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Motley County ISD School Board meets

The Motley County ISD Board of Trustees met in a regular scheduled meeting on Monday, April 1, 2013 at 7:30. All board members were present. Also present were William Cochran, Gary Waitman, Denise Ford, and Tim Ward. Prior to the regular meeting, a budget workshop was held at 6:30 for the board members.

During the budget workshop, Denise Ford gave a power point presentation over the preliminary budget for the 2013-2014 school year. At this time, the district is waiting on results from a tax appeal that would give approximately \$62,000 back to the district. Also, revenue from the state and federal governments will be unclear until later this spring or early summer. The district administration was hopeful that a balanced budget would be presented to the board at the end of August.

During the regular meeting, Tim Ward was present to discuss an athletic insurance claim that was denied. Discussion included why the claim was denied, the process of how claims are filed, and how that process might be improved in the future. The board also discussed the possibility of conferring with school attorneys at a future meeting concerning the matter. No action was taken.

Action items consisted of a motion by Tina Brooks and seconded by Lewis Drum to approve the list of expenditures. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

A motion by Lewis Drum, seconded by Rachelle Davis to approve book donations from the Motley County Parent Club. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

A motion by Tina Brooks, seconded by Lee Jones to ap-

prove membership in the Carl Perkins shared Service Arrangement. The motion carried by unanimous vote. This coop consists of eleven school districts that receive money from the federal government for career and technology.

A motion by Lewis Drum, seconded by Crawford Mason to approve Update 96. The motion carried by unanimous vote. These updates are prepared by TASB. They keep board policy up to date when new laws go into effect.

A motion by Rachell Davis, seconded by Lee Jones to approve the 2013-2014 electronic textbook transmission form. The motion carried by unanimous vote. This is the means by which the district orders textbooks and has to be board approved each year.

A motion by Lee Jones, seconded by Crawford Mason to approve resolution that the Texas Junior High Rodeo Association be sanctioned as an extracurricular activity. The motion carried by unanimous vote. This would be a resolution similar to how the district sanctions 4-H as an extracurricular activity.

A motion by Tina Brooks, seconded by Lee Jones to approve getting bids on a new school bus. The motion was carried by unanimous vote. The bus that will be replaced is the one that now operates on the Flomot route. There was also discussion about the possibility of moving the current activity bus to this route and then purchasing a new activity bus.

The board also voted to approve cancellation of the May 11 school board election because the only ones to register for the three regular terms were the three incumbents who were Don Baxter, Craw-

ford Mason, and Lee Jones. Brian Marshall was the only candidate to sign up for the one year unexpired term.

A motion by Tina Brooks, seconded by Crawford Mason to approve paying employees for accumulated sick days at retirement. The motion carried by unanimous vote. In order for an employee to be eligible for this, they would have to be employed by the district for at least 10 years and it would have to be a voluntary retirement. The district would pay for up to 30 days for accumulated sick days at a rate of \$75 dollars a day.

The board went into executive session to go over certified teacher contracts. After coming out of executive session, Lewis Drum made a motion to offer contracts to all certified teachers for the 2013-2014 school year and it was seconded by Rachelle Davis. The motion carried 6-0.

In the principal's report, Mr. Waitman reported that the enrollment was 186 and the attendance was 97.75%. He also gave an update on the A+ and C-Scope programs. He explained how the programs were being used by the teachers and to what extent they were being used.

In the superintendent's report Mr. Cochran gave a report on the cost of adding two intercoms and also on what the process would be if the board chooses to implement policy for teachers to carry concealed hand guns. He gave an update on regional qualifiers. Coby Cochran has qualified for UIL academics in science and also qualified in tennis. He also gave the date for the spring school board work shop which is April 23rd at the Educational Service Center in Lubbock.

West Texas Boondockers race in Matador



Lining up for a 20 minute race are 4-6 year old competitors at the Boondockers race on Sunday, April 7, 2014. Dads wait anxiously behind the bikers to give needed encouragement and a push for a fast start. photo by Carol Campbell



Pictured is the Cody Bounds family at the Senior Citizens spaghetti supper on Saturday, April 6, 2013. Cody was the event organizer for the eighth annual Boondockers Matador Grand Prix. Pictured is Cody, holding his son, Gage, 4, and (L to R) are: Gavin Bounds, 9, Chelsea Bounds, and Cody's mother-in-law Diana Phillips. photo by Carol Campbell

Library to host Brown Bag Book Discussion

The Motley County Library will host a Brown Bag Book Discussion, Friday, April 12, at noon. The book to be discussed is *Until Tuesday* by Luis Carlos Montalvan.

Until Tuesday is the story of how two wounded warriors, who had given so much and suffered the consequences, found salvation in each other. It is a story about war and peace, injury and recovery, psychological wounds and spiritual restoration. But more than that, it is

a story about the love between a man and a dog, and how they healed each other's souls.

Motley County Librarian, Carla Meador, said, "If you have not read the book yet, you are still invited to participate. I'm sure after you hear this touching story, you will want to check out the book and see for yourself."

The Library has four copies available for check out. For more information call 347-2717.

Market Matador meeting scheduled

The Market Matador board will hold a meeting on April 18, 2013 at 4 pm. at city hall. Anyone interested in purchasing lots should contact a board member.

Anyone wishing to address the board may do so in open forum.

RS Community Volunteers Meet

The Roaring Springs Community Volunteers met April 2, 2013, at the RS Community Center. This year officers are as follows: President, Teresa Woolsey; Vice President, Kristi Ward; Secretary-Treasurer, Kim Woolsey.

