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## Motley County wins second at Relay University

By Monta Marshall  
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On January 14<sup>th</sup> and the 15<sup>th</sup>, three Motley County Relay For Life Committee members attended Relay University held at the Overton Hotel in Lubbock.

Attending the yearly Pandhandle Region Relay University were: Pam Newman, one of two Pandhandle Region Heros of Hope, Annette Hollinsworth, Motley County Event Chair; Rosalee Davis, Survivor/Care Giver Chair.

They were elated that the Motley County Relay For Life Fundraiser won second in the raising of funds for Relay For Life American Cancer Society. The winners were based on the amount of funds the Relay For Life was able to raise in their

county per capita of county population. The total amount for the year 2010 was just over \$14,000.00. Their goal was \$16,000.00. Had they raised as much money as in the 2009 Relay, Motley would have been first! Congratulations on winning second, that is awesome!

Committee Chairs that still are vacant for the 2011 Motley/Dickens Relay For Life Committee are: Activities Chair and Accounting Chair. These offices are vital to the 2011 Motley County Relay For Life. If you would like to be involved in this effort to fight cancer and work with an enthusiastic group, contact Annette Hollinsworth at [newtoyoutx@yahoo.com](mailto:newtoyoutx@yahoo.com) or by phone, work # 347-2388, home # 348-7515.

The 2011 Relay For Life Kick-

off party will be held on Thursday evening, January 27<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Hotel Matador. Door prizes and silent auction items will be featured. Come and enjoy the gathering and get enthused about the 2011 Relay For Life.

Finding Cancer early can mean the difference between life and death. That is why the 2011 Relay For Life needs you! You can help spread the message of the need of early cancer screenings, learn to help prevent cancer, and help raise money to fund research that enables early cancer detection when it is in the earliest stage and most treatable.

Your efforts may help a family member, friend or even yourself to have another cancer free birthday.

## Matador City Council meets

Matador City Council met at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall on Thursday, January 13, 2011. Present were Councilmen Alvin Alexander, Chuck Ream, Shane Jones, Nathan Shannon, Kay Bailey; and Mayor Pat Smith and Water Superintendent Steve Barton. Also attending were Deanie Edwards, Stan Hanesworth and Dorothy Knight.

Both Deanie Edwards and Stan Hanesworth signed to speak in Open Forum concerning the issue of dogs running loose in their neighborhood. The unrestrained dogs are causing numerous problems concerning danger to people, noise and destruction of private property. The City has an ordinance against dogs running free and these citizens would like to see that ordinance enforced.

The minutes and expendi-

tures from the previous meeting were approved by unanimous vote.

Water Superintendent Steve Barton reported the replacement of water lines behind the Salazar home and the installation of numerous new meters.

City Secretary Debra Scott reported that the insulation has been installed at City Hall and that the Commissioners' Court had approved the help requested with the road project. She also stated she had contacted South Plains Community Action about the Housing Grant and action on this matter could still be six months in the future.

A discussion was held concerning the dog ordinance. Council discussed the option to set traps, raising the fines and disposing of dogs found roaming the streets especially if they do not have a collar identifying

the owner. Mayor Pat Smith encouraged Council Members to consider the options and the matter would be placed on the agenda for the February meeting.

Chuck Ream made a motion to accept the bids on Lots 23-32, Block 57, and Lots 25-26 and 29-32, Block 74. The motion was seconded by Nathan Shannon and the vote passed with four voting "for" with Kay Bailey abstaining.

Items for next month's agenda are City Audit, Dog Ordinance, Restrooms, Sanitary Easement, State Championship Sign, Boondocker's Race, Letter of Credit, Order of Election, Budget Proposals, Reappointment of the Investment Officer and other board members, and providing water to Roaring Springs residents.

## Roaring Springs Lions Club News

The Roaring Springs Lions met for their monthly meeting at the Windmill Café last week. Nine members were present and two guests.

Barbara Bogart with Cap Rock Telephone in Spur brought the membership up-to-date on the purchase of Cap Rock cell phone service by AT&T. She told us there would be some operational changes but better service was promised.

Jerhomie Penrod, the pastor of the Roaring Springs Full Gospel Church, was inducted into the Lions Club and a Lions vest presented to him as well as some Lions Club pins.

Sheriff Chris Spence brought a very informative program about his plans for the next two years as Motley County Sheriff.

Five Lions went to the Hackberry Creek Care Center to provide bingo games for the residents. Quarters were given as prizes and all players won quarters.

## Aspiring actor conducts research

By Carol Campbell  
Motley County Tribune

An aspiring actor from New York City toured the historic Motley County jail last week to conduct research for his master's thesis.

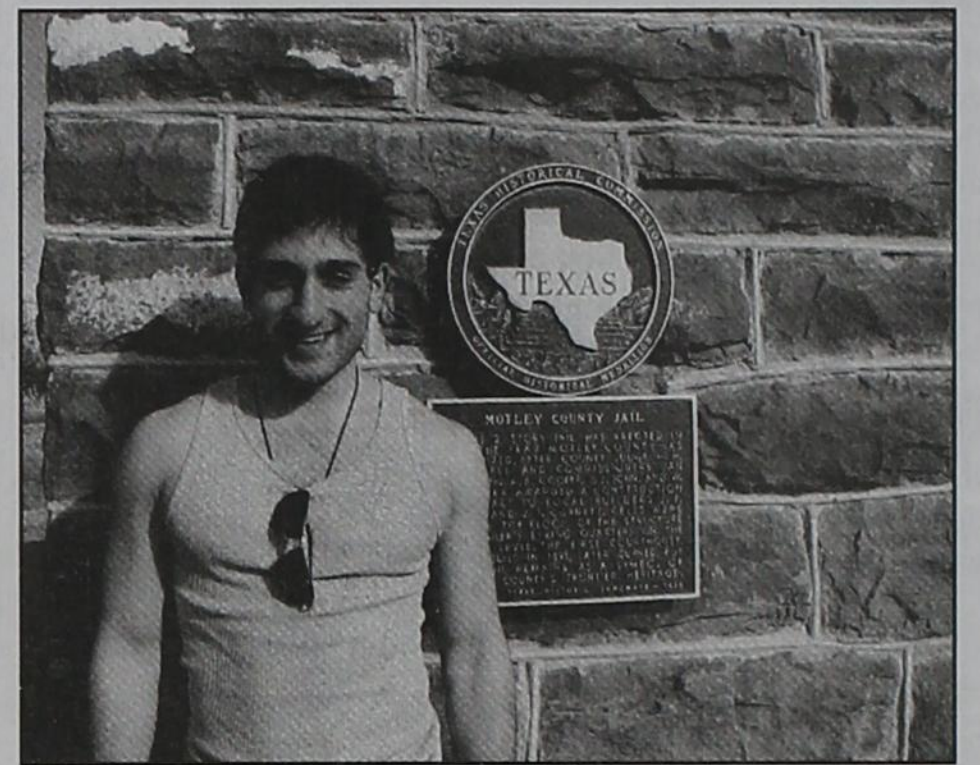
Shaz Khan, Paoli, PA, who is starring in an off-Broadway play in New York City based on playwright William Saroyan's dark one-act-play, "Hello Out There," called his portrayal of a young drifter falsely accused of rape and murder, "an experience that rises above just being in a play..."

According to the *Motley County Roundup* (1991) by Marisue Powell, Saroyan, a Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright, never visited the area but he wrote a group of plays entitled, "Floydada to Matador," based on his association with former Matador resident Stanley Rose who became a Hollywood book store owner.

And Kahn wasn't the first aspiring actor to visit the jail for atmosphere for this play. In 1959, the Amarillo Little Theatre Adult Workshop visited the jail before their performance of the one-act play.

Kahn's "utopian" experience," sent him on an inward and outward journey that culminated in Matador last Monday, January 17, where the young actor got an up-close-and-personal look at the inside of a turn-of-the-century jail.

"The outside looks how I imagined, but the inside of the jail is very different from my imagination," Kahn said. He was fascinated with the tiny cell space for the prisoners and the exercise "run-around" where the inmates circled like rats in a cage, often hanging out the windows to snag a passing traveler for a cigarette, "Hello out there" they sang. This was not a figment of some budding playwright's



imagination, but based in historical fact.

One local resident remembers this daily event perfectly from the late 1920s. "I had a friend who lived across the creek by the jail," Winifred Darsey said. "We didn't have cars, so we kids had to walk everywhere we went. When we walked by the jail, the prisoners would yell at us, trying to get us to buy them cigarettes, or to stop and visit," she said.

Kahn's 1700-mile sojourn brought him to Matador in a "terrible fog" at 2:30 a.m., too late to get a room. He decided to sleep in his rented car, finding an out-of-way place close to the Highway 70s intersection. He had his own west Texas experience -- the first resident he met was Deputy Sheriff Chad Ware.

After explaining his sleeping arrangements to the law he got breakfast at Billie Dean's Restaurant where he soaked in the ambiance of early-morning coffee-drinking cowboys and the chatter of west-Texas drawl. He then happily checked into Hotel Matador for an overnight stay with a real bed, he said.

