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Commissioners' Court meets in regular session

By Carol Campbell
Motley County Tribune

The Motley County Commissioner's Court met January 9, 2012, in regular session, covering a 12-item agenda including two speakers in open forum.

Attending were Commissioners Franklin Jameson, Roy Gene Stephens, Donnie Turner, and Russell Alexander with County Judge Jim Meador presiding. Also in attendance were District and County Clerk Kate Hurt, County Attorney Tom Edwards, and Sheriff Chris Spence. Susan Jameson and D'anna Russell registered to speak in Open Forum.

Deputy Clerk D'anna Russell addressed the court concerning language used in the a story in the *Motley County Tribune* regarding the Commissioners' Court meeting on December 12, 2011. Susan Jameson read the following statement: "I would like to speak concerning the false allegations about our land 25 miles north on FM 94 and the proposed 4.3 million dollar construction planned by TXDOT.

"Never was a secret meeting held between the landowners and TXDOT and never was a decision made in our home, concerning this project or the project's outcome. Franklin did not illegally meet with any person concerning the TXDOT project.

"If there is to be action taken on an agenda item, the agenda should describe or reflect sufficient information so the average person would know and understand what action is to be take or voted on, then they have opportunity to respond.

"Everyone has a right to their political view and choice of vote, but do not create harm to our citizens and our county government for the purpose of political favor. I believe that this has been the purpose of all the false allegations and gossip. If all citizens would go back to the basic principle of "Do unto others as you would have others do unto you," what a wonderful world we could live in.

"We as citizens of Motley County are blessed with a conservative and honest Commissioner Court and we should be appreciative of the diverse and combined experience they bring to our local county government."

In the first order of business, Judge Meador asked the Clerk to read a copy of a letter to Congressman Mac Thornberry's office from the U.S. Department of Justice regarding the "disposition of explosives" that caused a grass fire in Motley County on May 10, 2011. Judge Meador wrote a letter to Congressman Thornberry to intervene in the county's behalf to seek relief for damaged county vehicles.

According to Assistant Director Gregory Gant, Public and Governmental Affairs, for the U.S. Department of Justice, "ATF offered to compensate Motley County to the extent legally allowed under the United States Code," he wrote. The claim for property damages and for the costs of the fire fighting

services provided on that date were evaluated under the Federal Tort Claims Act (FTCA), and the 31 U.S. Code statute 3724, a statute that allows payment for damages incurred as a result of a law enforcement operation. ATF was originally billed for \$2,425.00 for fire fighting costs and property damages. ATF offered to pay \$825.00 for property damages and the county was given 90-days to accept this compensation. This time frame has now expired, Judge Meador said. ATF advised Motley County that any further claims would have to be filed as a civil action law suit in a district court.

Commissioner Russell Alexander said that trash dumping on County Roads, particularly on CR 231 in Roaring Springs, is at an all-time high. "I'd like for people to be aware of fines imposed for illegal dumping," he said. County Attorney Tom Edwards said according to the Health and Safety Code, illegal dumping is a Class C Misdemeanor, and could be more depending on the type of material dumped. "If a refrigerator is dumped, it has Freon (a toxic chemical), and the penalties are larger," he said.

The court voted unanimously to temporarily lift the Burn Ban, following a report by Judge Meador that according to the State Liaison officer, a burn ban lift would be appropriate for a short time. "I also talked to Fire Chief Lee Jones," he said. "He said this would be the month to do it, but it would need to be re-evaluated in February."

The final action concerned the county Travel Reimbursement Rate. Currently, the county has a .45 cent-a-mile rate while the state approved rate is 55.5 cents-a-mile. Judge Meador made the recommendation to increase the county rate to 55.5 cents-a-mile. The measure passed with Donnie Turner and Russell Alexander casting dissenting votes.

Commissioner Franklin Jameson provided the court with an update on the SPS transmission lines proposed for Motley County. According to Commissioner Jameson, the route from the Floyd County line through Motley County would add about 33 miles of transmission lines, and has been agreed upon "from one end to the other."

"I would like to commend Todd Boykin (an attorney from Amarillo), Tom and Brent Hamilton, and Susan Jameson for their work with landowners," he said, "They met with clients in the northern part of our county as well as Hall and Cottle counties," Jameson said. Commissioner Roy Gene Stephens said "praises should go to Susan Jameson who worked to try and help this county." County Attorney Tom Edwards said, "Without the dogged determination of Susan Jameson, we would not be where we are now." Susan Jameson responded modestly, "It took everybody," she said, "so many landowners were unselfish. People volunteered, coming together for a common cause."

Motley County FFA Chapter attended the Greenbelt District FFA Banquet



Members of the Motley County FFA Chapter attended the Greenbelt District FFA Banquet on Monday December 5th in Childress. These members participated in the Greenhand Chapter Conducting Contest at the district and area level. They finished first in District and 6th in Area competition. Receiving their first place district banner were, pictured (L-R) Meagan Ford, Cassidy Turner, Catherine Ward, Seth Baxter, Caleb Clary, Michael Martin, Shelby Elliott.

photo by Jim Cooper

Motley County drought in 2011

By Earlene Jameson
Motley County Tribune

The 2011 drought shaped up to be the driest year on record for Motley County. Farmers lost the weather battle with extremely hot and dry conditions. Fire Departments were kept busy with grass fires with thousands of acres lost in Motley County. Many ranchers had to sell herds of cattle due to lack of grazing, supplies of hay and feed prices being expensive.

Residents relished the patchy blanket of snow covering the ground Christmas day. However, the last day of December a cold front brought in gusty winds and a sandstorm!

We thank the National Weather Service Volunteers of Motley County for the monthly and total year and moisture reports for 2011:

Buzz Thacker, Roaring Springs, December 1.58, 2011 total 8.58 inches; Ronnie Bailey, Matador, December 1.20, 2011 total 7.83 inches; Betty Simpson, Northfield, December 1.12, 2011 total 8.91 inches; Lawrence Allen, Whiteflat, December 1.16, 2011 total 6.41 inches; and Clois Shorter, Flomot, December 1.34, 2011 total 7.77 inches.

The Roaring Springs Lions Club meets

By Corky Marshall,
Motley County Tribune

The Roaring Springs Lions Club met January 5th at the Windmill Café for our monthly meeting. Twelve members and three guests were present and enjoyed a good meal together.

Our Vice President, Tommie Jo Cruse opened the meeting in the absence of Boss Lion, Floyd Carter.

