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Local man, parents die in plane crash

By Cindi Taylor
The Texas Spur

An early morning plane crash in northern Dickens County Sunday, March 27, claimed the life of Jake Jenkins of Dickens and both of his parents. According to an investigator for the National Transportation Safety Board the plane took off from a private air strip north of Dickens at approximately 5:30 a.m. and crashed about 30 minutes later.

A family member told The Texas Spur on Monday that Jenkins, 40, and his parents, 70-year old Kirby "Dan" Jenkins and 68-year-old Dorothy Jenkins, were headed to Rockdale, Texas. The Jenkins were from Rockdale. Autopsies were performed on all three but definite cause of death was not available at press time.

Jake Jenkins' funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon, March 30, at First Baptist Church in Spur. He was buried in Dickens Cemetery. Services for his parents were held in Rockdale.

Site of the crash was on a section of land squared by County Road 142 to the north, CR 146 to the south, CR 129 to the west, and CR 133 to the east.

In a news conference held near the crash site Monday afternoon, March 28, NTSB Investigator Jason Aguilera said Jenkins' 1946 Stinson 108 with identification number 97383 caught fire post-impact. The crash was not discovered until about 1:00 p.m. by the landowner who

saw smoke. He discovered the plane still smoldering and called the Dickens County Sheriff's office.

Aguilera said low visibility may have contributed but it will take as much as six months to reach a final determination. He said conditions in Lubbock at the time of the crash reported three miles visibility and a ceiling of 300 feet.

Aguilera arrived at the crash site Monday morning where he was being assisted by investigators from the Federal Aviation Administration and the Texas Department of Public Safety. Aguilera said much of the plane was destroyed.

"Secondary components were consumed in the fire, but the metal and cables were still there," Aguilera said.

Aguilera said it was not unusual for pilots of small planes like the one Jenkins flew to not have a flight plan. They are not required to file flight plans. Aguilera could not confirm if a GPS or other navigational equipment was aboard the plane. Because of the remote location of the crash, Aguilera said it likely would not have been discovered so quickly had the rancher not found it. Debris from the plane covered an area of approximately 200 feet. Aguilera said the remains of the plane indicated that Jenkins was possibly attempting to land.

Aguilera said he would look at three components in his investigation including "man, machine, and environment." He said he would look at Jenkins' pilot record and training, the plane's engine, and

the weather conditions when the plane went down. He said a preliminary report will be issued in five working days but a factual cause of the crash will not be available for another six months.

Jenkins, a professional firefighter for the City of Lubbock, was building a new home with the help of his dad. A family member said that firefighters from the Lubbock fire department intend to help the family by finishing the home.

Flying was Jenkins passion, and he was often found working on his plane if he wasn't flying it. He also had a previous career as a bluegrass musician traveling with Karl Shifflett and Big Country band. He wrote and recorded "Worries on my Mind", which became #1 on the Bluegrass charts as well as in the top ten on the Texas Music Charts. He also recorded "Cold, Cold Love" and "Turn Around". Both songs reached top honors on the bluegrass charts. He continued to play for his firefighter friends and was a member of the Hickory Hill band at the time of his death.

Jake was born on September 30, 1970 in Rockdale, Texas. He married Rhonda Smith on December 14, 1996 in Spur, Texas. He is also survived by his three children Eli Jackson, 9, Maggie Marie, 7, and Ella Rose, 5.

A memorial fund for Jake Jenkins' family has been set up by the Dickens Volunteer Fire Department. Donations may be made at Spur Security Bank or mailed to Spur Security Bank, PO Box 549, Spur TX 79370.

Matador Ranch honored with Outstanding Rangeland Stewardship Award

San Antonio, Texas - The Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) today awarded the Matador Ranch the 2010 Outstanding Rangeland Stewardship award during the 134th annual TSCRA convention. The award is the highest stewardship honor from TSCRA and the Texas Section, Society for Range Management (TSSRM).

"We are proud that a long-time member of TSCRA has earned this prestigious honor," said Dave Scott, rancher and TSCRA president. "Matador Ranch's ability to manage a large holding while continuously striving to improve the natural resources is an excellent example of today's agriculture stewardship."

Jeff Goodwin, rangeland management specialist with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS),

said that the Matador Ranch is a leader in many areas. The ranch has developed a sustainable approach to rangeland management that mutually benefits the land, the water, the wildlife and the livestock operation.

"Today's recognition is an honor for the ranch and our employees," said Bob Kilmer, Matador Ranch manager. "We believe that our long-term viability and success is based upon our company's market-based business philosophy. Our ranch has a strong tradition and history, yet we are focused on marrying that with the innovations of the 21st century. Our branding patterns may be rooted in 1900, but our management systems employee the best information and technologies available."

Matador Ranch is a 130,000-acre working cattle ranch that covers parts of Mot-

ley, Cottle, Dickens, Floyd and Crosby counties. In March 2011, the ranch was struck by wildfires.

During his acceptance speech, Kilmer thanked TSCRA members and the ranching community for their generous help during the March wildfires.

The TSSRM / TSCRA Outstanding Rangeland Stewardship Award is an opportunity for TSCRA to partner with a scientific society to honor TSCRA members who are expending remarkable efforts to improve and manage range and pasture lands and the resources, livestock and wildlife the lands support.

Matador Ranch will now compete for the regional stewardship award sponsored by the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA), Dow AgriSciences and USDA's NRCS.

Motley County ISD Board sets election

Voluntary Resignation Incentives program approved

The Motley County Board of Trustees met on Thursday, March 10, 2011, at 7:30 p.m. in a regularly scheduled board meeting. All board members were present. Also present were Dr. Tom Alvis, William Cochran, Jan Jones and Denise Ford.

Following an invocation by Gilbert Guerrero, the board took action on more than 10 items, including approval of the minutes and expenditures for February, 2011.

Following a presentation by Jan Jones, the School Health Committee (SHAC) report, the board approved the report by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Lee Jones, seconded by Don Baxter, to approve the budget amendment. This motion carried by 7-0 vote.

No action was taken on athletic uniforms at this time; followed by a motion by Tina Brooks, seconded by JD Russell to approve the quote from Drum Heating & Air Conditioning for the plumbing repairs of the Principal's house which is owned by the school. The motion carried 6-0 with Lewis Drum abstaining from the vote.

A motion by Don Baxter, seconded by Gilbert Guerrero, to reaffirm the existing technology plan adopted by the Technology Committee, also carried by unanimous vote.

