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Rain, but no impact on drought

By Earlyne Jameson
 Motley County Tribune

A rainy morning came our way! Rains and cooler temperatures were welcomed in September by Motley County residents; but they did not have an impact on the drought that is expected to be here much longer. It is noted every little bit helps, but we are way behind the average rainfall.

The Burn Ban is still in effect. Cattle are being sold due to lack of forage and short

supplies of hay and water. The rain encouraged some to plant winter wheat, but will be too late for cattle grazing.

Motley County National Weather Service Volunteers after reporting zero moisture in August were pleased to record the following report for September 2011: Buzz Thacker, Roaring Springs 1.19 inches; Ronnie Bailey, Matador 1.15 inches; Betty Simpson, Northfield; 1.64 inches; Lawrence Allen, Whiteflat, 1.20 inches and Clois Shorter, Flomot 0.77.

Northfield Homecoming celebrates 49th year

By Betty Simpson
 Motley County Tribune

Northfield Community hosted its 49th annual homecoming at the Motley County Senior Citizens Building in Matador on Saturday, October 1, 2011.

The celebration, beginning in 1962, was skipped in 1963; otherwise, this would have been the 50th year homecoming. Every event has been enjoyed by the ones coming to see their old friends from the 275 that attended in the first years to the 34 that attended this year.

However, sickness and death is making it harder to keep this event going. The memorial list included Jr. Featherston, Guanette Moore Thomas, Haskell Talley, R.C. Elliott, Earline Elliott, John Warren, Jaqueta Hoover Cox, R.E. "Bub" Hoover, Edna Ruth Bourland Green, Tommy Fulgham, Wylie Ray Bain, and Dorothy McDonald Jameson Nichols.

Those attending were James W. Tipton from Houston; Tanya Simpson Multer and Warren Multer from Gar-

den City; John Patterson from Abilene, Rowena Nunn, Billie Thomas Clifton, Montie Timmons Dawson and Donald Dawson, all from Amarillo; Marie Timmons Cruse and J.M. Dickson from Turkey; Winna Castleberry Wilson and Jan Castleberry Grizzle, and Amy Multer from Lubbock; Debbie Chambliss Stout and Elaine Chambliss Reed from Lincoln, Arkansas; Kenneth and Donell Davis from Pottsboro; Jarrett, Shawa, Sierra, and Jayda Jameson from Tell; Saydee Dewiler, Eddie Cook, Travis Hoover, Jacquelyn Elliott, and Clem Timmons all of Childress; Geraldine Keys, Vaden Hays, Calvin Nimmo from Matador; Franklin and Susan Jameson, and Billy Paul and Betty Davis Simpson from Northfield.

We want to thank everyone who donated to the cemetery fund. All donations and support are very much appreciated, especially the younger generation stepping in and helping with the spraying and mowing.

MCISD students receive "Character Counts" recognition



Character Counts recipients. Back left to right: Esperanza Talamantez, Natalie Jameson, Lexi Osborn, Austin Taylor, Conner Mason, Cassidy Turner, Chloe Gleghorn. Front left to right: Bailey Lawrence, Olivia Fowler, Kylee Jones, Emma Cagle, Jacob Richards, Jaden Martinez, Carley Turner
 Photo by Walter Tayler

Character Counts

Growing up has never been easy, neither has parenting or teaching. The challenges our kids face today are immense. Kids nowadays just aren't learning the basic values. The Character Counts coalition set out to change all of that back in 1992.

A nonpartisan and nonsectarian alliance of more than 170 schools, youth-service and other community organizations nationwide met to develop what is now known as Character Counts. There were

"Six Pillars of Character" that were identified: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship.

Motley County ISD along with the local 4-H chapter is committed to making a difference in lives of our youth. Ryan Martin was gracious enough to allow our school to use the Character Counts curriculum in our schools. Mr. Hill has visited with each class about the program and the first pillar of trustworthiness. Teachers have worked hard in the classroom, halls, cafeteria

and athletic fields and courts on a daily basis emphasizing the importance of character. At the conclusion of each six weeks teachers have the opportunity to nominate students that have demonstrated that pillar of character.

Mr. Hill makes the final selection and students were rewarded last Friday with a t-shirt and an ice cream sundae party. We are very proud of these 14 students and the example that they set every day. It is not always easy to do the right thing but these students have character that counts.

Students rewarded as examples of the first pillar of character "Trustworthiness" were: Pre-K, Bailey Lawrence; Kindergarten, Olivia Fowler; 1st Grade, Jaden Martinez; 2nd Grade, Jacob Richards; 3rd Grade, Kylee Jones; 4th Grade, Emma Cagle; 5th Grade, Carley Turner; and 6th Grade, Esperanza Talamantez; 7th Grade, Chloe Gleghorn; 8th Grade, Natalie Jameson; 9th Grade, Cassidy Turner; 10th Grade, Conner Mason; 11th Grade, Austin Taylor; and 12th Grade, Lexi Osborn.

October is Archeology Awareness Month

Caprock Canyons State Park and Trailway invites you and your family to partake in all the fun activities during Archeology Awareness Month.

Throughout the month of October, Caprock Canyons State Park is promoting archeology awareness with many interpretive programs including: a "Canyon Walk & Talk" in which we will discuss different plants, animals, and features of the park that were useful to Native Americans at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, October 1, "Paleos of the Panhandle" at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, October 1, "Flintknapping,

An Ancient Art" at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., Saturday, October 8, "An Archeologist for a Day" in which children 12 and under can participate in a mock archeological dig at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, October 15, "Coronado, Conquistador & Explorer" at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, October 15, and "Archeology of the Canyonlands" at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, October 22.