Program Chairman, Wes Campbell introduced our guest speaker, Brett Marble, manager of the Whirlwind wind farm in Floyd and Briscoe Counties who brought us up to date on the wind energy business in this area. He presented a lot of interesting facts about the day to day operations and answered many questions; he brought a better understanding of Wind Energy Companies. Brett Marble is the operations manager for the Whirlwind Project which is a part of Renewable Energy Systems Americas, Inc.

Other guests were Barbara Bogart of Cap Rock Telephone, Tina Brooks of Red Ball Gin Co. The Roaring Springs Lions Club gave away



Cindy Foster of Roaring Springs was the happy winner. The ring was donated by Thacker Jewelry.

the \$4300.00 diamond ring bags of food from the Food we had sold raffle tickets on Bank to area families who for about six months. The Lions helped to distribute 26 needed them.

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By Laverne Zabielski

Thank you for all the informative *Letters to the Editor* regarding the proposed work on FM 94. Clearly there are many opinions being expressed which indicate the need for a public forum to be called during which all citizens would have an opportunity to express their concerns. It appears that the "need to know" generates controversy. This is what a community newspaper values. Dialogue. And these are the freedoms on which our country thrives.

There are many citizens and readers who do not participate in local coffees, yet want to be informed. It takes courage to express one's views in open forums, to write opinions and submit them for publication, to run for civic offices, to be a reporter.

We want to publish those letters and opinions. And if you speak in open forum and want your remarks published we encourage you to submit them to us by email. However, there are three things we must remember. 1. Never intimidate, with words or by action, those with whom you disagree. 2. We are all in this together. 3. Always write with love in your heart.

The "not-in-my-backyard" concern is always difficult. I think about it every time I drive across country. So far, it appears that we have heard from mostly landowners. We would also like to hear from non-landowners.

OPINION EDITORIAL

As I write, the sky is overcast, and we're finally getting some badly-needed rain as the New Year approaches.

We've been suffering from the worst drought since 1789, and last summer was the hottest in U.S. history. More than 40 Texans in Dallas and Houston died of heat-related causes and we saw water levels in every reservoir in the state dip to less than 60% full. We also experienced the worst wildfires in Texas' history, which destroyed thousands of homes and nearly wiped out the Lost Pines of Bastrop State Park.

It's probably no accident we're seeing these climate catastrophes. Even the Texas State Climatologist, an appointee of Gov. Rick Perry, agrees, estimating that the heat was, at least in part, driven by global warming. But maddeningly, Gov. Perry won't even listen to his own climate scientist. Instead, he's playing to big campaign contributors in the fossil fuel industry and claiming global warming is a "hoax." Meanwhile, his appointees at the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality were busy scrubbing a report about Galveston Bay of any mention of climate change.

Make no mistake - we have enormous environmental challenges ahead and, to put it mildly, a less-than-favorable political environment. But despite these facts, I remain optimistic. We're making progress, step by step, and helping build a movement that will one day take giant

leaps.

Consider this summer's announcement by San Antonio Mayor Julian Castro that CPS Energy will retire the polluting Deely coal-fired power plant in 2018 (twelve years ahead of schedule) and replace it with clean energy, including a major purchase of solar power. This was a hard-fought victory for which Environment Texas and allied groups across the state worked more than a decade.

And that was just one of many accomplishments. In 2011, Environment Texas staff kept busy, securing critical victories to protect our air, land and water. Together with our allies across the state, we won:

Permanent protection for the Christmas Mountains of Big Bend; The nation's first law requiring the disclosure of chemicals involved in fracking; Energy efficiency standards in Houston that will require new homes to achieve greater efficiency than the state minimum; Adoption by EPA of the Cross-State Air Pollution and Mercury and Air Toxics rules, which will save thousands of lives in Texas every year; Reforms to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, including an increase in the maximum penalty for pollution violations from \$10,000 a day to \$25,000 a day.

None of these victories would have been possible without your support. Here's to a greener, cleaner 2012.

Luke Metzger
Environment Texas Director

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Until Next December

The lights have all been taken down,
The wreath is off the door;
The presents all are being used,
And the fruit cake is no more.

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With the baby Jesus dear;
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In our hearts all through the year.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I am responding to Mike Hackler's letter to the paper. The letter was not accurate and is an attempt to damage Franklin's name for political reasons. For weeks now, some of the things being said have not been correct and most of the readers and residents know this. To enjoy and get pleasure from these untruthful attacks, disappoints me, as it does others who know the truth. Mike, you don't know what a honest, hard working and sincere man you have attacked and slandered, attempting to damage both his name and integrity. Franklin has been an elected official for 23 years and he has had several opponents throughout the years; and they never printed such false allegations in the paper. Does that tell you anything? Maybe you should re-think your sources. We have many, many good people in Motley County who know what Franklin has always stood for, honesty and to do what was right for all the people of the county. Perhaps if energy could be used to build up a community and not tear down, then most people would feel better about themselves and others. Franklin will not and has not ever been the kind of person to run an ugly campaign.

TXDOT did nothing wrong by calling me as one of the landowners and asking to come to my house to show maps of their proposal across our land of ten plus acres. I consider that being courteous. Franklin came in from feeding cattle while the employees were at my home, showing me the maps. Nothing was decided on or threatened and as far as I know, I can have anyone in my home anytime if I want to, just as you can also. We are the landowners! The TXDOT employees were courteous as we were also, and they went on their way. Mike Hackler

or Tom Edwards, how would you feel about the street being rebuilt in your front yard or in your back-yard for no explainable reason? Would you see a need for this? Would you want to hear what TXDOT had planned for your yard? Then, consider ten acres that you use for grazing and watering cattle or sheep. Do the taxpayers really need the expense of buying our land during these economic times, just to straighten the road so travelers can go 70 miles a hour through the country? Anyone that knows FM 94, knows that there will be wrecks from hitting deer and cattle in the future, if 70 mile a hour signs go up, and much of the time, I have personally seen the results of these kinds of wrecks. The comment was made, that by us not being in favor of this, it would harm other landowners that live within the city limits of Matador, Texas; twenty something miles away is far-fetched, nor would it hinder economical development. We own the land on both sides of the highway proposal and as I stated before, we are glad we have use and personally had access to this highway for 50 plus years. This is a Farm to Market road to be used by farmers and ranchers, not a commercial route.