"This has totally been worth the trip," Kahn said. "I first performed the play at the Ac-

tor's Studio Drama School, a school, according to Kahn, that has seen the likes of James Dean, Al Pacino, and Robert DeNiro.

"It was so well received, that the school asked me to declare it for my thesis," he said. Kahn is studying for his Master's of Fine Arts in acting.

"It's the story of a young drifter that has been dealt difficult cards all his life. He's actually a good guy," Kahn said, flashing his well-worn Saroyan script. "I think the character reflects a lot of young men in our culture today," he added.

A summary of the script published in the front of his well-worn guide reads:

"Hello Out There tells about the bad luck of an itinerant gambler who is arrested and jailed in a small Texas town, charged with rape. The charge is a lie, but the only one who hears his call for justice and understanding is a young girl who cooks for the jail. The gambler gives all his money to the girl before a mob breaks into the jail and the lying woman's husband shoots him."

Kahn admits it doesn't necessarily show Matador in a good light, "... but my experience" *continued on page 3*

## Hackberry Board Reorganizes

By Marisue Potts Powell  
Motley County Tribune

The Hackberry Creek Care Center Board met in a regularly scheduled meeting on January 10 directly after the annual meeting held in the dining room of the facility had re-elected Larry Hoyle, Pam Thacker, and Sammie Phillips to serve new terms. The board elected to retain current officers including Seab Washington, president; Chuck Ream, vice-president; Regina Sheffield, secretary; and Larry Hoyle, treasurer. Other board members are Jim Watson, Ronald Bailey, and Marisue Powell.

Administrator Sandra Seago offered a budget proposal for the year based on projections of residents and possible budget adjustments from the federal government. She then reported to the board that since the census was currently at 24, the low number of residents would dictate some adjustments in the

work schedule of employees, reducing the hours of some until the census comes back up. She indicated that everyone she talked with said that they wanted the facility to succeed and would do what is necessary to that end.

The kitchen continues to be a challenge and in some instances help has been required from other departments, department heads, former employees, and even board members. Mildred Busby, a registered dietician, is due to take over the dietary staff in February, a position she held when the center opened.

Mrs. Seago reported that she would be taking leave from the facility for three weeks to undergo a medical procedure. The board met in a special meeting on January 19 to visit with the Jan Schow of Abilene who will serve as interim director in Mrs. Seago's absence. Mrs. Schow has served many facilities in our area in this capacity and seems very competent, friendly, and knowledgeable.

## USDA Announces Sorghum Checkoff Referendum

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4, 2011 - The U.S. Department of Agriculture has finalized procedures for the upcoming referendum on the continuation of the Sorghum Checkoff Program and is announcing the dates it will conduct the referendum.

For the program to continue, the Sorghum Promotion, Research, and Information order requires that a referendum be conducted no later than 3 years after the start of assessments, which began on July 1, 2008. The order requires a simple majority vote in the referendum for the program to continue.

USDA will conduct the referendum Feb. 1-28, 2011, at local Farm Service Agency (FSA) offices for producers and the Agricultural Marketing Service office, referenced below, for importers. Ballots

may be obtained in person, by mail or facsimile at county FSA offices, or via the Internet at [www.ams.usda.gov/sorghumpage](http://www.ams.usda.gov/sorghumpage).

Any eligible person engaged in the production of importation of sorghum from July 1, 2008, to December 31, 2010, is eligible to participate. Individuals are required to provide documentation such as a sales receipt or remittance form that shows they engaged in the production or importation of sorghum.

The Sorghum Checkoff Program, and its 13-member board, is authorized by the Commodity Promotion Research and Information Act of 1996. The mandatory program is funded at the rate of 0.6 percent of the net market value on grain sorghum and 0.35 percent of the net market value of sorghum forage.

Sorghum Checkoff is a national, coordinated, self-help marketing program designed to strengthen the position of sorghum in the market place, maintain and expand existing domestic and foreign markets and uses for sorghum, and develop new markets and uses for sorghum.

The final procedures were published in the Nov. 18, 2010, Federal Register. The notice announcing the dates of the referendum were published in the Jan. 4, 2011, Federal Register.

For more information, contact Kenneth R. Payne, Chief, Marketing Programs, Livestock and Seed Program, AMS, USDA, Room 2628-S, STOP 0251, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-0251; by calling (202) 720-1115; or faxing (202) 720-1125.



# Foothill Country Connections

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



By Larry Vogt

Wouldn't it be something if this part of Texas became the capital of renewable energy production? We have seen the transmission line maps and although Motley County may get just a few miles of lines, even that will help in terms of positive economic impact. In my conversation with Tom Edwards a couple of weeks ago, he mentioned that this area is prime for the development of solar power as well as wind energy.

Apparently this part of the country gets plenty of full sunshine and qualifies as a potential place for the set up of solar

panels to gather energy from the sun. Maybe some day we will drive through a countryside with long rows of quiet, somewhat unobtrusive panels absorbing rays from the sun and turning out clean, renewable electrical energy.

I know a fellow who says he is going to develop a method for making charcoal. With the charcoal he is going to change the chemical composition of his garden and figure out a way to power a vehicle. He said that he was inspired by the stories of gas rationing of WWII and the fact that there were charcoal fired tractors and such around during the 1940s. What an intriguing idea, using renewable forests for making charcoal and powering a vehicle. I suppose we will also see solar powered cars or solar powered charging stations for electric vehicles before many more years go by. I admit that we don't have surplus trees to speak of in West Texas but there is that pesky and abundant mesquite, which seems begging for a good way to be used.

# WRITING COMMUNITY

## Not as Cute as Wednesday

by Dinah Young

Those of you who knew our Dalmatian Wednesday may appreciate this tale of tails. A routine trip into Lubbock on Monday turned into quite an adventure. A plan to see our once a year movie "The King's Speech" was foiled at Petsmart. As we strolled the aisles looking for our Aussie's dog food--some spots caught both our eyes. Ken said "look at that dog, I'm checking out". She already caught my eye--the rakish way she walked, the wag of the tail, and those spots. I followed trying to be nonchalant--the lady finally turned to face me wondering if she were being stalked. I hummed and said "sorry I am staring at your dog--she looks like so much like my girl I lost 1 1/2 years ago". "Oh", she said "this is a rescue dog. She was chained in a backyard in all that cold weather with only a small pillow to sleep on--skin and bones when they found her". Tears welled up as I reached down to pet her velvet ears, immediately starting to lick my cheek, and peer deeply into my eyes. She went on "We already have two Dalmatians". Her daughter

held one on leash with brown spots, but this one was all black and white spots. "We can't keep her, so if you know someone who might give her a good home".

I stumbled up from her soft fur and warm kisses to find my husband. "Just a moment" I said. Then "Ken--Ken, come here!" He's not budging up in front of the store with the basket and dog food shaking his head. "But Honey--she's as cute as Wednesday." This is what won his heart. How many times had we seen adorable pets and said to each other "Not as cute as Wednesday". He came quickly now and also saw the uncanny likeness of our dog of 15 years who still sat on our hearts. When I left to find Ken this dog started barking. As we returned the lady said "she's never done that". Then the dog got very excited to see Ken. Of course we took her. Sighing softly the lady said "we were afraid when we advertised, college kids would want her and she would be abandoned again. What a relief."

No movie today--but a new friend with

spots. They called her Marley--all wrong for this dog. Ken said Katy, I said Molly, we both said they are niece's names. We batted names back and forth like a birdie and two bad mitten rackets. Driving to Ginny's so Jena could see her she settled between us, content seeming to know she found home. Jena blasted out the door to see her and immediately said "name her Tuesday, Nani." Ken liked it so he could call her Tue (two-e). I liked it because it reminded me of Wednesday. Jena found several hearts on her right away connecting with her and all she loved about Wednesday and her heart spots. She traveled home well. She does have one blue eye which oddly enough reminds us of Wednesday's eye she lost. She loves Aussie, but Ken and I are her favorites. The cats actually like her. So, we went to town Monday, found a dog named Tuesday, and she looks just like Wednesday. It was quite a day. Now she's cracking pecans and eating them on the front porch. Just as cute as Wednesday!

## A conversation with Bob Harp

By Lynn McMillon

Reprinted by permission of the *Christian Chronicle* with editorial changes from the original script by Bob Harp.

Bob Harp, 82, spent much of the past half-century teaching the gospel in the South Pacific. Born in Floydada, Texas, but raised in his beloved hometown of Matador, Texas, he first visited the Pacific in 1946-47 when stationed as a soldier in the occupation of Japan following WWII.

Harp returned to the U.S. after military service then attended Texas Tech University and Abilene Christian University. In the summer of 1951, he began his Christian ministry, first as a youth minister from Manhattan Church of Christ in New York City; and then for the next 15 years, he served churches in four states, New York, Maine, Texas, and California. The congregations included the Broadway Church of Christ in Lubbock, Texas, and the College Church of Christ in Abilene, Texas.

