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USDA Reminds Producers to File Adjusted Gross Income Consent Forms with the IRS

Motley County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Amy Hackler, reminds producers that, in order to receive USDA program payments, each payment recipient must have an Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) verification consent form on file with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

The consent form authorizes IRS to verify for FSA whether a payment recipient's AGI meets the eligibility requirements for FSA programs. The form became a requirement for payment eligibility beginning with the 2009 crop year, however many program par-

ticipants have not complied with this requirement.

"IRS and USDA reports show that, nationwide, FSA is still missing the required consent forms from many producers for 2009 and 2010," said Hackler. "In order to avoid an interruption of program payments, producers need to check their business records and turn these forms in to the IRS immediately if they have not done so already," she said.

IRS requires written consent from all individuals or legal entities before verification of the average AGI can be provided to USDA. Individuals must submit form CCC-

927and legal entities must submit form CCC-928. Without these forms on file, producers will not receive USDA program payments.

Hackler further clarifies that these consent forms are required for payments received from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) as well as those received through FSA. Completed forms must be returned to the IRS.

For more information on AGI eligibility requirements or the AGI verification process, contact the Motley County FSA office at 806-347-2263.

MCISD Graduates, 2011



Pictured MCISD graduates, L-R; Back row: Feliciano Reyes: Andrew Martin, Ky Christopher, Cody Boyd, Colby McCleskey, and Dayne Butler, Front Row: Kyla Simpson, Sarah Ferguson, Alyx Smith, Hailey Blanco, and Leanne Jameson.

photo by Walter Taylor

The Arrow and the Song

Outdoor sculpture slated for Motley County



Pictured is artist Charles Smith posing with his metal palm trees at his studio/home at New Home, Texas. Smith is donating an arrow to Motley County to help promote the Quannah Parker Trail, a Texas Plains Trail Region initiative. Note the little bird's nest made of cotton.

By Carol Campbell
 Motley County Tribune

"The Arrow and the Song" by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow was the inspiration behind a 21-foot metal arrow fashioned from steel by artist Charles Smith.

"I shot an arrow into the air, It fell to earth, I knew not where . . ." so the poem goes. And soon, an arrow will land in Motley County, thanks to Smith, the Texas Plains Trail Region (TPTR) and the Quannah Parker Trail initiative.

Smith, a cotton farmer and gin operator by day but a metal sculptor by night and by heart, is diligently working on the Motley County arrow in his studio in New Home. He has been commissioned by TPTR to create dozens of arrows to highlight the Quannah Parker Trail in the 52-county region.

A day-trip last January by TPTR board members Dolores Mosser and Holle Humphries took them by the Gid R. Moore Crop Insurance Agency in New Home,

Texas, at the intersections of FM 211 and FM 1730. There they "stumbled" upon a giant arrow sticking out of the ground near the intersection. According to Gid Moore, the arrow is the first piece of a bigger "Art and Literacy" non-profit sculpture park he envisions on this 7-acre site. He commissioned artist Charles Smith to create the art using "The Arrow and the Song" as his inspiration.

The approach to Smith's studio is a study in contrasts. Located on FM 1730 (Slide Road, Lubbock) about 20-something miles south and three miles north of New Home, Texas, metal palm trees (Smith calls them his Coconut Grove) are easily visible on the flat wind-swept prairie - long before the actual turn down a long, graveled driveway. The palms stand in stark contrast to the red-earth plowed fields on either side of the driveway that leads to his studio.

In the distance, the studio stands large - stark and lonely

in the middle of a cotton field. There is no vegetation on the property, no grass to water or mow, but another grove of metal palm trees (one with a bird's nest made of cotton) grace the front entrance to living quarters above the studio. The palm trees are Smith's signature commercial venture and can be seen in several locations in Lubbock.

The massive two-story steel building housing various works of art in the making is currently focused on a 21-foot long arrow made from 4-inch pipe. The pipe is bracketed to the floor, as if the mighty arrow might fly while Smith is attaching 1/4-inch steel rods, resembling the fletching on feathers. "There will be three rows of 'feathers,' 52 rods in all," Smith explained. In the final form, the rods will be painted white with a 4-inch red tip. The feathers vibrate in the wind, he said, so the arrow "sings." Longfellow would be proud of this interpretation of his famous poem.

But this is not a starving art-

ist stashed away in the country creating art - Charles Smith built his beautiful home of steel above his studio 10 years ago, accessible by two flights of stairs, one from the studio and one from the driveway entrance. Or if your knees are knocking from standing on concrete all day, an elevator behind a door in the studio takes you straight-away to the kitchen on the second floor.

Upstairs, Smith's home has ceiling to floor windows on three sides of a large area that includes a kitchen with light ash cabinets, ash paneling, and plush, deep blue carpet. The great room has a dining and living area, complete with a table and chairs and bar stools, all built by Smith. They are sturdy, Smith said, he raised three boys with this furniture.

Metal art of windmills grace the mantle fireplace; a metal outhouse replica entitled "Trouble" and a metal Longhorn steer and tree sit behind a large over-stuffed leather couch. The vista overlooks Smith's domain - cotton fields as far as the eye can see. He is currently building a large steel-reinforced two-vehicle garage with two more bedrooms on the second floor.

Smith has "done sculpture" for more than 30 years. He grew up on a farm and taught himself how to weld when he was only seven years old, he said.

