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Radio personality visits Matador

By Carol Campbell
Motley County Tribune

In Tumbleweed Smith's website profile, the following information is available (www.tumbleweedsmith.com):

"In his 40 professional years, Tumbleweed has interviewed some true Texas characters and assembled the largest private collection of oral history in the United States. He writes a syndicated weekly newspaper column and teaches broadcasting at the university level. As the creator and producer of The Sound of Texas, one of the longest running syndicated radio programs in Texas, Tumbleweed seeks fascinating people who embody the spirit of the lone star state and brings them into the homes and hearts of thousands."

When Mr. Smith contacted Marilyn Hicks at Hotel Matador, he said he was coming to Matador to visit Moore Maker, Inc. for his syndicated column. Marilyn recognized the potential to showcase Matador, and invited Tumbleweed to take advantage of his time in our fair city to conduct other interesting interviews. Smith spent a day doing just that.

First on the list was Motley County Museum with Marisue Potts. Smith was interested in the history of Motley County, and no one does it better than the local curator and historian of the museum. From paleontology, archeology, cowboy and Indian artifacts, the museum has it all. Of particular interest to him was the miniature town created by Joy Archer and the late Lorene Lancaster. These two women left a legacy of art at the museum. So, if you haven't visited the little replica of the town of Matador, you have missed something very unique and special.

Next, Carol Campbell led the charge on the historic jail tour with updates on the video and renovation projects. She also told him about the first sheriff of Motley County, Sheriff Joseph Beckham. Beckham killed his successor, turned outlaw, and was gunned down by Texas Rangers in 1895. But Smith's fascination was in the history of the eight paranormal investigations conducted at the jail since 2008 by the Texas Spirit Seekers. TSA claims that the jail has three ghosts, two males and

one female. Following the jail tour, Smith stopped at the Giant Arrow to listen to "the song." The Giant Arrow in Matador represents the first created arrow on the Quanah Parker Trail, marking the Comanche presence in Motley County. When the wind is strong, the metal fletching on the arrow hums and "sings" in the wind.

Following the jail tour, he interviewed the innkeepers of Hotel Matador. Sisters Linda Roy, Marilyn Hicks (minus sister Caron Perkins) and the matriarch of the Russell clan, Dorothy Russell, told the lively and interesting story of Hotel Matador.

The hotel has been a destination for travelers since 1914. This fully-restored, beautiful bed and breakfast hotel has made a large contribution to the community, serving not only as a haven for travelers but also hosting local events like anniversaries, birthday and graduation parties, homecoming reunions, music venues, and other gatherings. Linda, the innkeeper at the beautiful Matador Ranch Hunting Lodge, conducted a short interview and tour of the lodge at Matador Ranch.

A guest at the hotel captured the imagination of Tumbleweed and an on-the-spot interview became part of the genre of broadcast radio. Rene Botes, a friend and guest of the Hick's from South Africa, who, along with her husband, is in the U.S. marketing their game ranch Ubathi through Safari International. Ubathi is a South African word meaning "small game," Rene said. The Botes' own about 30,000 acres in South Africa and have invited their friend Randy Hicks to the preserve to conduct the removal of the predator population of jackal and caracal (the coyote and bobcat of South Africa). Randy will spend several weeks in South Africa this year teaching the owners how to trap, reload, and rid the game preserve of varmints. He might just make a guided hunt for larger game, he said.

Moore Maker, Inc. was high on Smith's "to-do" list, and an informative visit to the one of the largest manufacturer of knives and ranching tools in Texas provided interesting fodder for a radio broadcast.

According to the Moore Maker website (www.mooremaker.com), the

Moore family is active in the community and donates both time and money to local schools and livestock shows. Wayland Moore and company are located just east of Matador in a modest steel building close to Wayland's home. Wayland has built knives for presidents, governors, and even famous Western singers. The Moore family is active in the community and donates both time and money to local schools and livestock shows.

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But the miniature town of Matador that captured Smith's imagination at the museum was still on his mind. He commented on the labor intensive, detailed work that must have gone into the creation of this unique work of art. Nothing would do but a trip to Dutchman Creek to visit the living creator of the little town, Joy Archer, and her husband Leo. The Archer's live in a 100-plus year-old home where Joy was born.

This historic ranch is nestled on the banks of Dutchman Creek surrounded by giant cottonwood trees where the Archers still operate a four-section cattle ranch with the bloodline of the original Hereford cattle from the early days. Leo's beloved Herefords survived the fire of 2011. The trademark whiteface Hereford, faces black from rummaging for grass in the soot charred land, survived the fire along with the house and barn, thanks to a quick-acting fire department and Leo Archer. The grass and fences on the land burned to the nub. The Herefords and the Archers remain as a symbol of endurance and survival, even in fire and drought.

This concluded the busy day for Tumbleweed Smith in Motley County. "The visit to Matador was first class," he said.

He left bright and early Thursday morning for New Home, Texas, to visit artist and sculptor Charles Smith. The Giant Arrow project of the Texas Plains Trail Region has now placed more than 20 arrows in the 52-county region, representing the largest ongoing public art project in the nation.



Pictured is Tumbleweed Smith, producer of one of the longest running syndicated radio programs in Texas; and Museum Director Marisue Potts at the Motley County Museum, looking at the miniature replica of early-day Matador. Smith completed seven interviews in Matador on February 22 before heading to New Home, TX, to interview the creator of the Giant Arrow, Charles Smith.