The RSCV will be having a "Memorial Day Cookout" on Monday, May 27, 2013, after the memorial service in Roaring Springs. All Veterans will eat free. Details will be forth-

coming soon.

Planning for the 4th of July celebration is in full swing. Mark your calendars for the 4th of July in Roaring Springs, Texas. There will be games and fun for all ages along with some good food. Some things to look forward to are the cake walk, bingo, kid's games, parade, meal sponsored by the Roaring Springs Fire Department, homemade ice cream, music, a Small Town USA pag-

eant and vendors will be set up throughout the town of Roaring Springs.

If you are interested in setting up a booth please contact Kim Woolsey at 806-422-0194. Schedule of events and details will be coming soon.

A welcome is extended to all who would like to be a part of the RSVC. Meetings are scheduled for the 1st Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at the Roaring Springs Community Center.



Senior Citizens Site Committee members Raynita Murphy and Judy Renfro are pictured with Boondocker competitor Tom Higdon of Lubbock. photo by Carol Campbell

Foothill Country Connections

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



By Larry Vogt

Have you tried reasoning with a cat? It could be the subject of a bad joke. Like, "Reasoning with a (put your own word here, like "politician") would be like reasoning with a cat" or some such thing.

I had a good reason to try reasoning with our cat. She is now in outdoor hunting mode and will bring us all manner of bodies from the wild woods. When she brought a rodent of some kind this morning I figured it was a baby squirrel. I don't mind too much if she bags a mouse or vole or even a rabbit, which she can bring down, although it is almost bigger than she. However, this morning's trophy, after closer examination, was a flying squirrel, one of my favorite animals to observe in the woods.

The flying squirrel is a wonder to behold, up in the trees gliding effortlessly from one branch to another and then to the next tree. It really appears as if they are flying but they simply have a big flap of skin that

extends from their feet and when they glide the skin acts as a parachute of sorts.

So this is where the reasoning with the cat comes in. I take her aside and say, "mice, think mice, or a vole, or even a rabbit, (since they tend to eat garden treats like lettuce) but not, I repeat, not flying squirrels or birds."

To no avail, the cat will go after whatever catches her eye and try to bring it down. Sometimes reasoning just won't work. Also, the birds and the beasts of the wild sometimes act in an unreasonable way.

Most birds make their nests up in the trees away from harm and then a mockingbird or blue jay may come along a wreck the whole domestic bliss.

The bird is driven to try again and may bring some young ones into the world that will survive. There is a bird, called a killdeer that has just laid three eggs, pictured at right, in our driveway, right in the middle, created a slight depression in the gravel, and there they are, blending in so well they are hard to see. How reasonable is that? Eggs right in the middle of my driveway, I will remember to avoid them, but what about anybody who comes? "Good luck with that," I tell the bird. Well, it is spring, at last, and reasonable or unreasonable, life brings what it brings.



Boonedocker participant, Garrett Jameson is the son of Bradley Jameson and Krystal Degan of Matador, grandson of Leslie and Linda Jameson and great-grandson of Bob and Jimmie Jameson. photo by Leslie Jameson



Temperatures varied in March and scant moisture in Motley County

The snow blizzard in late February brought badly needed moisture, but Motley County is still in a drought as little moisture in March.

Motley County recorded high temperatures for the Ides of March reaching 90 degrees and then shaped up nicely with high temperatures in the low 70's. The peak wind gust was 46 mph with a strong cold front the week before Easter, so temperatures varied all month.

The snow helped dryland winter wheat and every breed of livestock is taking advantage of the grazing. Producers applying pre-plant fertilizer to cotton land and preparations for spring planting. Stock tank water is critical in some areas.

Motley County National Weather Service Volunteers registered the total rainfall of March 2013; Buzz Thacker, Roaring Springs 0.11; Ronnie Bailey, Matador 0.10; Betty Simpson, Northfield 0.04; Lawrence Allen, Whiteflat 0.0; and Clois Shorter, Flomot 0.15.

Letter to the Editor

We're All in This Together: TxDOT Observes "Go Orange Week" National Work Zone Awareness Week, April 15-19

Navigating construction can be difficult, not to mention risky for both drivers and workers.

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) manages more than 1,000 highway projects at any given time on 80,000 miles of Texas roads. To remember victims and increase safety awareness for workers and motorists, TxDOT will join the Federal Highway Administration and other transportation partners April 15-19 to observe the 14th annual National Work Zone Awareness Week.

TxDOT's 13-county Childress District is designating April 15-19 as "Go Orange Week." To raise awareness for work zone safety, we encourage schools, businesses, families and citizens to participate by choosing one day to wear orange to show support

for the men and women who work along our roadways. If you would like for your participation to be recognized, you can take a group picture and email it to Barbara.Seal@txdot.gov for posting on TxDOT's Facebook and Twitter pages. Our employees are your friends and neighbors, and we will greatly appreciate the community's show of support.

Work zones can be hazardous for both motorists and highway crews. In 2012, 134 people were killed in highway construction and maintenance zones in Texas, up from 118 the previous year. Since 1938, 271 TxDOT employees have lost their lives while performing their jobs in

work zones. More than four out of five, or 85 percent, of those killed in work zones are drivers or their passengers. Speeding and inattention are the most common causes cited. Rear-end collisions account for one in three crashes. The Childress District had 8 crashes in work zones with thankfully no fatalities in 2012.

