this interest in our legacy."

Parker listened intently as people at the meeting told stories of interactions between his great-grandfather and the Texas ranchers, patriarchs of the Texas Plains. He also shared stories from Comanche oral tradition, particularly regarding his famous ancestors.

Cynthia Ann Parker, captured by Indians at age 9 in 1836, grew up with the Co-

manche, married warrior Peta Nocona and had three children before she was recaptured in 1860 just a few miles downriver from Copper Breaks. Quanah, not captured with his mother, lived to be the last chief of the Comanche, transitioning from Quahadi Comanche warchief to a renowned leader of his people in the reservation era -- even to ride alongside other Indian chiefs in Teddy Roosevelt's inaugural parade in 1905 and to hunt wolves with the president when he came to the the Frederick, Okla. area the same year.

But the Texas story of Quanah Parker and his people, particularly their experiences in the 52-county Texas Plains Trail heritage tourism region, is the focus of the Quanah Parker Trail group. The group maintains the website [www.texasplainstrail.com](http://www.texasplainstrail.com). not only to present history but also to publicize upcoming events relative to the Comanche presence in Texas.

On display through mid-June at Copper Breaks State Park is the traveling Cynthia Ann and Quanah Parker Trail Exhibit, a collection of photographs of Quanah and his mother.

Quanah, Texas, just 12 miles north of the park, will hold its first Quanah Parker Celebration June 9-11, with an afternoon excursion to nearby Crowell and to Copper Breaks

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## Motley County Library receives \$10,000 grant to purchase books



On April 13 at the Texas Library Conference in Austin, Mr. James B. Stewart, chairman of the J. Frank Dobie Trust, awarded the four selected libraries a check for \$10,000 each to purchase books. Left to Right: Kathleen Hale, Valley Mills Public Library; Frances Moses, The Depot Public Library, Throckmorton; Mary Ann Potts, Motley County Library; James B. Stewart, Chairman of the J. Frankie Dobie Trust; and Pattie Mayfield, Bertha Moyer Memorial Library, Honey Grove.

# Foothill Country

## Connections

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



By Larry Vogt

If there were one item in the realm of nostalgia that grabs me every time, that item would be railroads, and especially, steam locomotives. Think of all the railroad songs, such as *Casey Jones*, *The Wreck of the Old 97*, and others, which tell stories of the locomotives and their heroic engineers. There are children's books, such as *The Little Engine That Could*, that set us up for plenty of memories, and even gave a personality to the locomotive. I grew up in a town blessed with the railroad, and steam locomotives every day until the early 1950s when the diesel locomotive started to replace the coal fired, huffing and puffing of the big wheels rolling down the track.

My older brother, in 1933, when he was about 6, got to

ride in the cab of a locomotive. Oh how I envied him when he told me that story. He wasn't even aggressive, just stood by the tracks every day until the engineer asked him if he wanted to ride in the cab. He got to ride from one end of town and back while they switched some cars around and that memory certainly impressed him, as well as me, hearing the story.

We traveled by train on several occasions, going to visit relatives in states that were exotic places in my mind until they became real places where people lived and worked. My mother even allowed me a solo train journey when I was about eight years old. I rode from Marion, South Dakota to Rapid City, South Dakota, with a quick stop along the way to deliver some cookies to my other brother who worked in the depot of a small town. That ride was so much fun, with friendly people, a soldier who taught me card tricks, (I don't remember even one) and a great visit with my oldest brother. I was able to stay a week or so and then came the fantastic train ride back home. I had so many memories to share with my mother; I was riding high for the rest of the summer on that one.

# OPINION EDITORIAL

## "One Wonders"

by Tom Edwards

I commend Brent Hamilton for his informative article in the April 14 Tribune, and certainly agree that landowners should be adequately compensated for powerline easements across their property, but his article raises a few interesting questions.

For years, Motley, Briscoe, and Foard Counties have had the lowest effective tax base of Texas' 254 counties. This results from minimal economic development and is the direct cause of our high property taxes, even though our County government is cut to the bone. Accordingly, any substantial increase in the county's effective tax base could solve a myriad of problems, including lowering everybody's taxes!