Smith will install the donated arrow in Motley County; and for his materials and labor he wants a "tax receipt" for \$1,500.00. The location for the arrow is still being researched by the board of the historic jail. Board members will take suggestions from the public for a location placement. Placement will require a front-end loader or bucket truck to move the arrow from a trailer; three bags of Ready-Mix concrete; and a two-foot by 10-inch diameter hole to place the tip. The sculpture is solid and secure, Smith said, adding, "The 'feather' rods will vibrate, but never break."



Hugs for proud MCISD graduate, Andrew Martin, son of Randy and Leonor Martin.

photo by Walter Taylor



Pictured is Carol Campbell standing by a 21-foot arrow located at the Moore Crop Insurance Agency located at the intersections of FM 211 and FM 1730 in New Home, Texas.

Foothill Country Connections

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



By Larry Vogt

No, Laverne is not in London, England. Or, for that matter, she is not in London, Kentucky. Her bag was not stolen and she looks quite well. Some of you received an Internet message that was sent after someone hacked into the Tribune email account. That message was an attempt to take advantage of your good graces and either send money to some extortionist or provide enough personal information to do other types of damage.

This hacker wiped out all the information in the Tribune account after the message was sent and after contact with the email provider we got the account back up and running

so we could finish the paper last week. Now, the question is, what can we do to prevent hackers from getting into our accounts and doing damage? Apparently there will be hackers who can get into just about anything so most of the actions we can take are after the fact. There are precautionary measures such as deleting messages that look suspicious or come from an unknown account. There were those messages floating around for a while advising you of a fantastic amount of money to be made, etc. Those were definitely the types of messages that needed to be deleted before you read them.

When I first saw the message from Laverne about being stranded in London I thought she had sent it to me as an example of a scam email. Of course, it turned out to be a real scam and I deleted it before opening it. Then we went through the process of resetting the password and getting out a counter email message that let everyone on our list be aware of the problem. The word for the Internet is caution.

Teachers are Pivotal to Our Future

“America must continue to invest in and prioritize education and teachers – which are fundamental to the innovation that fuels our economy.”

By U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

Summer vacation has begun for students across our state. Their thoughts have turned from studying for tests to swimming at the neighborhood pool (unless there's a summer job!). Summer reading lists and math review packets keep learned skills honed until school begins again in August. These students represent the future of our nation and our state. As parents, we want the best for our children, and that includes the best education. And next to parental support and involvement, nothing is more important to a child's educational success than good teachers in the classroom.

Quality education, development of career skills, and preparation of our students for adult life require good teachers. Attracting, encouraging, and rewarding exceptional teachers is pivotal to our children's and nation's future. The Center for Public Education noted that after more than two decades of research findings, there is an “unequivocal connection between teacher quality and student learning.”

Since my earliest days in public service, education has been a passion and priority. I wanted to help bring more

qualified teachers into our local classrooms. One area of particular concern continues to be the lack of math and science teachers who actually majored in these fields. Today, many American middle and high school mathematics and science teachers are teaching topics that are outside their own primary fields of study. While a U.S. high school student has a 70 percent likelihood of being taught English by a teacher with a degree in English, there is only a 40 percent chance of learning chemistry from a teacher who majored in chemistry.

One program that has been tremendously successful in addressing this issue is UTeach, which started in 1997 at the University of Texas at Austin. This innovative program enables college students who major in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM) to be concurrently certified as elementary and secondary school teachers. The UTeach program has effectively produced more high school teachers with degrees in STEM fields and become the national benchmark for teaching excellence.

Last year, I was able to include a provision in the America COMPETES Act that replicates the UTeach program, and enables colleges and universities around the coun-

try to participate. We can now expand the reach of this groundbreaking – and successful – program throughout the nation, and help bring more qualified math and science teachers into our schools to fill a critical need. I was pleased that my legislation was passed by Congress with broad bipartisan support.

But there are other challenges that many American students and their families and schools face each day. In many urban and rural communities, schools have difficulties fully staffing their classrooms. For more than 20 years, Teach for America (TFA) has been making significant inroads by recruiting the best and brightest college graduates from our nation's top universities to begin their professional lives as teachers for some of the most disadvantaged students in our country. Their work has been particularly successful in helping to close the achievement gap in many schools. TFA currently has teachers working in Dallas-Fort Worth, Houston, San Antonio and the Rio Grande Valley area schools, and their work has had a tremendous impact on thousands of students, their families and their communities. Ultimately, this innovative approach to recruiting exceptional teachers is changing the future trajectory of thousands of children's lives.

In order for America to compete globally and face the challenges of the 21st century, a quality education for every child in this country must be a top priority. Good teachers are key to achieving this objective. It is critical that we continue to support the efforts of successful programs like UTeach and Teach for America, as well as other effective approaches that promote, attract, and retain exceptional teachers who can motivate and encourage students to reach their full potential in the classroom and in life.

As savvy farmers know, you can't eat your seed corn. Likewise, America must continue to invest in and prioritize education and teachers – which are fundamental to the innovation that fuels our economy. Equipping the American workforce to compete successfully in the global economy must begin in the classrooms of our state and across the nation. And in doing so, I am confident that America will remain the best place in the world to live, to work, to think, and to create. Our country's education and our teachers are the bedrock of America's continued exceptionalism. Thank you to all of our nation's educators whose work is vital to our children's future and ultimately to the future of our nation.

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Thornberry Spends Memorial Weekend with Troops in Afghanistan

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Rep. Mac Thornberry (R-Clarendon), who serves as the Vice Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, led a bipartisan group of lawmakers on a trip to Afghanistan over Memorial Day weekend. This is Thornberry's second trip to the region in the last few months.

