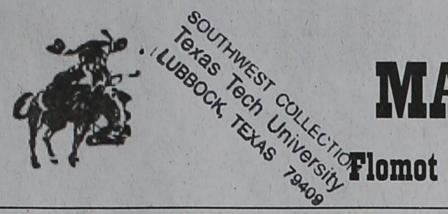
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President Barack Obama wins second term Record voter turnout in Motley County

By Carol Campbell Motley County Tribune

More than 70 percent (604) of 847 registered voters cast their votes in the local, state and general election on November 6, 2012.

Despite a large voter turnout locally and statewide with a landslide popular and electoral vote for Mitt Romney, President Barack Obama won seven battleground states to earn enough electoral votes for four more years in the White House.

Democrats assert that young people and minorities voted big this time around with black voters making up 13 percent of the electorate and Hispanics 10 percent. The President also defeated Romney by 11 points among female voters. (Associated Press, Julie Pace, November 8, 2012)

In Motley County 307 residents voted early with 297 casting votes on Election Day. The Motley County electorate furnished a landslide for all Republican candidates.

Mitt Romney earned 538 total votes; with Barack Obama garnering about 10 percent (55) of the Motley County elector-

The Republicans held their US Senate race with Ted Cruz earning 473 votes in Motley County); and US Representative race with Mac Thornberry at 508 votes.

In other state races, Republicans voted overwhelmingly for Railroad Commissioner Christi Craddick (445), and Barry Smitherman (453).

Other Republican candidates fared just as well, with Justice, Supreme Court Don Willett (461); John Devine (447); Nathan Hecht (415); and the presiding judge of the Court of Criminal Appeals, Sharon Keller, at 415 votes.

Local uncontested races had Republicans (R)Tom Edwards, County Attorney, with 452 votes; County Commissioner Franklin Jameson (R), Precinct 3, with 93 votes; and Commissioner David Stafford (R), Precinct 4, with 133 votes.

Democrats (D) Becky Bybee McPherson, District Attorney 110th Judicial District, earned 255 votes; Sheriff (D) Chris Spence with 280 votes; and County Tax Assessor-Collector (D) Jo Elaine Hart had 324 votes.

Council Seeks Legal **Advice from Texas** Municipal League

By Carol Campbell Motley County Tribune

Matador City Council met at 6:30 p.m. November 8, 2012, to open bids, discuss Senior Citizen assistance and dog ordinance enforcement; and to appoint Market Matador board members.

Attending were Councilmen Rodney Williams, Bobby Klodginski, Alvin Alexander, Shane Jones, and Betty Roberts. In the absence of Mayor Pat Smith, Mayor Pro Tem Alvin Alexander conducted the meeting. Council member Betty Roberts served as secretary of the meeting in the absence of City Secretary Debra Scott. No one spoke in Open Forum. Attending as an

observer was R.C. Giesecke.

Following an invocation by Rodney Williams, City Superintendent Steve Barton reported that the ellectric line was laid for the backup well; and a new fence for the west side of the city landfill was replaced. In addition, Barton reported that Joel Guerrera attended certification school to complete hours for his water license. He also reported that the main well was "holding the same levels at 41.8 until it rains and the water table increases."

Two bids for the disposition of the 1998 pickup were opened. There were no bids for the trash truck. Ron Bailey was awarded the bid for the pickup at \$551.00. The other bidder was Alex Salazar Sr.

Roberts read a letter from Debra Scott reporting that she had spoken with the Texas Municipal League (TML) seeking advice regarding the legality of providing financial

support from the city to the Senior Citizen Center. The TML provides legal and educational services to cities in Texas. Scott said her contact said that public funds could not be used to supplement a private enterprise. However, a recent judgment concerning Meals on Wheels, a tax exempt entity, put another light on the situation, she reported.

"I think most here want to support the Senior Citizens, but we cannot support a private entity, especially when you have opposition in the community," Rodney Williams said. This was countered by Bobby Klodginski who said, "none of the cafes provide indigent meals and seniors donate what they can to support the center. The Senior Center is a non-profit entity which may have a different status than a private entity," he said, adding, "I think we need an official ruling from the City Attorney Tom Hamilton on this issue."