Park entrance fees apply: adults, \$3; seniors, \$2; children under 12, free. All programs are free with paid park entrance fee. Call 806-455-1492 for more information.

Giant Arrow Dedication Pioneer Park, Downtown Matador Bring your lawn chair for the ceremony

October 15, 2011
 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Food venue - 6:00 p.m.

FREE brisket on a bun, chips and a drink
 Membership Table for Friends of the Historic Motley County Jail - Free Newsletters
 Drawing for a 4-piece set of luggage - 3-tickets for \$5.00; 8-tickets for \$10.00

Jail Tours -Ongoing

Geneva Wilson
 Dink Wilson
 Nelda Wilson

Dedication Program - 7:00 p.m.
 Welcome by County Judge Jim Meador

Opening Remarks by Carol Campbell
 Deborah Sue McDonald, Executive Director of the Texas Plains Trail Region
 Marisue Potts, Quanah Parker Trail initiative
 Holle Humphries, Origins of the Giant Arrow
 Charles Smith, sculptor, welder, artist

Performances

Annalon Gilbreath, storyteller, as Molly Goodnight
 Ardith Parker Leming, great granddaughter of Quanah Parker
 Anna Tahmahkera, raised by Quanah Parker's 6th wife Toe-Pay

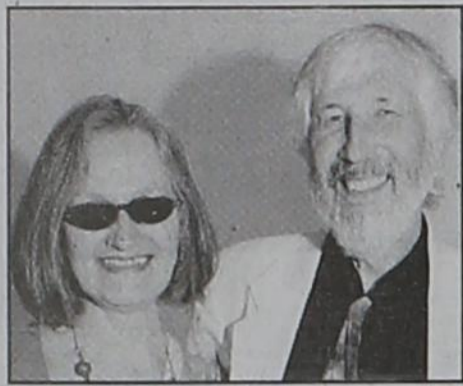
Blessing of the Giant Arrow

Cedar Ceremony by Glen Leming
 Prayer in Comanche by Anna Tahmahkera

Foothill Country

Connections

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



By Laverne Zabielski

How to get your child or grandchild's photo in the paper? Value it, then send it to us, or post it in Tribune Pictures on Facebook. What are we looking for? Cute! Timely! Relative to the region or history. Accomplishments.

In *Writing Community* this week the photo of Ryder Russell is all of the above; cute and timely, since it documents his second birthday; relative and historical because it encompasses the past, the present and the future.

And remember, *Writing Community* is about more than words. It is about self-expression.

I am pondering a statement I once heard. "It's not my job." If it is coming from a child regarding a particular chore; washing dishes or taking out trash, for instance, while it could be up for some discussion, ultimately the parent decides. The same is true coming from co-workers, the boss decides.

However, when it comes to community building, there are no "jobs." Contributing is the only thing to do. When you can you can, and when you can't you can't. Motley County wouldn't have as great a school as it has if it weren't for the contributions of parents and citizens. And the EMS would not exist if it weren't

for citizens' contributions.

A community's newspaper is also important to community building. We rely on your input. The more the community contributes, the more the paper represents what you have to say, what you consider important.

Back in the old days when reporters could "cover" events, what was published was what was seen through the reporters eyes. Today, what gets published is what individual citizens deem important enough to see that the newspaper receives the information. In this way the newspaper creates a vehicle for a community to demonstrate that *Character Counts*. That *Trustworthiness* is valued. When students' accomplishments are published in the newspaper, students are assured that their teachers, parents, and principal are trustworthy, that their accomplishments were truly valued enough to be shared.

There are two important lessons students need to learn in today's world. One, it is not always just about what you know, it is also just as important who you know. And two, it's up to you to promote and market your accomplishments. Events are no longer covered. Not even in large daily newspapers. Press releases are sent, phone calls are made and followed up on later.

Thank you, this week, Mr. Hill and Mrs. Gillespie for contributing MCISD student successes this week. While it may not be your "job" to send us news, we, and your students, appreciate that you value their accomplishments.

WRITING COMMUNITY



Ryder Quay Russell. Wearing his p'pa J.D. Russell's baby boots, his Uncle Colton, Bo-Bo's cowboy hat, and on his right is his late great grandfather Sonny Russell's baby Switzer Saddle. Picture by Wendi Taylor for his up coming 2 yr. birthday

Quanah Parker Last Chief of the Comanches

A Brief Sketch by Chas. H. Sommer, President, Quanah, Acme & Pacific Railway Co. Copyright 1945. (Courtesy of the Motley County Museum Files).

When the construction of the Quanah, Acme and Pacific Railway westward from Quanah, Texas, became a reality, a great celebration was held in October 1910 at the Dallas State Fair. A day was designated as "Quanah Route Day" and people journeyed from all sections of west Texas by special train to join in the occasion and pay homage to Chief Quanah, who appeared with his family, clad in their full war regalia, feathered headdresses, buckskin clothes, moccasins, beads, etc. The entire train of the Quanah, Acme & Pacific Railway, aboard which were Chief Quanah, his family and his braves, was packed within the Exposition grounds of the Dallas State Fair through the entire period of the Fair. Quanah Parker was scheduled for an address. He delivered his speech with dignity (standing erect he was more than six feet tall), and almost every utterance, as was his custom, was accompanied by a gesture or a shrug. In his address he frequently referred to his "knife", which we would term a spear. His speech, as actually delivered before that vast assembly, was as follows:

In Quanah Parker's own words . . .