“It is always helpful to talk to folks in the field and see them in action, and our Special Operations Forces are no exception. Their success in the bin Laden mission is clear and convincing. But, the work they are doing with the local Afghans is remarkable as well, and the progress being made there is undeniable,” said Thornberry, who leads the Armed Services subcommittee that oversees the Special Operations Command.

While on the ground in Afghanistan, Thornberry's group got a first-hand look at some of the efforts being undertaken by U.S. Special Operations Forces to help counter insurgents, train local police, and provide other support in area villages. In the Herat province in Western Afghanistan, they met with village elders and saw ongoing and completed U.S./Allied-funded projects including wheat fields, bridges, irrigation canals, retaining walls, and Afghan Local Police facilities. They also toured a recently-constructed school and spoke with some of its teachers.

“It is also encouraging to hear from the Afghans directly about the steps they are taking to govern their villages, improve the lives of those that live there, and keep them safe. Witnessing these developments at the ground level gives you a real sense of optimism,” he continued.

In addition to meeting with U.S. Special Operations Forces in the field, the lawmakers also met with senior military and diplomatic officials, including General David Petraeus, commander of the International Security Assistance Force in Afghanistan, and Lieutenant General Karl Eikenberry, U.S. Ambassador to Afghanistan.

Thornberry finished his time in Afghanistan eating dinner with soldiers stationed

there, including several from Texas. The Obama Administration is in the early stages of deciding how many U.S. troops can be removed from Afghanistan as part of a partial drawdown that is scheduled to begin in July.

The lawmakers' journey began at NATO Supreme Headquarters in Belgium. There the delegation was briefed on ongoing operations in Afghanistan and Libya. The trip ended with a stop in Estonia, where the group met with state officials and toured the NATO Cooperative Cyber Defense Center of Excellence. Thornberry was tapped earlier this year by Speaker John Boehner to lead a major cyber security initiative in the House of Representatives.

Opinion Editorial

‘Tis the Season for Agriculture, Baseball and Mother Nature

What do agriculture, baseball and Mother Nature have in common? Any farmer or rancher will tell you, without hesitation, that in the competitive industry that is agriculture, Mother Nature ALWAYS bats cleanup and nine times out of 10, she bats for the opposition - she'll make or break you every time.

To date, crop year 2011 has been exceptionally tough for our farmers and ranchers. That which isn't drying up from drought, burning up in wildfires or blowing away in tornadoes is being swept downstream by torrential flooding. It's an unfortunate reality that somewhere in the U.S., this very minute, a farmer or rancher is battling the elements – and as most agricultural producers know all too well... you win some and you lose some. So what happens when you lose?

Prior to the 2008 farm bill, a row crop or livestock producer was at the mercy of lawmakers to approve ad hoc funding for

emergency disaster assistance. It literally took an act of Congress for USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) to get much-needed recovery assistance to producers impacted by natural disasters. The process was tedious, time-consuming and budget dependent.

Fast forward to the 2008 when Congress passed legislation providing for five “permanent” disaster assistance programs - the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payment Program (SURE), Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP), Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP), Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP) and the Tree Assistance Program (TAP) are all administered by FSA.

So, how “permanent” is permanent? The truth is; these disaster assistance programs are only “permanent” for the life of the 2008 farm bill. As of September 30, 2011, the legislative authority for these five programs expires and they will, in

essence, cease to exist.

What does this mean to you, the producer?

It means that, although we hope a farmer or rancher never requires disaster assistance, no industry is more vulnerable to nature's wrath than agriculture and the odds are, if you're in the industry very long, you will indeed experience your fair share of setbacks - compliments of Mother Nature. Permanent disaster legislation offers producers some peace of mind that, in time of need, FSA can be immediately responsive.

To date, row crop and livestock producers nationwide have received more than \$2.9 billion in assistance from FSA for qualifying losses resulting from natural disaster. These dollars are, in turn, pumped back into the rural economy as producers purchase inputs; hire contractors or procure whatever is necessary to get back on their feet and back to the business of farming and ranching.

There's no doubt that, as Congress begins to craft the next farm bill, disaster programs will be a significant topic of discussion. The weather events of 2011 will be in the forefront of the minds of lawmakers as they gather 'round the table to hash out future farm legislation.

The faster a producer recovers from a natural disaster, the better for everyone - including the consumer who can continue to enjoy the abundant, safe and affordable food and fiber that we, as Americans, have come to expect.

So, when it's bottom of the ninth, Mother Nature steps up to the plate with bases loaded and she knocks one out of the park, make sure disaster assistance legislation is in place to level the playing field. And, never forget... USDA's Farm Service Agency is always on YOUR team.

Respectfully submitted,
Juan M. Garcia
State Executive Director
-Texas Farm Service Agency

Caprock Canyons June Events

Come join in all the fun activities at Caprock Canyons State Park during the month of June.

Join in the Canyon Walks and Talks that will be held June 4, 18, and 25 from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. where anything from geology, history, flora, and fauna of Caprock Canyons State Park will be discussed.

Also, bring your children to the Discovery Center where they can learn even more about the park from animals to plants to people and everything in between. The Children's Discovery Center is open every Saturday from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and also on Sundays from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

The evening slide show program this month at the Interpretive Amphitheater will be "Paleos of the Panhandle" where we will try our luck using an ancient technology and learn about the first people to inhabit the Canyonlands, the Paleo Indians. This program will begin at 9:00 p.m. so don't miss it.