A motion was made by Rodney Williams to consult the City Attorney for legal research and opinion, and to get a ruling in writing. This motion was seconded by Bob- inview to see if a neighboring by Klodginski. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mayor Pro Tem Alvin Alexander announced two resignations from the Market Matador board. Linda Roy resigned as president; and 11-year veteran board member Bobby Williams also resigned. Councilman Bobby Klodginski reported he attended the recent Market Matador meeting as an observer, noting the board's dissatisfaction over the city's

governance of the operations. He asked, "Do we need Market Matador?" The council voted unanimously to table this discussion until the full council could appoint new board members or consider the future viability of Market Matador.

Mayor Pro Tem Alvin Alexander announced that the City of Paducah was no longer funding a position to enforce of the city's dog ordinances and would not be available to help enforce ordinances at Matador. A brain-storming session resulted in several suggestions to help curb the stray dog problem in the city.

"Do we know how much it would cost to set up kennels for capturing stray dogs?" Councilman Bobby Klodginski asked. "Why can't we make a complaint and have the municipal judge enforce the dog ordinance as a citation?"

At 7:10 p.m. during this discussion, Mayor Pat Smith entered the meeting. Councilmember Shane Jones suggested the city contract with a larger city to capture dogs and take them to shelters in other towns. Mayor Smith said he would call Floydada and Placity would kennel dogs if the city hired someone to capture the strays. A motion was made by Shane Jones to table this issue until next month, seconded by Alvin Alexander. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Following approval of expenditures and a review of the city's financial status, the council adjourned 7:45 p.m. The next meeting for City Council will be at 6:30 p.m. December 13, 2012.

Commissioners Discuss **Aging County Equipment**

Plans proceed with repair to drainage system at the courthouse

By Carol Campbell Motley County Tribune

Commissioners' Court met in regular session at the county courthouse on Tuesday, November 12, 2012, to set county holidays and a date to canvass the vote for the November 6th elections; to approve a plan to address the drainage problems at the courthouse; and to discuss the aging county road equipment. Other agenda items included a presentation by the new District Extension Administrator, Mr. Miles Dabovich.

In attendance were Com-David Stafford, Franklin Jameson, and Guy Campbell; Judge Jim Meador and County-District Clerk Kate Hurt, and Sheriff Chris Spence. Kate Hurt read the minutes of the regular scheduled court meeting from October, which was approved as read. No one

spoke in Open Forum. In the first order of business, County Extension Agent Ryan Martin introduced Mr. Dabovich who addressed the court to announce a name change for the agency to Texas A&M AgriLife Extension; to introduce the new director, Dr. Doug Steele; and to thank the court for the support of the educational programming in Motley County, acknowledging the efforts made by County Extension Agent Ryan Martin.

"Motley County is very fortunate to have Ryan," Dabovich said, adding, "We have asked him to be a mentor county agent which is an important role for young graduates going into the field."

Martin also addressed the court, thanking them for their support which "allows me to do my job," he said. He introduced two new programs in 2012, consisting of the Rangeland and Wildlife Manage-

ment Program and the Motley County Cotton and Alternative Crops programs. In addition, the 4-H and Youth Development programs "continue to be active across the State of Texas," he said. "Your support helps me take kids across the state of Texas," Ryan said. "I racked up about 30,000 miles this year."

In other business, TxDOT representative Shawn Elliott reported that the resurfacing work being conducted on west US Highway 70 in Motley County had been suspended for the winter. "We will pick up again in March," Elliott missioners Donnie Turner, said. Also, he announced, the Northfield project will begin on December 1, 2012.

> Judge Meador distributed a table outlining the county data for their participation in the Central Plains MHMR. Motley County contributed \$1, 426.00 for 2012, serving 24 clients. "This averages about \$59.41 per client," Meador said. Carol Campbell serves as the Motley County representative on this board.