Former pastor to bring message at FBC, Matador

First Baptist Church, Matador, (FBCM) invites everyone in the community to attend morning worship services this Sunday, March 4, to hear former FBCM pastor James M. (Jim) Hancock, who will be presenting the message at the service.

Hancock served as FBCM pastor 1964-67, and also served in an interim capacity on at least two occasions in more recent years. In addition to serving as pastor of several other churches, he also served as Director of Missions for Caprock-Plains Baptist Area and later for Lubbock Area Association.

Morning worship begins at 11:00 a.m., and everyone is also invited to attend Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. Bible study classes are available for all age levels.

Parent Committee sets meeting

By Amy Hackler
Motley County Tribune

The Motley County Parent Committee has set a meeting on Thursday, March 1, at 6:00 p.m. in the Motley County ISD school cafeteria. The agenda will consist of a

Forgiven Quartet to perform at Faith Fellowship in Matador

By Connie Morris
Motley County Tribune

Forgiven Quartet will perform at Faith Fellowship in Matador on March 10, at 7 p.m. Forgiven Quartet has been spreading the good news of Jesus Christ through songs and testimonies since July 1981. They have performed all across middle America with an emphasis on the smooth harmonies exemplifying southern gospel music. The group routinely performs at Silver Dollar City in Branson, MO and has recently signed an exclusive artist agreement with The Song Garden Music Group in Nashville, TN as a Garden creek Label Artist and made a

main stage appearance at the 2010 National Quartet Convention in Louisville, KY. Forgiven Quartet is one of the most highly respected and highly requested regional southern gospel quartets in the nation, presenting more than 140 concerts per year typically in a sixteen-state area. They have released fourteen full-length gospel recordings in the past eleven years with several songs receiving significant air-play on several Christian music stations across the nation including their current radio singles, "God's Gonna Do It Again," "Where The Battle Is Won," and "But For A Cross."

Daywind Producer and nationally-known song writer, Marty Funderburk from Nashville, TN says, "I'm very impressed with their vocal capabilities and their incredible blend. Even more impressive than this however, is their commitment to ministry and to preserving the rich heritage of southern gospel music. These are Christian gentlemen of the highest order, obviously committed to spiritual and musical excellence. You can see it in their live performances and you can hear it in their recordings."

discussion on the All Night (Senior) Party, Junior High Dance, Book Fair, and the Athletic Banquet.

Parents are encouraged to attend this important meeting to voice opinions and discuss the events sponsored by the Parent Committee.

Foothill Country Connections

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



By Larry Vogt

When I was a child and had outgrown my afternoon naps, I noticed that some of the adults in my life would take a nap every once in awhile. I thought it a bit strange, here I had passed through that obligatory afternoon nap phase and now other people were doing it even though no one seemed to be coercing them. I didn't think it was any big deal when Grampa took a nap after lunch (it was called dinner, and dinner was called supper) and Mom or Dad would nap a bit on Sunday afternoons.

When I became a parent myself, I would occasionally lie down with my children when they were toddlers and enjoy the comfort time with

them. Then I heard about power naps and decided to see if it would work as a stress reliever. There is a trick to it, and once I started using a timer to limit the nap I received the benefits I had been looking for.

The trick is to get to that point where you just start to sleep and then you can get up refreshed and ready to go. If you type power nap into your computer search engine, you get all sorts of information on the subject. There are different types of power naps for different benefits. The 20-minute nap is good for alertness and motor learning skills like typing and playing the piano. The 30 to 60 minute nap can help boost memory and enhance creativity. Personally, I stay with the 20-minute timer and seem to get the most benefits from that time period of shutting down. Of course, this may not be possible every day of the week but any kind of slow down can help. Once again the old-timers gave us a bit of wisdom to get us through our own old-timer phase.

USDA Announces New Highly Erodible Cropland Initiative for Conservation Reserve Program

WASHINGTON, Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack has announced a new conservation initiative to protect up to 750,000 acres of the nation's most highly erodible croplands. Vilsack made the announcement via video to attendees of the National Pheasant Fest and Quail Classic, held Feb. 17-19 in Kansas City, Mo. The new initiative will assist producers with targeting their most highly erodible cropland (land with an erodibility index of 20 or greater) by enabling them to plant wildlife-friendly, long-term cover through the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP).

Producers can enroll land on a continuous basis beginning this summer at their local Farm Service Agency (FSA) county office. With the use of soil survey and geographic information system data, local FSA staff can quickly determine a producer's eligibility for the initiative.

"As we work towards President Obama's vision for an economy that is built to last, America's natural resources must play an important role. Lands in CRP help support strong incomes for our farmers and ranchers and are the source of good middle class jobs related to outdoor recreation, hunting, and fishing," said Vilsack. "This announcement will strengthen CRP by focusing on protecting the most environmentally sensitive land. It targets limited resources where they can make the most difference for farmers, ranchers and to drive economic growth. I urge landowners who have highly erodible land to visit their county office to learn more about this program."

Lands eligible for this program are typically the least productive land on the farm. In many cases the most cost-effective option to reduce erosion is to put the land into a wildlife friendly cover, which will improve habitat and reduce sediment and nutrient runoff and reduce wind erosion. For 25 years, CRP has improved water and air quality, preserved habitat for wildlife, and prevented soil erosion. Programs such as CRP are important conservation safeguards. They prevent the return of the dust storms of the 1930s and the ravages of unmitigated gully erosions of our past.