In 1963, while serving as a minister for the Culver Palms Church of Christ in Los Angeles, Harp traveled through the South Pacific on a gospel campaign in Wellington, New Zealand. He saw the need for the gospel of Christ to be taken to Islands of Fiji, Ponga, and American Samoa, a group of islands in the South Pacific Ocean about halfway between

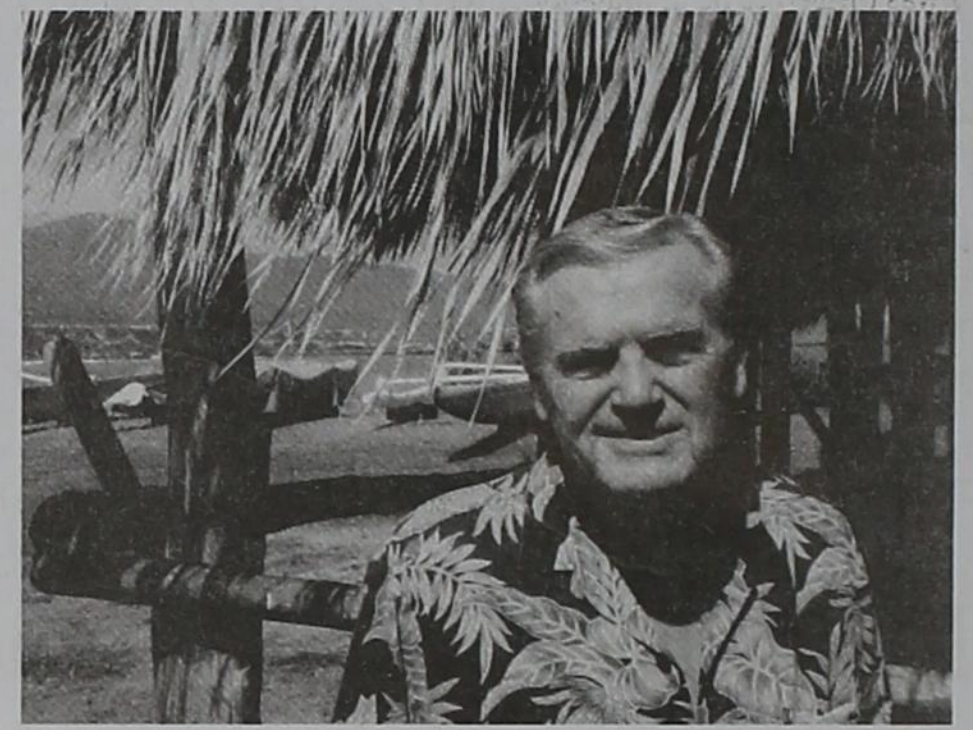
Hawaii and New Zealand.

With the help of their sponsors -- the Northeast church in Indianapolis -- Harp and his wife, Jackie, along with their three small children, Scott, Eric and Vicki, moved to Lazuuli's American Samoa, in 1964. Under difficult physical circumstances, they remained there for six-and-a-half years. During that time he began the first Church of Christ among the islanders in Lauli'i. Three years later he built the first church building for the Church of Christ in the village of Nu'uuli. Periodically, Harp rode freight ships to Tonga and Fiji, where he helped plant churches.

During the 1970s, he worked as a minister, counselor and social worker on the Hawaiian Island of Oahu. Today he serves as the associate minister for the Church of Christ on the island of Maui.

### 1. What attracted you to missions in the South Pacific?

Upon my return to the U.S. after the Campaign for Christ in New Zealand in 1963, I briefly traveled through Polynesia. I found Samoans and other Polynesian people to be so endearing, and highly responsive and genuinely interested in my work as a minister and matters of church and the gospel. A group of ministers and I took a tour on an old truck around the island of Tutu'ila in Ameri-



Bob Harp serves as associate minister for the Maui Church of Christ.

can Samoa and stopped by the tropical seaside village of Lauli'i. A Samoan lady by the name of Tolua Tavai invited us into her beautiful thatched home for refreshments. Immediately after telling her of my hope to do mission work in Samoa, she said, "Come back to Samoa with your family. You make Jesus' church in my home." And we did. It was this openness and gentle kindness of the Samoans and other Polynesians -- and their eagerness to talk about God -- that led my family to the South Pacific.

### 2. How did you establish new congregations in Samoa?

In the New Testament, churches met and worshiped in peoples' homes. At the outset of our mission work,

we constantly met people, and invited them to join us to worship, pray and study the Bible in homes. By our second Sunday in Samoa, we were using Tolua Tavai's large thatched house for church services. Our numbers were small at first, but within three years the church had grown so much that we began searching for land to build a church building. In the Tongan Islands, the male converts built jungle-style thatched huts that immediately became our church buildings. We always sat on mats placed on the ground and worshipped there.

An unexpected and very effective method to reach the islanders was my camera and slide projector. The Samoans and Tongans loved to see pictures of themselves

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## Letter to the Editor

Mr. John Wodatch  
Section Chief  
US Department of Justice  
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950 Penn Ave. NW  
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Subject: Ineffective Accessibility Parking

Dear Mr. Wodatch

The ADA provides guidelines and laws to ensure that those with disabilities have equal opportunities in regards to employment, access to public and/or commercial space, state and government services, transportation options and other services. Complaints may be filed through the ADA to help ensure that their regulations are being followed. One area that is regulated by the ADA is parking spaces.

To meet ADA requirements, a handicapped parking space must be large enough for a vehicle plus an additional space to the right or left of the vehicle to allow a wheelchair to exit the vehicle. There needs to be an access

space of at least 8 feet wide for a space that is designated as "van accessible," and 5 feet wide for a space that is designated for a car. This access space is to accommodate the room needed to maneuver a wheelchair or scooter out of the car. In addition, for handicapped spaces that are designated for vans, there must be at least an 98-inch height clearance.

Mr. Wodatch, I drive an accessible van and I am very thankful for this parking spot for I need this space to get in & out of my van in my wheelchair. But there seems to be a problem, a misunderstanding for some drivers, they think that it's perfectly alright to park in the 8 feet wide painted diagonal striped area for the wheelchair unloading and loading area. (see photo attached). What can be done to stop this from happening? As you can imagine it's very frustrating when I get blocked in. I have some ideas, and with your power I think we can successfully fix this problem. Here is what I propose, when an individual has to renew their handicap parking permit

they are schooled of where they cant park so they are aware from the start. Also there could be a no parking sign explaining the area and or a pole at the front of the area so no one can pull in. I hope you can please us with this frus-

trating problem. Thank you.

Sincerely  
Mr. Donnie Wittler

cc Motley County Tribune  
Lexington Herald Leader



Editors note: This photo shows that the ramp for the van on the left is unable to be accessed because the car on the right is illegally parked. The driver must wait indefinitely, or call police to have the white care removed. Please be considerate. This letter was published in the *Lexington Herald Leader*.



# Statement from Agriculture Secretary Vilsack on EPA Biomass announcement

WASHINGTON, January 12, 2011 – Today, Agriculture Secretary Vilsack issued the following statement on EPA's announcement on greenhouse gas permitting requirements for biomass:

"I strongly support EPA's announcement today that it is starting an expedited rulemaking so that it can defer for three years greenhouse gas permitting requirements for biomass and that it is also undertaking a scientific assessment of how emissions from biomass should be treated under the Clean Air

Act. "America's forest owners, farmers and ranchers can play a crucial role in providing renewable energy from wood, switchgrass and other agricultural products. Homegrown energy can provide jobs in rural America while reducing greenhouse gases. Markets for woody biomass in particular can be especially important in allowing the US Forest Service and other landowners to reduce the threat of catastrophic wildfire while restoring more natural conditions in our forests.

"EPA's action today will provide the agency with the time it needs to ensure that greenhouse gas policies properly account for the emissions and carbon sequestration associated with biomass. In many cases, energy produced from biomass will provide significant reductions of greenhouse gases relative to fossil fuels. USDA looks forward to working with EPA in ensuring that this Administration's policies use the best science and spur innovation and job creation in the renewable energy sector."

## Aspiring actor conducts research continued from page one

ence in your town has been like a dream come true," he said. He drove into a ghost town at 2:00 a.m., circled the square, and headed for a convenience store. "I was thrilled to be in Matador – it had a warm, inviting feel," he said. Kahn said he has developed a new perspective for his character; and he invites the community to the Big Apple to see his performance.

The play will be performed May 11-14, 2011, at an off-Broadway theatre called Dance New Amsterdam (near City Hall, Kahn said). "During their repertoire season, they feature three plays a week," he said. Kahn would like to bring his production to Matador, but is the community ready for this dark drama?" he asked.

## A CHALLENGE . . . An Open Letter to Former Matador Graduates:

I represent a group of former and current residents who are spearheading an effort to repair and restore the old historic Motley County jail to act as a centerpiece to help showcase the past sheriff's and other historical landmarks in our county, like Bob's Oil Well, Teepee City, Roaring Springs, Matador Ranch, to name a few.

Our county is rich with colorful stories of the early days – the Matador Cattle Company, one of the largest ranches in the world, founded by the first judge of Motley County H. H. Campbell; Teepee City, the first community in the county, homesteaded in 1879; Roaring Springs Falls and Comanche campground; and Bob's Oil Well, a still fully visible landmark that makes our town unique far and wide.