In a couple of years, Briscoe and Foard Counties will get well from construction of new transmission lines and substations already approved for them. Then, if nothing changes, Motley County, with its current effective tax base of approximately 76 million dollars, will be, by far, dead last.

A potential "Godsend" oc-

curred when Electric Transmission Texas (ETT) designated a new transmission line route across southern Motley County as its "preferred route." This was bolstered when the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) Staff recommended its adoption. In round figures, if the PUC had adopted the route, it would have added 44 million dollars to the county's effective tax base for many decades to come! But it didn't happen.

Before the Public Hearing by the PUC on the ETT line, ALL intervening landowners (many non-resident) entered into a settlement agreement moving the line south out of Motley County. The agreement also included a number of non-involved landowners who agreed to accept portions of the line on their property. Makes you wonder who or what convinced them to do this. It stacked the deck against Motley County.

On February 24, on behalf of Motley County, I appeared and spoke to the three member PUC at its Public Hearing. By all accounts I won the argument, but

still lost. I listened while the PUC chairman, Barry Smitherman (also a lawyer), argued in favor of the settlement route, finally convincing the other two commissioners. One wonders. Not only did adoption of the settlement route cost Motley County an increase in its tax base, it also socked the ratepayers of Texas an additional \$33 million over the cost of ETT's preferred route, the cheapest.

If Brent is correct that the market value of these types of easements should exceed \$150,000.00 per mile, one wonders if all the Motley County landowners who agreed to move the line off their property knew it. That rate should tempt even the most anti-powerline landowners-unless they are already extremely wealthy. Sounds like it could have been a win-win situation for both the landowners and the County.

Public filings indicate that the Tongue River Ranch led the settlement route maneuver. I don't know the extent of Tom Hamilton's involvement, but on the PUC's website at

Docket #38562, item #335, the Settlement agreement is attached, and attached to it is a document wherein Tom appears and signs off as an attorney for Tongue River Ranch.

My deepest disappointment is that a number of individuals and entities who had assured me they would work for the best interest of Motley County, didn't. They know who they are.

The supreme irony is that just three days after the PUC hearing the Matador West fire erupted. Some of the same involved landowners needed all the help the county could provide-and got it! Is there something wrong with this picture? One wonders. An increase in the tax base could also result in an increase in available fire fighting equipment.

Now we have the new Southwestern Public Service Company (SPS) proposed line across Motley County (PUC Docket #38877), and the interventions are flying in. Take a look at them. How do you reckon all this will play out?

One wonders.

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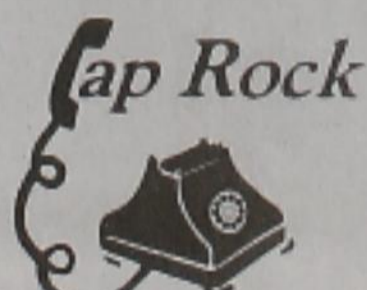
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## Motley County Shining Stars



The Motley County Gifted and Talented class took a field trip to Mrs. Baird's factory in Lubbock last week and a tour of the Crayola Exhibit at the Science Spectrum. Pictured are students enjoying extra play time at the Legacy Village.




Quanah Parker Trail meeting participants stand Wednesday, April 20, against the northwestern horizon at Copper Breaks State Park. Attending from Matador were James Bearden, Ron Bailey, Ed D. Smith, Marisue Powell, and Carol Campbell. Eighth from left, wearing dark glasses, is Don Parker, great-grandson of Chief Quanah Parker. PHOTO BY CARL HOPPER, PARK RANGER

**Quanah Parker Trail group meets at Copper Breaks State Park**  
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on June 10. The event is the annual Quanah Parker family reunion, but the family welcomes everyone to attend. In years past, the event has been held in Cache, Okla. In Borger, events in June and July will commemorate battles at Adobe Walls, north of Borger in northern Hutchinson County. In October, Synder will hold its annual White Buffalo Festival, an event named for the white buffalo shot in 1876 near Snyder.