"Ladies and gentlemen. I say a few words to you. You look at me. I put on this war bonnet. This is my war trinket. Ladies and gentlemen, I used to be a bad man. Now I am a citizen of the United States. I pay taxes the same as you people do. We are the same people now. We used to give you some trouble, but we are the same people now. This is what I tell you, ladies and gentlemen. My friend, Colonel Elbert, (whom Quanah called 'Yellow Bear') spoke to you people and told you about my mother. She was Cynthia Ann Parker. That was my mother. A good long time ago, after the Indian people had been on war path - about 700 were on war path - my father and an old Indian told me - He said that on the war path they had killed a lot of white people and burned their little houses. They got my mother. That was many years ago. Maybe eighty years ago - I cannot tell about that. Well, ladies and gentlemen, that is one matter I want to make straight up. My friend, Colonel Elbert, a little while ago told you that Governor Ross did not capture my mother but Colonel Goodnight did. The Texas history says General Ross killed my father. The old Indian tell me that no so. He no kill my father. I want to get that in Texas history straight up. My friend, Colonel Elbert, Colonel Good-

night and Mr. Daniels find out and make it straight up. No kill my father; he not there. I want to get it straight here in Texas history. After that - two year, three year maybe - my father sick. I see him die. I want to get that in Texas history straight up.

"Now ladies and gentlemen, you read the papers. We move from Texas over to Oklahoma, my country. Two years ago I been to Washington, I see John Stephens, Congressman from Texas. I tell him would like to get bill \$1,000 to move my mother's remains. Two year ago bill passed and after that somebody, New York men, start that bill and last June I been to Washington. I come again and see about it. Made bill \$800.00. I use \$200.00 to buy new coffin. Now, ladies and gentlemen, Texas objects me do that. I have over at my home my older son dead some seven or eight year ago. Nobody know when me die, maybe tomorrow or ten year. But me have family graveyard and me want bury my mother there.

"Now here is another thing I want to tell you. Here is all my acquaintances come from Quanah. They come from my town, the Quanah country. All that used to be my hunting ground. Snakes up there. My town up there wanted to put railroad west of Quanah. They came to me and I help them out. I invested \$40,000.00 in Quanah Line. I want to run

This poem (which, by the way, is about a dead tree) was born when I recalled the quote that says, "You can please some of the people all of the time, and all of the people some of the time, but you can't please all of the people all of the time." Bill Manney

The Tree

by Bill Manney

There was a lady named Carol,
Who put a tree in great peril.
She wanted it down,
She said with a frown.

They put up a sign
Of proper design,
"Save the tree" said we,
But, alas, it was not to be.

Before Bobby got his saw,
He checked with the law,
To see if there might be a flaw.

None to be found,
Noise began to resound,
And the tree soon hit the ground.

Some were happy
And some were sad
To see the old tree fall.

But the tree,
That poor old tree,
He felt worst of all.

it over to New Mexico and El Paso.

"Well, now, I want to tell you one matter something else, ladies and gentlemen. See my two hands. Here is one Indian way and white way. Here is Republican party and here is Democratic party. I watch the two parties close. Which is the best? The Democratic party are trying to work for good of all of us. It looks at rich man and poor man same. Republican party looks at rich man, but not for good of poor man. This why times are hard. Republican party has all the offices and holds the money tight. Democratic party wants them to turn loose.

"I hear somebody say something about Quanah - that not good country, all prairie dogs - all snakes. That not so. Quanah town good town. You can raise anything in there, all nice houses in there. You see now? Good long time ago, maybe forty years ago, all pretty nearly bad man. Nothing but log house. Keep building up and build railroads.

"Well, now, you see here this knife. What I want tell you now - I got one good friend, Burk Burnett. He big heart, rich man, cow man. Help my people good deal. You see some

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Pictured is Quanah Parker (c. 1910) speaking to a crowd in downtown Matador in front of the old bank on Main Street. The speech in *Writing Community* was one of many cultural exchanges organized to create a dialogue between the Comanche Indians and pioneer populations of the early 1900s.

Quanah Parker, Last Chief of the Comanches

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Kindergarten Class Enjoys "Tickle Me" Plants. The kindergarten class is currently growing "Tickle Me" plants to study plant tropisms. The kit used in this study was provided by the Upper Pease SWCD. The students grown the plants and then use a toothpick to gently touch the leaves and watch the plant's reaction. There are several different ways to get the plants to react and each shows the students what is meant by tropism.

Photo by Walter Tayler

big men hold tight to money. Afraid to die. Burnett help anybody.

"I came from Fort Sill. No ride me in like horse or cow. Had big war. I fought General McKenzie. He had 2,000 men, I had 450 men. I use this knife. I see little further, perhaps eight miles, lots soldiers coming. I say hold on - no go over there. Maybe we go at night. Maybe stampede soldiers' horses first. I got my men around in circle and tell them holler. I gathered maybe 350 United States horses that night. You see how bad me was at that time? Next morning they come up my trail. I ready to fight. I use this knife. Come up my trail lot men. Way ahead of it, maybe fifty or sixty men. I tell my men standup behind hill, holler, shoot and run. I run to one side and use this knife. I came up right side and killed man sergeant and scalp. You see how bad man I at that time?"

"Well, ladies and gentleman, now I working for Government. I work for my Indians. Every year me want to go to Washington and I work for my Indians. Government say to me, 'You work for Indians. Put your Indians in school and make Indians do like white men.' They have houses like white men, but some my Indians no good. Some white people same. I tell you reason why some no good. You see many buy bottle whisky and play cards. That reason some men no good. Some white people do that, too."