A motion by Lewis Drum, seconded by Gilbert Guerrero was made to accept a donation from the Eternas Study Club for scholarships in the amount of \$1350.00. The motion carried 7-0. According to former president of the club, Leadell Martin, the club has disbanded, voting to donate the remaining club money to benefit the children of Motley County ISD. The Eternas Study Club sponsored the Mother-Daughter and Father-Son Banquets each year as well as Santa's Workshop for Children at Christmas.

In other action, the board voted to approve a resolution for a joint election with the City of Matador and the City of Roaring Springs on May 14, 2011. The appointment of judges and clerks for the election will be an agenda item at the next meeting.

Following an Executive Session from 8:38 p.m. to 10:06 p.m. to discuss resignation

incentives for teachers, a motion by Lewis Drum, seconded by Don Baxter, authorized the superintendent to offer a Voluntary Resignation Incentive to contract personnel as he deems appropriate and in accordance with the terms of an Voluntary Individual Resignation Incentive Offer. The motion carried 7-0.

In the Principal's Report, Mr. Cochran reported the enrollment at 186 and the attendance rate at 96%.

During the Superintendent's Report, Dr. Alvis informed the board of the results of the Election Board of Directors of the ESC 17 of which no election has held due to the return of current members. Board training will be at ESC 17 School Board on April 19 beginning at 4:00 p.m. Registration is between 3:30 and 4:00 p.m. with the first session beginning at 4:00 p.m. The deadline for registration is April 15, 2011. The fee is \$40.00 and includes dinner. The last session on school finance begins at 7:30 p.m. The ESC 17 school board candidate night is on March 24, 2011, in the Lecture Hall for school board candidates.

Historical Association visits Motley County

By Carol Campbell
Motley County Tribune

Fifty "early bird" registrants of the 88th Annual West Texas Historical Association (WTHA) traveled by four vans to Motley County from Lubbock on Thursday, March 31, for a history and ranch tour followed by supper at the Windmill Café in historic Roaring Springs.

The event, hosted by Tai Kreidler, WTHA Executive Director and Deputy Director of the Tex-

as Tech University, Southwest Collection Library, and Motley County Historical Commission chair Marisue Potts Powell with the help of other local volunteers visited seven local sites in a whirlwind tour that started with the H. H. Campbell historical marker located 13 miles west of Matador on U.S. Highway 70.

Wes Campbell of Dougherty, the great-grandson of Henry Harrison Campbell, founder of the famed Matador Ranch and first county judge of Mot-

ley County, gave a brief history of his ancestor. Henry H. Campbell moved to the county in 1879, establishing the Matador Ranch at Ballard Springs with four other investors. Other great-grandchildren descendants of this early-day pioneer are: Bundy Hal Campbell, Olivia Barton, and Guy Campbell, all of Matador; Harry Campbell, Lubbock, and Cheryl Jean Stark, Dougherty, Texas.

The group then travelled
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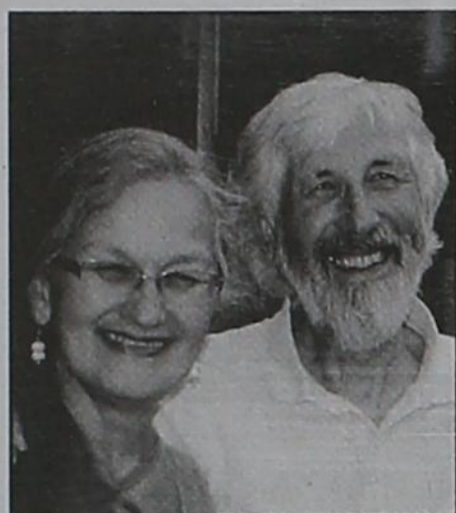
Wes Campbell, great grandson of early-day pioneer Henry H. Campbell, stands by the historical marker on west U.S. Highway 70, speaking to a group of 50 participants of the West Texas Historical Association meeting on March 31, 2011.

Photo by Carol Campbell

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Connections

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



By Larry Vogt

I am sure many of you have seen various myths about the "Old" West busted. For instance, consider the one about highly skilled individuals who could shoot a hole in a silver dollar if you threw it into the air. Apparently, the side arms of the day could only dent the dollar and it was extremely hard to hit it in the first place. One of the myths that have fascinated me has been the myth of the rugged individual who made it on his/her own. I am afraid that one has put me in a lot of trouble and I had to realize that I myself hardly ever accomplished anything truly alone, without help.

So it was with that supreme icon of rugged individualism, the American cowboy. Granted, they worked long hours at dangerous tasks for small wages, but they were extremely depen-

dent on each other to stay safe and complete their daily chores. Some of them even joined a union and went on strike for, you guessed it, better working conditions. One of the last great cattle drives, in 1884, almost did not take place because of a strike. The cowboys who were in the union, the Knights of Labor, dismounted at the holding pens, marched a picket line with signs, and after the management and labor representatives negotiated a compromise, the cattle drive started on schedule.

By 1884, the railroads had penetrated the west and the great cattle drives of the 1880s declined because of the availability of railway shipping closer to the ranches and holding pens. The cattle ranch owners banded into Cattlemen's Associations to cope with rising costs in labor and shipping and the modern industrial age brought in other gold seekers who saw value in manufactured goods and more sophisticated services and the lonely cattle driver gave way to the factory worker and store clerk. Nonetheless, I still like to see a good wrangler work his/her horse and rope tricks still entertain me just as before the myth busting work, and, there's just something about cowboy boots, right?

continued from March 31, 2011

... Suddenly Christmas became his happiness. He would do one good thing for his children. He carried his armload of wood inside, built a fire in the tub and roused his family. He told them about his plans for Christmas. The children danced, delighted. Cecilia smiled. She doubted Jose's Christmas would ever come. A good man, yes, he was. But their optimistic plans never had worked out.

"The charge made by the Mexican Government of racial discrimination by Anglo-American Texans against the Mexican-descent population has raised a troublesome issue of international implications. Undoubtedly there is a measure of unjust and cruel discrimination, some of which is intentional, and some of which is from thoughtlessness." - Texas Almanac for 1949-1950

An hour later, Jose and his family were in the field. The cotton bolls were still too wet from frost moisture to snap well, but he, Cecilia and their children, had cotton sack straps around their necks, painfully pulling their way through white-as-snow rows.

Jose did not understand about the machine Mr. Jock was watching so intently on an opposite side of the field. It went up and down rows with all the speed of a powerful tractor.

Jack was more than satisfied at the performance of the cotton pulling machine. He carefully checked the cotton blowing from its suction to the trailer being pulled behind. "Looks pretty good," he said to Woody. "Pretty clean. Clean as that the Mexicans pull. Yesterday I found green bolls in their cotton. Probably put them in a sack on purpose to add weight."