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We want to thank everyone who helped in any way in the loss of our loved one, Billy Hand. All the prayers were felt and appreciated during his illness and our loss. To those who fixed so much delicious food and the ladies who served and cleaned up after the meals, for the phone calls, flowers, donations made in his memory to various charities. Thanks to those who continued to visit Bill as he appreciated them so much, the Accolade Group who took such good care of him. A special thanks to Kristi Ward and Don Whitaker for their loving care. We felt God sent them to us. To Nathan and his help for such good help in our time of need, and Bro. Johnny for such a good service to Devone and D'ana for the beautiful music and songs and to those who got the CD and played it.

Thanks to the Pall Bearers and honorary ones for their friendship, and to those who came to the services and cemetery. It is such a pleasure living in such loving communities and are always there during a time of need. To the EMT's who always came when needed. Thanks again to everyone.

- Mozelle Gibbs/ Hand family
- Trudy Hand family
- Kelly Hand family
- Bonita Barton family
- Kim Watson family

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**1st Annual Bob Wills Day Barbecue Cook-off**

The 1st Annual Bob Wills Day Barbecue Cook-off will be held in Turkey, Texas on Friday, April 29th and Saturday, April 30th. The event will benefit the Bob Wills Foundation, a non-profit organization. The entry fee for BBQ brisket, pork spare ribs or 1/2 chicken is \$75. The entry fee for open turkey and jackpot beans is \$10. For additional information contact Troy Glover, 806-269-1865 or Lacy Shannon, 806-423-1033, or email her at lacyshannon@hotmail.com.



**"BUILDING MATERIAL"**



One of the many images the Bible gives for the church is that of a "building." As a building we understand from scripture that Jesus Christ is the corner stone. That means that Christ sets the standard for the rest of the building. Therefore whatever is built must be built in reference to

Him. The apostle Peter tells us that we are "living stones" in the building of God's house. What magnificence is given to us of God! We are a part of something so wonderful, "a building not made with hands."

In Ephesians 2: 17-22, the Bible states that we are "growing into a holy temple in the Lord." Our challenge is to never stop growing and developing in our Christianity. When we are doing our part, as a part of God's holy building, we also are strengthening the other parts that make up this building.

Also found in the book of Ephesians is the great theme of unity. The apostle Paul addresses the unity of the "building," the unity of the spirit, the unity of God and the unity of the faith. It is only through the standard set by the "cornerstone" that such unity is possible. Remember Jesus Christ brought the Jews and Gentiles together into His "building." And much can be accomplished today when as "living stones," we link up with Jesus Christ the "cornerstone."

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

# NEWS AROUND MOTLEY COUNTY

## Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

I hope you had a nice Easter. We did. First Sunday school and worship service then to Kenneth and Mary Marshall's for Sunday/Easter dinner. The group was smaller than usual as Brent, Jana, their children and Tyne Marshall were gone to visit Jana's family in Louisiana. Brian, Nancy, Rivers, Dallie Reese and little Steel were there too. We watched the girls hunt Easter eggs. Later in the afternoon we went to the farm for my family's gathering. The young people had college friends; some of the adults had friends from the work place. My niece, Marla Potts and her daughter, Alexandra were there. My granddaughter, Kenzie, her friends, Elizabeth and Jaden hunted eggs for the longest time not because they were well hidden but because there were so many as everyone brought eggs. It was a lovely day.

Lyn Montgomery visited her daughter and family; DeeAnna, Todd and Tristan Goode in Mansfield, TX a week ago and returned home late Monday evening, April, 18<sup>th</sup>.

Remember the 70 Mile Garage Sale on Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> in the towns along Texas Highway 70 from Spur to Turkey with a side trip to Flomot to visit theirs. Get your goods together and talk to Alex Crowder at 348-7336 for more information if you wish to add your sale to the list of vendors participating.

There were many visitors in town for Easter. Of course I only saw a few. Jerry and Tina Overman were visiting the Walter Trammells, JoAnn and Brice Reagan were guests of Pearl Patten. Kevin, Lesa, Kaitlyn, Kenzie Morgan, Kagen and Kennedy were guests of Kelly and Pennie Keltz.

On Saturday, Kim Hand Watson was here helping Mozelle Hand get some necessary things done.