Our monthly Trail Ride for the month of June will be Saturday, June 11 at 8:00 a.m. at the Wildhorse Camping Area. Join Ranger Rebecca as she discusses the history of the park from Native Americans to cattle ranchers as you take

in the beautiful scenery of Caprock Canyons on horseback. Bring your own horse or rent one from the Quitaque Riding Stables. Negative cognitions required.

Other programs offered this month include "Hiking Through Time" on Saturday, June 11 at 8:30 a.m. in which we will discuss the fascinating stories that the rock layers of Caprock Canyons can tell us as we hike through time to the present. Also on Saturday, June 11 at 8:45 p.m. is a "Sunset Stroll" in which you can enjoy some nice, peaceful sounds of nature while taking in the magnificent canyon views during sunset.

Special programs this month are the summer "Bat Tours" which will be held Saturday, June 18 and Saturday, June 25. Clarity Tunnel, an abandoned railway tunnel on the Caprock Canyons Trailway, is home to up to half-a-million Mexican Free-tailed bats each summer. During these guided vehicle tours along the Trailway, visitors will view the bat emergence flight and enjoy spectacular views of the rugged and beautiful breaks of the Llano Estacado. Tours begin 1.5 hours before sunset each evening and they take about 4 hours to complete. Please call

(806)455-1492 for reservations and more information. There is limited availability for each tour so be sure to reserve your spot.

Also available this month is the Children's Fishing Derby which will be held June 4 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. During the Children's Fishing Derby, various prizes will be awarded for biggest fish, most fish caught, etc... So come on out and cast your line in tranquil Lake Theo and spend some quality time with your family. Last but not least, "Geocaching 101, Treasure Hunting Made Fun" will be held on Saturday June 25 at 9:30 a.m. at the Lake Theo Pavilion. Ever heard about geocaching and wanted to try it, but just didn't really know what it was? Well, not to worry because during this program, all the basics of geocaching are taught and visitors are offered the opportunity to hunt for the numerous geocaches that can be discovered in Caprock Canyons State Park.

Park admission: adults, \$3; seniors, \$2; children 12 and under, free. Camping is available, along with hiking, biking, fishing, and many other outdoor and recreational opportunities. All programs are free with paid park entrance fee. For more information, please call 806-455-1492.

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Motley County Third Annual Art Festival.



Mrs. Alexander's Fourth Grade Class is proudly standing with their applique designs. Their artwork is part of the Motley County Third Annual Art Festival.

photo by Walter Taylor

Free June 16 Web Conference Helps Texas Caregivers Create a Senior Friendly Home for Parents

The non-profit National Private Duty Association (NPDA), along with the Texas Chapter, has announced that it will host a consumer education web conference entitled Creating a Senior Friendly Home to Help Parents Age in Place on June 16, 2011, at 8 p.m. EST (7 p.m. CT). The live and interactive program, which is being held during National Home Safety Month, will provide advice on how to design and furnish a home to create a safe environment for a senior aging at home. The event is free of charge to participants.

"Aging in place is clearly more desirable for aging parents and their families," said Sheila McMackin, president of NPDA. "Most seniors want to remain living at home as long as possible. Practicing senior safety at home can accomplish a sense of independence and security for them and peace of mind for you. This program will provide caregivers with the knowledge to address safety and comfort issues."

The web conference topics include designing a home

for senior safety and comfort, addressing changing health needs, appropriate furnishings and ambient technology.

Pre-registration for the event is required. Sign up today by visiting the registration link at www.private-dutyhomecare.org.

The NPDA is the first and only association in the country dedicated exclusively to private pay home care providers. The NPDA, a non-profit organization, currently represents more than 1,100 home care agencies in forty-four states and Puerto Rico.



Pictured are Motley County ISD retirees, Carolyn Johnson and Jan Jones holding their retirement party "clocks."

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"DON'T TOUCH ME" (John 20: 17)

The New American Standard Version has "Stop clinging to me." Mary could not hold Him back from His purpose even though she had Him back from the grave. Jesus, the risen Lord, still has to put the finishing touches on His earthly works and ascend back to the Father.

There is now a new family. New relationships have been formed. These have been created as a result of His resurrection. Jesus appears to the disciples while there are in a closed room with a locked door. No, He didn't come by way of the door. He suddenly appeared, offered them peace and said that He had come to send them forth.

Out from their false security of locked doors into the wide world. Their message would be the Gospel. Nothing would or could hold them back. He had risen!!!

Believing in the resurrection of Jesus Christ brings with it a responsibility. We can no longer hold back for the divine purpose of preaching Jesus. We cannot try to have a family relationship without God. The risen Lord becomes the center of our lives. We are not called to sit in some room behind closed doors and just talk a little Bible. We are to be about "our Father's business" as surely as Jesus was while on this earth.

No, we should not let anything hold us back. The tomb is still empty. We are still going because He is still coming back.

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NEWS AROUND MOTLEY COUNTY

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Congratulations 8h Grade!



MCISD eighth graders celebrate at Roaring Springs Ranch Pool. Pictured, L-R; Back row: Gabby Silva, Louis Mendosa, Seth Baxter, Logan Ferguson, Shelby Elliott. Middle row: Cassidy Turner, Cat Ward, Beverly Reyes, Katie Barton, Tanner Bearden, Michael Martin. Front row: Braeden Bigham, Korbyn Simpson, Caleb Clary, Tallon Pollard.

photo by Lacy Washington Clay

Golf Update

By Cynthia Stafford

The Ladies Golf Association hosted the Annual Babes Zaharias Benefit Scramble on Sunday, May 22, 2011. The Babes Zaharias Scramble is a donation scramble with all proceeds going to the American Cancer Society.