"Well, over four year ago

come President Roosevelt to Big Pasture. I see over at the White House President Theodore Roosevelt. He writes me a letter: 'Mr. Parker, you meet me and go hunting with over in the Big Pasture.' I write: 'All right - I be there.' I wait for him to come. Tell me be there four o'clock. I see train coming up. I got twelve men and Sheriff. I put six-shooter on - afraid somebody might try to kill President. President got off on platform and make speech. I keep away from the people. President get off on platform. He look at me and says, 'Quanah Parker'. I get off my horse. People hollered, 'Two chiefs - chief red men and chief white men'. President make speech. He said, 'Ladies and gentleman, I met Quanah Parker at my White House couple months ago. He made good speech for me at that time'.

"I go back home to Quanah tonight. Me want to go right over on Mr. Burnett's ranch."

(At the request of someone on the stage, Quanah Parker here introduced his family to the audience. The audience began to rise, as did the newspaper men, but Parker waved to the latter and said):

"Just one more minute. Here is one more say. My ways call for money every time they send me to Fair. Two men came to me about year ago to go to New York City. 'We give you \$5,000 for four six months, to take your family over there', they say. I say, 'No - you put me in little pen. I no monkey.' That is all, gentle-

men.

From Charles H. Sommer

It will be noted that in his speech the Indian chieftain said "I go back home to Quanah tonight . . . Me want to go right over on Mr. Burnett's ranch." Mr. Burnett, who passed away in 1924, was a warm friend of mine and a Director of the Quanah Line. He was a wealthy ranch and oil man, and among his ranch holdings was a 100,000-acre ranch located short distance south of Paducah, a station on the Quanah Line. This was the ranch to which Quanah Parker referred. Mr. Burnett gave Quanah and his tribe the freedom of this range, and at least once a year it was a common sight to see him and his

band, in covered wagons and on ponies, wending their way along the road paralleling the Quanah Line, heading for the ranch. Quanah was fond of hunting, particularly antelope, the killing of which was prohibited by law. On his promise that he would shoot only one antelope, Quanah was not molested, and he always kept his word. Mr. Burnett furnished them with horses, meat for barbecue, and in general turned the ranch over to them, whenever the Indians felt inclined for such a venture. There the tribe was always orderly and welcome.

On December 4, 1910, Quanah had his mother's remains exhumed and removed to the little Mennonite Post Oak Mission, near Indihoma, Oklahoma, where, as he said, "he might lie

beside her and meet her with the white man's God in the world beyond."

Quanah Parker died in February 1911, at the age of sixty, and lies buried beside the grave of his mother, Cynthia Ann Parker, at the Post Oak Mission cemetery. Since his death, many have paid honor to his memory and much interest and information concerning his life has become evident. Colonel J. L. Elbert, Sr., of Quanah, Texas, a personal friend of Chief Quanah, was very helpful in clarifying the records concerning the eventful life of the Parkers. Many interesting incidents concerning the life of Quanah Parker were revealed by speakers when his monument was dedicated in May 1930, which monument had been erected by

the United State Government in the cemetery of the Mission, as a tribute tone of the greatest Indians of the Southwest. Representatives of the Department of Interior, War Department, and State officials joined with members of the family and friends in final tribute.

Quanah Parker had twenty-one children, as well as a large number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Today some of the best citizenship of the Southwest is comprised of his descendants. Quanah Parker, as much as anyone, has been responsible for the transition from savagery to civilization. There is no more dramatic story in Texas history than that of Quanah Parker, Chief of the Comanche Indians.

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NEWS AROUND MOTLEY COUNTY

Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

On a personal note

Dinah Young called to tell me that the Monarch butterflies are very thick in their orchard. They love the colorful flowers in their yard. Dinah said they especially like the orange cosmos. There are hundreds flitting around getting their fill of nectar. The butterflies will be migrating soon. They have stopped over in the orchard before but this year they are earlier and are staying longer. Dinah said many people have come to the orchard to enjoy them. She invites any who would like to see the beautiful butterflies and flowers to drive over and see them.

In the community

Ken and Dinah visited with their daughter's family on Sunday and attended church with them. They are Ty, Ginny and Jena LaDue of Lubbock.

Ruby Hipp died on Thursday morning. Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. Monday, October 3. Her son-in-law, Bob Estes held the service. Ruby was 92. She and her husband Elmer came to Roaring Springs from Arkansas working for the railroad. Elmer worked on the road gang and Ruby cooked for them. During this time in their lives they lived in a railcar and traveled wherever they were needed. They liked Roaring Springs and decided to stay. We offer our sympathy to their family.

Ruby's granddaughter has a complete wedding business, Weddings by Design in Midland, Texas. Their business includes floral arrangements, clothing for the entire wedding party, a wedding chapel, ballroom and all the other niceties the go with weddings and receptions. Her partner in the business is my second cousin. They have a beautiful building and business.

Roy Rowe was in an accident last Wednesday. He was trimming trees standing in the back of his pickup when a limb fell and knocked him out of the pick-up. He fell on his heel resulting in a hairline fracture. He is doing well and is up and about wearing an orthopedic boot for a couple of weeks.

Sue Shannon's sister, Adell Winston of Seattle is visiting the Shannons and another sister in Floydada. She came to help take care of her sister in Floyd-

da during her illness. She will be visiting here until October 23rd.

The Roaring Springs Community Volunteers will meet the second Tuesday, October 11th at 5:30 p.m. at the Windmill Café. Plans for a fundraiser and late night shopping are on the agenda. All members are urged to come.