Safety is TxDOT's first priority, and we urge drivers to make it theirs as well by remembering the following:

- Slow down and follow posted speed limits. Traffic fines are double in work zones.
- Pay attention. Workers are often close to traffic.
- Be patient. Delays

can be frustrating, but it only takes a few minutes to slow down in a work zone.

• Plan ahead. Leave early to reach your destination.

We're all in this together, so when you see orange on the side of the road, remember you're driving through someone's workplace.

Marty Smith, P.E.
District Engineer
Childress District, TxDOT
TxDOT's Abilene District plans, designs, builds, operates and maintains the state transportation system in Borden, Callahan, Fisher, Haskell, Howard, Jones, Kent, Mitchell, Nolan, Scurry, Shackelford, Stonewall and Taylor Counties.

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DON'T MESS WITH TEXAS® "CANpaign" gets new look, reminds drivers not to trash Texas roadways



Litter problem increasing with more than 1 billion pieces of trash collected annually

AUSTIN— You might think Don't mess with Texas® is just a saying, but it's way more. It's a call to action created by the Texas Department of Transportation 27 years ago to stop litterers in their tracks. Today, TxDOT announced the state's anti-

litter campaign is getting a makeover. With a new look, Don't mess with Texas® is designed to appeal to young adults between the ages of 16 and 34 who were not born when TxDOT first rolled out its now world-famous litter prevention program.

"Don't mess with Texas® is an iconic brand and campaign that we want people to be proud of and that helps

keep our state clean," said Ted Houghton, Chairman of the Texas Transportation Commission. "It's our shared responsibility to prevent littering and to pick up after ourselves when travelling around our great state."

"We want to remind all Texans and visitors that trash belongs in a trash can and not along our roadways," said Phil Wilson, TxDOT's ex-

ecutive director. "That's why trash barrels are playing a key role in the re-launch of Don't mess with Texas®, our state's most critical and successful anti-litter campaign."

An estimated 1.1 billion pieces of trash are tossed along more than 80,000 miles of state-maintained roadways. In an effort to reduce this growing volume of litter that includes fast-food packaging, cigarette butts, candy wrappers, small pieces of paper, plastic bags, and other items tossed from vehicles, TxDOT is taking Don't mess with Texas® back to its roots by resurrecting the iconic red, white, and blue trash barrels. In the coming months, the "CANpaign" will be visible to Texans everywhere as more than 300 of these barrels will appear across the state at travel information centers, popular tourist attractions, sports venues and other high-traffic locations to remind drivers to properly dispose of litter.

Texas is home to more than 25 million people, and an estimated 1,000 people move into the state every day who may not realize that littering is against state law. Litterers can be fined up to \$500 for the first offense. Repeat offenders can face fines of up to \$2,000 and 180 days in jail.

"Not only is it our responsibility to pick up our trash, but doing so reduces the amount TxDOT and taxpayers spend on litter prevention efforts," added Wilson. "In fact, our estimates show that these programs are saving TxDOT and taxpayers some \$4.7 million annually."

The Motley County Sheriff's Office is starting a News Article allowing citizens to ask generalized questions about laws and how the laws are interpreted and enforced. We will only accept generalized questions, so make sure that your questions do not involve: any specific person, a past or present case, or any questions that are asking for legal advice because we are not representing ourselves as attorneys. We are sure you've heard someone talking about the law and say something that you think isn't or couldn't be true, well, if you have a question you would like to ask, simply send your questions to P.O. Box 715, Matador, TX 79244 or E-mail your questions to mctribune@gmail.com.

The Sheriff's Office has picked the first question for this Article, so let's dig right in. Many times, when crime is afoot, someone will call the law (which is the right thing to do) and say they were robbed, when they were actually burglarized, or a victim of theft. Let's look at a few definitions involving Robbery, Burglary and Theft. These offenses are found in the Texas Penal Code.

Robbery - TX PC 29.02 - A person commits an offense if, in the course of committing theft and with intent to obtain or maintain control of the property, he intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly causes bodily injury to another; or intentionally or knowingly threatens or places another in fear of imminent bodily injury or death.

Burglary - TX PC 30.02 - A

person commits an offense if, without the effective consent of the owner, the person enters a habitation, or a building not then open to the public, with intent to commit a felony, theft, or an assault.

Theft - TX PC 31.03- A person commits an offense if he unlawfully appropriates property with intent to deprive the owner of property. Appropriation of property is unlawful if it is without the owner's effective consent or the property is stolen and the actor appropriates the property knowing it was stolen by another

So, what does all that mean? Let's dissect the offenses. Robbery is when someone tries to take something from you, and hurts you or threatens to hurt you. Burglary is when someone enters a home or building without the owner's permission with the intent to commit a felony offense, steal something, or assault someone. Theft is when someone takes property from another with the intent of depriving the lawful owner of that property without their permission, or someone has possession of property knowing it was already stolen by another person.

Law definitions have a fancy twang to them, don't they? They have to be written in such a way that when read, they leave no room for questions regarding that offense. As complicated as some laws may seem, it helps when you have someone explain them in good ol' English.

We at the Motley County Sheriff's Office look forward to answering your questions.

Motley County ISD track results

The Motley Co. track teams have been very busy the last several weeks. The Jr. High teams competed in meets at Jayton and Aspermont.

The High School teams competed in meets at Jayton, Silverton, and Knox City.