> Following the formal acceptance of county paid holidays for employees, the court conducted a lengthy discussion on the state of county equipment. The discussion included concerns over the state of disrepair of front loaders and maintainers. Commissioner Donnie Turner said, "Our equipment is gone - most burning oil and gas." Turner said he had found a frontend loader for \$44,000, and that he would be willing to put in \$5,000.00 (from the sale of his 2005 model loader) to help buy a countywide loader that could be shared.

"I'm not in any shape to buy anything in my precinct," Commissioner Franklin Jameson said. Commissioner David Stafford echoed his concerns with the equipment, stating that his front end loader had a "shift problem" and could only run in first and second gears. "What do you do if you don't have any money to buy anything?" he asked.

Judge Meador suggested that each precinct use some money from their budgets to fix two loaders, and then share the repaired loaders countywide. While this suggestion was met positively, Commissioner Guy Campbell wanted to look to future planning. "We need to look down the road before we don't have anything to work with at all," he said. The consensus of the group was to look into repairing two loaders for the short term and to check into equipment lease agreements that other counties had successfully acquired. •

Judge Meador said he had asked USDA Supervisor James Gillespie to look at the drainage problem at the courthouse. The Tax Assessor's offices show water damage at the roof downspout areas; and the basement storage area in the Clerk's office also traps water. Window wells collect water on the east and west sides of the building and downspouts do not properly divert water away from the building, Meador said.

"James basically said in order to stop the water drainage into the courthouse that we would need to slope land away from the window wells and apply under sidewalk water drainage."

Commissioner Franklin Jameson said he could provide a backhoe for trenching and that he had a boring machine that could go under the sidewalks. The general consensus of the court was to use county labor to complete this task.

The Election Canvas was set for Friday, November 16, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Courtroom.

Arts and Crafts to host Fall Bazaar

The Motley County Arts and Crafts Club will host the 47th annual Fall Bazaar on November 17, 2012, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Building, 625 Stewart Street.

A Chicken Salad meal deal will be available for \$5.00. Also, a door prize will be given away. Vendors are welcome. For questions or additional information call 806-347-2420; or 806-269-0525; or 806-347-2309.

MCISD EARLY RELEASE AT 12:20 P.M. ON NOV. 20TH

Sheriff appointed to serve on committees of the Sheriffs' Association of Texas

Spence, Motley County Sheriff, has been informed that he has been appointed to serve on two committees of the Sheriffs' Association of Texas. The committees are the Museum and History Committee and the TCLEOSE Advisory Committee. The appoint-2013 term.

The Museum and History Committee seeks to preserve the history of the Sheriffs of Texas. Sheriff Spence will be serving with six Sheriffs from around Texas. This is the committee that oversees the Lost Lawman Memorial, which is located at the headquarters of the Sheriffs' Association in Austin, Texas. The Lost Lawman Memorial consists of 13 black granite panels with the names of lawmen whose lives were lost

in the line of duty. The TECLEOSE (Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officers Standards and Education) Advisory Committee consists of 20 members who are Sheriffs from different counties of Texas. This committee ments are for the 2012 - provides input concerning the education, training, and curriculum of the training program for Sheriffs and Deputies.

> The Sheriffs' Association of Texas met for the first time on August 14, 1874 in Navarro County. This is one of the oldest law enforcement associations in the nation.

> To find out more about the Association please visit their website at:

www.txsheriffs.org

Foothill Country

Connections

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



By Larry Vogt

The super storm that just roared through the Northeastern United States got me to thinking about preparedness and survival. When the power goes out there is a risk concerning the food that is frozen in the freezer section of your side by side or the stand alone freezer you have. Supposedly, if you don't open the freezer you have a few days before you start to worry. There is a website that gives guidelines for dealing with food spoilage and power outages in relation to electric freezers:

www.foodsafety.gov/keep/ charts/frozen food.html

We realized that we did not have much of anything in the way of canned food. Since we do have a nice basement where food can be stored we went to a store a few days af-

ter the storm and stocked up on canned food. In a pinch, one can always open a can and start eating even if you do not have a stove to prepare cooked meals. If you are lucky enough to have an auxiliary generator, and the fuel to operate it, you can determine what is most important and just power those items or fix up a way to have your generator hook right up to your main or other breaker panels.