Now, as to the insinuation that the Commissioner Court acted wrongfully, this too is an inaccurate statement; fueled by coffee drinkers gossip, for political reasons also. Again, use your time and energy for something good and not to cause heartache for others. The agenda did not contain information nor state that a resolution would be adopted during Commissioner Court and it would have been questionable to have put this resolution into adoption. The agenda only stated "TXDOT/FM 94." TXDOT should have put more information on the agenda as to what their purpose was, if it was to be voted

on, then local people could have addressed their concerns or their favor of. Did TXDOT explain their intention and was there a discussion on this proposal in Commissioners' Court? Yes. Did Rodney Murray mention that TXDOT had been to our home? Yes, he did. Did Franklin? Yes, he did. Was the Motley County Attorney present during this discussion? YES; so if something was not being done according to the Open Meetings Law, then why did the County Attorney Tom Edwards, who is supposed to advise the court, not speak up and advise the Commissioners' Court?

While Mike Hackler and Tom Edwards letters were being printed, Franklin and I were in Austin working for a solution to some of our county's financial problems by entering into evidence an Agreed Landowners Proposed Easement Route for a 345kV transmission line which would benefit the local

landowners and increase the county tax base by millions. Tom and Brent Hamilton were also in Austin at their own expense in order to achieve this feat. We believe this will go through and that we were successful. For the record, all of our expenses have been paid by Franklin himself for these many trips and stays in Austin and the many trips to other cities for consultation with non-resident landowners. More work and expenses than most people can imagine, has been completed to accomplish this task. The landowners who were involved in trying to benefit and make a difference for Motley County, the Motley County ISD, and the local Motley County Hospital District are trying to make a positive difference for all. Thank goodness for the landowners participation and support.

Thank you for your consideration and for providing opportunity to print my letter
Susan Jameson

Dear Motley County
Residents:

We know that many of you have been following the proceedings pending at the Public Utility Commission of Texas as it relates to routing of a 345 kV line from the Tuco substation near Abernathy, Texas, to the Woodward station near Woodward, Oklahoma.

On January 4, 2012, we, along with Franklin and Susan Jameson, appeared at the routing hearing in Austin. At the hearing, landowners and Southwestern Public Service announced a settlement which locates a portion of the line in Motley County. The routing settlement, if approved by the Public Utility Commission, will result in the construction of approximately 33 miles of power lines in Motley County. The resulting effect will be an increase in the county tax base

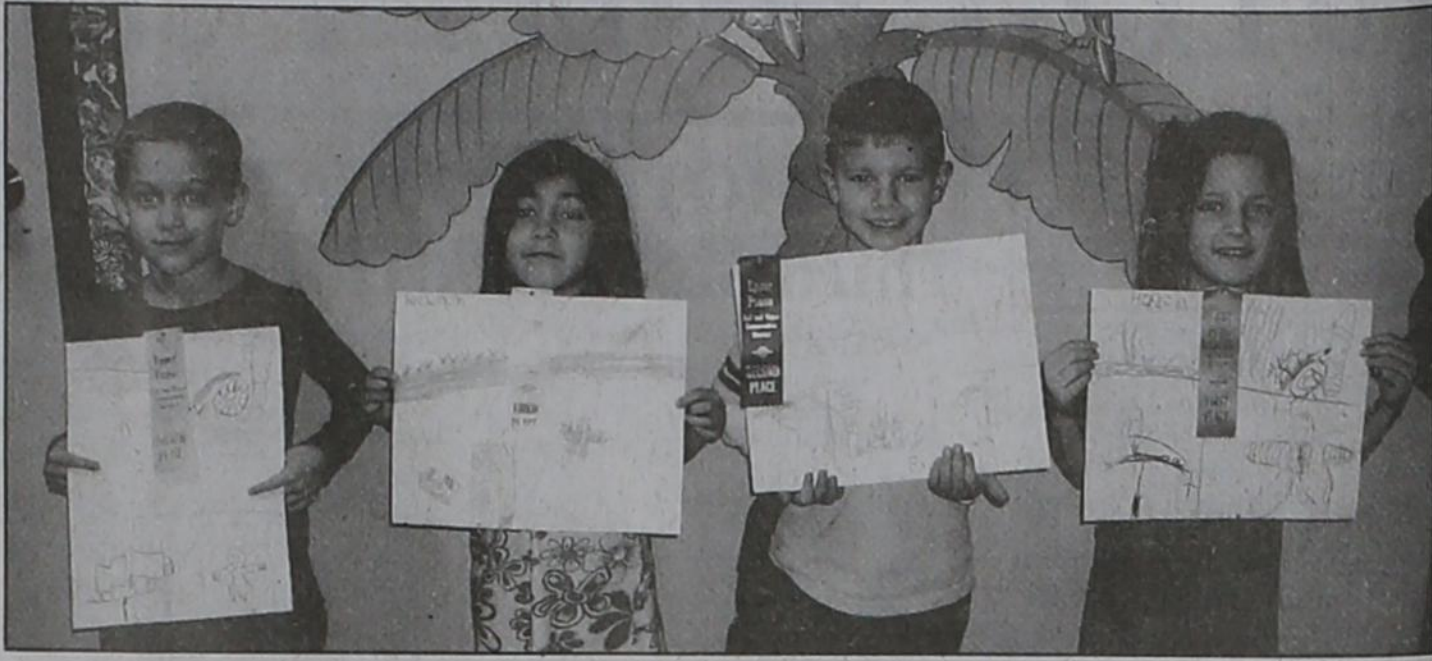
and economic activity.

The proposed landowner settlement route will be presented to the Public Utility Commission for final approval at a date to be determined by the Commission. We express our thanks to the landowners and other participants in the process. We express a special thanks to Franklin and Susan Jameson who were instrumental in obtaining a settlement route which brought this infrastructure through Motley County.