Recently, Matador Ranch provided funding for a video trailer to be included in grants to be written to raise money for a video documentary. The trailer is finished; and now comes the hard part – raising money for a full-blown video documentary to be used in the jail as a "play-back" system to promote your hometown. This is where you come in:

HOW TO DOUBLE OR TRIPLE YOUR CONTRIBUTION!  
A graduate of Matador High

School has issued a "challenge" to classmates who graduated from 1961 to 1965. For every dollar you donate to the jail video documentary project, he will match two-to-one – that means your \$25 contribution equals \$75 total for the documentary project. All other donations will be matched one-to-one, so every dollar you give still counts twice – give \$25, we get \$50. This is a great way to make your contribution count more than once (or twice), but hurry there is a March 15 deadline that we must meet in order to get these matching funds. Finally, raising this money early will give us "clout" in seeking funds from larger foundations, proving that we believed strongly in the project to support it with our own money.

You can mail your check to: **Friends of the Historic MC Jail, P.O. Box 582, Matador, TX 79244. Be sure and designate "video documentary."**

The video documentary can really make a difference to our little community. But we can't do it without your help! Don't forget to visit the jail website at [www.historicjail.org](http://www.historicjail.org).

Carol Campbell, Chair  
Friends of the Historic Motley County Jail

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## RETRO NEWS

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May 23, 1991


CROSSING THE RED RIVER  
By Naomi Tilson

W.R. Tilson, who was one of the early settlers of Motley County, was a ranch hand for the Matadors, a large ranch. They often drove their cattle to market having to cross the Red River, which was very deep and very dangerous with quicksand.

The Indians often camped along the River, often killing off some of the cattle. Mr. Tilson was riding herds and stopped to talk to an Indian woman who was cooking something in a pot.

She asked him if he would like some and as he was dipping out of the pot, the woman said, "Dig Deep, Pup in the Bottom." Mr. Tilson went right on and ate.





## HACKBERRY HAPPENINGS

BY CARLA MEADOR, MARKETING DIRECTOR

We are saddened this week by the loss of one of our beloved Hackberry Residents, Mrs. Louise Perryman. Mrs. Perryman has been a resident at Hackberry since December, 2009. She had a sweet soul and humorous spirit. Mrs. Perryman will be missed by everyone at Hackberry. Our sympathy is extended to her family.

Featured in our January Senior Spotlight is Diana Cavazos. Miss Cavazos has been a resident at Hackberry since September, 2008. She is 53 years old and grew up in Lockney, where she attended school and graduated from Lockney High School in 1977. Her parents are Joe and Becky Cavazos. Her mother passed away six years ago and her father still resides in Lockney. She has two sisters, three brothers and several nieces and nephews. While living in Lockney, Diana worked in Strickland's Restaurant and cleaned houses until her health worsened.

Diana likes to play Bingo, crafts and participating in activities at the Center. She enjoys reading, watching TV and solving Math puzzles. "Hackberry is very comfortable, the food is good and I like the people who live and work here," Diana said. We are delighted that Diana is part of our Hackberry family.

We welcome Mrs. Jan Schow as our interim administrator. Mrs. Schow will fill-in while Mrs. Sandra Seago is out on medical leave for a few weeks. Mrs. Schow is from Abilene and a licensed administrator. She travels the state and has worked at many nursing care facilities as an interim administrator. Welcome to Motley County, Mrs. Schow. We hope you enjoy your stay!

**SR. HEALTH TIPS**  
As First Baby Boomers Turn 65, They're Feeling Good and Not Ready to Quit  
(Information from AARP)

Despite weathering a brutal economic recession and on

the eve of their 65th birthday, leading-edge Baby Boomers remain characteristically optimistic about their future and pleased with their life choices, according to a new AARP survey on the attitudes, feelings and outlooks of Americans born in 1946 at the beginning of the Baby Boom Generation. Starting January 1st, approximately 7,000 Baby Boomers will turn 65 each day, and they intend to stay active into traditional retirement years in the workplace and beyond, according to "Approaching 65: A Survey of Baby Boomers Turning 65," which updates a similar AARP survey done as these Boomers started to turn 60.

As they approach a birthday that was synonymous with retirement for their parents' generation, many Boomers are still working – and plan to keep at it for the foreseeable future.

While just more than half (54%) of leading-edge Boomers are retired, more than one-in-three (34%) are still in the workforce. Of these Boomers who are currently employed or looking for work, 35% returned to the workforce after having retired from a previous career. Almost three-in-ten (29%) of these working Boomers expect to retire at age 70 or later, and only 55% plan to cut back on their work hours in the next few years. Four-in-ten (40%) say they "plan to work until they drop."

While some of these Boomers feel uncertain and anxious about the next five years, the overwhelming majority feel hopeful and confident. Boomers feel that the next five years will be fulfilling and exciting. Only 25% think the coming years will be boring.

When asked what changes they expect to make over the next few years, the overwhelming majority of Boomers said they plan to take better care of their health, spend more time with loved ones and make more time for doing the things they always wanted to do. Most

leading-edge Boomers said they plan to increase their travel and volunteerism and more than four-in-ten plan to take classes or learn something new.

This early cohort of the Boomer generation likely will also dispel the myth that most retirees want to move to retirement havens in warmer climates. Few leading edge Boomers have plans to relocate or to buy larger or second homes.

Boomers say that key aspects of their life are generally in line with their expectations. At least half of these Boomers say their careers, and relationships with family and friends and spiritual lives are about what they'd expect to be at this point in their lives.

Overall, the leading-edge Boomers are comfortable and satisfied with what they have achieved. Seven in 10 say they have achieved all or most of what they want and another 26% have achieved at least some of it. They are comfortable with expectations for their longevity, too. Most expect to live about the same number of years (age 85.2 years) that they want to live (age 88.7 years).

Of course, the Boomers still have some concerns about their lives, most notably their health and personal finances. More than three-in-ten boomers say their health and personal finances are in worse condition than they previously expected. And more than a quarter cite money and health as the biggest obstacles to achieving their dreams over the next five years. Surprisingly, in light of the recent recession and the chronological end to their middle age, they worry no more about money and health today than they did at age 60.


"The first Boomers helped define the most influential generation in our country's history," said AARP executive vice president Steve Cone. "They're on a pretty good run, and they're not close to being done."

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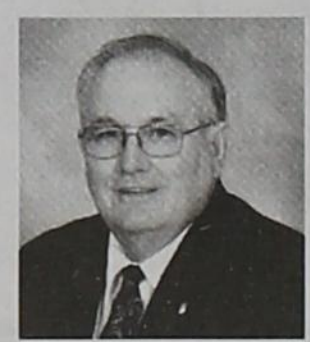
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# NEWS AROUND MOTLEY COUNTY

## Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

### Personal Note

I would like to thank all those who have called to check on me since I was unable to write the news last week. If you have ever had a spell of vertigo, you know it really prevents your doing anything. Fortunately, I have only had about six bouts with it in my 74 years and they last about six to seven hours but leave a headache for a couple of days.

Watching the birds at my Christmas feeder is an enjoyable activity; I have it set up so I can watch from my kitchen window while I cook and wash dishes. The cats aren't cooperating and scare the birds away frequently. It would be a hard to choose between having birds or cats. I am fond of both. The feeder is high on a metal pole so the birds are relatively safe even though they must be wary when they want to drink from the birdbath. Several sparrows enjoyed a good bath on one of the warm days last week; after several 'dunkings' and shakings they flew away clean to enjoy the day.

### Community News

We are saddened to learn of Louise Perryman's death this morning. Louise has three sons, two of which live in Roaring Springs: Lonnie and Bill, and Jim Perryman of Afton. Services were set for Wednesday. I am sure there will be more information in the obituaries.

Zella Palmer's sister, Edna Ruth Goolsby Bradford, who lived in Sapulpa, OK, died on Monday morning. Funeral services are pending. The Goolsby's raised their family in the Afton community.

Pepper Nichols is visiting Banty and Sybol Brandon. Dan Brandon is coming home from the hospital today. He was taken by ambulance to the hospital in Lubbock last week.

Corky and Monta Marshall attended the baptism of one of Corky's great granddaughters, Cambrie Marshall, daughter of Brent and Jana Marshall at the First Baptist Church in Matador on Sunday morning. They enjoyed a birthday dinner for Tyne Marshall at the home of Kenneth and Mary Marshall in Matador. Tyne is the daughter of Brian and

Nancy Marshall.

Thomas Rowland has been filling the pulpit this month at the First Baptist Church in Roaring Springs. He has agreed to be interim pastor for the church while the search committee is looking for a full time pastor. Brother Rowland lives in Lubbock and he served as pastor at Dumont for a number of years.

The Red Ball Gin has completed their ginning season processing the 2010 cotton crop. They ginned 18,277 bales of cotton.

Sonny Watson will be buried at the Brooks Cemetery this afternoon. His wife, Shirley Brooks Watson died recently and was also buried there. Their daughter and son-in-law are the Kevin Rainwaters.