Yes, there are plenty of "preppers" out there who have everything ready to go in case of total collapse. Most people may not even have enough to suffer through a mere power outage of three to ten days, much less a total collapse of society as we know it. It is relatively easy to cope with a few days without electricity, provided there are no extenuating circumstances such as three feet of snow or destruction of your home entirely by wind, fire, or earthquake. In the case of destruction, your cell phone may be your best friend. Anyway, we now know where all our flashlights are, and also have a few items to get us through a period of power loss.

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WRITING COMMUNITY

Editor's note: The Carnegie Center for Literacy and Learning in Lexington, Kentucky issued a call to artists to create their visual interpretation of the book, To Kill a Mockingbird. I was honored to be one of the invited artists.

Pictured at right is my Call and Response Mockingbird. She hangs in the atrium of the old Carnegie Library where I taught writing workshops and organized poetry readings from 1994 to 2004. The November 9, 2012 opening featured foods from the novel and a staged reading with original music. Below are inspirational remarks from my friend, Bianca Spriggs.

> Remarks about To Kill A Mockingbird for the first annual Carnegie Classic Series

by Bianca Spriggs

There are many out there who would agree if our country was to have a national novel, it would be To Kill A Mockingbird. As American as the blues and blue jeans, To Kill A Mockingbird has become something of a rite of passage for almost every student who passes through a high-school English class. There are plenty of accounts and essays by those who can more accurately and more eloquently describe the impact this novel has enjoyed thus far in its tenure, so, what I'll do is talk briefly about why Lee's work to me serves as a hallmark of storytelling.

As a writer who dwells in the realm of the speculative most of the time, one of my favorite aspects of the novel is how close the children are to their imaginations, how comfortable they are with reading and writing and telling one another stories. At one point, Jem, Dill, and Scout make up a game called, "Boo Radley." Their impulse to cobble together all the neighborhood gossip and urban legends available to them surrounding the Radleys and develop their characters and plot lines accordingly is a perfect example of the creative writing process.

This pursuit of mysteries shrouded by time and secrets no one wants to talk about anymore is something that I, as an Affrilachian Poet can wholly relate to, having been reared in the literary tradition of making the invisible visible.

Every time I read the part where Boo Radley finally shows up, by this point he's become so weighty and meaningful a presence because of his prior absence, I get unexplainably

emotional. In general, I enjoy reading Lee's rich prose aloud, to luxuriate in it and roll it around a little on my tongue, but I most enjoy at that moment whispering along with Scout the simple two words, "Hey, Boo." Scout's story of discovery has become my story. This is just one of many moments where it feels as though Lee and I are creating this novel, this experience, this community together, forming the ultimate bond between author and reader.

At the end of the day, To Kill A Mockingbird, is not only an expertly woven story about race relations, nor is it only about the quality of life in the deep South at a momentous time in American history, this novel is a microcosm of that nameless dialogue we've collectively been pursuing as a nation since before its status as such and one we continue to wholeheartedly engage in today, as evidenced by this week's earlier major national event.

This novel encompasses a spectrum of values.

It is about following one's curiosity to see where it will lead. It is about deep sorrow.

And instinct. About spinning and unravel-

ing yarns,

and self-sacrifice, and love thy neighbor,

Call and Response **Poetry Skirt** by Laverne Zabielski

My Call and Response Mockingbird Poetry Skirt, in all the tones of tone.

has been busy doing only what mockingbirds do, imitating beauty around them.

Poetry skirt? Why of course. When she is not flying, or flaunting in the gallery

she can be worn and go evervwhere.

Each one of the 76 pieces of silk for her feathers

was shibori dyed using a split compliment of tones.