Tom Edwards will be the speaker at the monthly meeting of the Roaring Springs Lions Club on Thursday, October 6th at 11:30 a.m. at the Windmill Café.

Ladies, make your plans to attend a ladies retreat on Saturday, October 15th at the Full Gospel Church. A former resident of Roaring Springs, Jane Goodwin Thacker, will be special guest singer. There will be six speakers for this event. They are: Sheneigne Cummings of the River of Life Church in Rusk, TX; Pastora, Pat Perez of the Church of the Blessed in Lubbock; Marge Allen, Lyn Montgomery of Roaring Springs; Barbara Armstrong of Matador and Peggy Adams of the House of Prayer in Amarillo. All ladies are invited. The cost is \$10.00 each if you register before October 10th and \$15.00 if you register at the door. The retreat will begin at 8:00 a.m. with a continental breakfast; lunch will be a brisket dinner served by the men of the Full Gospel Church. The retreat will be over at 4:00 p.m. There is a blog site for further information and pre-registration. It is RSF-Gladiesretreat@blogspot.com. Overnight accommodations can be made at the Travelers Inn and the Hotel Matador. You may call the church for more information as well. The number is 806-348-7943.

A correction to last week's news is that Eddie Price not Betty Price from Charlotte, NC, was a guest at the Travelers Inn while attending the Return to the Remuda event at the Pitchfork Ranch.

Guests at the Travelers Inn this weekend were: Mr. and Mrs. Keith Clements and Mr. and Mrs. Alan Fine of Snyder, Texas; they were making a weekend tour to Oklahoma on motorcycles.

Eric and Robin Irwin from Denver, Colorado, were other guests. They were on their way to Beaumont, TX by motorcycle.

Cherry Daniell visited a friend from the Philippines in Houston and attended her friend's infant daughter's baptism.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

Overheard

A bad attitude is like a flat tire. If you don't change it you'll never go anywhere.

Celebrates Birthday

The birthday of Alvia Joe Calvert of Dumas, Texas, was celebrated Sunday, October 2, 2011, with a family luncheon in the home of his mother, Mrs. Mary Jo Calvert. When cutting his delicious chocolate cake they sang Happy Birthday. He received gifts, and many loving and amusing cards.

Those attending the happy occasion besides his wife, Penny, were: Justin Calvert and daughter, Betty of Dumas, Ashley Calvert of Amarillo, Chris Calvert, Sherryln and Dan Foster, Gwen and Tim Mandrell, daughter, Peyton and granddaughter, Hayleigh Reed of Lubbock and Glen Calvert of Flomot.

Community News

Clois and Kathy Shorter visited at Lake Kiowa from Thursday until Saturday with

daughter and family, Christi and Dwain Milam, and daughters, Emily and Haley. They celebrated the 12th birthday of Emily with all the trimmings. They also enjoyed the girl's volleyball games.

Leah Cruse of Amarillo visited the weekend with her parents, Brenda and Darrell Cruse.

Mrs. Janice Hughes attended her Estelline High School Homecoming Saturday held at the Out Door Recreation building. The 150 attending enjoyed the activities, luncheon and renewing friendships.

Wilburn Martin attended to business in Plainview, Thursday.

Joey Lee of Clarendon visited Sunday with his parents, Ruth and Orville Lee.

Joe Ike and Anna Beth Clay visited Friday and Saturday in Clifton with daughter and family, Lori and Kevon Kleibrink, Kyler and Karlee. They enjoyed Kyler's and teammates football game as Clifton defeated Comanche. Jack and Nada Starkey are still under medical treatment in Amarillo.

Motley County Cross-Country

The Motley County Cross-country teams competed at Guthrie, Saturday, Oct. 1st. In the High School Girls division, Lexi Osborn finished 4th in the competition. Also running, but not in the top twenty were Shelby Elliott, Sabra Pope, Katie Barton, and Gabby Silva.

In the Jr. High Girls division, 1st place went to Macie Marshall and the Jr. High team finished in 3rd place. The top five finishers from each school make up a team, and the other members were, Kaylee Woolsey, 14th, Nata-

lie Jameson, 15th, Autumn Woolsey, 20th, and Avery Wright, 21st. Other Jr. High girls competing were: Mattie Brooks, Sage Guerrero, Thalia Mendoza, Thalia Quillimaco, and Ruby Klebahn. Three 6th grade girls also competed in a 1 mile fun run. They were Mikenna Ford, Addie Guerrero, and Samantha Quillimaco.

The Jr. High boys had two participants. Tate Richards finished 14th and Bradley Allred finished 19th.

Congratulations to these athletes for their success and hard work.

Exercise Classes

Beginning on Monday October 10th

Step Aerobics, Insanity, Circuit training
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Golf Update

by Cynthia Stafford

The Tuesday Night Scramble was cancelled last week due to work being done on the greens.

The participants in the Thursday, Ladies Play Day were Jean Hoover, June Moss, Nita Murphy, and Judy

Renfro in the morning. The winner of the morning ball for the longest drive on #1 was Jean Hoover.

The afternoon participants were Polly Campbell and Glenna Ross. The winner of the ball was Glenna Ross.

This Week's Local Forecast



Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Mostly Sunny 82/62	Partly Cloudy 79/59	Partly Cloudy 76/55	Partly Cloudy 76/59	Mostly Cloudy 75/59	Partly Cloudy 76/54	Partly Cloudy 78/56

Weather Trivia

What is the longest distance travelled by a tornado?