Buzz and Tince Thacker visited in Abilene with John and Jana Thacker on January 19. Buzz and Tince celebrated their third anniversary with a family gathering of John and Jana's family. Those attending were: the honorees, John and Jana, granddaughter, Amy and her husband, Chris Smith and their son, Dane; granddaughter, Melanie, her husband Matt Paul and children Berkley, Beckham and Brenner. Following their visit, Buzz and Tince went to Lake Brownwood and spent four days at their family home on Lake Brownwood. One day they went to Goldthwaite, Texas, where there is a wonderful Christmas store. Tince really enjoyed going there as her hobby is collecting Christmas decorations.

James and Pat Palmer enjoyed the weekend at their home here in Roaring Springs. Joining them were Joshua, Heather and Michael Palmer of Shawnee, OK; Bob, Tricia and Shanna Spikes of Rotan, Texas, and Zella Palmer. Zella's grandson, Joshua, will be deployed to Afghanistan in about three months.

Annette Hollinsworth attended her stepfather, Bruce Alsop's funeral in Loretto, TN. She was accompanied by her daughter Pamela Echols and grandchildren Katherine and William of Grapevine, Texas. They left on January 17 and returned home on Thursday afternoon of last week.

Tom and Lorene Jordan are at home after being hospitalized in Lubbock last week.

## Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

### Personal note

To be perfectly frank, I am still trying to learn how to use the cordless phones in our home. We have had them for four years, but I still haven't figured out how I can lose three phones all at once. I run around digging under chair cushions, checking bathrooms and dirty laundry baskets when the phone rings. (Sounds familiar, please let it keep ringing until I find it). Don't laugh, I am serious!

### Community News

Kathy and Clois Shorter visited last Sunday and Monday in Wolforth with daughter and family, Keri and Kevin Sehon and son, Brian.

Mrs. Elise Wiggly of Lubbock visited from Sunday until Wednesday with her mother, Mrs. Aleda Ross.

After delivering Meals on Wheels, Friday, Wilburn Martin continued to Plainview on business.

Mrs. Marisue Powell of Mott Creek Ranch accompanied her aunt, Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton to Lubbock Friday for a medical check-up following recent heart surgery. She received a good report.

Weekend visitors of Anna Beth and Joe Ike Clay were daughter and granddaughter, Mrs. Lori Kleibrink and Karlee of Clifton. Sunday they attended a birthday party of Jaxon Edwards, son of Julie

and Neal Edwards of Turkey. He blew out his seven candles on a beautifully decorated ranch-designed cake served with ice cream and punch. Those attending enjoyed target shooting with air rifles.

Visiting Sunday with Mrs. Mary Jo Calvert and Glen Calvert were Alvia Joe Calvert, Justin Calvert and Ted Walton of Dumas.

Visitors of Jack and Nada Starkey Saturday and Sunday were Michael Starkey and granddaughter, Taylor of Canyon, Mrs. Jackie Lynn Davis, Michael and Virginia Davis of Fritch. They were in Amarillo for Jack's medical appointment Wednesday; and Nada's appointment on Thursday.

Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton and niece, Mrs. Judy Renfro of Matador, were luncheon guests Sunday in the home of Dixie and Bundy Hal Campbell of Matador.

Rickey Hughes of Floydada visited Saturday with his parents, Janice and Butch Hughes. Butch is having medical treatment every other week in Lubbock and is continuing to work in Plainview.

Ruth and Orville Lee enjoyed the Briscoe County Stock Show Saturday held at the Vance Price Memorial Building. Their grandchildren, Micah, Kacey and Cody, children of Teresa and Tom Heck of Turkey, participated in the show.

## Matador News

### Worship event held in Lubbock

Matador and Roaring Springs youth participated in a praise and worship event in Lubbock on Saturday, January 22, 2011, at the One9 Skate Park.

The Awakening Organizational event attracted a large crowd of about 300 attendees. Also featured was Casey Doss, a speaker from Hamilton, Alabama.

### Red Rovers go to the movies

By Winifred Darsey  
Motley County Tribune

"True Grit" was a very enjoyable motion picture. It is the second production. It had the same plot as the original story, but the scenes were different. It was a very good movie.

The Red Rovers of the Red Hat Club met January 22, 2011, for a day of entertainment. They met at 10:30 a.m. at the Motley County Library and motored to Plainview to attend the cinema showing of the new production of "True Grit."

They enjoyed a delicious luncheon at the Rocking R Steak House on Main Street.

Members present were: Queen Mother Joyce Campbell, Marihelen Wason, Joan Patton, Dorothy Knight, Norma Nell Marrs, and Winifred Darsey. All reported a convivial time. The Red Rovers have an open membership.

### FBCM women to begin study of David

FBCM women to begin study of David, others invited to participate

On Tuesday, February 1, at 9:30 a.m., all women of the community are invited to First Baptist Church, Matador (FBCM) to begin an 11-week study of Beth Moore's David: Seeking the Heart of God (recently updated).

This study is for anyone who has ever experienced doubts, temptations, losses, family problems, or personal

inconsistencies. Study participants will explore how David's life proves the promise, "God will never give up on you!"

The study group will meet in the FBCM prayer chapel (metal building at the northwest corner of main building), and cost of the study book is \$15. (Scholarships available, if needed.)

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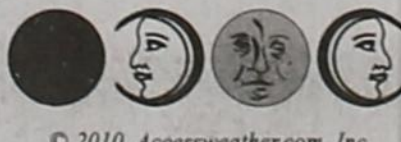
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# Notes from the Library

By Mary Ann Potts

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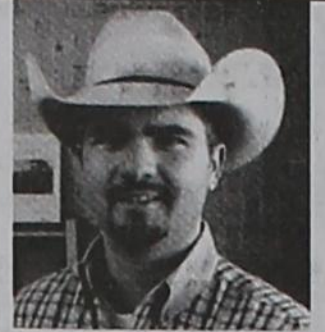
Laura Hillenbrand, the bestselling author of *Seabiscuit*, has a new book out, *Unbroken*, an unforgettable World War II true story of a man's journey into extremity and a testament to the resilience of the human mind, body and spirit. If you need a mixture of fiction/non-fiction, then *Frozen Assets* by Quentin Bates is the book for you. This is the first book in a new crime series that takes a piercing look at the global financial crisis that bankrupted Iceland's major banks, sending the country into an economic tailspin. And Stuart Woods is back with a Stone Barrington Novel, *Strategic Moves*. Barrington, an up-town New York lawyer, maybe an outsider but always knows what his clients require.

Granny's Tea Party books are still arriving with 3 more on our shelves today. *What Do You Do With a Tail Like This?* by Steven Jenkins & Robin Page, captures the child's attention with pictures and basic facts of each animal's unique gifts. *The Lion and the Mouse* by Jerry Pinkney, and *Flotsam* by David Wiesner, intrigues their young audience with colorful pictures in which each child creates their own story.

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# County Agent's News

by Ryan Martin, Agri LIFE EXTENSION Agent



## Birdies hit the glass alas! AgriLife Extension, other experts say Texas, other U.S. mass bird die-

COLLEGE STATION — Whether it's a single death or a mass die-off, experts from Texas A&M AgriLife and other agencies say almost all bird mortality in Texas and elsewhere is due to natural — or at least explicable — causes.

Each year in the U.S., hundreds of millions of birds die from a variety of causes, according to Dr. Thomas Lacher, head of the wildlife and fisheries sciences department at Texas A&M University in College Station.

"The larger bird die-offs we see in Texas this time of year are not all that unusual given the kind of weather related to the season, storm fronts and mass roosts of birds, especially blackbirds," Lacher said. "Mass bird die-offs in the hundreds happen all the time, but we seldom see evidence of them."

However, Texas AgriLife Extension Service wildlife specialist Dr. Jim Gallagher, who works at the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center in Uvalde, is someone who has witnessed a sudden, unexpected mass bird die-off.

"Many years ago, while I was living in upstate New York, I saw dozens of geese crash to the ground when they were suddenly caught in a freezing rain," he said. "The weight of accumulated ice on them made it impossible to sustain flight."

In recent years, Texas has had its share of unusual, even "bizarre" weather, Gallagher noted, and birds are especially vulnerable to the vagaries of sudden cold, unpredictable winds, hail and lightning.

"If you've ever been on a heavy commercial aircraft that the wind suddenly moved up or down 1,500 feet or more in a matter of seconds, think what that kind of force could do to a bird weighing only ounces," he said. "In an updraft, masses of birds can also accumulate ice on their wings and bodies at higher altitudes. And in a sudden downdraft, especially one associated with something like a micro-burst, a mass of them can be tossed to the ground."

Gallagher said birds thrust

thousands of feet upwards by a sudden updraft also are subjected to physical stress similar to that of a diver trying to resurface too quickly.

"Basically, dissolved gases in their blood suddenly start boiling out and they get the avian equivalent of the bends," he said. "A bird flying along at 1,000 feet and suddenly being thrust upwards to 20,000 feet will be subject to the same physical effects as a diver coming up to the surface too quickly — if the rise is rapid enough."

Disease and parasites may also be factors in some mass bird deaths, according to experts at the Texas Veterinary Medical and Diagnostic Laboratory in College Station.