This year the participants helped raise over \$ 320.00. The participants were: Seven Alexander, Kenny Barton, Olivia Barton, Mark Brannon, Christian Brooks, Timmy Brooks, Garland Cartwright, Krystal Degan, Jean Hoover, Lee Hurt, Brad Jameson, Jeannie Johnson, Jerry Johnson, Lee Jones, Logan Jones, Ray Martin, Robert Osborn, Judy Renfro, Tony Rose, Debra Scott, David Taylor, and Tim Ward.

The winners of the 18 Hole Scramble were Christian Brooks, Timmy Brooks, Lee Hurt, Lee Jones, and Logan Jones with a score of 59 (13 Under Par). Thank you to all who participated and donated

to a cause that affects so many of our friends and family.

The Tuesday Night Scramble was cancelled last week due to the blowing dust. Just a reminder - the Tuesday Night Scramble is open to all individuals, please call the 806-348-7267 no later than 5:00 p.m. to be placed on a team. Tee off is at 5:30 p.m.

The Thursday Ladies Play Day morning participants were Jean Hoover, June Moss, and Nita Murphy. The winner of the ball for the most pars was June Moss. The afternoon participants were Nell Berryman, Polly Campbell, Tommye Keith, Judy Renfro, and Glenna Ross. The afternoon ball winner for the most pars was Nell Berryman.

The Tuesday Night Scramble was our biggest of the year! Scramble participants were Christian Brooks, Timmy Brooks, Conway Clary, Darrell Cruse, Reagan Elliott, Lee Hurt, Jeannie Johnson, Jerry Johnson, Lee Jones, Kelly Keltz, Kyle Moore, Robert Os-

born, Sean Rose, Tony Rose, David Taylor, Jeff Thacker, Tim Ward, Jim Watson, and Bryan White.

The First Place Team was Lee Hurt, Lee Jones, Kelly Keltz, and Kyle Moore with a score of seven under par. The Second Place Team was Christian Brooks, Timmy Brooks, and Bryan White with a score of six under par. The Closest to the Pin winner was Bryan White.

Thursday, Ladies Play Day, morning participants were Polly Campbell, Jean Hoover, June Moss, Nita Murphy, Judy Renfro, and Geneva Wilson. The winner of the ball for the longest drive on number two was Jean Hoover. The afternoon participants were Tommye Keith, Glenna Ross, and Tammy Simpson. The winner of the ball for the longest drive on number two was Tammy Simpson.

For more information about the Tuesday Night Scramble or Ladies Play Day, please contact the Roaring Springs Ranch Club Golf Shop at 806-348-7267.

Hope to see you next week!

NHS Pop Tabs Report

The National Honor Society (NHS) of Motley County High School wishes to thank the members of the community, and the family and friends of community members, for the donation of pop tabs to this year's drive. A total of 57,852 pop tabs were collected. Way to go!

The NHS will once again sponsor a collection during the school year of 2011-2012. Keep saving those pop tabs. And, thank you again.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

Overheard

According to today's standards that "old time discipline" might seem harsh and abusive. It strikes me with amazement that not one of these children from large families has ever been heard to blame their parents for any shortcomings or mistakes. None of them felt the need to visit a psychologist or therapist!

Community News

Mrs. Marilee Cooper of Borger visited last Friday and Saturday with her father, Wilburn Martin. They met Mrs. Wanda Lane of Lockney in Plainview Saturday for lunch and to visit. Wilburn visited Sunday and Memorial Day in Borger with Marilee and husband, Fred Cooper.

Jack and Nada Starkey visited in Elk City, Oklahoma last Friday with Mrs. Nellie Camp-ton in Cheyenne, Okla. with

Mrs. Lorine Dault. Saturday, they attended the community and school Reunion held in Durham, Okla. Sunday, they visited in Higgins with Twanna and Jay Kennedy, Destiny and great grandson, Jackie Levi Starkey. They visited in Fritch Monday with Mrs. Jackie Lynn Davis, Michael and Virginia Davis and Mrs. Thelma Moon. Jack and Nada were in Amarillo, Tuesday for her cardiology medical tests. She received a good report. They visited in Amarillo with Mrs. Bessie Reid and en route home, visited in Canyon with Michael Starkey.

Rain in Flomot June 1st varied from 0.35 to two inches! No rain in Roaring Springs, Matador or Whiteflat.

Kathy and Clois Shorter accompanied home Saturday granddaughters, Emily, and Haley Milam, who had visited here the past week, to Lake Ki-owa and visited their parents, Christi and Dwain Milam.

Parched Farmers and Ranchers Hoping for Rain in Motley County

By Earlyne Jameson

Motley County continued to have dry conditions, high winds and above average temperatures in May. The county is still under a burn ban, as danger of wildfire remained extremely high. The winter wheat crop is declared a loss. The slight amount of rain received dried out in heat and wind.

Cattle ponds are drying up and grass is so dry it crunches underfoot in some places. Hay supplies are tight because of supplemental feeding and

lost value of wheat field grazing hasn't helped the livestock situation.