Gradually assembled from the center

fading from light to dark they were sewn onto a waist

of five yards of gauze

Most mockingbirds are a gravish black.

That would have been way too black and white,

which Scout, certainly, was

and family first. About finding one's way amidst the most barren

and most base of circumstances,

about broken expectations, and kept promises and it is about quiet dignity.

About the broken parts and twisted parts and tender parts. About living with ghosts.

About the consequences of not fitting in and never really knowing

someone until they surprise

accountability,

and recovering the past, and

fighting bone and blood for one's con-story about all of us.

victions and re-membering our mem-

ories. About holding our truths so tightly

to our chest we can't breathe without them.

This is about how legends are born.

From every angle of dialogue to every corner of every scene, whether it's a more descriptive moment or more meditative, the reason why we respond so resoundingly, so enduringly to

It is about the definition of Nelle Harper Lee's great work is because it's the best kind of story there is. To Kill A Mockingbird is, quite simply, a love

Motley County Shining Stars





MCISD students led the program for Vereran's Day on Monday, Nov. 12, 2012. Pictured above, Jamie Jameson, Stormy Guerrero, Demi Simpson, Ashley Allred, Sabra Pope, Coby Cochran, Katie Barton and Leighan Talamantez

District Co-Champions 2012



Photo by Shonda Elliot

By Jennifer Lawler Motley County Tribune

Last Friday November 9, the Motley County Matadors visited Groom for a game that put them into the State playoffs as District Co-Champions. They won by a score of 52 to 44 and fans were treated to a good game with lots of action.

Coach Bigham said, "This has been a trying and frustrating week through all the

adversity from last week's game. I want to thank all the parents for their prayers for the team and school, everything worked out in our favor in the end." He also said, "I am proud of the boys for winning another district championship and getting us in the State playoffs for the sixth consecutive time."

The defense performed well with Juan Flores leading with 13 tackles, followed by Austin Taylor and Jamie Jameson each with 11 tackles, Bryant Taylor with 7 and Connor Mason and Britt Simpson each with 6 tackles.

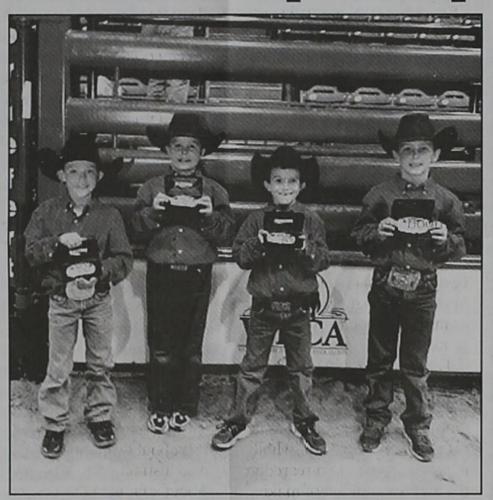
The offense was lead by Austin Taylor with 25 carries, 3 TDs, and 172 yards rushing. Juan Flores had 12 carries, 2 TDs, and 79 yards rushing. Connor Mason had 7 for 11 passes, 2 TDs, with 1 touchdown pass to Juan Flores and another pass to Britt Simp-

"This was one of the best

District Championship games that we have played since I have been here. It was a very good game from both teams all the way to the end," Coach Bigham said, "Our district will be well represented by two quality teams in the State playoffs.'

This Friday, November 16, will see Motley County facing off with Lefors at the Valley football field at 7:30 pm. Come out and support our team on the road.

Local group wins Pokey the Clown **World Championship**



Pictured (L to R): Kyler Beshirs, Brogan Rankin, Ryder Gass and Gunnir Bateman, winners of the Wild Mustangs, Pee Wee Division, World Champion Pokey the Clown Team 2012.