Necropsies done by the lab on birds from a 60-plus bird die-off Jan. 8, 2007 in Austin revealed they were "heavily parasitized." But the unusually cold weather the night before was given as a "principal factor" in this die-off, which led to the temporary closure of several downtown streets by state health officials until the incident was dismissed as a public health threat.

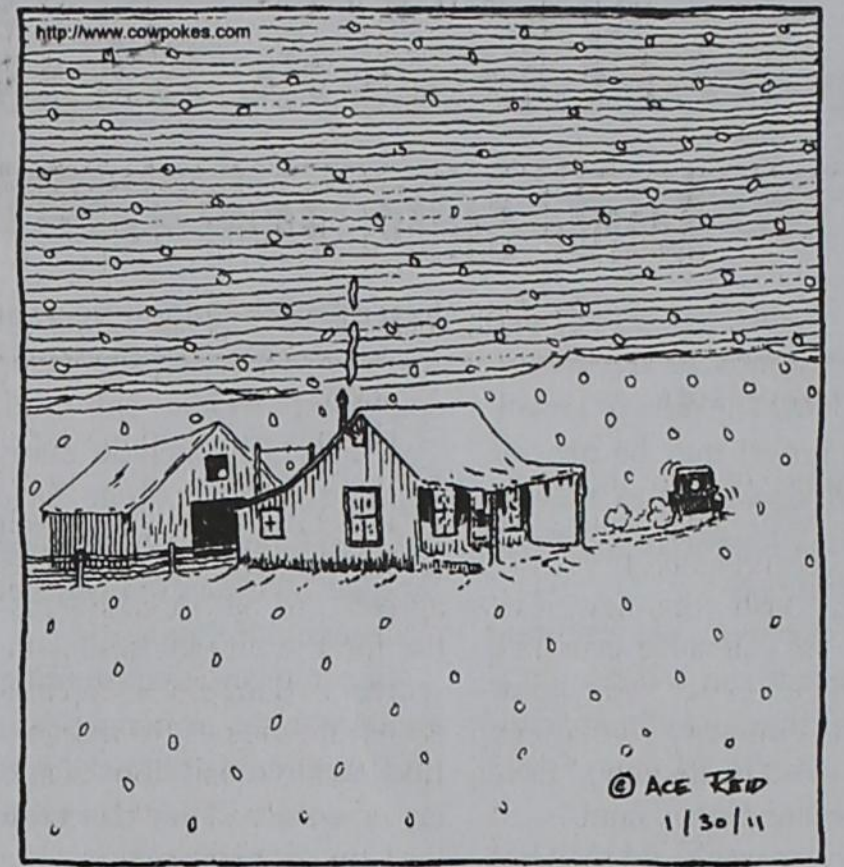
"There has been evidence that a few wild-bird deaths in Texas over the past several years have been associated with West Nile virus," said Dr. Randy Moore, resident director of the diagnostic lab's poultry laboratory in Center. "We historically have seen instances of West Nile, which is predominantly carried by mosquitoes, affecting birds here in Texas, but the number of birds is very small. And currently there is no evidence that avian influenza (bird flu) or other avian viruses have been associated with mass die-offs in wild bird species in the United States."

Moore said mortality from parasites or disease is more often associated with individual or small groups of birds and is usually a "contributing factor" in these situations as opposed to a singular cause of death.

Another reason for some mass bird die-offs in certain areas of Texas from time to time could be bird control to benefit agriculture, said Mike Bodenchuk, state director for Texas Wildlife Services, an agency of the Texas Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service. Bodenchuk said his

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By Ace Reid



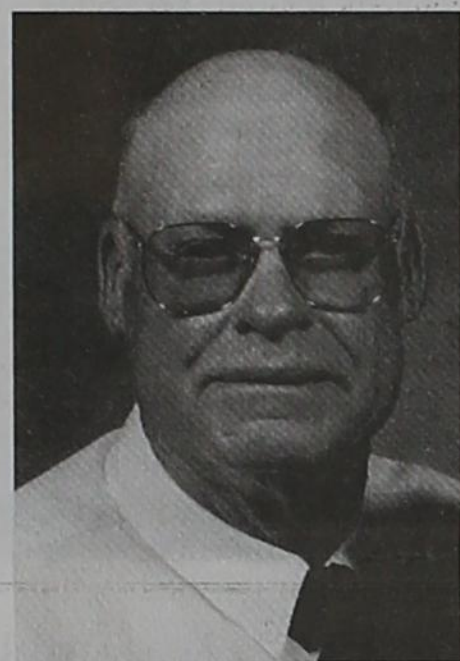
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# Obituary

## Tracy Roberts



Graveside services for Leonard Tracy Roberts, 77, of Afton, Texas, was held Wednesday, January 19, 2011, at the Afton Cemetery with the Rev. Harold Abney, pastor of the Afton Baptist Church, officiating. Interment was under the direction of Shannon Funeral Home of Matador, Texas.

Tracy laid down for his Sunday afternoon nap and woke up in heaven on January 16, 2011. Tracy accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior in the fall of 2010.

Tracy was born in the Duncan Flat Community in Dickens County, Texas, on March 30, 1933, to Leonard Cleo Roberts and Minnie Norris. He married Ruth Marie Robbins on December 22, 1951, in Dickens, Texas. They made their home in the Afton Community where Tracy farmed until poor health forced them to move to Crosbyton, Texas, in September, 2009.

Those left to cherish his memory are his loving wife of 59 years, Ruth Roberts of Crosbyton, Texas; one son, Danny Roberts and wife Tammy of McCaulley, Texas; three grandchildren, Shane Roberts and wife Roberta of Shallowa-

ter, Texas, and Kandi Roberts and Kara Roberts of McCaulley, Texas.

He is also survived by a sister, Norlene Roberts Franklin of Wellman, Texas; four great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Tracy was preceded in death by his parents, Leonard and Minnie Roberts; four brothers, Carney Roberts, Wyade Roberts, Delton Roberts, and Travis Dale Roberts; and a sister, Darlene Roberts.

The Family would like to express their appreciation to the staff of The Plaza in Lubbock, Texas, for their loving care of Tracy during the last days of his life.

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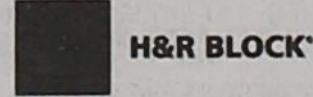


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# Scientist envisions lush, environmentally friendly gardens on horizon in harsh climates

EL PASO – Frustrated green thumbs in the desert, be patient. The days of groveling in gravel may be nearing an end, according to a Texas AgriLife Research horticulture scientist.

"Be positive. We can find plants that can tolerate difficult weather and climate situations like in El Paso," said Dr. Genhua Niu.

As a researcher at the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center in El Paso, Niu has been putting everything from petunias to roses through heat, drought and salty water tests that would wither the stoutest of humans much less a helpless plant. It's a project aimed at bringing more color to yards without sacrificing precious water and other natural resources.

(Note: for high res photos for this story, see <http://agrilife.org/today/2011/01/03/scientist-envisions-desert-gardens>)

"My research project is on landscape water conservation," Niu said. "In El Paso, we have limited water, so we need to try to use landscape plants that do not use a lot of water or that can be irrigated less frequently. And another thing is to (be able to) use the saline water or the recycled water to irrigate the landscape plants."

Her research plots in El Paso include numerous Earth-Kind and other roses that are potentially drought tolerant,

heat tolerant and salt tolerant for West Texas and the whole southwest region, she said. The plots also include many bedding plants which have not been previously studied for their tolerance of heat, salt or drought tolerance.

"In some gardens, (in other areas) you see so many beautiful, different varieties of roses," she said. "They can grow well in certain places, but what if they are irrigated with saline water or recycled water? Can they tolerate that?" Niu said. "And also in El Paso when the weather would be much drier, and with much heat you need to irrigate. But not every garden has a good irrigation system, and some people forget."

Her goal is to find roses and other garden plants tough enough to take the natural and human-made "abuse."

"People want to have beautiful roses of different colors and fragrances," Niu said. "Many people think that in El Paso, they can just plant shrubs and trees and have a lot of gravel in their yard. But actually there are many potentials. In the past few years, we've found many bedding plants that can conform very well in El Paso's climate. Some are tolerant to salt, some are tolerant to drought."

"But for those that can tolerate drought it is not necessarily that they can tolerate salinity. So we need research to find out if they are toler-

ant to salt, to drought and to heat."

Studies are just beginning for the rose project, she said, so her research team has just started to identify qualifying plants. Several bedding plants have already been targeted.

"For example, we found that many types of petunia can be irrigated with recycled water, without affecting their forage or flowers," she said. "And they're just doing fine. They can be a little compact, which is good for petunia because petunia tends to grow so fast in other places."

"Another example is a number of ornamental peppers. Ornamental peppers can increase a lot of colors (available to gardeners) and these plants also can tolerate some salt and drought. So if they can handle the drought and also can be irrigated with recycled water, then they are fine with the El Paso climate."

Niu plans to summarize her research in a few years and give a list of recommended plants to gardeners so they can select the proper plants when dealing with harsh climates.