Motley County is hoping to have help from Mother Nature and her rain faucet being turned on again. Cotton can be planted as late as June.

National Weather Service Volunteers of Motley County reported total rainfall for May: Buzz Thacker, Roaring Springs 0.40; Ronnie Bailey of Matador 0.25; Lawrence Allen of Whiteflat 0.40; Clois Shorter of Flomot 0.63 and Betty Simpson, Northfield 0.32.

Summer Gymnastics

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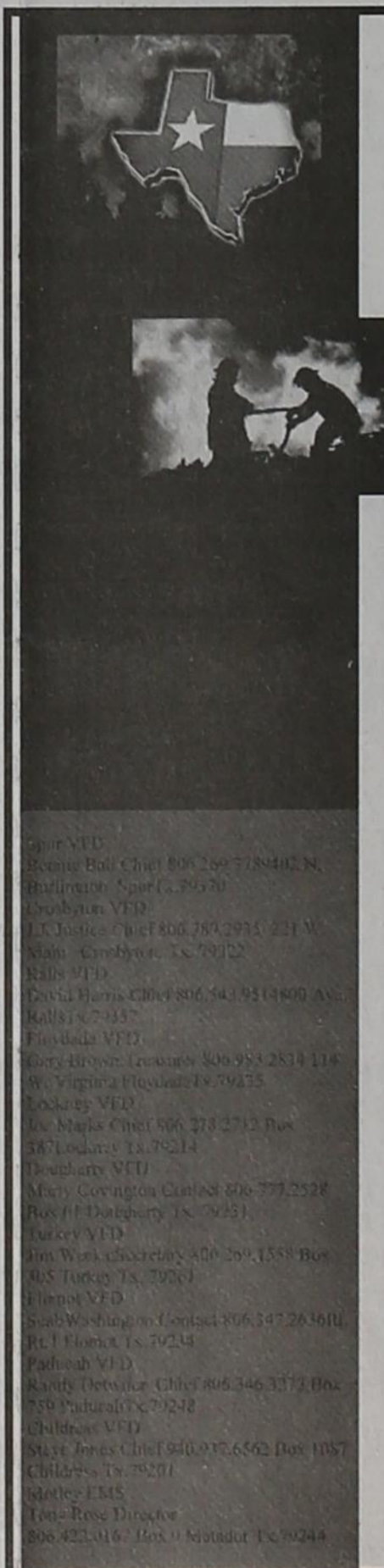
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Notes from the Library

By Mary Ann Potts

The library is running in high gear with lots of kids, and adults, scouring the shelves for Summer Reading books.

There are 2 New Mystery/Thrillers on the shelf for our adult readers. Buried Prey by John Sandford, deals with an unsolved kidnapping that a young cop turned detective never forgot. And The Jefferson Key by Steve Berry that possibly link the assassinations of 4 presidents with a clause in the U.S. Constitution.

Buried Prey is also available on Audio CDs as well as Robert B. Parker's Sixkill.

Our Young Adults have Kathy Reichs' Virals, with an adventuresome 14 year-old science geek who's "exposed" to a top-secret lab and research. Our Juvenile section has Hero by Mike Lupica. This story places a whole new meaning on dad, son and superheroes.

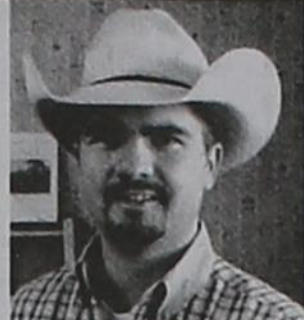
For movie night there are 3 new kid DVDs: Diary of a

Wimpy Kid starring Zachary Gordon: Marmaduke with Owen Wilson and George Lopez; and Disney's The Sorcerer's Apprentice with Nicholas Cage and Jay Baruchel. And while the kids are watching their favorite picks, mom and dad can enjoy Sherlock Holmes with Robert Downey Jr. and Jude Law or Just Wright starring Queen Latifah.

Mark your calendar! On Wed., June 15 at 10:00 a.m. the guest Story Tellers will be Mark Collins and Matthew Cruse, Texas Parks and Wildlife Game Wardens, with a fun craft to follow and great snacks.

Accelerated Reader is Ready! Kids K-6th grade can now log onto AR tests on library computers to earn points for prizes. Top Readers will be awarded prizes at the end of June and July. Mrs. Alexander, AR coordinator and 4th grade teacher at MCISD, will determine top readers and prizes.

County Agent's News



by Ryan Martin, Agri LIFE EXTENSION Agent

READY, SET, GO!

READY. Prepare for the possibility of a wildland fire before the threat occurs. Take preventive actions to make your home safer from the threat of wildfire by using Firewise and similar principles (firewise.org).

- Remove combustible materials from around your home. Keep grass mowed short.

SET. Elevate your family's awareness when fire weather occurs or when wildland fire activity increases. Form a family disaster plan.

- Agree on an evacuation plan that includes what to do if you get separated and where you'll go in case of evacuation.

- Pack critical medicines, important documents, family heirlooms to be ready to leave at a moment's notice.

GO. This is the simplest step: Execute your disaster plan by leaving early, well before the fire arrives.

- If instructed to evacuate, do so! Your "stuff" isn't more important than your LIFE.

For more information go to: <http://www.ready.gov/america/beinformed/fires.html>

TEN SIMPLE STEPS TO PROTECT YOUR HOME FROM WILDLAND FIRE

Wildfire can strike home if you have not taken some steps to protect your house and property. The actions and

precautions listed below are designed to help you prepare your home and lessen the threat of wildland fire damage to you and your property.