Woody nodded. "And I guess this is just the beginning," he said. "They tell me they've already got self-propelled machines over in Mississippi that don't just pull bolls. They pick the cotton and throw the locks into a hopper on the machine. Wouldn't work on the short varieties we grow, but it may be coming to that here, too."

Robert, the older brother, drove the tractor on which the puller was attached. It droned on and on, with Jack and Woody carefully monitoring the operation, amount of cotton left scattered on the ground behind it, and the quality of bolls pulled.

Jack thought about his indebtedness. He had paid \$12,000 for his half section, most of which had been financed through the government Farm Home Administration and most of which he still owed. Then there was almost another \$5,000 borrowed through the Production Credit Association during the past three crop failures.

At noon, Jack talked to Jose. "Joe," he said. "I have a new cotton machine. It pulled three bales this morning." He pointed to the cotton in the bed of Jose's truck. "You have about a half bale there."

Jose seemed not to understand the significance.

"It (discrimination against Mexicans) is caused by difference in economic level. A considerable portion of the so-called Mexican population in Texas is of high educational and cultural attainment, and economic social status...Yet it is a fact that the Mexican immigration, especially in recent years, has been largely from the lowest income brackets of Mexico, the unskilled farm laborers." - Texas Almanac for 1949-1950

"The machine is doing a good job," Jack

told his wife when he and the boys went in for the noon meal. "Think I'll let Jose go."

Mrs. Brandon hurried about her duties in the kitchen, keeping hot biscuits and home grown, home cured ham and redevy gravy before the men. "Why?" she asked. "You know the machine can't equal hand-pulled cotton for quality. Your staple will be shorter and the lint graded lower. I'd keep Joe."

For some reason he himself could never understand, such bits of advice from his wife piqued Jack. He always asked her opinion but when she didn't agree with him, he was sure she was wrong. "Great scotts!" he retorted. "Consider the saving. We've got to pay off this year. Else we'll find ourselves looking like Joe next year. We'll be traveling over the state looking for pulling."

"And you'd find that you can't get a job," said Mrs. Brandon. "Machines will take over the work. Couldn't Joe help you with the cotton puller?"

"No," Jack answered decidedly. "You can't tell a damned Mexican nothing. He doesn't want to hear you, then he acts like he can't understand you. Joe would be too old and dumb to make a good hand."

Mrs. Brandon nodded, seeing her husband already had made up his mind. But Jack decided to test machine-pulling for the remainder of the day before making a final decision. Late that evening, after the machine had pulled six bales, he walked over to where Jose was working. "Joe," he called. Jose looked up. He saw Mr. Jock nod his head. Jose unstrapped his cotton sack and walked behind the truck to talk with Mr. Jock. "Joe," Jack began, "looks like I'm going to have to let you go. I'm sorry, but that new cotton puller is getting the job done," he said, softness in his voice. "I'm going to use the machine to pull the rest of the crop."

Shocked, sickened, Jose said nothing at first. Then his hands worked in short, jerky gestures. "No entender!" he said. "No entender, Mr. Jock. We not do good job for you?"

"I don't need you anymore," Jack repeated. He pointed toward the machine.

"Going to pull the rest with the machine. You understand now?"

"But Mr. Jock! My kiddoes. Their Christmas. They will have nothing. No turn us loose, Mr. Jock," he pleaded.

Jack was angered that Jose should make an issue of it. "I said you're through," he said, his voice rising. "I'll expect you to leave tomorrow."

He stormed away. "A Mexican's all right in his place," Jack commented to his oldest son. "But sometimes they just don't know where that is."

"Part of the charge of discrimination grows out of differential in wages paid by some agricultural, construction, and other employers. There is some unfair labor-exploitation. On the other hand, there is substance in the contention of some employers that many Mexicans suffer a handicap because of language difference and lack of training in handling modern tools and machinery." - Texas Almanac for 1949-1950

That night Jose sat up hours after his normal bed time, thinking. "It's no bueno," he told Cecilia, rubbing hands through his thinning hair. "We could stay in the U.S. of A. We maybe could get a job from someone else with cotton to pull. Then maybe so he too get a machine. We will leave tomorrow, go where we belong."

In bed, Jose rolled and tumbled. So little to live for. He could always go back to Mexico, but what for? He'd come to Texas in the first place to escape poverty in the home country. Now Mexico didn't sound so attractive. In truth, he liked living in Texas.

"Maybe I could learn to be a machine man," he thought. "Or go north to the factories." He knew some of his people were doing this, and some of them sent back stories of great success. But he felt old. Too old. There would be no Christmas. He wondered if there'd even been a new year.

Finally warm and asleep under heavy quilts, Jose never woke up when the season's first "blue norther" roared in at least a month early. Forty-miles-an-hour winds moaned and howled through cracks and crevices of the old garage, pushing down unbelievable cold, but Jose did not feel it or hear the shrieking wind. Nor did he know when the heater tub turned over or why. The flames were quick, merciless. They leaped first to the bed clothes then, with lightning-like speed and ferocity, ate up the oil-soaked lumber of the garage.

Outside, Jack's dogs barked. Jack awakened, startled. Then there was yelling, screaming. A rush to get coats and run outside. All too late. In minutes, the leaping, lashing flames devoured the garage then as quickly died, snuffed out by torrential rain that came in with the front, flooding over charred remains of the garage. Jose and his family were but smelly, blackened corpses in the wreckage.

News spread quickly the next morning. Neighbors and some farmers from miles away drove to the Brandon farm. "God!" they'd mutter, then turn away, a sickening gnawing at their stomachs. "Did you have insurance, Jack?"

Jack would shake his head negatively. "Lost about three hundred dollars."

About ten o'clock the bodies were taken away. The severe cold had turned some puddles to ice, a cold that chilled Jack's skin and bones. Jack hardly even noticed. It was the cold inside his head and inside his body, maybe inside his very soul, that hurt most. "Lord, I wish they were still here," he said.

He had not yet been to the field but Jack knew already what the wind and rain had done to his crop. He'd find much of the open cotton scattered over the sandy soil that grew it. And he knew the fiber knocked from the stalk would be wasted. No machine would pick it up.

Jack turned away from his sons, not wanting them to see the tears he felt forming.

He almost wished he had been taken by the hungry, leaping flames. He wondered whether Jose had suffered. And there was another strange thought. Could Jose have known all along? Could he have saved himself and his family had he wanted to?

Jack hated to go inside and face his wife. She would ask about the cotton. He knew beyond doubt they'd still be deep in debt when the last bale rolled to the gin.

He'd have to try to borrow more for the next crop. "Sometimes I wish we hadn't bought this place," he confided to his wife. "All these worries. If it weren't for the kids..."