The results are:

Jr. High at Jayton; 3/20/13

Girls:
Leighan Talamantez---6th place---Shot Put
Autumn Woolsey---2nd place ---100m dash; 3rd place---300m hurdles
Boys:
Adrian Ramirez---3rd place---800m run
Cade Drum---6th place---800m run
Eli Marshall---5th place---mile run

800 relay---Adrian Ramirez, Wyatt Hackler, Mickey Clary, Brendan Fisk---3rd place
Mile relay---Adrian Ramirez, Wyatt Hackler, Mickey Clary, Brendan Fisk---5th place

3200m run--- Macie Marshall---2nd place
1600m run---Macie Marshall---2nd place
800m run--- Kaylee Woolsey---3rd place
Mile Relay---Brielle Collett, Mattie Brooks, Shelby Elliott, Beverly Reyes---5th place
Boys:
Shot Put--- Austin Taylor---3rd place
100m dash--- Bryant Taylor---5th place
800m relay---Bryant Taylor, Conner Mason, Caleb Clary, Austin Taylor---5th place
400m dash---Austin Taylor---5th place

Jr. High at Aspermont, 3/25/13

Girls:
High Jump---Autumn Woolsey---5th place
100m dash---Autumn Woolsey---2nd place
300m Hurdles---Autumn Woolsey---1st place
Boys:
800m run---Adrian Ramirez---2nd place
Cade Drum---6th place
800m Relay---Adrian Ramirez, Wyatt Hackler, Mickey Clary, Brendan Fisk---4th place

400m dash---Austin Taylor---5th place
300m hurdles---Catherine Ward---4th place
100m Hurdles---Brielle Collett---6th place
400m run---Brielle Collett---3rd place
300m hurdles---Catherine Ward---4th place
1600m run---Macie Marshall---1st place
1600m Relay---Brielle Collett, Shelby Elliott, Macie Marshall, Beverly Reyes---2nd place
Boys:
100m hurdles---Marcus Ortiz---6th place
100m dash---Bryant Taylor---3rd place
Jamie Jameson---5th place
400m dash---Bryant Taylor---2nd place
300m hurdles---Marcus Ortiz---6th place
1600m run---Bryce Brady---4th place
1600m relay---Ransom Braly, Joshua Martin, Braden Pope, Korbyn Simpson---5th place

High School at Jayton--- 3/22/13
Girls:
3200m ---Mattie Brooks---5th place
Triple Jump---Brielle Collett---2nd place
Virginia Gutierrez---6th place
Discus---Beverly Reyes---6th place
400m relay---Mattie Brooks, Shelby Elliott, Natalie Jameson, Beverly Reyes---5th place
800m run---Catherine Ward---3rd place
100m hurdles---3rd place
800m relay---Meagan Ford, Virginia Gutierrez, Natalie Jameson, Shelby Elliott---3rd place
400m dash---Brielle Collett---3rd place
1600m relay---Shelby Elliott, Mattie Brooks, Brielle Collett, Beverly Reyes---3rd place
Boys:
Shot Put---Austin Taylor---1st place
800m run---Caleb Clary---1st place
100m dash---Bryant Taylor---5th place

High School at Knox City---4/5/13

Girls:
Triple Jump---Brielle Collett---5th place
3200m run---Macie Marshall---2nd place
800m run---Catherine Ward---4th place
100m Hurdles---Brielle Collett---6th place
400m run---Brielle Collett---3rd place
300m hurdles---Catherine Ward---4th place
1600m run---Macie Marshall---1st place
1600m Relay---Brielle Collett, Shelby Elliott, Macie Marshall, Beverly Reyes---2nd place
Boys:
100m hurdles---Marcus Ortiz---6th place
100m dash---Bryant Taylor---3rd place
Jamie Jameson---5th place
400m dash---Bryant Taylor---2nd place
300m hurdles---Marcus Ortiz---6th place
1600m run---Bryce Brady---4th place
1600m relay---Ransom Braly, Joshua Martin, Braden Pope, Korbyn Simpson---5th place

The High School District/Area meet will be held at Aspermont, April 11th beginning at 10:00 am. The top four finishers in each event will advance to the Regional meet in San Angelo on April 26th and 27th.

Caprock Canyons April Events

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

Join in the "Canyon Walks and Talks" every Saturday morning at 10:00 a.m. where anything from the geology, history, flora, and fauna of the park will be discussed.

This month, it's "All About Bison" in the Children's Discovery Center. Children can learn all about this iconic figure of the plains by listening to a read aloud, viewing authentic bison paraphernalia, and cre-

ating their own bison hide story to take home. This program is designed for children 12 and under and will be presented every Saturday at 2:00 p.m.

Evening programs this month are "Nighttime Narratives". Sit underneath an amazing night sky and listen to several Native American stories with us. Bring some of your own stories to tell if you have any. These programs will be held April 6 at 8:45 p.m., April 13 at 9:00 p.m., and April 27 at 9:00 p.m.

On Earth Day, April 20,

bring your kiddos to the Lake Theo Pavilion at 5:00 p.m. to "Be a "Lorax" for the Earth" as we talk about the Earth's importance, what we can do to help, and create native seed balls for you to take home.

Park admission: adults, \$4; seniors, \$2; children 12 and under, free. Camping is available, along with hiking, biking, fishing, and many other outdoor and recreational opportunities. All programs are free with paid park entrance fee. For more information, please call 806-455-1492.

MOTLEY COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT REMINDS BUSINESSES TO RENDER THEIR TAXABLE PROPERTY BY APRIL 15

If you own tangible personal property that is used to produce income, you must file a rendition with the Motley County Appraisal District by April 15, 2013.