CRP is a voluntary program designed to help farmers, ranchers and other agricultural producers protect their environmentally sensitive land. Through this initiative, eligible landowners receive annual

rental payments and cost-share assistance to establish long-term, resource conserving covers on eligible farmland. Land can be enrolled on a continuous basis for a period of 10 years. Land currently not enrolled in CRP may be offered in this sign-up provided all eligibility requirements are met. Current CRP participants with eligible land expiring on Sept. 30, 2012, may make new contract offers.

CRP has a 25-year legacy of successfully protecting the nation's natural resources through voluntary participation, while providing significant economic and environmental benefits to rural communities across the United States. In addition to today's announcement, USDA will conduct a four-week CRP general signup, beginning on March 12 and ending on April 6. Currently, about 30 million acres are enrolled in CRP.

CRP continues to make major contributions to national efforts to improve water and air quality, prevent soil erosion by protecting the most sensitive areas including those prone to flash flooding and runoff. At the same time, CRP has helped increase populations of pheasants, quail, ducks, and other rare species, like the sage grouse, the lesser prairie chicken, and others. Highlights of CRP include:

- CRP has restored more than two million acres of wetlands and two million acres of riparian buffers;
- Each year, CRP keeps more than 600 million pounds of nitrogen and more than 100 million pounds of phosphorus from flowing into our nation's streams, rivers, and lakes.
- CRP provides \$1.8 billion annually to landowners—dollars that make their way into local economies, supporting small businesses and creating jobs; and
- CRP is the largest private lands carbon sequestration program in the country. By placing vulnerable cropland into conservation, CRP sequesters carbon in plants and soil, and reduces both fuel and fertilizer usage. In 2010, CRP resulted in carbon sequestration equal to taking almost 10 million cars off the road.

In 2011, USDA enrolled a record number of acres of private working lands in conservation programs, working with more than 500,000 farmers and ranchers to implement conservation practices that clean the air we breathe, filter the water we drink, and prevent soil erosion.

Identity theft, phony emails top IRS "Dirty Dozen" tax scams

DALLAS - The Internal Revenue Service has issued its annual "Dirty Dozen" reminding taxpayers to use caution during tax season to protect themselves against a wide range of schemes ranging from identity theft to return preparer fraud.

The Dirty Dozen listing, compiled by the IRS each year, lists a variety of common scams taxpayers can encounter at any point during the year. But many of these schemes peak during filing season as people prepare their tax returns.

"Illegal scams can lead to significant penalties and interest and possible criminal prosecution," said Clay Sanford, an IRS spokesman in Dallas. "The IRS Criminal Investigation Division works closely with the Department of Justice to shutdown scams and prosecute the criminals behind them."

Topping this year's list Dirty Dozen list is identity theft. In response to growing identity theft concerns, the IRS has embarked on a comprehensive strategy that is focused on preventing, detecting and resolving identity theft cases as soon as possible. In addition to the law-enforcement crackdown, the IRS has stepped up its internal reviews to spot false tax returns before tax refunds are issued as well as working to help victims of the identity theft refund schemes.

Identity theft cases are among the most complex ones the IRS handles, but the agency is committed to working with taxpayers who have become victims of identity theft.

"The IRS is increasingly seeing identity thieves looking for ways to use a legitimate taxpayer's identity and personal information to file a tax return and claim a fraudulent refund," Sanford added. "An IRS notice informing a taxpayer that more than one return was filed in the taxpayer's name or that the taxpayer received wages from an unknown employer may be the first tip off the individual receives that he or

she has been victimized."

The IRS has a robust screening process with measures in place to stop fraudulent returns. While the IRS is continuing to address tax-related identity theft aggressively, the agency is also seeing an increase in identity crimes, including more complex schemes. In 2011, the IRS protected more than \$1.4 billion of taxpayer funds from getting into the wrong hands due to identity theft.

In January, the IRS announced the results of a massive, national sweep cracking down on suspected identity theft perpetrators as part of a stepped-up effort against refund fraud and identity theft. Working with the Justice Department's Tax Division and local U.S. Attorneys' offices, the nationwide effort targeted 105 people in 23 states.

Sanford said anyone who believes his or her personal information has been stolen and used for tax purposes should immediately contact the IRS Identity Protection Specialized Unit. For more information, visit the special identity theft page at www.irs.gov/identitytheft.

Phishing is a scam typically carried out with the help of unsolicited email or a fake website that poses as a legitimate site to lure in potential victims and prompt them to provide valuable personal and financial information. Armed with this information, a criminal can commit identity theft or financial theft.

If you receive an unsolicited email that appears to be from either the IRS or an organization closely linked to the IRS, such as the Electronic Federal Tax Payment System (EFTPS), report it by sending it to phishing@irs.gov.

It is important to keep in mind the IRS does not initiate contact with taxpayers by email to request personal or financial information. This includes any type of electronic communication, such as text messages and social media channels. The IRS has information that can help you protect yourself from email scams.

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New "\$52.00 Fan Club" announced

The Texas Plains Trail Region (TPTR) is seeking dollars to help counties in the 52-county region fund projects such as website and brochure development, innovative heritage and educational programs, museum exhibits and building repairs, new event planning, city beautification projects, and other special needs.

A new initiative was announced by Executive Director Deborah Sue McDonald entitled the "\$52.00 Fan Club." "With your donation of \$52.00 (or more), we will be able to build a TPTR Grant Program to enable us to offer grants ranging from \$100 to \$1,000 to our communities," McDonald said. "We thank you immensely for your gra-

rious donation and willingness to help our region be a great place to visit and live."