"Think of the Mexicans," Mrs. Brandon said, softly. "Would you want to live as they did? They had no worries. They just lived. Then they died. They didn't worry about a big, clean house. They didn't worry about Christmas and more money for the kids. They..."

There was nothing more to say, not for either of them. They embraced and, in each other's arms, they cried.

"All of these situations add up to a condition that is conducive to misunderstanding. Whatever may be the substance of the general charge of racial discrimination, it is a fact that a large majority of Anglo-American Texans are sincerely desirous of eliminating the cause of it." - Texas Almanac for 1949-1950



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by Norman Spray

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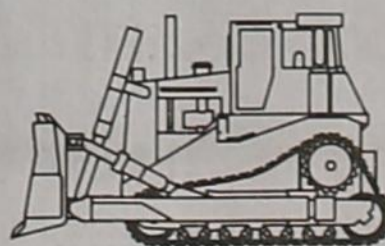
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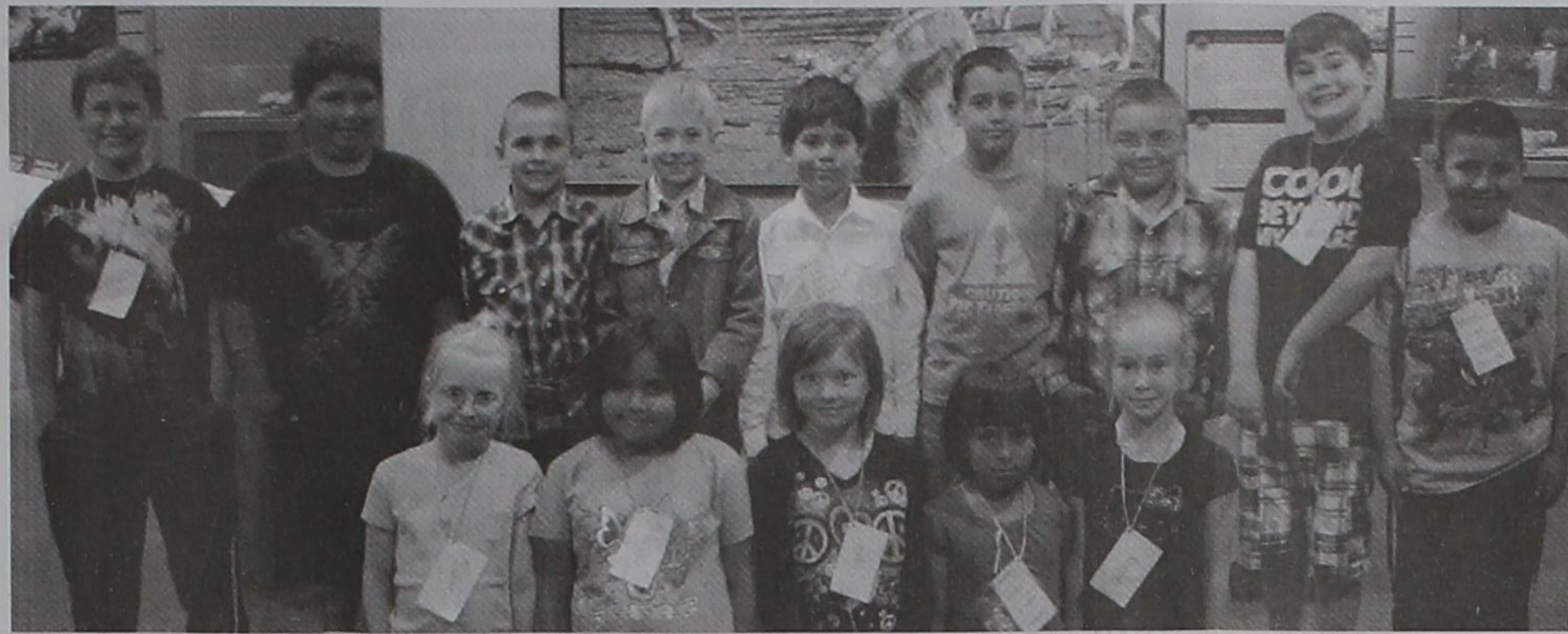
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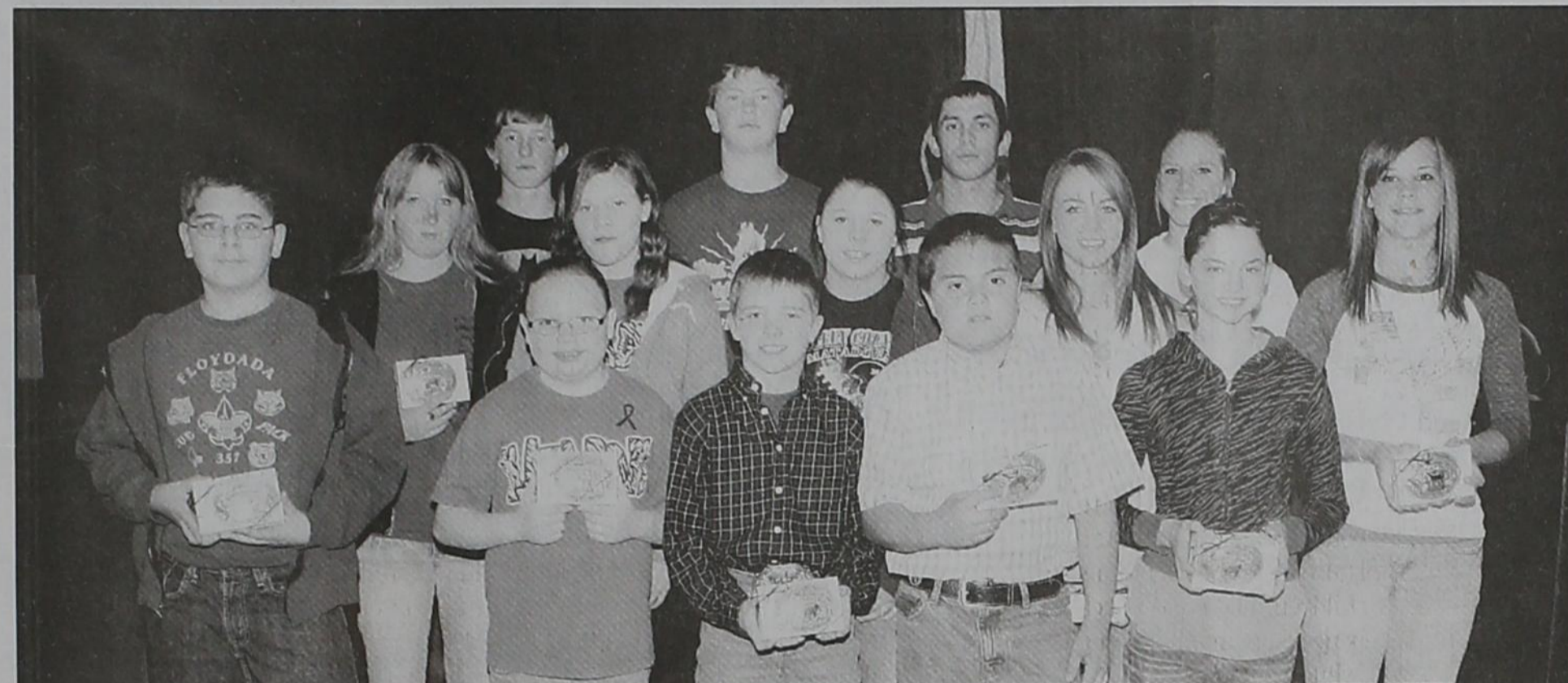
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Mrs. Ballard's second grade class at Motley County Elementary attended the Science Spectrum in Lubbock, TX on March 22, 2011. They watched a movie about dinosaurs in the Omni-theater and then attended a guided tour of the dinosaur exhibit. They were excited to see the "Dinosaur Extravaganza" and were able to identify many of the dinosaurs after completing an extensive dinosaur unit in class during the weeks leading up to the event. Front Row - left to right Sydnie McCoy, Kry's'ta Guerrero, Kylee Jones, Isabella Quillamaco, Kenzie Clary. Back Row- left to right Dallas Beckley, George Rosa, Colton Martin, Case Drum, Prescott Falcon, Kade Wampler, Keygen Woolsey, Nathan Garland, Gabriel Rivera.