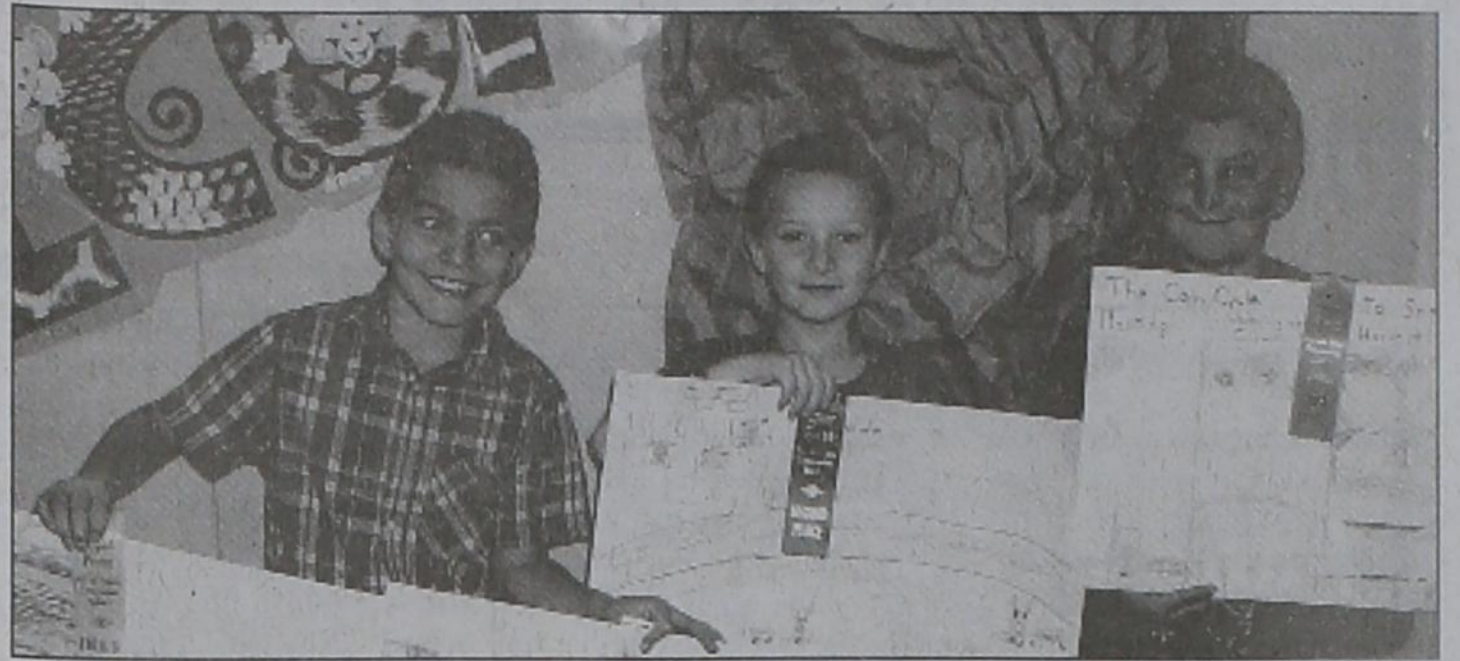
A copy of the settlement route map will be posted at the Motley County Library for review by the public as soon as it is received from Southwestern Public Service.

Tom Hamilton
Brent Hamilton
Attorneys at Law,
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Hamilton, L.L.P.

Upper Pease SWCD annual conservation poster contest winners



Kindergarten: 1st place – Haven Hill, 2nd place – Bryer Davis; 3rd place – Neveah Martin; 4th place – Jason Richards



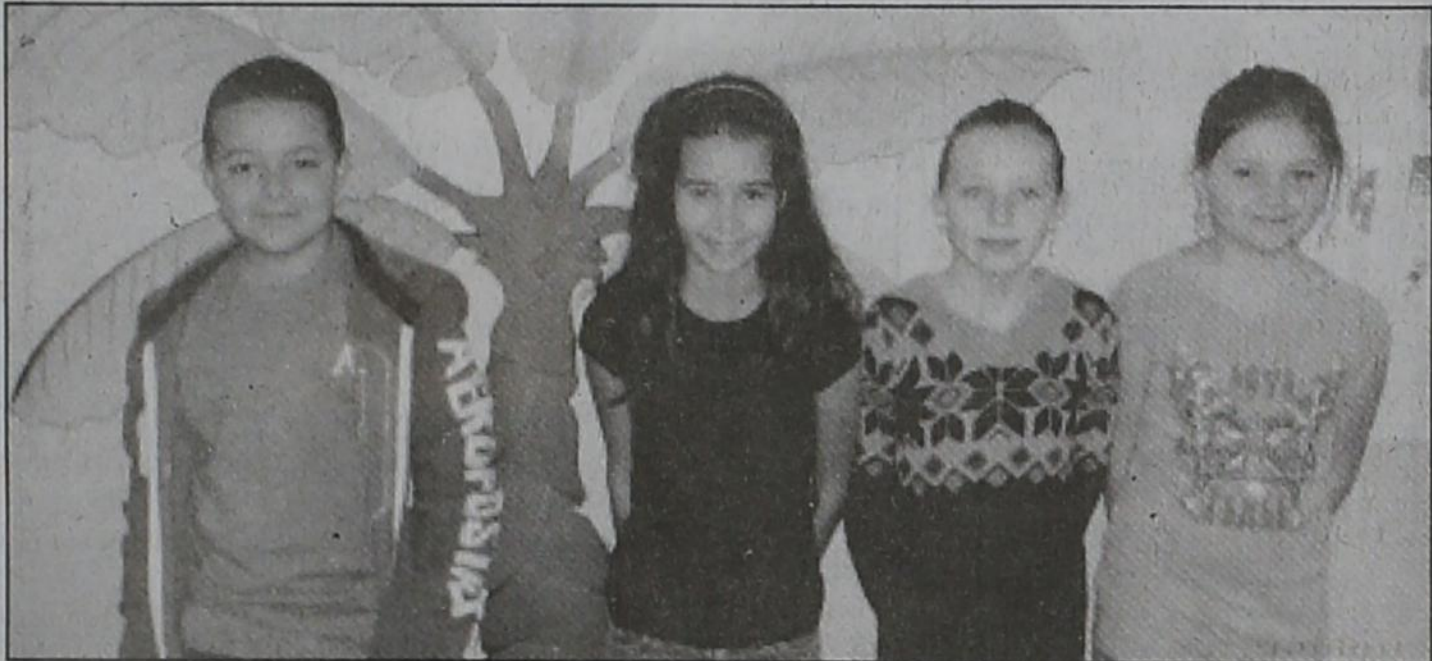
2nd Grade : 1st place – Andrew Stafford; 2nd place – Kyler Barton; 3rd place – Tyne Marshall (not pictured); 4th place – Braxton Salazar



3rd Grade: 1st place – Nathan Garland; 2nd place – Isabella Quillimaco; 3rd place – Kenzie Clary; 4th place – Keygen Woolsey



5th Grade : 1st place – Tucker Barton; 2nd place – Rebecca Santos; 3rd place – Jonathon Flores; 4th place – Ethan Mason



4th Grade: 1st place – Zowie Barton; 2nd place – Emma Hackler; 3rd place – Autumn Perryman; 4th place – Jay Talamantez;

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

Responsibility is a very important pillar of character that is essential for our children to learn. The following are keys to responsibility:

- *Do what you are supposed to do.
- *Persevere: keep on trying!
- *Always do your best.
- *Use self-control; be self-disciplined.
- *Think before you act. Consider the consequences.
- *Be accountable for your choices.

their teachers this six weeks all represent the character of responsibility.