The TPTR is a nonprofit organization committed to increasing heritage tourism to the 52-counties of the region governed by a 25-member Board of Directors. Carol Campbell is the Motley County representative, serving as secretary of the nonprofit group.

Checks for this grant program may be mailed to: Texas Plains Trail Region, P.O. Box 564, Vega, Texas 79092. For more information please contact Deborah Sue McDonald at 806-231-3479 or explainstrail@yahoo.com; or contact the Motley County board member, Carol Campbell, at 806-347-2221.

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**From the
Principal's Office
By Tim Hill**



This past six weeks our Character Counts pillar was "Fairness." There are several important lessons that we teach our children as they grow up. Being fair is a key pillar that will mold our students as they mature.

Students are taught from a very early age to play by the rules. We enjoy playing board games as a family and it is very challenging to teach a three-year-old to play by the rules.

Discipline and structure is vital to a successful classroom. All teachers have a set of classroom rules that they expect all students to follow. Athletics and games are also a great way to teach kids how to follow the rules. Fairness also involves the concept of taking turns and sharing. Brothers and sisters help make taking turns and sharing a little easier to teach at a young age.

We want our students to put others before themselves. Fairness also means taking responsibility for their actions and not blaming others for everything.

We want our students to be good listeners and open-minded about different ideas. God gave us two ears and one mouth for a reason.



Front row: Bubba Quilimaco, Brock Fowler, Sydnie McCoy, Paula Dean Gray. Middle row: Rebbac Santos, Mikenna Ford, Autumn Woolsey, Virginia Gutierrez. Back row: Braden Mason, Braden Pope, Ashley Allred, Michael Martin. Not pictured: Trace Osborn and Sam Ware

photo by Walter Taylor

**Karr-Stephenson
Engagement Announcement**



James and Cherri Karr, of Whitney, are pleased to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Kourtney Elizabeth Karr, to Brandon Lee Stephenson, son of Matt and Lori Stephenson of Roxton, TX.

Kourtney is the granddaughter of the late C.M. and Dan Barton of Matador and the late W.J. and Jeannie Karr of Seymour. Kourtney graduated in 2009 from Texas A&M University, receiving her bachelor's degree in Human Resource Development. She is currently employed as an Account Executive

with the Dallas Stars and a financial representative with Modern Woodmen Fraternal Financial. Brandon is the grandson of Pauline and the late Kenneth Hatanville of Roxton and Mary and the late Jimmy Stephenson of Been Wheeler, TX. Brandon received his bachelor's degree in History in 2008 from Texas A&M University-Commerce. He is currently employed by Farmers Insurance as a Claims Representative in Plano, Texas.

The couple will exchange vows in July, 2012, in Waco, TX.

**2012 CRP
Emergency Grazing
Ends February 28th**

Motley County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Amy Hackler, announced that the 2012 Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) emergency grazing deadline is February 28, 2012.

"Producers who took advantage of the emergency grazing provisions must remove all livestock from CRP acres by the February 28th deadline," said Hackler. "Producers must also provide ending

acreage and producer usage report certifications to the Motley County office as soon as possible," she said.

There will be a 25 percent CRP payment reduction for CRP acres used for grazing under these emergency provisions.

For more information about CRP emergency grazing, please contact the Motley County FSA office at 806-347-2263 or visit the web at: www.fsa.usda.gov/tx.

**Turkey Ag
Producer
Meeting**

Turkey Ag Producers will meet Tuesday, February 28, 2012 at the Bob Wills Center in Turkey, Texas. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. and a steak lunch will be served. Topics discussed will be Irrigation, cotton and cattle.

The program will feature Nich Kenney -Chemigation, Industry Reps-IPM in Cotton and Nematode Control, Mack Becton-Cat-

tle Minerals, Dusty Rich & Melissa Rotramel-Mineral and Vitamin Deficiencies in Cattle, Dr. Nithya Rajan- Tools to Aid Irrigation Efficiency and Josh Brooks -Laws and Regs.

Three CEU's will be given. Please RSVP to one of the following County Extension Offices: Hall-806-259-3015, Briscoe-806-823-2522 or Motley-806-347-2733.

"Your time is precious"



We are a busy people. Our time is something that is precious to us and we guard it jealously. That is to be respected. However there are times when we are asked to give of our time for the benefit of others and when we do it very noble. How about setting aside some time for yourself? That also can be worthwhile.

I want to ask you for some of your time. That is right! Give up some of your time during the week of March 23rd through the 27th. Why? Well we of the Matador Church of Christ would like to have you as our guest. Therefore, we have planned a time for a series of Bible based lessons, which will benefit all of us.

Your schedule is too hectic? You just couldn't make time for such a thing as ONE hour for four evenings? I can promise you that the Evangelist we have invited to come will present these lessons in such a way as not to waste any of your time. It just might prove to be the richest hour of your evening.

Would you give it some serious thought? I am speaking of just one hour for four evenings to enrich your life? One hour each evening designed to benefit you. Would you take advantage of opportunity? This is your invitation to come and be with us.

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NEWS AROUND MOTLEY COUNTY

Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

On a personal note . . .

I was reminded last week of my grandmother when I got the weather report from Buzz Thacker. Grandmother always had a calendar from the RxAll drug store hanging in the kitchen that she recorded the weather on each day. If the sand blew, which it usually did in the '50s or if it was cloudy, rain was duly noted. The amounts of rain and the temperatures, high and low were written down each day. It would be interesting to compare our weather with her calendar. She also wrote many letters that I wish had saved. I have at least one that I kept.