Front Row (L to R): Grant Potts-Grand Champion Rabbit, Showmanship-Rabbits, Carley Turner-Jr. Goat Showmanship, Brody Rankin-Steer Showmanship, Brendan Fisk-Jr. Swine Showmanship, Chloe Gleghorn-Grand Champion Steer, Reserve Champion Steer, Dusty Burselson Memorial Hereford. Middle Row (L to R): Shelby Elliott-Reserve Champion Swine, Cassidy Turner-Reserve Champion Goat and Sr. Goat Showmanship, Danielle Gwinn-Grand Champion Lamb, Kyla Simpson-Memorial Herdsman Award and Sr. Swine Showmanship, Mattie Brooks-Jr. Lamb Showmanship. Back Row (L to R): Reagan Elliott-Grand Champion Swine, Seth Baxter-Grand Champion Goat, Reserve Champion Lamb and Sr. Lamb Showmanship, Andrew Martin-Memorial Herdsman Award, Jaci Zingerman-Reserve Champion Rabbit.

KFC at Caprock Canyon State Park

The last Kids Fish Camp (KFC) held at Theo Lake Pavilion in Caprock Canyon State Park was a tremendous success and filled up almost immediately. We expect the same for this April 23rd, KFC. Master Angler Kevin Reich has a gift to share and that gift is the "LOVE OF FISHING". Come join Master Angler Kevin Reich and spend quality time with your family as you learn all about the basics of fishing from species to knots. Then try your luck at catching the big one!!! Due to this starting after lunch, no food will be provided but drinks will be. Dress in clothes suitable to battle big fish and remember your camera and sun screen. All Fishing's Future Kids Fish Camps are free to kids ages 6-16 but adults must be present at all

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**Community-Wide Fire Department Appreciation Dinner
and Fund Raisersponsored by our area Churches.**

Saturday, April 9, 2011

4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

The menu will consist of brisket, turkey, ham, potato salad, beans and dessert.

EVERYONE in the community is invited

There is no charge for the meal.

Donations will be accepted

100% of the proceeds will go to the Matador Fire Department.

At 6:00 p.m. there will be a short appreciation program for all those involved in helping save our community from the wildfire.

Please mark your calendars and plan on attending this dinner in support of our courageous firefighters and all those who helped.

NEWS AROUND MOTLEY COUNTY

Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

On a personal note

Once we went to a going away party for a friend who was going to Australia to work on an experimental farm in northwestern Australia. One of his going away gifts was a guide to Australia which gave some of the 'down under' lingo. One of my favorites was 'Wooly-Waugh'. It was an Australian sandstorm. I think maybe February 28 was the granddaddy of Wooly Waughs and Sunday was certainly kinfolks. Wooly Waugh describes it well. So remember the next big blow to call it a Wooly Waugh... makes it seem less depressing somehow.

I don't like the wind. I suppose its purpose is important. The only thing I can think about high wind and sandstorms that would be good is that maybe it is to blow out the cold and sand the skies to refresh the blue from the gray of winter.

In the community

Trent Willmon and his daughter, Montana, recently had lunch at the Windmill Café. They attended church with his father, Dean Willmon of Afton.

Last Thursday evening some 50 members of the West Texas Historical Association gathered for dinner at the Windmill Café. They were touring Matador, Roaring Springs and the surrounding areas. Marisue Potts-Powell and the Motley County Chamber of Commerce spearheaded the event. Other Motley County people who worked to bring the group to Motley County were: Ron Bailey, Ed D. Smith, Barbara Armstrong, Dorothy Hanesworth and Carol Campbell

The plane crash that killed Jake Jenkins and his parents in Dickens County was certainly sad. Personally I had never met him but several knew him well and considered him a good

friend. There is a donation bucket at the Windmill Café where donations may be made for the memorial fund that has been set up for his wife and children at the Spur Security Bank.

Floyd and Diane Carter and Sam Charette attended the Trade Days at Post this weekend and also attended the play at the Garza Theater, *Insane With Power*. Blair Thacker Wilson formerly of Roaring Springs had a leading role in the play.

Don and Billie Stuckey returned home on Wednesday from Big Spring where Don underwent cataract surgery.

Ralph Roming was in Austin early last week to keep an appointment with his cardiologist. He returned to Roaring Springs on Tuesday. While away he visited his cousin, Charles Roming of Troy, Texas, and friends Sam and Katie Storm of Pflugerville, Texas.

Among those attending the graveside services for Palma Smiley last Tuesday were several classmates and alumni of Roaring Springs High School: Ted and Laverne Kingery of Silvertown, Texas; John York of Lubbock, Doc and Mary Helen Cross of Plainview, Buzz Thacker, and Corky Marshall. Also attending from Roaring Springs was Joyce Hunter and Tince Thacker. Others prepared hot coffee, hot chocolate, cakes and snacks to help warm them up while they visited in the fellowship hall of the First Baptist Church. It was certainly a cold miserable day for a graveside service.