Robert and Frankie Duren, of Duncan, Oklahoma were in Roaring Springs on Saturday. As Robert said they were visiting their family in the cemetery. They had lunch at the Windmill Café and later went on to Floydada to visit Francis Gunter. Robert and Francis are half-brothers. They both are Roaring Springs' alumni.

Brad and Blair Wilson were here on Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Blair opened her shop, LaVoe, on Saturday and on Monday for her many customers here.

Buzz and Tince Thacker attended church in Post on Sunday with Tince's daughter and family. They are Gordon and LuAnn Terry of Post, granddaughter, Mandie and great granddaughter, Cambell Terry of Slaton.

Jo Trammell has been in the hospital in Lockney with pneumonia. She went on Friday evening and hopefully will come home today.

Ken Young has been in the V.A. Hospital in Amarillo for tests off and on this past

week. He was home on Friday and Saturday and returned on Sunday because he was not feeling well and they were to do more tests today.

Ginny and Jena LaDue visited Ken and Dinah on Saturday. They invited several of Jena's friends over for an Easter egg hunt and to play in the orchard.

On Easter Sunday, Jeff and Debbie Braselton had seven of their eight children and their families visiting for the holiday. Jeff's mother, Karmen and his step-dad, Ronald McCulloch of Levelland were also here. All of them attended church together on Sunday. After lunch they had a fun Easter egg hunt in the park and later the kids enjoyed riding horses with their uncle, Steve Braselton. Those attending were: Zack and Nichole Watkins and their three children Lexi, Jayden and Miles of Lubbock; Christopher and Veronica Hartline and son Enrique of Lubbock, Heather and Matt West and daughter Afton of Canyon, TX, Sean Braselton of Canyon, Kory Braselton of Lubbock, Haley Braselton of Amarillo and Erin Braselton of Roaring Springs and Jeff's brother Steve of Lubbock and Roaring Springs.

Lesla Keltz was taken to the hospital in Crosbyton after being hurt on a motor scooter at the home of Kelly and Pennie Keltz. She has suffered a broken wrist.

## Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

### Overheard

I cannot remember the last time I wasn't at least kind of tired!

### C.W. Starkey Family Reunion

The C.W. Starkey family held their annual reunion during the Easter holidays. Scattered at the scenic location were mobile homes and tents. They enjoyed Easter egg hunts and cookouts.

Among the 126, four generations represented attending included seven of the C.W. Starkey children, Bobbie Hanna of Warner, Okla., Nola Long of Winnewood, Okla., Lola Jewel Starkey of Clyde, Phylis Gladson of Austin, L.T. Starkey of Ralls, Jack and Johnnie Starkey of Flomot. They traveled from Colorado, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Kansas, and Missouri and throughout Texas.

Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton was a guest Easter Sunday at a family luncheon in the home of Dixie and Bundy Hal Campbell of Matador. Other guests were Stacey and Koree Price, Jack and Jessie, Brent and Lacy Campbell, Chancey and Tyler of Turkey and Brigid and Grant Peacock of Lubbock.

Family members enjoying an Easter day in the home of Mrs. B. Rogers were Donna Sue and Stanley Degan of Kalgary, Shay and Jimmy McDaniel, Seth, Kolt and Luke of Sdown, Donnie Rogers and Natalie of Flomot.

Family members enjoying an Easter luncheon in the home of Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse in Flomot were Deidra and Larry Clifton of Elk City,

Oklahoma, Monica and Tanner Smith, Jaxon and Cutter of Floydada; Darla and James Gwinn and Danielle of Whiteflat; Brand and Jodi Cruse; Baylor, Branson and Brason of Turkey; Fannin, Ashley and Shondi Gwinn of Matador; Brenda and Darrell Cruse, Mrs. Judy Cruse and Roegan Cruse of Flomot.

Easter holiday guests of Mrs. Erma Washington were Mrs. Kay Meyers of Quitaque, Clint and Cara Cowart of Big Spring, Cory and Amy Franks, Hudson, Madison and Hes-ton, Cary and Mary Franks of Idalou, Connie and Coy Franks of Flomot.

Butch and Janice Hughes visited in Kress Friday with Debbie and Gene Bass. Janice attended the Easter services at the Fairmont Baptist Church. Following the services, they had a baptism of Bro. Gary Sullivan's granddaughter, Bailey Sullivan of Lubbock. A covered dish luncheon and Easter egg hunt were enjoyed by the capacity crowd.