A rendition is a report that lists all the taxable property you owned or controlled on January 1 of this year. Property includes inventory and equipment used by a business. Owners do not have to render exempt property, such as church property or an agricultural producer's equipment used for farming.

If a rendition is filed late, incomplete, or not at all, a 10 percent penalty may be imposed. Property owners who need more time to file their renditions may file a written request with the chief appraiser on or before April 15 to receive an automatic extension to May 15. The chief appraiser may also grant an additional 15 days after the postponed deadline for good cause.

For more information about rendering property, taxpayers may contact the Motley County Appraisal District at PO Box 249, 104 E California, Floydada, Texas, 79235 or call 806-983-5256. More information is also available from the Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division at 1-800-252-9121 or visit the Comptroller's website at www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/.

"MORE ON ADJUSTMENTS"



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).

Roaring Springs Church of Christ
Michael G. Crowley, Sr.
BIBLE STUDY 10:00 a.m. Worship 9:00 a.m.

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NEWS AROUND MOTLEY COUNTY

Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

On a Personal Note

Last week I wrote about the funeral cortege passing through Roaring Springs. I talked to Jay Williams this morning. They completed their journey to Palo Duro Canyon to scatter her husband's, Len Williams ashes on April 6th. She said the weather was beautiful and the wind just right to scatter the ashes. They were caught in the Monday night storm while camped at Whiteflat. They lost a big truck and a horse trailer with living quarters in the storm that resulted in a flood. They were a total loss. The Williams are from Breckenridge, Texas.

Mrs. Williams said she guessed it was the modern day version of Lonesome Dove though they did not lose Mr. Williams' ashes.

Word was received here today that Zana Lewis, the

wife of Claude Lewis who grew up here in Roaring Springs died on Saturday after a battle with cancer. Her services were Tuesday afternoon in Corpus Christi, TX. We extend our sympathy to the family.

Edith Daniell was treated to a surprise birthday at the three o'clock coffee drinkers gathering at the hotel Monday afternoon.

Ken and Dinah Young enjoyed lunch with Dinah's sister and brother in law, Karen and Jerry Wienke in Lubbock recently.

On Easter, Ken and Dinah had dinner with Ty, Ginny and Jena La Due at their home in Lubbock. Also attending the family gathering were Gloria Minnix, Ty's mother and his friend, Joe.

Dennis Allen is in rehab at the Veterans Hospital in Amarillo.

Roaring Springs Lions Club Meets

On Thursday, April 4th, the Roaring Springs Lions met for their monthly meeting at the Roaring Springs Community Center.

Boss Lion Lynn Campbell opened the meeting at 12:00 noon. Ten members and three guests were present.

Les Woolsey, of the Matador Ranch hunting operation told of the exotic deer that have been imported to attract more hunters.

Other guests were: Superintendent, William Cochran and Principal, Gary Waitman of Motley County Independent Schools.

Twenty four boxes from the South Plains Food Bank were distributed in March.

The Methodist Church, the Church of Christ and the Christian Life Church each gave \$240.00 to help pay for the food boxes for the South Plains Food Bank.

We received a \$50.00 memorial gift from Alex and Jo Crowder in memory of Chig Gwinn.

The club voted to give \$50.00 to help the seniors have their drug and drink free graduation party.

Cory Johnson, our new Deputy Sheriff was inducted as a new member.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

Overheard

I read somewhere that it takes 43 muscles to frown, but only 17 to smile. If you don't like to exercise this is good news!

Guests in the home of Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton Saturday were Harry and Loretta Race of Dover, Arkansas, Mrs. Dixie Campbell of Matador and Wilburn Martin of Flomot. Mrs. Judy Hart of Matador joined them at the Main St. Café in Matador for lunch.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee and new baby daughter, Bergan of Lubbock were luncheon guests of Ruth and Orville Lee Thursday.

Mrs. Janice Hughes visited in Floydada Saturday with Rickey, Tasha, Kendal and Kason, Hughes, Roger, Tiffany, Brody and Reagan Hughes. She enjoyed the soft ball games in which Kendal competed.

Shannon Vinson and son, Bubba of Lubbock visited the weekend with his parents, Roger and Doris Vinson. They attended the fast paced Boondocker Races in Matador.

Michael Starkey of Canyon visited the weekend with his mother, Mrs. Nada Starkey. She is undergoing radiation treatments in Amarillo.

The Baptist Church in Flomot had their 1st Sunday of the month covered dish luncheon and reported a good turn out and plenty of food.

Brooke Sehon of Wolf-orth visited from Thursday until Saturday with grandparents, Clois and Kathy Shorter.

Mrs. Gwenn Mandrell

and daughter Peyton of Lubbock visited Sunday with her mother Mrs. Mary Jo Calvert.

Springtime Floral Décor at Do Gooders' Club meeting

Sunshine smiles and warm greetings welcomed members of the Do Gooders' Clun at the Community Center in Flomot on a damp cold Tuesday afternoon, April 2.

Mrs. Waydetta Clay, hostess presided at a springtime designed service. The table was laid with a gorgeous floral cloth, her late mother's, Mrs. Opal Martin, and centered with an old antique brass lamp, also a family heirloom. She served a tray of assorted vegetables, crackers, spinach and cheese dip and a variety of popcorn treats with coffee.

Mrs. Clay gave two April Fool's hostess gifts that brought hardy laughs. Mrs. Mary Jo Calvert and Mrs. Erma Washington each opened a package containing a pair of casual house socks, one black and the other blue. The ladies then exchanged one of the socks so they would have a matching pair!