Larry Watson of Austin is visiting family members: Monty Watson of Roaring Springs and Jeanne Watson Williams of Matador. Larry's wife, Kim, is not with him. She is helping to take care of her mother while Larry visits here.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

Overheard

We want a maximum of freedoms with a minimum of restraints. We have more and more social madness.

Community News

Mrs. Lori Starkey of Canyon visited overnight Saturday with Nada and Jack Starkey. She accompanied them to Dallas Sunday. Nada had an appointment for medical tests Monday morning at the Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas.

Justin Calvert of Dumas visited overnight Monday and Tuesday with his grandmother, Mrs. Mary Jo Calvert and uncle, Glen Calvert.

Mrs. Anna Beth Clay, daughter and family, Julie and Neal Edwards, Jaxon and Laney of Turkey attended the kindergarten through 2nd grade basketball tournament in Panhandle, Saturday. Jaxon and Laney played in the games.

Derrick and Christina Cruse, Cash and Paisley of Hodenville, Kentucky, arrived Friday, April 1 at the Amarillo Airport and visited until Thursday, April 7, with his parents, Brenda and Darrell Cruse.

The First Baptist Church in Flomot had their first of the monthly luncheon Sunday in the Fellowship Hall.

Those attending a family luncheon in the Flomot home of Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse Saturday were Mrs. Marihelen

Wason of Matador; Bennie and Charla Marricle, Mrs. Kaycee Schafer and son Kason of Snyder; Shahala and Allen Holsher and Kinely of Roscoe; Deidra and Larry Clifton of Elk City, Oklahoma; Derinda and Mark Patton, Teah and Tally of Silverton; Monica and Tanner Smith, Jaxon and Cutter of Floydada; Darla and James Gwinn and Danielle of Whiteflat; Derrick and Christina Cruse, Cash and Paisley of Hodenville, Kentucky; Mrs. Judy Cruse, Brenda and Darrell Cruse of Flomot.

Rickey Hughes, Kendal and Kason of Floydada visited Friday night and Saturday with his parents, Janice and Butch Hughes.

Madison, Hudson and Heston Franks of Idalou are visiting this week with their grandparents, Connie and Coy Franks.

Joey and Brenda Lee of Clarendon were here Wednesday checking on their livestock and visited his parents, Ruth and Orville Lee. Ruth and Orville were in Plainview Sunday attending to business.

Mrs. B. Rogers returned home Monday from Mangold Hospital in Lockney where she was a patient the past week. She is reported to be doing better since her diet was changed.

Mrs. Wanda Lane of Lockney visited Wilburn Martin Thursday.

Unpredictable temperatures and winds in March

By Earlene Jameson

The unpredictable weather of March had winds blowing from every direction and temperatures varying throughout the month. The dry days are still under burn bans.

On March 19, there was a full moon that night, but it was not just any old full moon. It was bigger and brighter,

because it was its closest approach to Earth since March, 1993. It appeared 14 percent larger and 30 percent brighter at its peak.

The first day of spring had gusting winds. Winter wheat is suffering and pastureland is dry. Producers continue with supplemental feeding of cattle and other livestock.

Motley County National Weather Service volunteers report none or very little precipitation for March, 2011: Buzz Thacker, Roaring Springs, 0.11; Lawrence Allen, Whiteflat, .00; Ron Bailey, Matador, .00; Betty Simpson, Northfield, 0.04; and Clois Shorter, Flomot, 0.08.

Matador News

Mrs. Chelsea Read had knee replacement surgery Wednesday, March 30, at Lakeside Medical Center in Lubbock.

Lance Jameson of Vernon visited overnight Wednesday

with his parents, Mrs. And Mrs. H.R. "Skeet" Jameson. He continued to Lubbock, Thursday to attend a Medical Seminar held at the United Medical Center.

Historical Association visits Motley County

continued from page one

to the Cottonwood Mott Line Camp, established in 1878 by the Jingle Bob Ranch, later bought by H.H. Campbell for the Matador Ranch. This original log cabin "line camp" served as a base camp where cowboys lived while working on the range. Marisue and Lou Burleson introduced the group to the site of at least two gunfights.

After a brief stop at Bob's Oil Well, the group arrived at Hotel Matador, a destination site for visitors for almost 100 years. They enjoyed snacks, coffee, and ice water, courtesy of innkeeper Marilyn Hicks.

At the hotel, Carol Campbell introduced the jail project and showed the group a short video trailer about the ongoing jail documentary project before introducing two of the jail board members, Ed D. Smith and Ron "Beetle" Bailey. Ed D. was dressed in costume, portraying his father, Deputy Sheriff Ed D. Smith (1895-1968). Ron Bailey, local researcher and historian, was available to answer questions. Following this brief presentation, the group separated with one van going to the jail and three vans to the museum. At the jail tour, Ed D. Smith, portraying his father, gave a brief performance history when his parents lived in the jail (1958-1962).

The Motley County Museum was a big hit with the group, with local volunteers Marisue Powell, Barbara Armstrong, Dorothy Traweek Hanesworth, and Ron Bailey steering the visitors to the 16-room displays featuring ranching, Native American culture, county history, music, veterans, and life styles.

A driving tour to the famed Matador Ranch included a stop-over at the El Matador Hunting Lodge, a "first class lodge located north and west of the

historic ranch headquarters." The indoor 3,200 square-foot Great Room with western furnishings showcases mounted deer, elk, coyote, and Bob Cat. Linda Roy, hunting lodge manager, gave an interesting tour of the premises, providing access to the in-house shop; and a first-hand account of the devastating fire that took almost 20,000 acres of grassland on the Matador Ranch February 28. With turkey season starting on April 1, the lodge houses guests were arriving for opening day. Linda Roy and her capable staff offer gourmet cuisine including free-range quail and turkey, and Akasushi steaks. The meat from the ranch's cattle breeding program of the Japanese Akasushi, is a lean and healthy meat that is a favorite of the visitors.

At the end of the trail, the Windmill Café hosted the group with an all-you-can-eat chicken fried steak meal with all the trimmings, followed by peach cobbler topped with vanilla ice cream.

Barbara Armstrong, representing the Motley County Chamber of Commerce, gave each participant a miniature cutout replica of Bob's Oil Well, courtesy of The Glittered Pig. Also enclosed in the gift package were a sesquicentennial coin and a commemorative card showing the distance from towns in Texas to Bob's Oil Well, an early-day advertising promotion by Bob Robertson (1894-1947).

The tour was well received, many guests promising a return with more time. Other sites on the tour that were eliminated due to time constraints were the Library's Historical Mural, Matador Murals, Motley County Railway, Traweek House, Roaring Springs Ranch and Roaring Springs Depot.