Anna Beth and Joe Ike Clay were guests at an Easter day luncheon in Turkey in the home of daughter and family, Tina and Pat Carson, Walker, Parker and Raleigh. Other guests were Billy and Roberta Carson, Julie and Neal Edwards, Jaxon and Laney of Turkey.

Visiting the home of Mrs. Mary Jo Calvert and Glen Calvert during the weekend were Alvia Joe and Penny Calvert and Justin Calvert of Dumas; Travis Lyles, Denise Thompson, Dan and Sherrilyn Foster, Gwen and Tim Mandrell and Peyton, Dustin, Elise and Hayleigh Reed of Lubbock, Ashley Calvert of Amarillo and other relatives of Turkey.

## From Our House to Yours

By Jan Schow

Hello—Motley County! Great things are happening at Hackberry Creek Care Center and we wanted to share some of that with you.

Never have I seen such incredible volunteers as we have at Hackberry Creek Care Center. They come so consistently and do such a good job of serving our residents. Our hats are off to all of you. I would miss someone if I tried to name each one but you know who you are!

As most of you know, I am the newest administrator. My name is Jan Schow and I come from Abilene, TX. I am so pleased with the caring staff that care of this great group of residents. So many routinely go above and beyond their duties to serve, help, encourage and love our residents. Can't get any better than that!

As the weeks go on, I plan to do a spotlight segment about each of our residents. Look for that and if you know something special about one or more of our people, please share that with me so we can include that as well.

Some of you may know that we have a returning Food Service Supervisor. Her name is Mildred and we are all glad that she is back with us! Her smile and sense of humor is very refreshing. Because she is so willing, we are planning to begin having a Family Supper Night. You are all invited to the first supper at 6:00 p.m. on May 12. The menu is Lasagna, Salad Bar, Garlic Bread and dessert. Donations will be accepted. What an opportunity to eat well and not have to cook or wash up! You will also get to see the new addition to our menu—a salad bar. Hope to see you there.

By the time you read this article, we will have a new Activity person on board. Her name is Cricket Vargas. We are excited to have her on our team and look forward to her smiling face as she works with our residents. Be sure to welcome her when you see her.

Well, that is a start on what we are doing at our house. We welcome each of you to come see us and visit with our marvelous residents.

## Obituary

### Shae Lynn Reed

Graveside services for Shae Lynn Reed, 25, of Lubbock, were held Friday, April 22, 2011, at the Flomot Cemetery, Flomot, Texas, under the direction of Shannon Funeral Home of Matador. A Memorial Service was held Thursday, April 21, 2011, at the Lakeridge Chapel in Lubbock. She passed from this life on April 18, 2011.

Shae was born on March 17, 1986, to Scott Reed and Gwen Calvert in Littlefield, Texas. She went to school at Friendship High School until 2003; graduating from Monterey High School in 2004. Shae was a manager of the Nightmare on 19th Street, and she also worked as a tattoo artist.

Shae is survived by her parents Gwen Mandrell and husband Tim and Scott Reed



and wife Sherry; brothers and sisters Dustin Reed and wife Elise, Peyton Mandrell, Tori Reed, Kyra Reed, and Kelsay Reed; grandparents Mary Jo Calvert and Pat and Carl Reed; and three nieces, Hayleigh Reed, Chaynee Reed, and Kynleigh Bell.

## Matador News

Melinda and Clay Jameson vacationed during the week at their home in Creede, Colorado.



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Business Meeting	7:00 p.m.	Election of Directors

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### This Week's Local Forecast



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### Weather Trivia

What is brontophobia?



**Weather History**  
April 28, 1921 - A severe hailstorm in Anson County, N.C. produced hail the size of baseballs. Gardens, grain fields and trees were destroyed. Some pine trees in the storm's path had to be cut for lumber because of the hail damage.