Pictured below: Pre-K-Taylor Green

Kinder, Haven Hill; 1st, Reece Marshall; 2nd, Tyne Marshall; 3rd, Case Drum; 4th, Autumn Perryman; 5th, Cameron Stafford and on back row: 6th, Dode Gleghorn; 7th, Bradley Allred, 8th, Mattie Brooks; 9th, Caleb Clary; 10th, Coby Cochran; 11th, Jeffrey Reyes; 12th, Christian Brooks

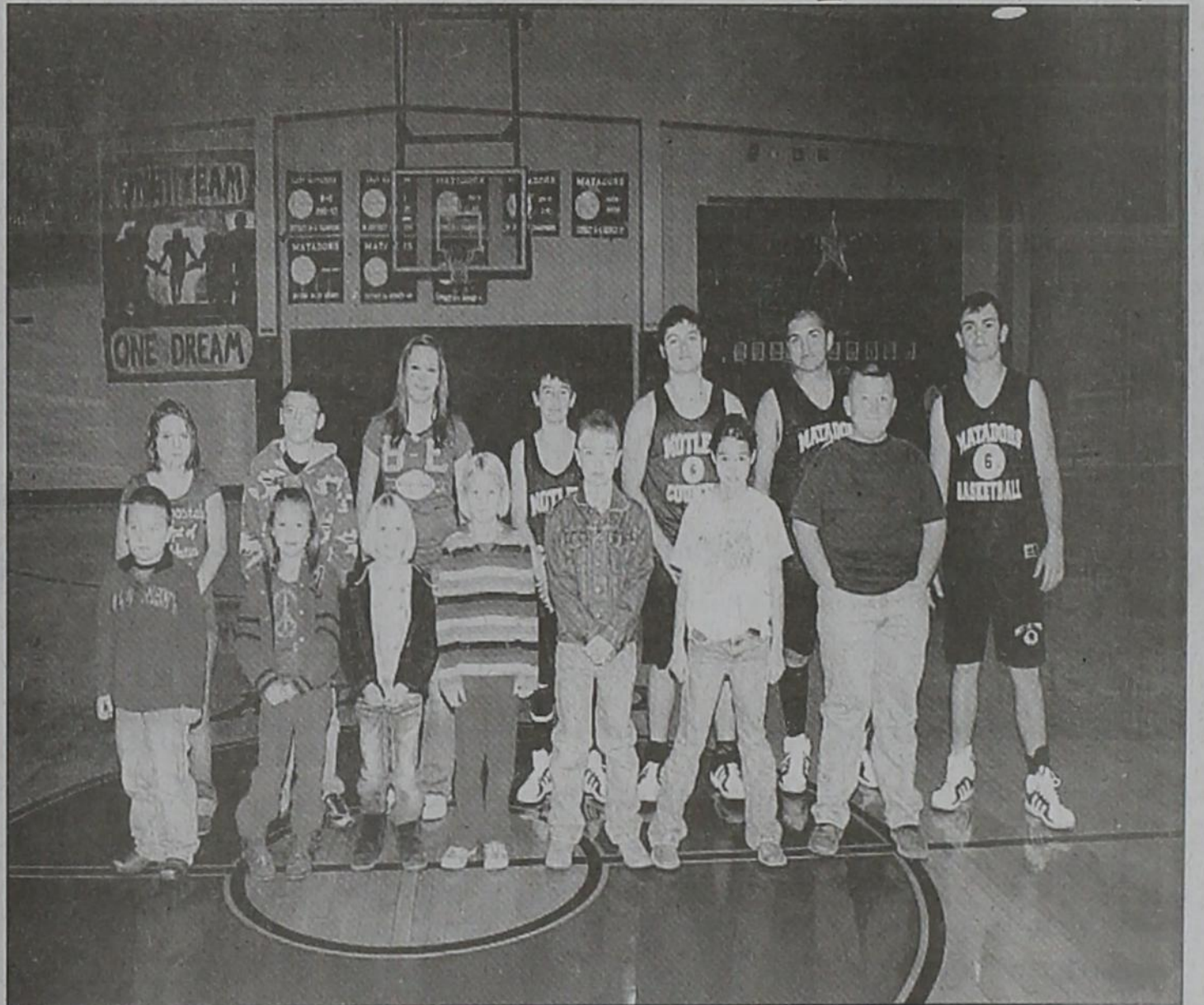
The students chosen by

First-sixth grades classes go on field trip



The 1st - 6th grades classes went on an AR (accelerated reader) field trip to the Jump N Jungle in Lubbock Friday, January 6th. All the students that met their individualized AR goal had the opportunity to enjoy a fun day playing on 8 inflatable jump houses, obstacle courses and ultimate basketball challenge. The Jump N Jungle emphasis physical fitness objectives that are required for elementary PE classes. The kids worked very hard to meet their goals and had a great time on their field trip.

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Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

On a personal note

I have a correction to Pearl Patten's address: Her address is 6548 43rd Street; Apt. 2116; Lubbock 79407. Her phone number is 806-317-1625. Corky went to visit Pearl last week. She was out of pocket and he didn't get to talk with her. He talked to her by phone later in the evening. She seemed to be doing well.

Little Dixie is quite a rowdy little dog. She is coming along nicely on potty training. I believe she is a very smart little pup. Loveable but full of energy and naughty when awake, she can find more things to get into; her attention span is short and one thing doesn't entertain her very long. We need to get trained and realize she is very nosy and very skilled at figuring out a way to get to what she wants. Dixie received two more doggie baby gifts. Ken and Suzanne Abbott gave us a 'how to book' on raising dachshunds; Laura Long brought her by some squeaky toys. I haven't had time to look at the book yet. I hope it has lots of tips for training us! I'm afraid that some furnishings will

be destroyed especially the area rug in the kitchen and the electric cords. I would hate for her to electrocute herself. I am glad we have a cage we can put her in occasionally for our peace of mind and her safety. Her gums must hurt very much for her to try to chew on everything. She has been given old shoes for chewing and lots of homemade toys, balls, etc. to occupy her.

Thank you for making Dixie's transition to a new home easier. It has been fun hearing all the tips and the doggie gifts were appreciated.

In the community

Margie Payne is doing well at home. She enjoys short visits. Her granddaughter, Amy Bearden, comes every morning to check on her, fix her breakfast and do needed household tasks.

Billie Stuckey was taken by ambulance on Wednesday evening to the Heart Hospital in Lubbock. A stint was needed to relieve a blockage. She returned home on Friday.