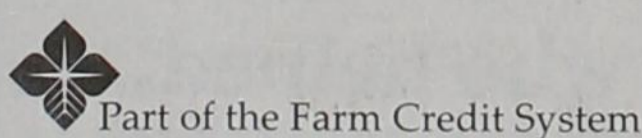
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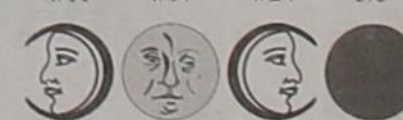
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Notes from the Library

By Mary Ann Potts

Two new Juvenile Fiction books grace our shelves this week both by Jeff Kinney, *The Wimpy Kid Movie Diary: How Greg Heffley Went Hollywood* and *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Ugly Truth*. Also we added a new kid DVD to our collection, *Scoby - Doo! Curse of the Lake Monster*. Stop by to check them out!

National Libraries Week is on its way, April 10-15, 2011. This is a special week because it is an annual celebration of the many contributions of our nation's libraries and librarians. Come in and explore your

library. We have information for planning a trip, learning new computer skills, getting a library card, downloading audio books, the list is endless. You can even become a *Friend of the Motley County Library* and be the first to have access to our annual book sale, programs and events, and even help coordinate an event beneficial to our community.

Writing of events, we are honored to announce Willa Finley, author of *Lone Star Wildflowers: A Guide to Texas Flowering Plants*, will conduct a live plant presentation on Sat., May 14 at 10:00 a.m. in the Library Annex. Along with presenting 7 or 8 native wildflower varieties, Ms. Finley will have a book sale and signing immediately following the program.

Did you know that Motley County Library is on Facebook? Just search for "Motley County Library" and all our weekly news is posted for your information at your convenience. New Books, Events, Meetings, Reminders, Accomplishments, as well as, library hours, phone, and e-mail address. Should you have a comment or request you may post it on facebook or simply e-mail the library. How simple is that?!

New Summer Hours begin on Tue., April 4, 2011, Mon: 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., Tue-Thu: 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m., and Fri: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

FSA News

By Amy Hackler

Motley County has been approved for Emergency Conservation Program due to the Fires that occurred February 27 & 28, 2011. This program provides cost share assistance for fencing that burned during the wildfire.

In addition to this approval, the county has received funds that will provide cost share assistance for cross fencing and boundary fences.

Producers who are affected should set up an appointment to discuss the extent of help they need. This can be done by calling Amy Hackler at 806-347-2263, ext 2.

The signup period is from March 29th through April 26th, 2011. You must sign up during this window to be eligible for any cost share assistance. Application must be made on an approved application FSA-848 form along with an aerial photo copy map indicating the area requesting assistance. Other application forms and certification is required.

Please come by the Motley County FSA office 700 Dundee Street to sign up for this program if you were affected by the fires and need assistance with restoring fences.

Obituary

Jake Shea Jenkins,

Jake Shea Jenkins, 40 passed away Sunday, March 27, 2011 in Dickens County, Texas. Jake was born on September 30, 1970 in Rockdale, Texas to Kirby Dan and Dorothy Faye Jenkins who also passed away on Sunday, March 27, 2011. He married Rhonda Smith on December 14, 1996 in Spur, Texas.

Jake Jenkins graduated from Rockdale High School in 1989. He graduated from South Plains College in 1992, studying Bluegrass music, specializing in the Banjo. In his studies he learned instrument making and became a Certified Luthier. He worked at Collings guitars in Austin, TX from 1993 until 1996 making guitars, and traveling part time with the band Karl Shifflett and Big Country. He began traveling with the band full time in 1996. During that time he wrote and recorded "Worries on my Mind", which became Number #1 on the Bluegrass charts as well as in the TOP TEN on the Texas Music Charts once released. Jake went on to write numerous other songs such as "Cold, Cold Love" and "Turn Around" that reached Top honors on the Bluegrass charts. Among Jake's numerous talents and achievements during his short life was his gift of operating equipment for the Lubbock Fire Department and being a musician for Hickory Hill band until his death.

Jake began his musical career at a very young age (3 or 4) singing at family get-togethers. He wanted an auto harp after his 5th grade music teacher encouraged him to practice his singing with a musical instrument. A few trips to the music store and after father Dan saw the price tag of an auto harp it was decided that Dad would make him a

musical instrument. The choices were a guitar or Banjo. Jake chose a banjo. His father Dan made the banjo from Walnut, buckskin, and a cow horn. His mother, Dorothy, was a huge influence with Jake's music, an accomplished pianist and music instructor herself. Jake has become known and recognized as an accomplished musician in Bluegrass music, mastering the banjo and playing the guitar, mandolin, string bass and just about any other instrument with strings.

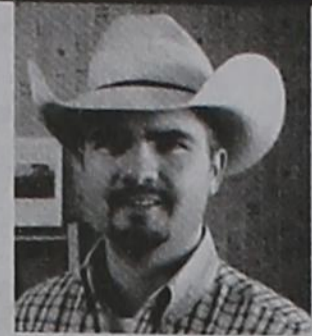
Jake was an avid outdoorsman, and a hunting guide on the Pitchfork Ranch, recently allowing his client to bag a Ranch Record Trophy mule deer. He loved boating, hunting, fishing, gardening and repairing vintage trucks and recreational vehicles. His absolute outdoor passion was flying. There was not a day that went by that he was not flying or tinkering with his Stinson 108.

Jake loved the camaraderie and the excitement involved in the brotherhood of the Lubbock Fire Department, but perhaps the greatest accomplishment of all was his family. He was a devoted husband to Rhonda, and absolutely adored his three children Eli Jackson age 9, Maggie Marie age 7, and Ella Rose age 5. He was also survived by one brother, Jason Jenkins of Rockdale, Texas. He was a member of the Roaring Springs Church of Christ.

Services were held Wednesday, March 30, 2011 at the First Baptist Church in Spur, Texas at 3:00 P.M. with Larry McClenny officiating under the direction of Campbell Funeral Home in Spur, Texas. Interment will follow at the Dickens Cemetery at Dickens, Texas.

County Agent's News

by Ryan Martin, Agri LIFE EXTENSION Agent



Rabies Vaccination Clinic

Rabies is still a major concern for animal owners in our area. There have already been several confirmed cases of rabies in our area this year. This is a reminder that your pets, horses, and valuable livestock should be vaccinated annually for rabies.

On April 8, 2011 the Motley 4-H Club will sponsor a Rabies Vaccination Clinic and Flea and Tick Dip at the Matador Volunteer Fire Department. Dr. David Fuston from the Childress Veterinarian Clinic will be here to administer rabies vaccinations for your pets from 3:00-6:00pm. After 6pm, Dr. Fuston will administer coggins tests on horses if you need it. If you have a horse that needs current coggins testing, please call the Extension office before April 7 to make arrangements for testing.