A correction to last week's news: Edith Daniell has two brothers who are preachers and they have been preaching 40 years or more.

I am writing the news early because I am going to be staying and taking care of my daughter who had hip surgery last Wednesday so I may not have all the news.

In the community . . .

Several in our community are ill with that difficult-to-get-over upper respiratory bug and bronchitis. Among those who are battling bronchitis are: Jo and Walter Trammell and Billie Stuckey. It seems that the

flu bug hasn't hit but this is just as hard to get over, maybe harder.

Rick Kellison will be the guest speaker at the Roaring Springs Lions Club monthly meeting at the Windmill Café on Thursday, March 1st at 11:30 a.m. Mr. Kellison is on the South Plains Advisory Board. He will speak about conserving water especially in agriculture use and irrigation. It seems we are hearing a lot about towns and cities having problems having enough water as well as the Ogallala Water Aquifer especially during this drought.

Kenneth Ashley came through his surgery on his leg okay. He is in a hospital in California near his children.

Lorine Jordan is doing pretty well, she is taking physical therapy. Her daughters, Patsy of Brownfield and Kay of Birmingham have visited recently with Lorine and Tom.

Mozelle Hand's nephew, Ronnie Tucker of Odessa visited her last week. Week before last, her cousins, Loretta Sossaman and Jan Irons of Paducah came and enjoyed a chicken and dumpling lunch with Mozelle. Today Cisco Sission of Dickens is visiting Mozelle. (I think her good meals encourage lots of company!)

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

Reminder of Whiteflat Reunion

The Whiteflat Reunion will be Saturday, April 7, 2012. It will be held at the Senior Citizens building in Matador with a covered dish luncheon. Make plans to renew friendships plus some good visiting!

Community News

Jerry Barclay visited in Lockney, Sunday with his mother Mrs. S.D. Barclay.

Chad and Cindy Calvert and son, Cade of Watertown, Massachusetts has been in Midland several days to be with his sister, Christi Withers, who is seriously ill. Cindy's parents, Kathy and Clois Shorter were in Midland, Tuesday to visit the families. Also in Midland at the bedside of Christi is her mother, Mrs. Wanda Calvert of Turkey.

Members of the Do Gooders' Club met Tuesday afternoon at the Community Center in Flomot to make more progress on the club quilt. Those attending were Mesdames Mary Jo Calvert, Tommie Jo Cruse, Anna Beth Clay, Connie Franks, Waydette Clay, Suzie Shannon and Erma Washington.

Mrs. Janice Hughes attended the graveside rites of Tommy Beck of Turkey Sunday afternoon held at the Turkey Cemetery. Visiting her during the week were Roger Hughes and son, Brody and Rickey Hughes of Floydada. Brooke Sehon, daughter

of Keri and Kevin Sehon of Wolfforth visited Friday and Saturday with her grandparents, Kathy and Clois Shorter. Her brother, Brian was in the Go-Cart races in Wichita Falls.

Everett Shorter visited Saturday afternoon with son and wife, Clois and Kathy Shorter, before returning to Lockney where he is having rehabilitation treatments. The medical staff calls him the "Energizer Bunny" he is such a good patient.

Arnold and Carolyn Johnson attended the funeral services of Virginia Nimmo held Saturday morning at the First Baptist Church in Matador.

Visiting Sunday with Ruth and Orville Lee was son, Joey Lee of Clarendon.

Mrs. Roger (Shonda) Lee was in Lubbock this week for medical tests. We are thankful she received a good report.

Mrs. Nada Starkey had a medical appointment in Plainview Friday. Her daughter, Mrs. Bessie Reid of Amarillo accompanied her there. Her husband, Clifton remained to be with Jack Starkey who is under Hospice Care.

Joe Ike Clay and wife, Anna Beth, enjoyed the Panhandle boy's basketball game vs. Clarendon Friday afternoon in Abernathy. Their grandson, Tanner Clay, played on the Panhandle team that won the game! They continued to Lubbock Friday night and were pleased the Valley boy's basketball team defeated New Home.

Connie and Coy Franks, her mother Mrs. Erma Washington visited the weekend in Idalou with Cory and Amy Franks, Hudson, Madison, Heston, Cary and Mary Franks. Joining them there to visit were Cara and Clint Cowart of Big Spring.

Matador News

Arlyce Manney recently returned after spending a week in Reno, Nevada visiting her sister and brother-in-law, Ar-delle and Richard Peterson.

They enjoyed visiting a museum, seeing other sites, a snowfall, and Arlyce and Ar-delle both enjoy reading and playing the slots.

Matador Ranch News

By Bob Kilmer

Growing Stronger during the Tough Times

We have seen the calendar year 2011 pass and opened a new calendar for 2012. I can honestly say that 2011 was the toughest year I have experienced. Yet it built the most character I have seen--not only in myself and our team here, but in our neighbors throughout the whole region.

We had the worst fire season in our history, the worst drought on record, the highest heat for the longest period of time recorded, and even tremors from an earthquake were felt here on the ranch! We lost over 60 miles of fence and in excess of 25,000 acres of grass to wildfires and had to sell off half of our cow herd. In all this, I feel we are truly blessed!

It is times like this that one steps back and realizes the power of our creator and realizes one's own mortality. We are approaching the anniversary of February 27th--the day that a wildfire swept through the ranch headquarters and burned about 20,000 acres on the ranch and a total of 40,000 acres in the county. For the next two days, we would be fighting fire.