Donna Kennedy is out of the hospital after a bout with pneumonia. She goes back for a check-up today.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

Overheard

A woman walked into a lawyer's office and asked for a divorce. The lawyer asked, "Do you have grounds?" "Yes," she replied, "a little over two acres." "No, No!" the lawyer said, "Do you have a grudge?" "Why, Yes" she said, "We have a two car grudge." "You don't understand," said the lawyer. "Does he beat you up?" "Are you kidding?" she said. "He never gets up before noon." "Look!" the lawyer asked, "Why do you want a divorce?" "Because he claims I can't have an intelligent conversation, that's why!"

New Residents

We welcome Mrs. Cody (Mandy) Barclay and sons, Lane and Ashton to Flomot this week who moved from Borger. Lane and Ashton will attend Valley Schools. They are renting the former Geneva Martin home. Cody will continue to work in Borger and be with his family on the weekends.

Community News

Mrs. Judy Cox of Cypress accompanied home her father, Everett Shorter Monday who had visited in Dallas with his sister, Mrs. Elsie Beard. Before returning home on Wednesday, she visited brother and wife, Clois and

Kathy Shorter and their holiday guests.

Mrs. Leigh Blakemore of Fortuna, California visited during the holidays with her aunt, Mrs. Erma Washington and family. Erma and Mrs. Connie Franks accompanied her to Lubbock Airport Tuesday for her return trip home.

Visiting during the week with Janice and Butch Hughes were Roger Hughes and Brody and Rickey Hughes and Kason of Floydada. Visiting them Saturday were Mrs. Jean Cooper and grandson, Clay Cooper of Matador.

Ruth and Orville Lee were in Lubbock, Monday for him a medical appointment.

Mrs. B. Rogers was a guest of Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse in Turkey New Year's Eve.

Mrs. Marilee Cooper of Borger visited Friday and Saturday with her father, Wilburn Martin.

Visiting Jerry and Sandra Barclay during New Year holidays were sons and families, Mr. and Mrs. Lance Barclay, Kayla and Colton of Meadow, Mr. and Mrs. Cody Barclay, Ashton and Lane of Borger and Mr. and Mrs. Ty Barclay, Tylee, Trent and Trevor of Matador.

Anna Beth and Joe Ike Clay enjoyed basketball tournament in Lockney Saturday. Their granddaughter, Ryleigh Carson of Turkey played on Valley team.

Friendship Social at Do Gooders' Club

The Do Gooders' Club met Tuesday afternoon, January 2, 2012, at the Community Center in Flomot. They began the New Year with a Friendship Social.

Mrs. Waydette Clay presided at the business meeting. Mrs. Anna Beth Clay read the minutes and gave a very informative financial report of 2011 that was approved. They postponed electing officers of

club for 2012 due to the many members being unable to attend.

They had refreshments of coffee, apple punch and Chex Mix. They then looked at quilt patterns for 2012 club quilt and enjoyed visiting.

Those attending were Mesdames Suzie Shannon, Anna Beth Clay, Waydette Clay, Tommie Jo Cruse, Cora Johnson and Mary Jo Calvert.

MOTLEY COUNTY

Third Six weeks Honor Roll

First Grade "A" Kyler Beshirs Brock Fowler Reese Marshall Brogan Rankin "AB" Tylee Barclay Ryder Gass Joe Daniel Guerrero Jaden Martinez Journi Salazar Trinity Ward	Tucker Barton Kyler Degan Logan Jones Alycia Silva
Second Grade "A" Tyne Marshall Jace Martin Wyatt Perryman Jackson Rains Jacob Richards Demitric Sims Andrew Stafford "AB" Harley Davis Kason Davis Trace Osborn Ashton Quilimaco	Sixth "AB" Cade Drum Brody Rankin
Third "A" Case Drum Prescott Falcon Kylee Jones Colton Martin "AB" Gabriel Rivera Kade Wampler Krys'ta Guerrero Joley Braly Kenzie Clary Isabella Quilimaco Keygen Woolsey	Seventh "AB" Chloe Gleghorn Thalia Mendoza Leighan Talamantez
Fourth "A" Emma Cagle Emily Jameson Autumn Perryman Nellie Shannon Emma Hackler "AB" Zowie Barton Cambrie Marshall Dereck Fisk Chris Flores Memorie Gray Tatum Guerrero Nathan Richards Sam Ware	Eighth "A" Natalie Jameson "AB" Duncan Aumiller Mattie Brooks Thalia Quilimaco Tate Richards Avery Wright
Fifth "A" Jonathan Flores Rivers Marshall Cameron Stafford Carley Turner "AB" Ethan Mason Manuel Almanza Jacie Taylor	Ninth "A" Meagan Ford Catherine Ward "AB" Cassidy Turner Michael Martin Shelby Elliott Seth Baxter
	Tenth "A" Coby Cochran "AB" Conner Mason Gabby Santos Jacob Woolsey
	Eleventh "A" Juan Flores "AB" Ashley Allred Jonah Meredith Sabra Pope Jeffery Reyes Britt Simpson Austin Taylor
	Twelfth "A" Danielle Gwinn Braden Brooks "AB" Christian Brooks Augy Chavez Keyan Kautz Alexis Osborn Jonathon Osborn Mark Quintero Aaron Rogers Nayo Santos Schyler Tomlinson

You are invited to attend
Geneva Wilson's
90th Birthday Celebration
Thursday, January 12, 2012
2 to 4 pm
Hotel Matador
No gifts please

Thank You

We would like to thank everyone for the food brought, flowers, comforting words and especially your prayers during the loss of our Husband, Dad, Grandpa and Friend. May you be blessed as you have blessed our families.

Dora Hurt

Tommy & Kate, Hurt & Families

Lee Hurt & Families

J.D. Hurt and Family

Susie Hurt

Brenda & Jim Jacobs & Families

Thank You

I would like to Thank Family and Friends who came to my Retirement Party. I have made many friends over the years and enjoyed helping each of you. Thanks for the flowers, cards, and many nice gifts you gave me. I will miss each one of you.

Pat Warren Binder

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"ADJUSTING TO LIFE'S CHANGES"



We can not fly an airplane from one city to another without making some adjustments to the base course. The reasons for this are varied and complex. Winds aloft and wind direction and air density all have to be factored into the course corrections.

In our life's journey, the same is true. We must make course adjustments as we are faced with each new challenge this life sets before us. Often we hold on to some old course with a death grip. And we sometimes maintain a course through fear of the new.

New experiences often are the challenges most difficult to deal with in our life. But like the airplane, a new course heading is sometimes what is needed.

The Apostle Paul helps us to make the necessary adjustments by telling us in Philippians 3: 13-14, "...But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal..." Paul gives to us an example of overcoming former perceptions, being unafraid to accept new challenges or course corrections and maintaining sight of the goal.