1. LPG tanks should be far enough away from buildings for valves to be shut off in case of fire. Keep area around the tank clear of flammable vegetation.

2. Store gasoline in an approved safety can away from occupied buildings.

3. All combustibles such as firewood, wooden picnic tables, boats and stacked lumber should be kept away from structures.

4. Clear roof surfaces and gutters regularly to avoid build-up of flammable materials such as leaves and other debris.

5. Remove branches from trees to a height of 15 feet or more.

6. In rural areas, clear a fuel break of at least three times the fuel length around all structures.

7. Have fire tools handy such as: ladder long enough to reach your roof, shovel, rake and a bucket or two for water.

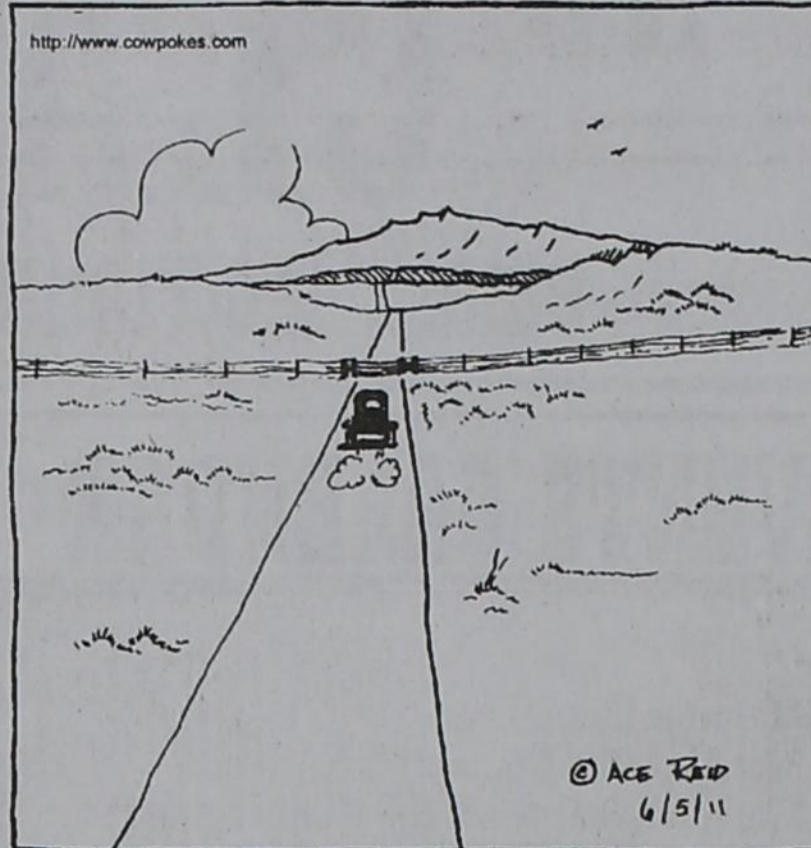
8. Place connected garden hoses at all sides of your home for emergency use.

9. Assure that you and your family know all emergency exits from your home.

10. Assure that you and your family know all emergency exits from your neighborhood.

COWPOKES

By Ace Reid



"Maw, you're lucky to live here...only seven gates to open from here to town!"

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From Our House to Yours

By Jan Schow

Greetings from Hackberry Creek Care Center! Can you believe it is already June? I guess the West Texas wind blew the first six months right away.

In the past few weeks, we have had some special visitors. For Easter, we had a great group of pre-K students who had a great egg hunt and then entertained us with some cute songs. Then, just before school was out, the 4th and 5th graders came armed with books and read to lots of our residents. It looked like a great time was had by all. Let us know when any of you want to come visit and we will bake a cake—or something!! We love having company.

Our very first Family Supper Night was May 12. We had a good number of visitors and I am sure they would agree that Mildred's spread was delicious. Our salad bar is a great addition to our dining. We hope that it is a reminder to eat healthier. Why don't you all plan to stop over next week on Thursday, June 16 at about 6:00 p.m. to enjoy the food, companionship and over all great time. AND—the menu is: BBQ brisket, potato salad, beans and peach cobbler. Yumm! Mark it on your

calendar and RSVP by Monday, June 13 if you can. We are really looking forward to see you all.

We told you last month that Cricket Vargas was coming on board to be our director of activities. Well, she is here!!! She is having too much fun! Her radiant smile is "catching" and the rest of us are smiling more, too.

Two new residents has joined our family. Ms. Payne and Ms. Miller have settled right in and are a great addition. We are sad to say that our sweet Ms. Welborn has left us although we know it is for the best. She will be missed. Our condolences to her loving family.

Well, that is a condensed version of what is really happening here. We invite you to come have coffee, write a letter for a resident, and make a bright spot in everyone's day. As we close, we are sorry to say that our Business Office Manager, Brooke Barton, has accepted another job and will be moving on in about a week. She has our residents at heart and we look forward to her coming back for many visits. Please let her know how much you appreciate her as well. See you next time!!

Quanah Parker celebration honors descendants

QUANAH, Texas -- A hundred years after the death of Comanche Chief Quanah Parker, his namesake town is celebrating his life.

Descendants of the famous chief will be honored guests at the Quanah Parker Celebration Thursday through Saturday, June 9-11, in historic downtown Quanah, Texas. Everyone is welcome to share in the ceremonies and festivities.