"Then, they can have more choices in colors and plant varieties, not just gravel, not just shrubs and trees," she said.

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# A conversation with Bob Harp

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see pictures of themselves on the screen, so anytime we had a church service in the evening they would attend just in order to see the slide show of village life.

### 3. What was the response of the islanders?

One of the truly heart-warming experiences was the open-armed, welcoming attitude of the Polynesians towards our family. Our children were great missionaries because they made so many wonderful contacts through their friends. The Tongans were so poor and lived in such a remote part of the South Pacific that they were attracted to us partially because of their interest in this "strange" American family. Tolua Tavai and all of the people of Lauli'i immediately accepted us as family and treated us with affection, care and loving-kindness. Polynesians do not require a blood connection to establish family bonds. Where there are feelings of love, day-to-day relationships and a sharing of life, there is family.

The physical hardships of Polynesia were greatly eased by the warm embrace of our Samoan extended family. As for acceptance of the gospel and baptism, the Samoans unquestioningly accepted Jesus Christ. Within just two years many Samoans were baptized; and in the Tongan islands, there were even more converts numbering in the hundreds.

### 4. What were the greatest challenges of mission work in the islands?

When I returned to Samoa with my family in early 1964, Polynesia was still quite primitive with virtually no modern conveniences.

Day-to-day life in such severe conditions and climate was, especially for my wife and three small children, almost too difficult to bear at times. Moreover, the culture and language, though beautiful and fascinating, were utterly alien to us. Adjusting was a challenge in itself; learning new ways was harder still. Living conditions continued to be uncomfortable and crude for years. While our standard of living eventually improved considerably, it was still well below that of the U.S. To this day, Polynesia is a very remote location on earth. Back then, the sense of remoteness and detachment from our origins was also very stressful psychologically.

Within a year we had learned the language well enough to communicate fairly well. We learned many basic phrases by asking a lot of questions. Besides that we also studied from books and took some language classes.

### 5. What challenges does this mission work put on a family?

The greatest challenge is adjusting to a very different culture, language, environment and hot humid climate. The lack of privacy was a major challenge. The thatched houses are often shared with other families and offer little privacy. Sometimes people would actually stand outside just to watch this curious American family. At first there was no running water and only an oil cook stove which was considered a luxury. Other challenges are emotional: facing long periods away from loved ones and friends back home, a sometimes difficult feeling of isolation or remoteness. In

the Northern Hemisphere, especially Europe, millions of people are unreceptive to the gospel, so mission work in these locations would probably be very challenging.

### 6. What reflections do you have on your forty years in the Pacific?

What made our mission work so successful was the enduring support of the people at the Northeast Church of Christ in Indianapolis. The Northeast Church was our financial sponsor and continued to support the mission work in Samoa after my family and I returned to Hawaii. The people of the Northeast Church were so loving and emotionally supportive that it helped us through difficult times. Additionally, we received support from the Culver Palms Church in Los Angeles where I had served as the minister from 1960 to 1964. Numerous individuals also made our mission work possible, and one was my late uncle Johnny Owen of Amarillo, Texas.

The greatest feeling of gratification is knowing that after 40 years, the Churches of Christ have thrived and grown in Samoa. At the Maui Church of Christ where I currently serve as associate minister, we have young Samoan-American members in their 20s and 30s who are such fine, dedicated Christians. Sometimes, I dare to wonder that if I, along with my family, hadn't gone to Polynesia in early 1964, whether I would now know these fine Samoan members of the Church of Christ who are children of the original members of the Church in Samoa and other locations in Polynesia.

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denchuk, but said that this explanation warrants further scrutiny.

"We've done roost relocation actions throughout Texas using literally tens of thousands of rounds of pyrotechnics, and I can't ever recall any birds dying from 'trauma' as a direct or indirect result of that control method. However, I suppose it is possible that a flock of daytime-flying birds might suddenly be startled at night by a loud noise, panic and then fly into a nearby building or other structure."

While recent mass bird die-offs in Texas and elsewhere have grabbed the headlines and spurred the imagination of conspiracy theorists – other "explanations" range from secret military or government testing to bio-terrorism and biblical portents – the real causes of the bird mortality are far more banal, according to experts.

So what are the main causes of bird death? The Sibley Guides website, a compendium of information on North American birds and trees,

contains a "Causes of Bird Mortality" chart giving estimated annual bird mortality from various causes in terms of millions of birds. It turns out that blunt-force trauma caused by impact with transparent, silicate-based materials is the top cause of bird mortality in North America. That's right; birds crashing into windows is by far the continent's single-greatest cause of bird mortality, killing an estimated 900 million a year. The second-leading cause is feral cats, which kill about 500 million birds annually, followed by high-tension wires, which take a yearly toll of around 190 million. Some lesser causes of bird mortality noted on the chart include cars, pesticides, communications towers and hunting, with hunting responsible for the fewest deaths of that group.

Data from other sources indicate U.S. bird mortality figures represent roughly half of those on the Sibley chart. Additionally, the National Audubon Society and U.S. Parks and Wildlife Department state that "loss of habitat" is truly the single-largest threat to birds, and that this factor is most responsible for the overall reduction in U.S. bird populations. However, the figures are nebulous.

"The die-offs we've been hearing about in Texas are a normal occurrence," said Lacher. "But when put together with reports of other die-offs in other states or countries that are posted in blogs and on the Internet and shown on national television, they appear to be greater and stranger than they really are."

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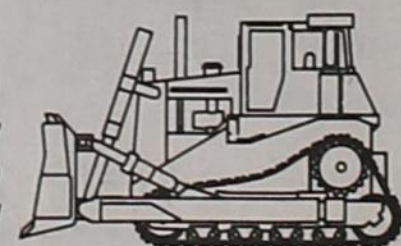
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# MCISD 2010-2011 Honor Roll, Third Cycle

## First Grade

### A Honor Roll

Tyne Marshall  
Jace Martin  
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Trace Osborn  
Wyatt Perryman  
Jackson Rains  
Jacob Richards  
Braxton Salazar  
Andrew Stafford

### AB Honor Roll

Kyler Barton  
Kason Degan  
Ashton Quilimaco

## Second Grade

### A Honor Roll

Kenzie Clary  
Case Drum  
Prescott Falcon  
Krysta Guerrero  
Kylee Jones  
Colton Martin  
Tansy Pollard  
Kade Wampler  
Keygen Woolsey

### AB Honor Roll

Dallas Beckley  
Sydney McCoy  
Isabella Quilimaco  
Gabriel Rivera

## Third Grade

### A Honor Roll

Emma Cagle  
Tatum Guerrero  
Emma Hackler  
Emily Jameson  
Cambrie Marshall  
Autumn Perryman  
Nathan Richards  
Nellie Shannon

### AB Honor Roll

Zowie Barton  
Derek Fisk  
Chris Flores  
Patricia Hernandez  
Samuel Ware

## Fourth Grade

### A Honor Roll

Jonathon Flores  
Rivers Marshall  
Ethan Mason  
Tadley Pollar  
Cameron Stafford  
Carley Turner

### AB Honor Roll

Jasmine Aumiller  
Tucker Barton  
Kyler Degan  
Logan Jones  
Rebecca Santos  
Alycia Silva

## Fifth Grade

### A Honor Roll

Cade Drum  
Bryson Elliott  
Dode Gleghorn  
Wyatt Hackler  
Eli Marshall  
Samantha Quilimaco  
Brody Rankin

### AB Honor Roll

Brendan Fisk  
Mikenna Ford

## Sixth Grade

### A Honor Roll

None

### AB Honor Roll

Bradley Alred  
Lauryn Bohn  
Chasity Cox  
Chloe Gleghorn  
Sage Guerrero  
Thalia Mendoza  
Grant Potts  
Chris Ward  
Autumn Woolsey

## Seventh Grade

### A Honor Roll

Mattie Brooks

### AB Honor Roll

Duncan Aumiller  
Natalie Jameson  
Marcus Ortiz  
Thalia Quilimaco  
Tate Richards