As I stood in our shop at midnight--which was still smoking from catching on fire--and we were rigging up additional fire-fighting equipment, you could see the orange glow of fire completely surrounding the ranch. That fire had already gone through headquarters, forcing fire-fighters and employees to abandon their stations. As they retreated to the safe zones, they saw the headquarters completely vanished in a rolling ball of flames, smoke, and dust. In their minds it was gone. As I worked I was pondering how fragile life can be, but at the same time vowing not to give up.

I said earlier that we were blessed--we were and are--because no one was hurt and no homes were lost. The Matador Ranch homes and buildings only suffered minor damage. What more can one ask?

Through this past year as I reflect on our team, I saw each team member embody Koch's Guiding Principles. The events of 2011 demanded change, shared knowledge, teamwork, compassion, a willingness to help team members and neighbors, generosity as demonstrated by our company to community VFD's and EMS, but more than

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Weather Trivia

How was the ozone hole discovered?
Answer: The hole was first discovered by the Nimbus 7 polar orbiting satellite.

Weather History

March 1, 1910 - The deadliest avalanche of record in the United States thundered down the mountains near Wellington Station, Wash. It swept three huge locomotive train engines and some passenger cars over the side and into a canyon, claiming the lives of more than 100 people.

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Sunday A.M. Bible Class 10 a.m. "Old Paths For A New Generation."

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Tuesday Evening 7 p.m. - "Why Men Are Lost."

Wednesday Evening 7 p.m. - "Assurance In Christ."

We invite you to come be with us as a warm welcome is awaiting you. Please come and join us in this Spring Event.

Refreshments following each evening service.



Library Journal
by Carla Meador Librarian

I have neglected to announce that we have tax forms available at the Library. I apologize! Each week, as I begin to write this column, the intentions of letting you know about the forms is on my mind, and yet, somehow, each week, I have left that information out! So, if you need tax forms, we have them! Again, I apologize for not telling you sooner!

What a busy week of checking out books and DVDs! All the new items listed last week brought many patrons in everyday to browse through the selections. I think we had a record week for check outs! This is absolutely wonderful for our Library! We appreciate our patrons and are so pleased that you take advantage of the great things the Library has to offer! It's great that you understand the important roll the Motley County Library plays in this county and the area. Thank you for your support!

We have received several renewals for dues for the Friends of the Library. Thank you! If you have forgotten to get your dues in, you may do so by dropping by the Library or mailing to P.O. Box 557, Matador, TX, 79244. If you are not a member of this awesome organization, we invite you to join the fun! The support from the Friends of the Library is a big part of what keeps our Library in operation and we truly appreciate all the work they do! For more information, please do not hesitate to give me a call, 347-2717.

We have more new titles to add to our shelves this week including *A Corpse in the Koryo* by James Church, *Storm Season* by William Hauptman, *Custer's Brother's Horse* by Edwin Shrake,

The Children's Blizzard by David Laskin, *Homer's Place* by Harlan G. Koch, *The Old Iron Road* by David Haward Bain, *Lies Across America* by James W. Loewen, *Edenville Owls* by Robert B. Parker and, placed in the Library in memory of Thomas Hurt, *Chevy Classics 1955, 1956, 1957* by Anthony Young.

We also have several new DVD's to add to our shelves including *We Were Soldiers, War of the Arrows, Seven Alone, Heroes of the Old West, Comanche Moon, White Fang, Where the Red Fern Grows, The Old Man and the Sea, The International, Mystic Pizza, Charlie Wilson's War, Puss In Boots, The Three Diablos, and The Way.*

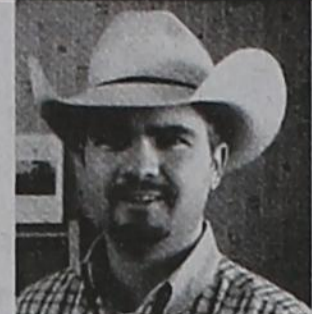
No one correctly identified the last quote which appeared two weeks ago. The correct title was *Gulliver's Travels*. This week's quote comes from yet another classic. Let me know if you think you know the title by calling 347-2717 or email: motley-countylibrary@hotmail.com.

"The crowd fell apart, now, and the Sheriff came through, ostentatiously leading Potter by the arm. The poor fellow's face was haggard, and his eyes showed the fear that was upon him. When he stood before the murdered man, he shook as with a palsy, and he put his face in his hands and burst into tears."

Don't forget to give me a call if you know the book this quote comes from. You might win a prize!

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

County Agent's News



by Ryan Martin, AgriLIFE EXTENSION Agent

Wildfire preparedness meeting scheduled in Andrews

ANDREWS, Texas - Andrews County residents interested in learning how to protect themselves from wildfire are invited to a wildfire preparedness workshop next month.

The meeting is set for 7 p.m. Thursday, March 8, at the Andrews Business and Technology Center, 201 Northwest Avenue D, Andrews, Texas.

Representatives from the City of Andrews, Andrews Volunteer Fire Department, Texas Forest Service, and National Weather Service will be on hand to talk about the upcoming 2012 fire season and what residents can do to protect their home, property, and family from the devastation of wildfire.

Residents will be introduced to the Ready, Set, Go! wildfire action plan. The plan provides checklists for families to work through with each other so there is a clear understanding of what to do when a fire breaks out.

Local officials also will talk to residents about current wildfire mitigation efforts, such as clearing hazardous vegetation from city property in a proactive effort to reduce wildfire risk for the community.