Quanah was the son of white woman Cynthia Ann Parker and Comanche warrior Peta Nocona. Captured at age 9 by Comanches in an 1836 raid on Fort Parker on the Navasota River, Cynthia Ann Parker was recaptured -- against her will -- by Texas Rangers and U.S. Cavalry in an 1860 raid on a Comanche winter camp near present-day Crowell, about 20 miles from Quanah.

Comanche visits to Quanah are not a new tradition. Quanah Parker himself called Quanah "my town" and visited often. In 1890, he pronounced a special blessing on Quanah, Texas. Photographs from July 4, 1896, show an elaborate downtown procession of horse-drawn vehicles on the occasion of one of his visits. This year's event will recreate the scene on Main Street with a Comanche procession of carriages plus some horseback riders, including Sarah McReynolds, Old Fort Parker curator, in the role of Cynthia Ann.

Chief Quanah called the Quanah, Acme and Pacific Railroad "my railroad." The old Mission style QA&P Depot is now a museum. A teepee camp will go up Thursday on the museum grounds. A Thursday evening story-telling session and traditional camp music, including Comanche flute, will kick off the three day event.

The Comanche will conduct sacred cedar ceremonies Friday at 9:30 a.m. and Saturday at 10 a.m. at the Quanah Parker Monument on the courthouse square. A gourd dance will begin at 2 p.m. Saturday on the square. Vendors will sell food and authentic Indian-made crafts.

Authors will sign books Saturday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday in The Foyer, a rehabilitated historic building that dates from the era when Quanah himself stood a few doors down, chatting with the corner dry goods store proprietor while his wives shopped inside.

For more information about Quanah Parker Celebration, visit www.quanahmainstreet.com.

Quanah, population 2,500, is 80 miles west of Wichita Falls on U. S. 287. Downtown is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Quanah is a Texas Main Street city on the Quanah Parker Trail (www.quanahparkertrail.com).

The Red Rovers select new trademark hats

By Winifred Darsey

The Red Rovers of Matador enjoyed a called meeting at the home of the Queen Mother Joyce Campbell on May 28, 2011, to view samples of red hats.

Margie Jefferson, Lubbock, brought the samples, a vendor for a company making and selling red hats. The samples were miniature, beautiful in design, it would be correct to describe them as "darling."

The choice was difficult to decide, fun to try on, and the

parade of the hats was great. Suffice to say, everyone selected a new hat. It will be a pleasure to wear. All compliments will be appreciated.

Queen Mother favored her guests with ice tea and cake after a pleasant and good time. The guests reluctantly departed for home.

Members present were Joan Patton, Grace Evelyn Smallwood, Marihelen Watson, Norma Nell Marrs, Mary Jones, Joyce Campbell, and Winifred Darsey, and guest Margie Jefferson.

Thank You

We would like to express our heartfelt appreciation to Hackberry Creek Care Center staff (past and present) that cared for our mother since 2006. Jan Schow, Administrator and April Martinez, LVN, for being so caring during those last hours with mother. Also, to Seab and Dianne Washington for the many hours spent in support of the center and traveling to Waco in honor of our mother and to provide comfort for our family. Thanks to my precious "sisters in Christ," Jeanne Williams, Sammie Phillips and Fredia Burns who sat with mother and prayed until I could get there. To Nathan Shannon, a very sincere appreciation for the care and outstanding service you provided in "taking her back to be with my dad" in Waco. Thanks as well for all the calls and cards of comfort from our precious friends.

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Labs that must be sent off that day like anemia lab and coumadin labs will be done on Wednesday morning and other labs that can be held over will be done

on Tuesdays and thursdays, just give us a call and we will let you know which labs can be done on which days.

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 - 9 Matador Chapter of the Eastern Star, Floydada, Meal at 6:30pm, meeting at 7:30 pm
 - 13 Commissioners' Court
 - 13 Roaring Springs City Council
 - 13 HCCC Board
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LEGAL NOTICE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS GRANT MANAGEMENT SERVICE

The City of Matador has applied for a HOME Owner Occupied Housing Assistance grant from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) and is seeking to contract with a qualified professional management consultant to implement and administer the HOME contract activities, including consultation on completion of environmental clearance for construction activities, acquisition/marketing to prospective applicants, procurement of building contractors, overseeing construction, financial management, and completion of the program in the allotted period of time the grant is active.

Please submit your proposal of services and statement of qualifications for these proposed services, per the proposal format available at Matador City Hall located at 706 Dundee Street, Matador, TX 79244, to the attention of Mayor, Pat Smith. An evaluation committee will assess experience, work performance, capacity to perform, proposed cost, and ability to affirmatively market of applicants.

The Contract Administrator will consider applications beginning on June 9, 2011 and must receive proposals no later than Friday, June 24, 2011, at 5:00 p.m. to be considered. The Contract Administrator reserves the right to negotiate with any and all firms that submit proposals, per the Texas Professional Services Procurement Act and the Office of Management and Budget Circular A - 102.

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Legal Notice Request For Proposals Grant Management Service

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Please submit your proposal of services and statement of qualifications for these proposed services, per the proposal format available at Roaring Springs City Hall located at 209 Broadway, Roaring Springs, TX 79256, to the attention of Mayor, Corky Marshall. An evaluation committee will assess experience, work performance, capacity to perform, proposed cost, and ability to affirmatively market of applicants.

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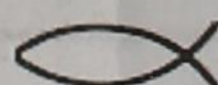
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