The Motley 4-H Club will also be spraying pets for ticks and fleas if needed. This will be a free service, but donations will be welcome.

Make plans to bring your animal to the Matador Volunteer Fire Department between 3 and 6pm for their annual rabies vaccination and flea and tick dip.

Texas 4-H/FFA Steer Validation

Time has come to plan for the 2011-2012 Texas 4-H/FFA Steer Validation program. All Texas major livestock shows require all 4-H and FFA steers to be validated in the Texas 4-H/FFA Steer Validation Program. Therefore, if you are thinking of taking a steer to a major stock show, you must order validation tags. Tag orders are due in the Extension office by April 19, 2011 at a cost

of \$7 per tag. Steers will be validated between June 1 and June 30 for 2011 fall shows and 2012 spring shows. Validation is a proof of ownership as required by major livestock shows in Texas. It does not automatically enter exhibitors in a major livestock show or county show.

Motley County Fire Department Benefit Concert

On April 16, 2011 a benefit concert featuring the Fabulous Sandbillies and Southern Crossing will take place on the east side of the courthouse beginning at 7:00pm. This is a free concert with donations being accepted for the Motley County Fire Departments. Come enjoy some excellent music and support our local fire departments as they were there in our time of need. If rainy weather occurs, concert will be moved into fire department.

Calendar of Events

April

- 7 - District Horse Judging contest
- 8 - Rabies Vaccination Clinic 3-6pm at the Fire Department
- 10 - Motley 4-H Club meeting
- 12 - State Steer Validation Tag orders due in county office
- 16 - District Fashion Show
- 16 - Motley County Fire Department Benefit Concert

May

- 1 - 4-H Horse Validation Due in State Office
- 4 - District 4-H Roundup
- 14 - District 4-H Trap Contest
- 15 - Motley 4-H Club meeting

Thank you

There are not enough words to express the appreciation we feel from the outpouring of love this community demonstrated through gifts of food, flowers, cards, and prayers to Francine and all of our family. We also want to say thank you for all the donations to Roaring Springs Cemetery Association and First Christian Church Building Fund of Paducah. We want to especially thank the Cottle Co. and Childress Co. EMS for their service and compassion through this trial in our lives. We love and so appreciate brother Ricky Lawrence and the First Christian Church, Judy McBee and the funeral home.

The family of Sue Braselton

Blair Thacker Wilson stars in play

Former Roaring Springs resident, Blair Thacker Wilson, stars in Garza Theatre production of "Insane with Power," a comedy by Scott Haan and directed by Jay Young. The show will run for one more weekend April 8, 9, and 10th; Friday and Saturday at 730 and Sunday at 230. This is a hilarious family friendly show for all ages. For reservations call 806-495-4005 or go to garzatheatre.com. There are special prices for groups, students, seniors, and military. The Garza Theatre is located in downtown Post, Texas. Blair is the daughter of Jeff and Pam Thacker of Roaring Springs.

Motley County Fire Department Benefit Concert

April 16, 2011 featuring Fabulous Sandbillies and Southern Crossing East side of the courthouse 7:00pm.

COWPOKES

By Ace Reid



"We have unlocked all them gates comin' home. We git here and you've lost the key to the house!"

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Please be aware of your students' schedules, as regards the days they do have tests and the days they do not have tests. If you have any questions, please contact Tom Alvis, Interim Superintendent, or William Cochran, Principal, or Kathy Gillespie, District Testing Coordinator.

Monday, April 25:
All students have regular classes.

Tuesday, April 26:
6th Math TAKS
7th Math TAKS
8th Classes in Ag. Building
10th Math TAKS
9th, 11th, 12th will come to school after lunch

Wednesday, April 27:
6th Reading TAKS
7th Reading TAKS
8th Classes in Ag. Building
11th Math TAKS
9th, 10th, 12th will come to school after lunch

Thursday, April 28:
6th Classes in Ag. Building
7th Classes in Ag. Building
8th Science TAKS
9th Math TAKS
10th Science TAKS
11th Science TAKS
12th will come to school after lunch

Friday, April 29:
6th Regular classes, but with room changes
7th Regular classes, but with room changes
8th Social Studies TAKS
9th Regular classes, but with room changes
10th Social Studies TAKS
11th Social Studies TAKS
12th will come to school after lunch

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There are times that "try men's souls." Times when we are often alarmed and then times that appear to be about as normal as we have come to expect. But the time of interest here is the time we take for ourselves. We all are in need of some time to ourselves in order

to maintain or regain own balance.

I am speaking of time to reflect or to reexamine the marvel of all that we are and can be because of our great God. An example might be found in quiet of the evening. We could spend several moments viewing the evening sky to absorb the splendor of the night sky. The beauty of the stars set against the inky backdrop are a tremendous sight. One that often brings a certain stillness to the soul. A peace that quietly washes from us anxieties and turmoil. Is it a "time apart"? Could be.

Our Lord knows each of us and He understands we need times to refresh our souls. So why not take some time, some time "apart for a while"? It will renew spiritual strength. It will help us find a firm resolve to hold on to our faith. Faith that will see us through to victory.

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EVENTS CALENDAR

- April**
- 6 Kids Praise
 - 7 Roaring Springs Lions
 - 7 HS Track at Aspermont, District Meet
 - 7 District Horse Judging contest
 - 8 Rabies Vaccination Clinic 3-6pm at the Fire Department
 - 8 Jr High Track at Silverton, District Meet
 - 9 All-Churches Appreciation supper will honor Motley County Firefighters. Motley County High School Cafeteria. The meal will be served from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. Donations will be accepted.
 - 10 Motley 4-H Club meeting
 - 11 Commissioners' Court
 - 11 Roaring Springs City Council 2nd Mon
 - 11 HCCC Board
 - 12 State Steer Validation Tag orders due in county office
 - 12 Cap Rock Broadband - Internet Basic Class, Library Annex, 2:00 p.m.
 - 13 HS Track at Abernathy, area meet
 - 13 Hospital Board meets in the back of the EMS, 7am

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PUBLIC NOTICE
 Notice of Public Meeting to discuss the use of 4 B tax money to provide matching grant funds of \$5000 to the Friends of the Historic Motley County Jail for a grant to produce a Video Documentary of the history of Motley County.
 The Matador 4 B Tax Board will hold a public meeting at 5:00 p.m. on April 14, 2011, at City Hall, City of Matador, 706 Dundee.
 The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the allocation of 4 B sales tax money to the Friends of the Historic Motley County Jail.
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