"The City of Andrews asked Texas Forest Service for recommendations on ways they can protect their community from wildfire in 2012," said Texas Forest Service Wildland Urban Interface Specialist Patrick Allen, "After completing a community assessment with city officials, we have developed several recommendations that will be presented during the meeting."

More than 80 percent of wildfires in Texas occur within 2 miles of a community. The wildfire statistics from 2011 are staggering. Almost 4 million acres burned, destroying 3,017 homes, while almost 40,000 homes directly threatened by wildfire were saved through the efforts of local, state and federal fire resources.

"Last year was an eye-opening experience for many Texas residents," Allen said. "Our goal is to empower residents with the appropriate tools and knowledge to take a proactive approach to upcoming wildfire seasons."

For more information, visit www.texasfirestorm.org and www.texasfirewise.org.

Meeting Details:
What: Wildfire Preparedness Seminar
When: Thursday, March 8 at 7 p.m.
Where: Andrews Business and Technology Center, 201 Northwest Avenue D, Andrews.

Contacts:
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Be selective when choosing herd bulls for cattle operation
WACO - Beef producers don't want to miss out on profit potential when it comes to selection and performance of breeding bulls, according to a Texas AgriLife Extension Service beef cattle specialist.

Dr. Jason Cleere, AgriLife Extension beef cattle specialist in College Station, provided management tips for breeding bulls at the 50th Blackland Income Growth Conference in Waco.

Structural soundness is an important characteristic when choosing a breeding bull, Cleere said, because a bull takes on a lot of stress servicing a herd of cycling cows. If a bull with poor physiological traits is chosen, "that bull will only last a couple of years instead of five years," Cleere said.

Fertility testing replacement bulls is another recommendation.

"Examining testicles for size and shape - this stuff comes down to a veterinarian and the breeder sorting out the bulls that do not meet these specifications," he said.

Cleere told the audience that breeding-soundness evaluation will involve a veterinarian evaluating bulls for scrotal circumference and semen evaluation.

"Also, every year you should get your bull evaluated before turnout," Cleere advised. "If you have a single herd sire, you could wind up with no calves (by not having a test performed)."

Cleere said it's also possible that a herd with two bulls could have a dominant sire that is knocking off the younger bull from breeding resulting in a lower pregnancy rate.

One herd involved in the AgriLife Extension Beef Partnership in Education Program had a 10-year-average pregnancy rate of 70 percent. Proper fertility testing of the herd bulls and culling of those that failed resulted in an 81 percent pregnancy rate this past fall, Cleere said.

A good, general rule of thumb is to have one bull to every 25 or 30 cows, Cleere said.

Dr. Floron "Buddy" Faries, AgriLife Extension state veterinarian, provided health management tips for cattle producers at the conference. He discussed common mistakes, such as using only a portion of a medicine bottle and refrigerating what is left.

"Discard any unused portions," he said. "You will get vaccination failure. The remaining contents in the bottle will deteriorate and cause a tissue reaction because you are using decayed, deteriorating vaccine."

Faries said it is critical that producers completely read the labels and other instructions enclosed in packaging.

"If I put a fresh bottle of LA 200 in the refrigerator, it's no good," he said. "Why? It says on the label to store at room temperature. You can cause a reaction in the tissue if it's used on the animal. You also need to make sure that no light gets to it or it will diminish its effectiveness."

Faries discussed injection-site blemishes on beef cattle. He stressed that producers should not administer anywhere in the rear portion of the animal since that is where the highest value cuts are located.

Instead, Faries said move to the front shoulder region of the animal for either intramuscular or subcutaneous injections. The injection should be under the skin as this area will be trimmed out when harvested.

"Also, move over 2 inches before giving another vaccination," he added.

Faries said this will prevent cross-contaminating vaccines and potential tissue reaction. He also advised to use one needle when drawing medicine from the bottle and to change needles every 10 animals.

Beef program helping producers 'PEP' up their bottom line
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Helping a beef producer become more profitable and identifying methods to make an operation more efficient are just two goals associated with a program offered by the Texas AgriLife Extension Service, according to organizers.

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"Our goal with the Beef PEP program is to improve profitability and lower the cost of production," said Dr. Tom Hairgrove, AgriLife Extension animal health specialist and program coordinator. "A producer in this program gets a complete examination of their operation and comes away with several methods to help improve their bottom line."

Dr. Tom Hairgrove, Texas AgriLife Extension Service animal health specialist, coordinates the Beef Partnership in Extension Program, also known as Beef PEP, offered by the Texas AgriLife Extension Service.

AgriLife Extension specialists assist program participants with a variety of expertise. Specialists in the areas of forage, economics and animal health work with different producers in Texas. Representatives from Texas A&M University's College of Veterinary Medicine also assist in the program, while Pfizer Animal Health continues to sponsor activities with products and consultation.

AgriLife Extension specialists have one-on-one meetings with the producers, evaluating all aspects of an operation from finances, forage systems, and herd selection and breeding programs. From those meetings, a broad-view plan is developed for the rancher and specialists work in consultation for several months during the year.

"The bottom line of the Beef PEP project is to benefit Texas beef cow-calf producers," said Dr. Steve Wikse, who started the program and is now a retired professor of veterinary medicine at Texas A&M. "It helps them have sustainable operations. Even greater, the program helps build on the economic impact of Texas beef cattle operations."

The first Beef PEP program had six study herds, Wikse said, successfully add-

ing more than 100 pounds of weight gain on marketed calves.