Jesus has promised that He would be with us. Therefore we have the grandest Pilot to supervise the course corrections and a God who has declared, "Never will I leave you: never will I forsake you." (Hebrews 13: 5).

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This Week's Local Forecast

Thursday Mostly Sunny 41/22	Friday Sunny 52/25	Saturday Mostly Sunny 53/25	Sunday Sunny 55/28	Monday Partly Cloudy 53/29	Tuesday Mostly Sunny 50/24	Wednesday Sunny 48/21

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Library Journal
by Carla Meador Librarian

First of all I would like to extend a most sincere thanks to Mrs. Martha Farris of Floydada for her very generous donation to our Library. Mrs. Farris is one of our most loyal supporters and we very much appreciate her continued support of the Motley County Library. Donations such as this contribute so much to the operation of our wonderful little Library. Thank you, Mrs. Farris!

Here we are – already in the second week of 2012 and the Library is still ringing in the New Year with a celebration of new books and DVDs. We have received more wonderful new titles to add to the new books listed in last week's column and to our already great selection of reading material.

Covert Warriors by W.E.B. Griffin and William E. Butterworth IV, is a Presidential Agent Novel filled with Griffin's trademark rich characters and cutting-edge drama. This is another exceptional novel in an exceptional series.

Down the Darkest Road by Tami Hoag, is a suspense filled mystery, proving this #1 *New York Times* bestselling author to be one of the world's most beloved storytellers.

Sleepwalker by Karen Robards is a thrilling contemporary romantic suspense novel featuring an electric attraction between a cop and a thief.

Death Benefit by Robin Cook, is an exciting medical thriller.

New Audio books include *Great Classic Mysteries* with twelve unabridged tales by Edgar Allan Poe, Charles Dickens, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, Israel Zaingwill, and other great storytellers. This classic mystery collection includes *The Purloined Letter*, *Cheating the Gallows*, *Hunted Down*, *The York Mystery*, *The Detective Director* and seven more mysterious stories.

Great Classic Stories, 22 unabridged classics by F. Scott Fitzgerald, Guy de Maupassant, Katherine Mansfield and other great authors. A treasure-chest of the written and spoken word, this collec-

tion is read by brilliant actors. Stories include *The Sphinx Without a Secret*, *The Garden of Truth*, *The Cat That Walked by Himself*, *The Girl From Arles*, *Ship to Tarshish* and 17 other wonderful stories.

Great Classic Stories, 10 unabridged classics, includes stories by Stephen Crane, Ambrose Bierce, Jack London and Mark Twain, such as *The One-Million Pound Bank Note* by Mark Twain, *The Blue Hotel* by Stephen Crane, *The Eyes of the Panther*, by Ambrose Bierce and *The Love of Life* by Jack London, as well as six other stories by these treasured authors.

New DVDs include *Super 8*, *Mr. Popper's Penguins*, *127 Hours*, and *The King's Speech*.

I would like to thank Sheila Lefevre for her donation of paperbacks, and to Cynthia Stafford and her dad for his donation of several wonderful books. Also, to Caron Perkins for her donation of the audio book version of *The Help*. We appreciate your donations.

I apologize that I have not had the room to include one of our contest quotes lately. By popular request, I will try to make room for them. I'm so glad to hear that you are enjoying this little game. This week's quote comes from another classic.

"It was on a dreary night of November that I beheld the accomplishment of my toils. With an anxiety that almost amounted to agony, I collected the instruments of life around me, that I might infuse a spark of being into the lifeless thing that lay at my feet. . . I saw the dull yellow eye of the creature open; it breathed hard, and a convulsive motion agitated its limbs."

Remember, if you think you know the book the quote comes from, give me a call at the Library, 347-2717, and let me know. You might be a prize winner!

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

County Agent's News



by Ryan Martin, AgriLIFE EXTENSION Agent

Western Rolling Plains Chemical Conference

January 16, 2012. Spur Community Center
8:30 a.m. Registration & Hospitality

9:00 a.m. Wheat, Forage, Fertility Update Calvin Trostle, Texas AgriLife Experiment Station, Agronomist, Lubbock, TX

10:00 a.m. Cotton and Disease Update, Jason Woodward, Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Cotton Pathologist, Lubbock, TX

11:00 a.m. Production of Residue Free Cotton, Mark Kelly, Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Cotton Specialist, Lubbock, TX

12:00 Noon Catered Lunch
1:00 p.m. Pesticide Free Marketing Strategies, Stan Bevers, Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Extension Economist, Vernon, TX

2:00 p.m. Laws & Regulations, Kevin Brendle, CEA-Ag, Dickens County

3:00 p.m. Adjourn and Distribute CEU certificates

Grain elevator workshop scheduled for Jan. 26 in Amarillo

AMARILLO – The Texas High Plains Grain Elevator Workshop will be Jan. 26 at the Ashmore Inn and Suites, 2301 Interstate 40 East, Exit 72-A, in Amarillo, according to a Texas AgriLife Extension Service specialist.

The meeting is set for 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., said Dr. Ed Bynum, AgriLife Extension entomologist in Amarillo. A registration fee of \$40 may be paid in advance or at the door.

Early registration is requested by Jan. 20. Checks and a registration form should be mailed to Ronda Fisher, Texas AgriLife Extension Service, 6500 Amarillo Blvd. W., Amarillo, Texas 79106. Make checks payable to: Tri-State Chapter of GEAPS.

For a registration form, go to: <http://amarillo.tamu.edu/facultystaff/ed-bynum/upcoming-events/>.

Program topics and speakers include:

- Update of Grain Storage, Safety and Fumigation, Carol Jones, Oklahoma State University agricultural engineering, Stillwater, Okla.
- Static Storage Fumigation, Dick Bigler, Amarillo.
- Review of Environmental Protection Agency Worker Protection Standards and Requirements, Glen Walkup, Compli-

ance Plus, Amarillo.

- Laws and Regulations, Licensing and Record Keeping, Casey Summers, Texas Department of Agriculture inspector, Lubbock.
- Weed Control, T.V. Smith, DuPont vegetative specialist, Allen.
- Dust Management, Lonnie Glen, Kice Industries, Wichita, Kan.
- OSHA representative.

Continuing education units by the Texas Department of Agriculture for commercial, non-commercial and private applicator licensees are pending at this time, Bynum said.

This program is jointly sponsored by AgriLife Extension and the Tri-State Chapter of Grain Elevator and Processing Society. For more information, contact Bynum, 806-677-5600, or Eric Kelley, president of the Tri-State Chapter, at 806-622-1639.