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# Notes from the Library

By Mary Ann Potts

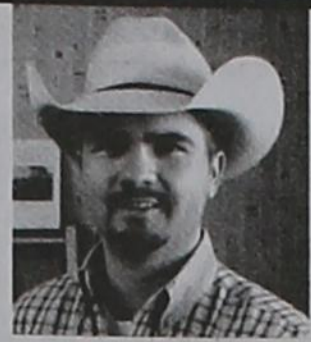
Just in and hot off the presses are 6 new releases. Ted Dekker's new thriller, **The Priest's Graveyard** will show how it is one particular priest's duty to show The Powerful the error of their ways. And Iris Johansen's new mystery is **Eve**. A missing child, a long forgotten man, and long-guarded secrets keep everyone's eyes glued to the page and holding their breath for more. Stuart Woods is back again with **Bel-Air Dead, A Stone Barrington Novel**. If you're a die-hard Woods fan then you won't put this page down until you find out how the Bel-Air elite play and survive! Another favorite returns as well, David Baldacci's new mystery/thriller **6th Man** is all about murder and "Who really did it?" A surprise ending is true Baldacci form! If you love to eat and read then Joanne Fluke is your cup of tea and cookies or maybe a little **Devil's**

**Food Cake Murder.** The title alone makes you want to sample a few pages.

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And for your viewing pleasure we have 3 new DVDs on our shelves: **Around the World in 80 Days** starring Jackie Chan, **The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2** with America Ferrera, and **Leap Year** starring Amy Adams and Matthew Goode. Remember DVDs have a 1 week rental period.

# County Agent's News



by Ryan Martin, Agri LIFE EXTENSION Agent

## Gardening made easy with free, new online publications

COLLEGE STATION — Cilantro and eggplant. Maybe they weren't in grandma's garden, but today's vegetable fancier can grow them with ease thanks to a new "Easy Gardening" series by the Texas AgriLife Extension Service.

The Easy Gardening series, available free online at <https://agrilifebookstore.org/>, still offers garden favorites such as tomatoes and cucumbers but has been updated to include less familiar plants and gardening practices such as organic production, according to Dr. Joe Masabni, AgriLife Extension vegetable specialist.

"With the resurgence of home gardening, whether it's because of the economy or Mrs. Obama talking about gardening or just because people are getting back to gardening, the fact is these type of publications have always been popular," Masabni said, noting that AgriLife Extension has offered Easy Gardening publications for decades.

Cilantro is one of the new plants added to the Easy Gardening series by the Texas AgriLife Extension Service. This an other free Easy Gardening publications are at <https://agrilifebookstore.org/>

Cilantro and eggplant were added, Masabni explained, to reflect questions he gets from people who are consuming a wider selection of ethnic foods.

"There is also interest in local produce," he said, "so I updated them to reflect the new varieties that are available and added information about organic production for all of the vegetables, then added some of the new crops."

The series offers 24 publications on individual vegetables or gardening techniques. Masabni said they are "easy" because they can be read in about 5 minutes to provide information needed to get someone started.

"This will not make you an expert, but will give you basic information on how to grow the crop from soil fertility to planting to harvest," he added.

Masabni plans to continue adding new informational sheets on vegetables, including specialty crops such as jicama, Japanese radish, molokhia and tomatillo.

He said though they focus on

information for the Texas gardeners, the series reaches beyond borders.

"In general, vegetable production is not specific to an area," Masabni said. "This will get anyone started, and then one should ask their local Extension agent for information on local varieties that would work in their clima

## Wildfires leave more than ashes behind AgriLife Extension: Producers face some tough decisions

When the fences are gone, as well as the grass, cattle raisers are going to have to make some tough decisions on whether to try to feed or go to market with their cattle, according to Texas AgriLife Extension Service personnel. (Texas AgriLife Extension Service photo by Kay Ledbetter)

AMARILLO — Across the state of Texas, it's the same story over and over — the grass is gone, destroyed by fire, hay is short and soil moisture is almost non-existent.

Some tough decisions lie ahead for ranchers caught in the wake of the recent fast-moving wildfires, a Texas AgriLife Extension Service specialist said.

"Something that is important, after they get through the emotional part of this, is looking at the long-term," said Dr. Ted McCollum, AgriLife Extension livestock specialist. "With current conditions, if we don't get significant rain in the next several weeks, those rangelands that burned aren't going to be able to carry many cattle, if any, until next fall. And then, grazing will be limited."