Following the short business session, they chose material for the border of the club's quilt.

A meeting of few members because of weather and illness. Those attending were Mesdames Kathy Shorter, Connie Franks, Mary Jo Calvert, Erma Washington and Waydetta Clay.

Matador News

By Marilynn Hicks

As I am writing this morning, I am also listening to an audio book over the hotel speaker in the kitchen. My little Sansa Clip is the best investment I have made in a long time. I use it to listen over the speakers in my pickup, over the speakers in the kitchen, or through speakers in my ears when it might disturb others. I admit that the audio book in process is separate from the one on the Kindle that I am currently reading. I do miss the feel of a book: the pages, the smell, the heft, mental and physical, but I am curiously addicted to the quantity of books one can get to with technology.

My son-in-law Adrian Escobar defended his thesis on Friday and has now jumped all hurdles successfully to earn his Master's from West Texas A&M in Canyon. This is one fine young man, and we are proud he is in our family.

The Boondocker races brought vibrancy to town in addition to some visitors. Jeri, Hayden, and Harlan Schuster from Dickinson, North Dakota drove down and were joined by their friend Mike from Carlsbad, New Mexico.

Paul Haworth, who is the maintenance manager for Wind Energy Transmission of Texas was here on Saturday to participate in the connection of a part of the electrical grid south of town. He is from Big Spring and said he would be a regular in our community now that the line is functional. He and his wife are friends of L. T. Childress of Fort Worth who was a part of the Texas Playboys; in fact L. T. was a mentor of his wife's on the fiddle.

Becky and Rodney Ingram from Cleburne passed through over the weekend. Rodney has a lawn mower shop in Burseson, and Becky works in the administrative offices of the Harris Hospital Group.

The owners of the *Clay County Leader*, Clarence and Linda Linton of Petrolia, went to Caprock Canyons and toured the Motley County Museum. He is also a locksmith and looked at our locks and made some suggestions. I think we will be doing some bartering with Clarence.

Gamesco sent three engineers to initiate work on another wind farm in the area. They spent two days on technical aspects of the project if it should go forward.

The men doing the work were Wade Green from Austin, Rich Flail from New Jersey and Ryan McDavitt from Pennsylvania.

Michael and Rita Widler from Horseshoe Bay, Texas, trekked through on their way to Colorado. Michael is a retired forest ranger who spent most of his employment in Colorado. After his retirement, they ran a bed and breakfast in Florida for a few years, and have now retired to Texas.

Ann Nuckolls from Brownsville, Tennessee, stopped over going from Fredericksburg to Albuquerque. She is going to tour the facilities of an organization called "Faith Comes by Hearing" for which she is a worker. The organization translates the Bible into many languages and distributes it on electronic devices some of which are solar powered for use in areas where batteries and electricity are not available. They also distribute the Bible military sticks: small devices that military personnel can carry in their pockets and listen to through ear plugs. I looked at the website, and I was impressed with the work they are doing. She will perhaps be back through on her way home.

Tina and Stacey Britain from Carlsbad, New Mexico, escorted their sons for the Boondockers competition. The sons are Dustin, Orry and Will. The boys have been competing since they were pre-school, and their grandparents, who are in their 70s, now run competitions and ride just for fun. Stacey works in a nuclear waste disposal facility and Tina has a Curves business.

I learned on Facebook that Judy Woolsey had some medical tests done and learned from one of her granddaughters that so far the tests don't show any major concerns.

Mom drove herself to Lubbock and got a great report from her cardiologist. She also had an errand list that was quite extensive.

Mary Ann and Doug Leviton are filming this week. They are getting footage for the documentary on the heritage of the county and the tenuous thread that holds it in place. The base of the film will be fire in 2011 which almost broke the thread. I believe they are using the working title of "A Line in the Sand." If you see a camera looking your way, smile.

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The following constitutes the ruling of the court and has the force and effect therein described.

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United States Bankruptcy Judge

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FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
WICHITA FALLS DIVISION

IN RE:	§	
HARDEMAN COUNTY HOSPITAL	§	CASE NO. 13-70103-9
DISTRICT d/b/a HARDEMAN COUNTY	§	
MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	§	
	§	(Chapter 9)
DEBTOR.	§	

ORDER UPON COMMENCEMENT OF CHAPTER 9 CASE ESTABLISHING CERTAIN DEADLINES AND NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT OF CASE, OF THE AUTOMATIC STAY AND OF THE ORDER FOR RELIEF

TO: The Debtor, Creditors, Special Taxpayers and Other Parties in Interest:


IT IS ORDERED that Hardeman County Hospital District d/b/a Hardeman County Memorial Hospital (the "Debtor") shall give notice of the following by first class mail to parties in interest and shall file with the Court proof of such service within three business days, and shall also publish this Order giving notice of the commencement of the case in the following newspapers, as required by 11 U.S.C. § 923: a. Quanah Tribune - Chief; b. The River Cities Daily Tribune; c. Paducah Post; d. Foard County News; and e. Motley County Tribune.

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Library Journal
by Carla Meador Librarian

There is still time to participate in our Brown Bag Book Discussion, Friday, April 12, at noon. Bring a sack lunch and participate in the discussion or just listen. The featured book is *Until Tuesday* by Luis Carlos Montalvan. If you have not read the book, you are still welcome to attend. After you hear about this touching story of a wounded warrior and the Golden Retriever who saved him, I'm sure you will want to check it out and read it yourself. For more information, please call me at the library 347-2717.