Answer: In 1917, a tornado travelled 293 miles from Missouri to Indiana.

Weather History

Oct. 6, 1985 - A tropical wave, later to become Tropical Storm Isabel, struck Puerto Rico. As much as 24 inches of rain fell in 24 hours. Severe flooding and numerous landslides resulting from the rain claimed the lives of about 180 people.

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Matador News

By Marilynn Hicks

Rumor mill has it that a new deli-style eatery will be open this week in downtown Matador. Another option is always good, and as a capitalist, I think competition only makes us better. I have heard that the name of the facility is Deli-icious. We will have to go by for lunch but not forget those who have faithfully served the community for a longer time. Each establishment offers us a different take on our favorite foods. Thanks to you all.

Randy and I traveled to Austin on Thursday to see our grandson Jake play football for Vista Ridge High School. He is quite good, and I am not prejudiced on this point. What I am most proud of, however, is his almost perfect score in PreAP Algebra II for the six weeks. Now that is something to cheer about. Let me know how your grandchildren are doing, and I will be glad to let the community know.

The passing of Edna Ruth Green was very sad, and I can still visualize her brisk walk to the post office or church.

What a wonderful woman who left an amazing legacy for her family. Staying in town for the services were children, Virginia Green from Amarillo, Andy and Gay Green from Flower Mound, Timothy and Dorothy Green from Austin, and Pat Green Scoggins from Argyle. Also attending and staying the hotel were Jolie and Arturo Sanchez from Austin and Adam and Katye Green from Jamaica Plain, New Jersey.

James Shrauner and Willie Snyder from Odessa took advantage of bow hunting with J bar C Properties this past weekend. I understand that they were successful although I haven't seen the pictures. I think they probably took advantage of our other new business, the processing facility opened by Devon Ballard. We are just a flurry of new business activity.

Spur Homecoming must have been something. We

had Eve McArthur from Austin come in on Wednesday to begin work on a float for her 50th class reunion. Working on that same float was David Marion from College Station. I have a connection to David as his sister, Mila, was assigned to be my first college roommate at Texas Woman's University. He also worked with Dad during the FHA days. Neal and Debbie Haralson from Allen and his sister, Jana Johnston and her husband Richard from Lincoln, Nebraska also came in early to work on floats for their classes. Neal reported a wonderful parade and gatherings of friends and family who grew up and went to Spur schools. Of course, Debbie attended school in Matador.

Joyce Campbell, Norma Marrs, and Mary Jones visited Dorothy Knight last week. Dorothy is at home in Raider Village in Lubbock. If you would like to drop her a note, her address is 6806-43rd Street, Room 229 and zip 79407. She would love to hear from her Motley County friends.

Tech-A&M weekend coming up!

Mrs. Marihelen Wason was honored on her birthday Saturday, October 1, with a family luncheon in her home. She was presented a beautiful decorated pink and white cake, gifts, cards and calls from those unable to attend.

Those attending the celebration were: Charla and Bennie Marracle, Kacey and Kason Shafer of Snyder, Shalala and Allen Holsher, Kenley and Braxton of Roscoe, Brenda and Darrell Cruse of Flomot, Leah Cruse of Amarillo, Keane and Lacy Cruse, Reese and Brighton of Turkey.

Visiting Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. H.R. "Skeet" Jameson were Calvin Lehman and Stan Perry of Shallowater and Rueben DeLeon of Idalou. Mr. and Mrs. Jameson were in Lubbock Monday for Skeet's cardiac examination and tests.

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Library Journal
by Carla Meador Librarian

The time is here! I hope everyone is ready for our contest to begin. This contest is a test of knowledge for all you avid readers and book lovers. I will begin with the Classics. Each week I will give you a phrase, quote or paragraph from a classic novel and you tell me what book it came from. Now, I know everyone can do a quick search on the Internet, but that's not allowed in this contest. And, I know there is no way I will know if someone has done that or not, but I'm conducting this contest on the 'honor system'. If you can tell me the title of the book the phrase comes from, I will put your name in a drawing for a prize. Myself or one of our patrons will draw a name each Friday to win the prize for that week. Are you ready? Here goes. I'll start with an easy one for our first week.

"I'm too old to shoulder the burden of constant lies that go with living in polite disillusionment. I couldn't live with you and lie to you and I certainly couldn't lie to myself. I can't even lie to you now. I wish I could care what you do or where you go, but I can't." He drew a short breath and said lightly but softly: "My dear, I don't give a damn."

If you know the title of the book this phrase comes from, stop by the Library and let me know. Good luck! I have a feeling I will have a lot of names to draw from for this one.

Much thanks to Larry Hoyle and Jerry Collins for their book donations and to Steve Smith for his donation of DVD's and VHS movies. We appreciate your donations!

New books on the shelves this week are *Killing Lincoln: the shocking assassination that changed America forever* by Bill O'Reilly and Martin Dugard. This book describes the events surrounding the assassination

of Abraham Lincoln and the hunt to track down John Wilkes Booth and his accomplices.

Blue Blood, by Edward Conlon. An epic work of nonfiction about what it means to protect, to serve, and to defend among the ranks of New York's finest. The life of a New York City police officer with the NYPD running through his veins.

Long Lost by Harlan Coben. A blistering Myron Bolitar thriller with an intricate plot, told from the vantage points of a half-dozen characters.

Fade Away by Harlan Coben, is another Myron Bolitar novel. Myron is unraveling the strange, violent ride of a sports hero gone wrong, and coming face-to-face with a past he can't relive, and a present he may not survive.