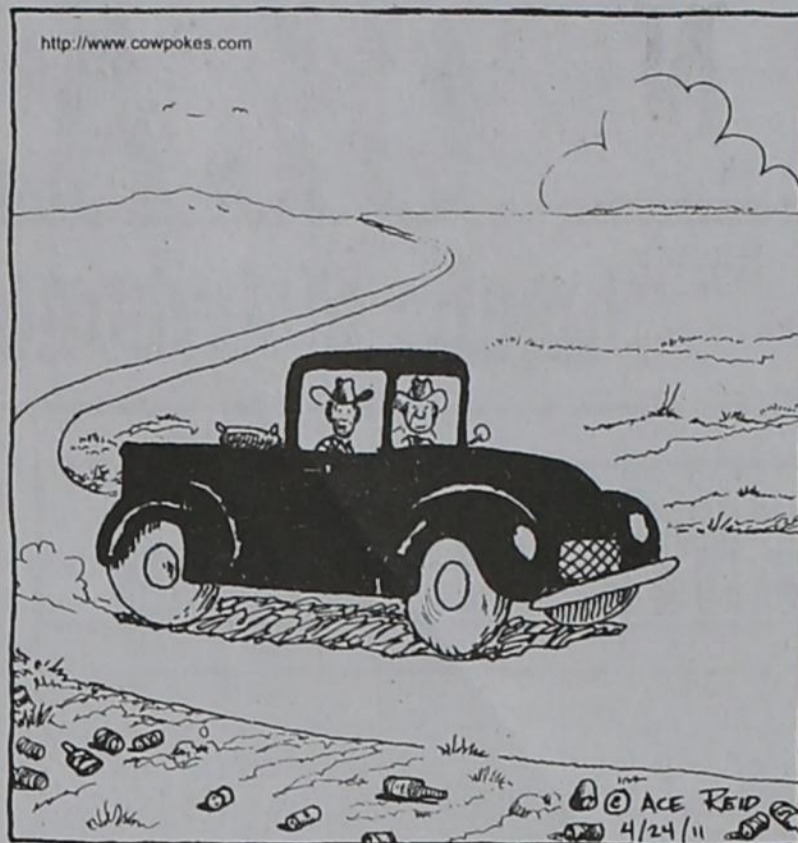
Ranchers planning to feed cattle after the fires need to consider that, because of the drought in other parts of the state, hay supplies are going to be short, McCollum said. Hay will probably have to come from some other region.

Ranchers opting to continue feeding their animals have several options, he said.

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By Ace Reid



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roughage source such as cotton burrs, can be supplemented with concentrated nutrients to balance out what the cattle need, McCollum said.

The other option may be to get away from the traditional thinking of feeding hay and feed a more concentrated diet, he said. Less total pounds of feed would be required, but this option may present some problems with handling and delivering of feed.

The other option that some might have to look at is selling the cattle, he said.

"Look at de-stocking partially or fully," McCollum said. "The net loss or net gain of selling out now and buying back later may be relatively the same as trying to figure out how to feed those cows for several months."

"Immediate selling may be a necessary move for cattle that have been injured by the fire. Any cattle that have suffered heating of the feet, blistering of the udder, excessive smoke inhalation and other insults should be marketed before the injuries progress to the point that the cattle are unmerchantable."

The potential for pasture recovery is another factor to consider when keeping cattle.

The timing and the rate at which the fires moved may

mean the damage to the plant community might not be as bad as some think it is, he said, but the problem is soil moisture. The recovery of those areas is going to be slow.

"If we get any rainfall in the next month or so, the recovery may be better than people think it is," McCollum said. "The key factor — can we get any timely rainfall?"

But regardless of whether the rain comes, the carrying capacity is going to be lower than normal. Ranchers may face stocking at less than half of the normal rates, he said.

The primary grasses need to accumulate some forage and have adequate soil moisture to continue growth before any grazing should be considered, McCollum said. Without moisture, it may be next fall, after forage goes dormant, before any animals can be put on the pasture.