We have several new books to add to our shelves this week, including *Breaking Point* by C.J. Box, *Buffalo Bill's Dead Now* by Margaret Coel, *Hell is Empty and The Cold Rush* (Walt Longmire mysteries) by Craig Johnson, *Starting Now* by Debbie Macomber, *The Fifth Assassin* by Brad Meltzer, *Red Velvet Cupcake Murder* by Joanne Fluke, *The Good Cop* by Brad Parks, *The Girls from Ames* by Jeffery Garslow, *Calculated in Death* by J.D. Robb, *Hangman's Choice* and *Devils' Due* (Volumes 1 and 2 of the *Dead or Alive* Trilogy) by Ralph Cotton, *A Week In Winter* by Maeve Binchy, *West Texas Cattle Kingdom* by Bill O'Neal, *Death of Yesterday* by M.C. Beaton, *The Power of Negative Thinking: An Unconventional Approach to Achieving Positive Results* by Bob Knight.

In our Large Print section we have *Sweet Tooth* by Ian McEwan, *Shiver* by Karen Robards, *The Undertaker's Wife* by Loren D. Estleman, *Outlaws From Afar* by Max Brand, and *Union Pacific* by

Zane Grey.

We also have a new DVD, *Lincoln* starring Daniel Day-Lewis.

Our featured book this week is *Breaking Point* by C.J. Box, the thrilling new Joe Pickett novel from the *New York Times*—bestselling author.

Breaking Point, takes Joe Pickett into uncharted territory. The question is: What will he do when he gets there? It was always good to see Butch Roberson, Joe thought—a hardworking, upright local business owner whose daughter was friends with his own. Little did he know that when he talked to Butch that day in the forest, the man was about to disappear. He was heading into the mountains to scout elk, he said, but instead he was running. Two EPA employees had just been murdered, and all signs pointed to him as the killer. As the manhunt organized itself, Joe heard more of the story—about the tract of land Butch and his wife had bought to build their retirement home on, until the EPA declared it a wetland. About the penalties they charged him when he balked, new ones piling up every day, until the family was torn apart . . . and finally, it seems, the man just cracked. It was an awful story. But was it the whole story? The more Joe looks into it, the more he begins to wonder—and the more he finds himself in the middle of a war he never expected and never wanted. Powerful forces want Roberson not just caught but dead—and the same goes for anyone who stands in their way. Every man reaches his breaking point. Joe Pickett may just have reached his.

County Agent's News



by Ryan Martin, AgriLIFE EXTENSION Agent

Rabies Vaccination Clinic

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

On April 12, 2013 the Motley 4-H Club will sponsor a Rabies Vaccination Clinic and Flea and Tick Dip at the Matador Volunteer Fire Department. Dr. David Fuston from the Childress Veterinarian Clinic will be here to administer rabies vaccinations for your pets from 3:00-6:00pm. After 6pm, Dr. Fuston will administer coggins tests on horses if you need it. If you have a horse that needs current coggins testing, please call the Extension office before April 11 to make arrangements for testing.

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

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

Tax alternatives available for livestock producers forced into weather-related herd

reductions

AMARILLO – Extreme weather conditions experienced during recent years have caused property damage and early livestock liquidations for many Texas agricultural producers, and as a result, tax implications, according to a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service specialist in Amarillo.

These unplanned events often create more revenue than usual in a given year, generating income tax issues, said DeDe Jones, AgriLife Extension risk management specialist. For example, in a typical year any gain on property loss reimbursement or the sale of livestock is subject to taxes.

Several options, including Internal Revenue Service Form 4684, IRS code 1033 and IRS code 451, are available to help farmers and ranchers deal with these weather-related issues in excess of normal business practices, Jones said. She encouraged producers to contact a tax accountant to determine the option that best fits their operation and business plan.

At the end of 2012, 90 percent of Texas counties had some form of drought designation and state reservoirs were only 66 percent full, she said. This situation fueled wildfires, ruined crops and pastures, and strained economic resources.

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season, approximately 41,823 fires scorched 4.15 million acres and 3,007 homes in Texas. Damages were particularly severe in the Panhandle region due to strong winds, unseasonably warm temperatures and low humidity, Jones said.

In addition, the price of hay increased by 200 percent during this time, causing feed costs to skyrocket, she said. These factors prompted Texas ranchers to severely cull their herds and sell off large numbers of cattle.

IRS Form 4684 allows producers to postpone reimbursement gains for up to four years, while IRS code 1033 pertains to draft, breeding or dairy animals that will be replaced within a given time period. The final alternative, IRS code 451, allows a one-year postponement in reporting sale proceeds on raised livestock.

Reporting casualty losses on IRS Form 4684 allows farmers and ranchers to defer any gains that result from insurance reimbursements for fire-related losses associated with fences, equipment, etc., Jones said. Producers have up to two years under normal circumstances and four years during times of disaster to utilize any money received for property restoration or replacement.

The replacement period begins on the date their property was damaged, destroyed or stolen, she said. It ends two or four years following the tax year in which the gain is realized. The four-year option is available only to those located in a federally declared disaster area.

To be eligible for deferment, producers must attach a statement to their tax return indicating the date and details of their casualty, the amount of insurance or other reimbursement received, how the gain was calculated and proof of a disaster declaration, if applicable, Jones said.