Red Dirt Rebels perform for the Motley County fans after last Thursday's JV football game at the tailgate party held across the street from the football field. There was lots of entertainment and food booths set up for all who attended. The music by the Rebels was truly amazing, these boys might be off to Tennessee one day with their talent. I'm proud to be from Motley County, the parents and fans of these boys are an inspiration to me, if you attended this event you really get a feel of what a small town family really is like, everyone sticking together to make a great life for their youth. Pictured above, L-R, Parker Meredith on guitar, Connor Mason singing, Jamie Jameson Drums, Noah Guerrero guitar, Jonah Meredith guitar.

photo by Jennifer Lawler

Motley County Arts and Crafts Bazaar

Nov. 17, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Senior Citizens Center

Meal Deal will be served: Chicken salad sandwiches (will also sell the chicken salad by the pint); chips, drink, and brownie, all for \$5.00.

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sisting of Llano Bateman, Brody Rankin, Carley Turner, and Autumn Perryman were crowned the World Champions of the Junior Division of Pokey the Clown World Championships in Amarillo, Texas, on November 10, 2012, during the World

The Rusty Spurs con-

ship (WRRC) Super Pee Wee Teamages 6 and under brought home the bronze medal. This team consisted of Syldder

Bateman, Kyler Bell, Hay-

Ranch Rodeo Champion-

gen Lefevre, and Brinley

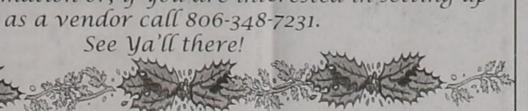
Lefevre. Each team was awarded points for their event places in the Pony Express Race, Wild Cow Milking, and Team Branding which werealldoneontheground. The fastest times win.

The Wild Mustangs were sponsored by Joe's Boot Shop and Cowboy Honor, The Rusty Spurs and The Rocking C's (Cousins) were sponsored by Total Equine Feeds and Dr. Harry Anderson.

Motley County **Matadors** Football Support Page Coming Soon

10% of proceeds will be donated to the Motley County Parents' Club





"Priority...But..."



In reading Luke 9:57-62, Jesus is approached by three individuals as He was about cross the Sea of Galilee. These three wanted to follow Jesus. But they wanted the following on their own terms.

The first man was a Scribe. He said anywhere you go I going too. Jesus responded

by saying, "The Son of man has nowhere to lay His head." The Scribe got the message. No earthly securities when following Jesus.

The second man wanted to go and bury his father. "Let the dead bury the dead." What Jesus told him was, in effect, that the affairs of this life can and would be handled by those of this life not called to the ministry of Jesus.

The third man wanted to say goodbye to those back home. Jesus said to him, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the Kingdom of God."

Another excuse. Excuses are not new to Jesus. Even during His days on the earth, face to face with the people, there were those who sought to be excused from following Him.

Our Lord understood events and happenings in our lives. But these are no excuse for not finding and following the essence of Life itself. That is "Fear God, keep His commandments, for this is the whole duty of man." (Ecclesiastes 12:13)

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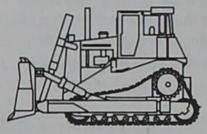
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Fund Raiser Sunday Lunch

The Motley County Senior Citizens site committee will be having a

Pre-Thanksgiving Lunch November 18, 2012

at the Motley County Senior Center This will be a fund raiser for the center.

Lunch will consist of Turkey & Dressing with all the trimmings. Serving time will start at 11.00 a.m. \$ 10.00 for adults

\$6.00 for kids 12 and under. Come join us for a good time of fellowship.



NEWS AROUND MOTLEY COUNTY

Roaring Springs News By Monta Marshall

On a personal note

If you were out at all last week you enjoyed beautiful weather and beautiful colors. Having never been to New England to see the colors, my perspective may be biased; I think our yellows rivaled their orange and rusty reds. Our rusty reds of the shin oaks weren't far behind. The dark green cedars were a lovely contrast. The pale gray green sage gives subtle textures to the landscape. The hazy mornings that make the hills look almost blue makes a beautiful canvas that only God could create. I have seen the Rocky Mountains in all their glory as well as Kentucky, Tennessee, Arkansas, Oklahoma wreathed in beautiful colors. Our fall mornings were certainly not too far behind. It makes one sad to have to have scenery change again so soon for winter landscapes of softer hues. The Indian summer of the Rolling Plains was gorgeous.