"We gave each of those ranches scores on a scale of one to five," Wikse said. "During this initial start of the program, drought conditions prevailed, but 80 percent of added gain came as a result of new methods implemented upon the advice of our consultation."

In 2011, of the four herds involved in the Beef PEP program, the average herd size is 200 head. One of the first evaluations was finances of the herds, said Dr. Stan Bevers, AgriLife Extension economist in Vernon.

"The main thing producers need to realize is how important records are," Bevers said. "It can be as simple as pen and paper, or putting financial information into an Excel spreadsheet."

Bevers runs the data collected from the herds through the Standardized Performance Analysis software system. It generates specific production data showing a producer how much each cow is generating in sales and profit.

"Once you go through the records and start looking through each category, you come away seeing that costs are always higher than what you thought they were," he said.

Bevers said an easy way to see how much costs are impacting a rancher's bottom line is to take the Schedule F filed with a federal income tax return, taking expenses and divide that by the number of cows you have.

"Beef PEP allows us to come in and take a real-life situation in a county and bring in a professional with expertise related to specific areas, such as forage production," said Mark Currie, AgriLife Extension agent in Polk County. "The program is also advantageous to us because we can take what we learn from it and apply it to other programs within Extension."

Dr. Glenn Rogers, Pfizer senior manager for beef veterinary operations, said the program benefits everyone involved.

"We consider Beef PEP a program that can have a big impact on livestock health and the state of Texas," he said. "Instead of focusing on just one disease, it allows us to showcase our whole portfolio of (livestock) health products."

Pfizer has been a Beef PEP sponsor for more than 10 years and has been an active participant in the study herds, Hairgrove said.

For more information about the program, contact Hairgrove at 979-458-3216 or email TBHairgrove@ag.tamu.edu.

Obituaries

Virginia Moore Nimmo

Church Services for Virginia Moore Nimmo, 81, of Matador were held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday February 25, 2012, at the First Baptist Church in Matador with Pastor Patrick Adair officiating. Interment at East Mound Cemetery was under the direction of Zapata Funeral Home of Matador.

Virginia was born on March 11, 1930, to Tom and Etta Moore in Northfield, Texas. She passed from this life on February 21, 2012, in Plainview, Texas.

She married Calvin Nimmo on February 5, 1948, in Childress, Texas. Virginia was a homemaker and a stock farmer. She was a lifelong resident of

Motley County.

She is survived by her husband Calvin Nimmo; two daughters, Kelly Prater and husband Wyman of Canadian, Texas, and Dixie Johnson and husband Darrel of Silverton, Texas; one son, Jon Nimmo and wife D'Ann of Wills Point, Texas; six grandsons: Mr. and Mrs. John Paul Nimmo; Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Nimmo; Mr. and Mrs. Michael Nimmo; and Heath Prater, Ory Johnson, Shawn Johnson; and one great grandchild, Charli Nimmo.

In lieu of flowers the family asked that donations be made to the First Baptist Church of Matador.

Blake "Bud" Barton

Blake "Bud" Barton, 89, passed away Sunday, February 26, 2012, at United Medical Center in Lubbock, Texas. He was born on October 6, 1922, in Matador, Texas, to John Bryson and Josephine Beatrice Martin Barton.

Bud is survived by three children; one son Steve Barton of Matador, Texas, and two daughters Ann McFall of Adrian, Texas, and Chris Bar-

ton of Rotan, Texas. He was also blessed with and is survived by seven grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren.

Graveside services for Bud Barton were held Wednesday, February 29, 2012, at 2:00 p.m. at the East Mound Cemetery in Matador, Texas, with Johnny Morris officiating under the direction of Zapata Funeral Home in Matador, Texas.



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EVENTS CALENDAR

March

- 3 Men's breakfast, 7:00a.m. Methodist Church in Matador
- 5 Motley County Arts and Crafts Club, Motley County Senior Citizen Center in Matador from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm.
- 6 Matador Lions
- 7 Kids Praise
- 8 Roaring Springs Lions
- 8 Matador City Council
- 8 Matador Chapter of the Eastern Star, Floydada, Meal at 6:30pm, meeting at 7:30 pm
- 10 Cecil White & John Walker "Remembering The Masters" Chet Atkins & Floyd Cramer. An Evening of Instrumental Magic. Gem Theatre, Turkey, Texas, 7:00 PM
- 12 Commissioners' Court
- 12 Roaring Springs City Council
- 13 The Roaring Springs Community Volunteers 5:30 p.m. at the Windmill Café.

THE CITY OF ROARING SPRINGS is now accepting bids for the sale of the old American La France Pumper Fire Truck and the Old International Water Truck. Bids may be mailed to the City of Roaring Springs, PO Box 247, Roaring Springs, Texas 79256 or brought to City Hall during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. until 12 noon. You may contact City Hall at 806-348-7231 or come by City Hall for specifications. Bids must be in City Hall by noon, March 12, 2012. The City has the right to refuse any or all bids. ct10

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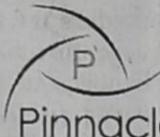
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- [3] Hundreds of businesses will fail. Unemployment will spiral upward.
- [4] Americans will panic. There will be a run on the banks. Hundreds of banks will collapse. Banks will be forced to close their doors. DO NOT BE CAUGHT WITH NO CASH ON HAND.
- [5] Mass famine will overspread America.
- [6] Civil War will break out in the U.S. Blood will run in the streets.

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