## Eighth Grade

### A Honor Roll

Meagan Ford  
Catherine Ward

### AB Honor Roll

Seth Baxter  
Tanner Bearden  
Michael Martin  
Cassidy Turner

## Ninth Grade

### A Honor Roll

Coby Cochran  
Jacob Woolsey

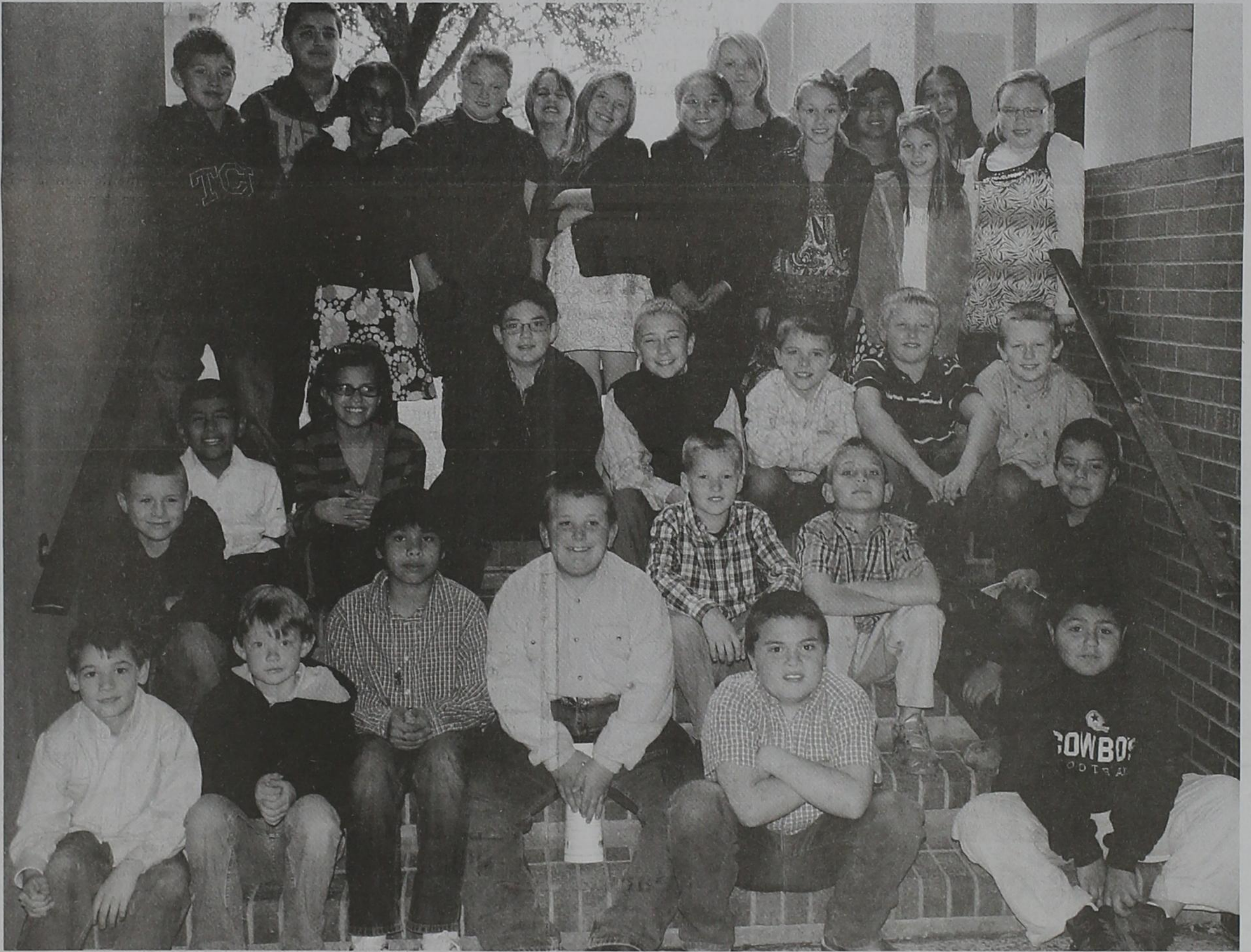
### AB Honor Roll

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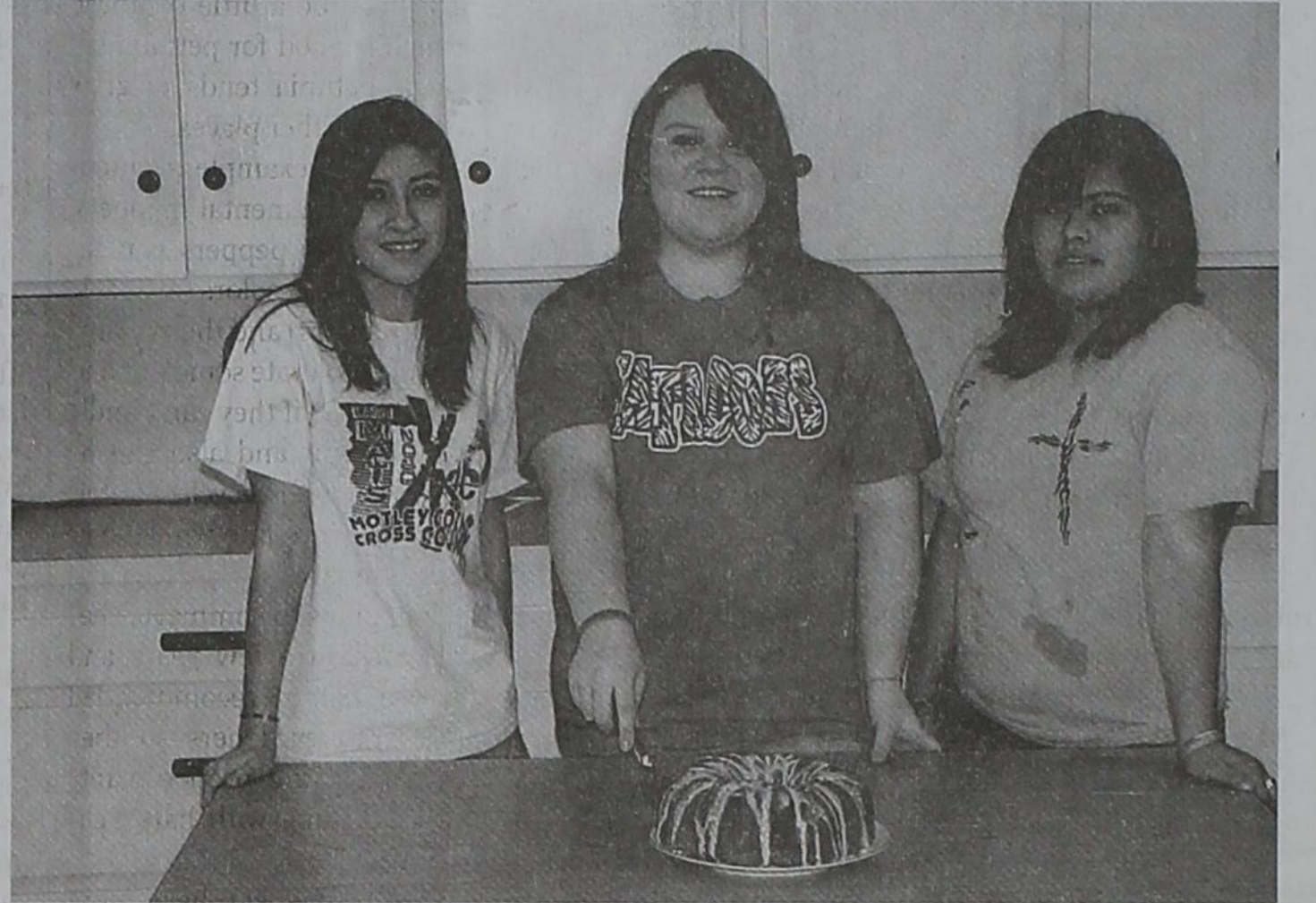
## Tenth Grade

### A Honor Roll

Pictured below are the fourth and fifth graders who attended the Lubbock Symphony-Orchestra in Lubbock on January 18th. They were accompanied by Mrs. Rankin and Mrs. Alexander and treated to lunch at Furr's before the symphony. The symphony used "A Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra" by Benjamin Britten to demonstrate the different parts of the orchestra to students. The musicians were dressed in colors accordingly to signify which group they were associated with. Students were then treated to "Peer Gynt, Suite No. 1," which ended with the glorious "In the Hall of the Mountain King" as a finale.



Wyatt Hackler, right, member of the Texas Youth Bull Riders Association, recently competed at a rodeo in Midland, TX on January 15th. Youth from all over West Texas compete in mutton bustin, calf riding, junior riding, senior riding, and bull riding depending on your age. Wyatt competes in the senior riding for 13 and under youth. These competitions are held every other Saturday and basically have 2 rounds of rodeo in one day. Wyatt sits tied for 4th in his division after the first go around. Wyatt will compete again on January 29th in Midland.



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### February

- 1 Matador Lions
- 2 Kids Praise
- 3 Friends of the Library Meeting at 3:00 p.m. in Library Annex.
- 3 Roaring Springs Lions
- 5 Men's breakfast will be at the Methodist Church in Matador, at 7a.m. the
- 9 Hospital Bd meets in the back of the ambulance barn, 7am
- 10 Matador City Council
- 10 Matador Chapter of the Eastern Star, Floydada, Meal at 6:30pm, meeting at 7:30 pm
- 14-18: FREE! Computer Classes at Motley County Library
- 14 Commissioners' Court
- 14 Roaring Springs City Council
- 14 HCCC Board
- 15 Matador Lions
- 17 Matador Masonic Lodge, 6:30 pm
- 21 MCISD School Board, 7:30pm

### March

- 1 Matador Lions
- 2 Kids Praise

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Kick-off party for the Motley-Dickens  
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 6:00 p.m. January 27

CAUSE NO. 2602  
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 § OF  
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Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administration for the Estate of Lewis Blevins, Deceased, were issued on January 17, 2011, in Cause No. 2602, pending in the County Court of Motley County, Texas, to Terry Rainbolt, Independent Administrator.

The mailing address of the Independent Administrator is:

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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

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