Buying hay or finding pasture now is a temporary stop-gap management measure, he said. Without rain, purchasing hay and feed is simply delaying some decisions.

"I know it is hard to do, but they need to be thinking about contingencies one, three and six months down the road," McCollum said.

# Obituary

## Minnie Kathleen Dennis

Minnie Dennis, 87, died April 23, 2011 in Lubbock, Texas after a brief illness.

Graveside services were held 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, April 26, 2011 at the Whiteflat Cemetery near Whiteflat, Texas in Motley County under the direction of Shannon Funeral Home of Matador.

She was born July 18, 1923 in Floydada, Texas to Hollis and Cordelia Stephens. Her family farmed in the Whiteflat area. Minnie graduated from Matador High School in 1940. She attended Wayland Baptist University, South Plains College, and Texas Tech University. She received additional training at Plainview and Parkland Hospitals. She married Artie Dennis in 1950. Minnie and Artie moved to Lubbock in 1952 and she resided there until her death. She worked in nursing and later she and Artie owned an automobile business before retiring around 1980. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Lubbock.

Minnie enjoyed crocheting, reading, writing letters to friends and family, cooking, canning fruits and vegetables, traveling, and spending time in the mountains. She loved her family including all of her extended "cousins". She also loved her two adorable Pomeranian's, both named Teddy.

Minnie was preceded in death by her husband Artie (2000), father Hollis (1935), mother Cordelia (1984),



brother H.A. Stephens Jr. (1995), sister Nora Belle Dunning (2008), nephew Kenneth Dunning (2008), and niece Rhonda Norrell (2008). She is survived by her sister-in-law Myrna Stephens of Matador, niece Raynita Murphy of Matador, nephews Chad Stephens and James Stephens of Idalou, and many grand nieces and nephews.

The family requests memorial contributions in Minnie's name to Meals on Wheels <http://www.lubbockmeals-on-wheels.org/>.

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### An Ordinance Declaring Unopposed Candidates in the May 14, 2011 General City Election, Elected to Office; Canceling The Election; Providing A severability Clause; and Providing An Effective Date.

Whereas, the general city election was called for May 14, 2011, for the purpose of Electing members to the city council; and  
Whereas, the city secretary has certified in writing that there is no proposition on the ballot, that no person has made a declaration of write-in candidacy, and that each candidate on the ballot is unopposed for election to office; and  
Whereas, under these circumstances, Subchapter C, Chapter 2, Election Code, authorizes the city council to declare the candidates elected to office and cancel the election; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF Roaring Springs:

Section 1. The following candidates, who are unopposed in the May 14, 2011 general city election, are declared elected to office, and shall be issued certificates of election following the time the election would have been canvassed:

(List Candidates)	CANDIDATE (s)	CANDIDATO (s)
OFFICE (s) Cargo (s)	Alex Crowder	
Council Member	PK Green	
Council Member	Timmy Brooks	

Section 2. The May 14, 2011 general city election is canceled, and the city secretary is directed to cause a copy of this ordinance to be posted on election day at each polling place that would have been used in the election.

Section 3. It is declared to be the intent of the city council that the phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and sections of this ordinance are severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, or section of this ordinance is declared invalid by the judgment or decree of a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, or sections of this ordinance since the city council would have enacted them without the invalid portion..

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect upon its final passage, and it is so ordained.

*Cory Marshall*  
President (Presidente)

*Zella Palmer*  
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 4 District 4-H Roundup  
 4 Kids Praise  
 5 Senior party at First Baptist Church  
 5 Friends of the Library Meeting, 3:00 pm  
 5 Roaring Springs Lions  
 7 Texas Highway 70 Association 70 mile garage sale  
 8 Mother's Day  
 9 Commissioners' Court  
 9 Roaring Springs City Council  
 9 HCCC Board  
 10 Senior Supper at Matador Church of Christ, 6:30 pm  
 11 Hospital Bd meets in the back of the ambulance barn 7am  
 12 Family Supper Night, HCCC, 6:00 p.m.  
 12 Matador City Council  
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The applications will be considered at the regular term of Commissioner's Court on May 9, 2011. Motley County Commissioner's Court reserves the right to accept or reject all proposals submitted.

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