High Plains Irrigation Conference set for Jan. 19 in Amarillo

AMARILLO – The annual High Plains Irrigation Conference and Trade Show hosted by the Texas AgriLife Extension Service will be held Jan. 19 in the Regency Room of the Amarillo Civic Center, 401 S. Buchanan St., Amarillo. The program will run from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The program this year, which is jointly sponsored by AgriLife Extension and the Texas Agricultural Irrigation Association, addresses a wide variety of topics, said Nich Kenny, AgriLife Extension irrigation specialist. The registration fee will be \$30, payable at the door only, and includes lunch.

Topics and speakers are:

- Information on John Deere Water, Keith Patterson, John Deere Water senior technical services manager, Memphis.
- AquaSpy: Capacitance probe irrigation scheduling, David Sloane, AquaSpy agronomist, St. Louis, Mo.
- Crop Metrics variable rate irrigation, Kevin Abts, vice president of sales and marketing, North Bend, Neb.
- Technologies in center pivot irrigation, Farris Hightower, Lindsay Corporation regional manager, Lubbock.
- Long- and short-term weather insights, Dr. David Brown, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Fort Worth.
- Tillage effects on water use, Rick Koehenower, Oklahoma

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Sheriff's Desk by Chris Spence

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to Animals, 1; CPS Cases, 2.

ARRESTS: Misdemeanor, 0; Felony, 1.

PAPER SERVED: District Court, 1; County Court, 0; JP Court, 1; Out of County Court Papers, 0; Bailiff for Court, 1.

TRAFFIC: Traffic Citations, 31; Traffic Warnings, 25; Funeral escorts, 2;

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State University, Goodwell, Okla.

- Texas Alliance on Water Conservation Lockney project, Dr. Justin Weinheimer, Texas Tech University, Lubbock.
- North Plains Groundwater Conservation District "200-12 Reduced Irrigation on Corn Demonstration," Harold Grall, Moore County producer.
- Economics of irrigation systems, Dr. Steve Amosson,

AgriLife Extension, Amarillo.

- Efficient Profitable Irrigation in Corn or EPIC Project, Kenny.
- Drought tolerant corn research, Dr. Brent Bean, AgriLife Extension agronomist, Amarillo.

Five Irrigation Association certified irrigation designer and five certified crop advisor continuing education units will be offered for conference attendees, he said.

FSA News

By Amy Hackler

Emergency Grazing – CRP, this deadline has been extended until February 28, 2012. If still interested in signing up, please come into the office.

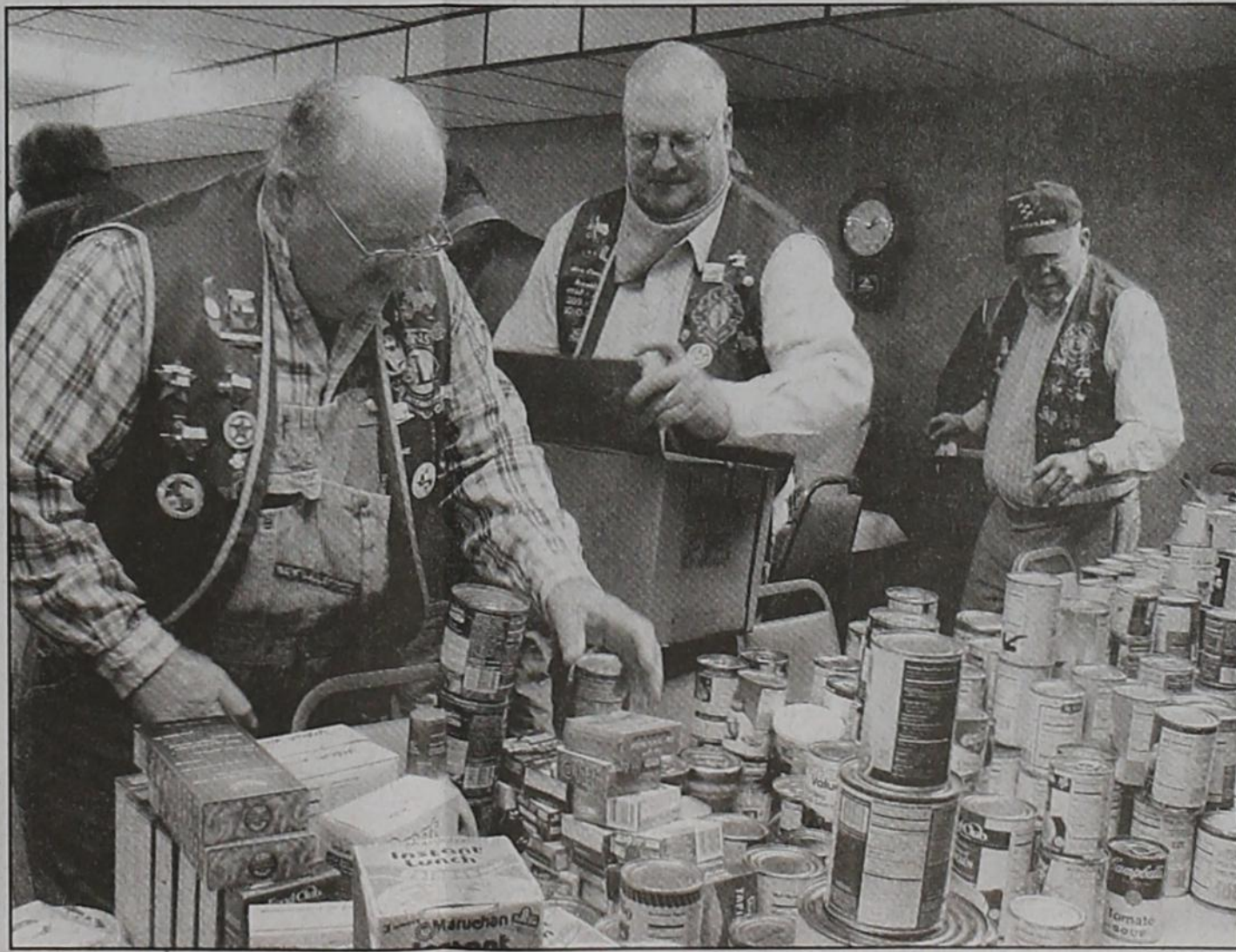
DGP signup will begin after January 23, 2012. Please schedule an appointment to sign up.

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- 11 Hospital Bd meets in the back of the ambulance barn, 7am
- 12 Matador City Council
- 12 Matador Chapter of the Eastern Star, Floydada, Meal at 6:30pm, meeting at 7:30 pm
- 17 Matador Lions
- 19 Matador Masonic Lodge, 6:30 pm

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