Under the 1033 election, drought liquidations of breeding livestock are considered involuntary conversions of capital equipment, she said. Gains can be postponed for up

to two years in typical circumstances and four years during times of disaster if animals are replaced. The county must be declared a disaster area.

All replacement cattle should be used for the same purpose as the livestock that were sold. For example, beef cows must be replaced with beef cows, Jones said. The taxpayer also has to show that adverse weather conditions caused the sale of more livestock than normal. Gain postponement is only allowed on those animals sold because of the unfavorable weather.

She explained that to be eligible for a 1033 election, producers must attach a statement to their tax return indicating the existence of an adverse weather-related condition, proof of a disaster declaration if applicable, and documentation listing the amount of gain realized on liquidated cattle. They should also show the amount and kind of livestock sold or exchanged, and estimate the number of animals typically sold or exchanged under normal weather conditions.

Section 451 allows cattle owners to postpone gains for one year on raised livestock only, Jones said. To qualify for this election, taxpayers must show that their principal business is farming or ranching and use the cash method of accounting.

The rules further state the producer should demonstrate that the livestock would normally have been sold at a later date but were liquidated early due to drought, she said. Additionally, they must provide proof that the sale of livestock was caused by weather conditions from a region officially declared a disaster area. The liquidation can take place before or after a disaster is declared as long as the same disaster caused the sale. Income can be postponed only on those cattle liquidated as a result of weather-related causes.

For more information and a further explanation of these options, go to <http://age-coext.tamu.edu/resources/library/drought.html>.

Obituaries

Zana Inez Lewis



Zana Inez Lewis, age 70, went to be with the Lord on April 6, 2013 in Corpus Christi, TX, after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. Zana was born in Spur, TX on January 15, 1943.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Earnest and Vera Thomas. Zana leaves to cherish her memory, husband of 51 years, Jim Lewis of Corpus Christi; her daughter Kim, and husband Arthur Hughes, of McAllen, TX; her daughter Lana, and husband Brian Hermsdorfer, of Houston, TX; her grandchildren, Megan and Ashley Hughes, and Caleb Hermsdorfer; her "special adopted daughter", Dana Baker of Corpus Christi. The youngest of 5 siblings, Zana is survived by brother, Harold Dean Thomas (Renee); and sisters Donna Major, Winnie Gardinier, and Linda Boudreaux. She is also survived by her brother-in-law Claude Lewis (Sandy); sister-in-law Sue Marmaduke (Ken), sister-in-law Nancy Lewis; and a host of nieces, nephews & friends.

Zana spent many years volunteering at Kostoryz and Coles Elementary Schools, South Park Middle School, and Mary Carroll High School. She touched the lives of many children. As a testament of her dedication to helping children, Andrew, one of the students Zana mentored as an elementary child, continued to visit her, even as an adult. A dental assistant by profession, Zana worked for several den-

tists in Corpus Christi during her career. The family would like to thank Dr. Minh Nguyen and Angel Bright Hospice for their compassionate care of Zana.

Pallbearers were brother-in-law, Claude Lewis; nephews Roy Thompson, Slade Lewis, Mark Hilton, and Mike Gardinier, and friends Eldon Steindorf, Stephen Steindorf and Tom Mehrens. Honorary Pallbearer was nephew, Garland Hill, Jr.

Visitation was held from 6:00-8:00 p.m. on Monday, April 8, 2013 at Seaside Funeral Home. A Funeral Service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 9, 2013 at Seaside Funeral Home Chapel with friend, Father J. Patrick Serna officiating. Entombment followed at Seaside Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made in her name to the charity of your choice. To view tribute, please visit www.seasidefuneral.com.

Gregory R. Smauley



Ed D. Smith received word that his cousin Greg passed away in Germany on April 2, 2013. Greg, age 72, was born to C.C. "Shorty" and Margie Smauley on August 29, 1940, at Larquey Camp, Matador Ranch. Greg had the distinction of living on three Matador Ranch camps, Larquey, Mott, and Dickens and finally at ranch headquarters.

Greg was not turned the cowboy way. After graduating from Matador High School in 1958 he worked at several jobs and enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1960. He served for about seven years with tours in the states, Germany and Vietnam.

While in Germany, before Vietnam, he met and married Ingeborg Elizabeth Scholl on February 23, 1963. To this union, a son, Mike, was born October 13, 1964.

Greg landed a job with an American company based in Chester, Connecticut. They brokered food and other products to military exchanges (stores) all over the world. After many years in Germany, he moved to Connecticut, then to Virginia Beach, Va. and then to Ramsey, New Jersey. Greg

finally went with a German owned company doing the same work and was eventually able to realize his dream, which was to move back to Germany in 2009. He happily continued his work with no thought of total retirement until a series of health issues took him. Greg deeply loved his wife, his son, his profession and Germany.

Greg was pre-deceased by his parents and a brother, Tom. He is survived by his wife Inge, son Mike and brother Robin and his wife Chris of Gladstone, Michigan. He is also survived by numerous cousins, nieces, nephews and a host of friends.

Greg's funeral services and burial will be held at 2:00 p.m., April 10, 2013, in Karlstadt, Germany.

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 Friday, April 12, at noon. The Motley County Library will host a Brown Bag Book Discussion. The book to be discussed is Until Tuesday.
 April 15th and 16th - Regional Golf @ Baird
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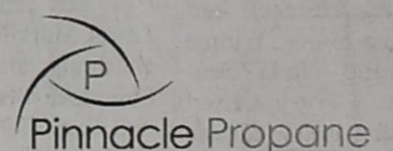
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