READERS' RECOMMENDATIONS

Where's The Dragon, by Jason Hook and illustrated by Richard Hook, from our children's section is highly recommended. This beautifully illustrated book is said to be very entertaining and thought provoking as you must find the dragon on each page.

Fall of Giants by Ken Follett is a recommended read in our Fiction section. This book follows the fates of five interrelated families—American, German, Russian, English and Welsh—as they move through the world-shaking dramas of World War I, the Russian Revolution, and the struggle for women's suffrage.

Thank you to everyone who attended our reception last Friday morning. We appreciate your nice comments and your taking time out of your day to say farewell to Mary Ann Potts and welcome to me. I am thoroughly enjoying being your Librarian.

Library hours are Monday 2-5, Tuesday - Thursday 1 - 6, and Friday, 9-2. See you at the Library!

County Agent's News
by Ryan Martin, Agri LIFE EXTENSION Agent



Drought confuses some smart-irrigation controllers 'Goldilocks' protocol shows which applied too much, too little or just enough

COLLEGE STATION - Confounded by Texas weather? So are most "smart" electronic irrigation controllers, according to a Texas AgriLife Extension Service expert.

"Over the last two years, in a testing program, we found that Texas' variable and erratic weather confuses many of the controllers being sold in the state," said Dr. Guy Fipps, AgriLife Extension irrigation engineer, College Station.

Smart controllers refer to irrigation units that use weather data to calculate and apply the correct amount of water needed by lawns and landscape plants. Ordinary "dumb" controllers rely on timers and require human intervention, which, due to human error or lack of management, often apply two to three times more water than necessary, Fipps explained.

Among the weather factors smart controllers use is evapotranspiration, commonly abbreviated as ET, which is an estimate of the total amount of water needed by plants. Smart controllers either use historical ET data or calculate it from weather sensors measuring rainfall, heat, amount of sunlight and other factors.

For more than three years at a College Station site, Fipps and Charles Swanson, AgriLife Extension landscape irrigation specialist, have been testing various brands of smart controllers sold in Texas. They have found that although the controllers are smart in theory, in actual use,

some over-irrigate as often as their human counterparts who use guesstimates rather than calculations, according to Fipps.

However, the smart controllers have become smarter as manufacturers continue to tweak designs in response to such tests, he said. Still, during the third year of tests - which spanned 238 days from March 29 through Nov. 22, 2010 - many controllers still did not perform as consistently as expected.


"The 2010 results showed an increase in controller performance compared to the year-one and year-two results," he said. "However, we continued to see controllers irrigating excessively; some irrigated in excess of ET, even though 17 inches of rainfall fell during the 2010 study."

And that was before the drought worsened. During the drought of 2011, most of the controllers' performance was erratic, Fipps said.

"Three of the eight smart controllers over-compensated and applied excessive amounts of water, and the remaining five did not apply enough irrigation water for all the irrigation zones and plant materials, although two of the controllers provided adequate amounts of water for five out of the six zones," he said. "The problem is likely due to which weather factors the controller uses."

The summer of 2011 was not only hotter and drier than normal, but conditions interacted to cause plants to use from 30 percent to 50 percent more water than they would in an average year, Fipps explained. While the amount of solar radiation (total energy received from the sun) remained close to normal levels,

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temperatures and wind were significantly higher.

In the 2010 tests, it was too much rain that caused problems with some smart controllers, he said. The 2010 work tested eight controllers from six different manufacturers.

"In 2010, it was only the smart controllers that were equipped with tipping-bucket rain gauges that were able to accurately provide the right amounts of irrigation," Fipps said.

For the tests, Fipps and Swanson programmed each controller for a typical Texas irrigation system and landscape that included ornamental plants, shrubs and turf. They also considered various soil types with different root-zone depths.

"Programming these controllers was no easy task as only two controllers allowed us to input all the landscape parameters that were need-

ed," Fipps said. "Each manufacturer was allowed to come in and provide assistance in programming to ensure the controller programming most accurately described the landscape, which most manufacturers did."

In the 2010 test, Fipps and Swanson added a "goldilocks" protocol, which interprets performance results to whether the controllers put on too much, too little or "just the right" amount of water.

"Adequate, inadequate and excessive categories make the testing results easier to understand by consumers and irrigation contractors who are trying to determine which controller to purchase," he said.

The full results are included in the recent report on smart controller testing and performance found on the Irrigation Technology Center website at <http://itc.tamu.edu/smart>.

Obituaries

Ruby Hipp

Funeral services for Ruby Janet Hipp, 92, were at the First Baptist Church in Roaring Springs at 11:00 a.m. Monday, October 3, 2011, with her son-in-law, Chaplain Robert B. Estes officiating. Burial was in the Roaring Springs Cemetery under the direction of Lake Ridge Chapel and Memorial Designers of Lubbock. Mrs. Hipp went to be with her Lord on September 29, 2011.

Mrs. Hipp the oldest of nine siblings, was born December 5, 1918 in Newport, Arkansas, to Amber Ridge and William Edward Elliott.

She is survived by her daughter, Sallie Estes; four grandchild-

ren and eight great grandchildren. She is also survived by her siblings, Earl and Paul Elliott, Eddie Ruth Vance, Ella Mae Tomko, and Bobbie Jean Ragan.

She was preceded in death by her husband Elmer Hipp in July, 1994; sons Billy Jack Hipp in May 1957, and Charles Edward Hipp in January 2009, a grandson Rusty Hipp and a granddaughter Traci Estes.

Memorial tributes are suggested to the Roaring Springs Cemetery Association, P.O. Box 360, Roaring Springs, Texas 79256 or to the First Baptist Church, Roaring Springs, Texas 79256, where Mrs. Hipp was a member for several years.

Edna Ruth Green

Graveside Services for Edna Ruth Green, 89, of Amarillo formerly of Matador, were held Saturday October 1, at 3:00 p.m. at East Mound Cemetery in Matador.

Edna Ruth was born in Matador to Finis and Emma Bourland on June 8, 1922. She grew up in the Flomot Community, graduated from Flomot High School. She taught school in Northfield, Flomot, and Battle Mountain, NV, but spent most of her life as a homemaker. Edna Ruth married Luther Green on June 20, 1946 in Oklahoma Lane, Texas. They resided in Matador most of their 57 years of marriage. Mrs. Green was preceded in death by her husband, her grandson, Brent Scoggins, and five brothers and three sisters.

Survivors include sons, Dr. Tim Green and wife Dorothy of Austin, Andy Green and wife Gay of Flower Mound; daughters, Pat Scoggins and husband Noel of Argyle and Virginia Green of Amarillo; Grandchildren, Jolie and Arturo Sanchez of Austin, Jordan and David Yu of Austin, Lt. Adam and Meredith Green of Oak Harbor, Wa, Allison and Aaron Massey of Raleigh, NC, Kayte Green of Boston, MA, and Emily and Andy Fuller of Denton; and great grandchildren Anya and Gael Sanchez, Benjamin, Wesley and Henry Green, and Hayden Fuller.

Suggested memorials are First Baptist Church of Matador, Motley County Senior Citizens, or East Mound Cemetery Association.

Full Gospel Church to host Ladies Retreat

By Barbara Armstrong
Motley County Tribune

The Roaring Springs Full Gospel Church Ladies are sponsoring a Ladies Retreat on Saturday, October 15, 2011, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The morning will begin with registration at 8:00 a.m. The opening service will start at 8:30 a.m. with a Welcome by Pastor Jehrome and Leigh Penrod. Praise and Worship will be led by Jane Goodwin Thacker of Grapevine, Texas.

Jane graduated from Patton Springs School and is married to Max Thacker formerly of Roaring Springs. Jane has a busy ministry in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex. She resides in Grapevine, Texas, with her husband Max and their Maltese dog "Powder". She is an ordained minister of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Jane started singing when she was 5-years-old and was part of a trio with her brother and sister. They traveled all over the southwest region and sang on radio and television. Jane's ministry reaches into many different areas. She speaks and sings for conventions, conferences, churches and retreats. She shares how God's faithfulness has sustained her through many trials and tribulations.

Jane has appeared on Trinity Broadcasting Network with Dean and Mary Brown on "Unfolding Majesty," Daystar Television Network and on stage in

Branson, Missouri. She is presently employed with an international ministry based in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex.

Morning and afternoon sessions will feature several speakers, including Sheneigie Cummings, Rusk, Texas. Sheneigie has "A New Heart Ministry" and also is the "Outreach Administrator" of River of Life Christian Center of Rusk, Texas. She desires to see the broken and lost find healing, freedom and destiny in the presence of God. She has a powerful personal testimony of God's grace and mercy and desire to bring healing and encouragement.

Other ministers will be Pastor Pat Perez - she and her husband pastor the Church of The Blessed, Lubbock. Pat will share her heart for Israel and the blessings of helping Israel.

Peggy Adams of the House of Prayer, Amarillo, will be the afternoon speaker. Three local speakers consist of Marge Allen and Lyn Montgomery of Roaring Springs, and Barbara Armstrong of Matador. Marge will give her personal testimony of God's faithfulness. Barbara with the assistance of Lyn will portray 'Rahab', a woman who had a past but God gave her a future.

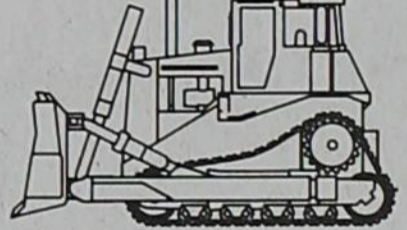
A brisket lunch will be served in the Church Fellowship Hall. Registration is \$10 until October 10 then it will be \$15 at the door. There will be door prizes and gifts as well as every woman being blessed who attends this retreat.

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But Moses entreated God and asked Him to change His mind, (Exodus 34:12). The Bible tells us that that is exactly what happened. The KJV states that "God repented." In other words, our God changed His mind about what He had intended to do. Why? Because a man named Moses prayed. So when we pray, let's mean it. When we ask of God let's expect a response. There is power in prayer!

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- 1 Cross Country, Guthrie, 9 am
- 3 Motley County Arts and Crafts Club, Motley County Senior Citizen Center in Matador from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm.
- 4 Matador Lions
- 5 Kids Praise
- 6 Roaring Springs Lions 1st Thurs
- 10 Commissioners' Court
- 10 Roaring Springs City Council
- 10 HCCC Board
- 10 Cross Country, Crowell, 4 pm
- 12 Hospital Bd meets in the back of the ambulance barn, 7am
- 13 Matador City Council
- 13 Matador Chapter of the Eastern Star, Floy dada, Meal at 6:30pm, meeting at 7:30 pm
- 15 Roaring Springs Full Gospel Church, Ladies Retreat, 8am-4pm.
- 15 Cross Country, Spur (tentative), 8:30 am
- 18 Matador Lions
- 20 Matador Masonic Lodge, 6:30 pm
- 26 Cross Country, District @ Plainview, 4 pm

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