In the community

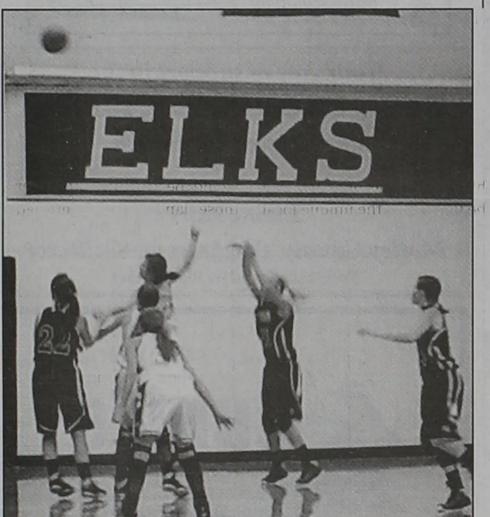
Pearl Patten was here for a short while on Saturday. Buddy Allen, her son from Pampa and her daughter, JoAnn Reagan of Quitaque accompanied Pearl.

Word has arrived that Santa didn't think much of the idea of skipping meeting the children of Roaring Springs. He plans to

be here at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, November 24th in downtown Roaring Springs. I hear that Blair Thacker Wilson will have her Back Road Barbie clothing and accessories collection here and there will maybe be another vendor or two with their wares for shoppers.

Today is Veterans Day. The annual program given at the Motley County School was a tribute to all the men who have served our country in the armed forces to keep our country safe. There were 26 veterans who were present to be honored by the community and the students. Four men from Roaring Springs attended. They were: Bobby Witcher, Buzz Thacker, Don Stuckey, and Mike Crowley. Thank you and God bless them all.

On Sunday, November 18th at 5:00 p.m. the Roaring Springs Community Thanksgiving service will be held at the Full Gospel Church. Thomas Roland, pastor of First Baptist Church, will bring the message. All are invited to attend. On Thursday evening, November 15th at 6:00 p.m., those who wish to participate in Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child will meet at the First Baptist Church to fill boxes to send Christmas gifts to children around the world.



MCISD JV beats Cotton Center 29 to 21. Pictured above, Natalie Jameson shoots a basket as Allison McCoy (L) and Cassidy Turner (R) guard. photo by Jennifer Lawler

Flomot News By Earlyne Jameson

Overheard

Church Bulletin Blunders

 For those who have children don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

2. During the absence of our pastor, we enjoyed the privilege of hearing a good sermon when J.F. Stubs supplied our pulpit.

3. Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and community.

4. Potluck supper. Prayer and medication to follow. Next Sunday a special collection will be taken to defray the cost of the new carpet. All those wishing to do something on the new carpet will come forward and do so.

5. The Rev. Adams spoke briefly, much to the delight of his audience.

Community News

Linda and Travis Kendall visited in Midland with son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Cory Kendall, Chancey and Connor. They attended Greenwood High School football games. Following the games, Midland's Marching Band presented a Lights Show with Chancey a member. They turned off all the lights and the band did a routine with beautiful glow sticks. It was a very impressive performance.

Mrs. Jackie Lynn Davis of Fritch visited during the week with her mother, Mrs. Nada Starkey.

Brooke Sehon of Wolfforth visited from Wednesday until Sunday with grandparents, Kathy and Clois Shorter.

Mrs. Sherryll Barclay and daughter, Kayla of Meadow visited the weekend with Sandra and Jerry Barclay

Visiting Saturday with Mrs. Janice Hughes were Rickey Hughes, Kendal and Kason, Roger and Tiffany Hughes, Brody and Reagan and her friend, Kennadee of Floydada.

Weekend visitors of Connie and Coy Franks were Cory and Amy Franks, Madison, Hudson and Heston, Cary and Mary Franks and Cal of Idalou. Madison had a booth at the Bazaar Saturday.

Donnie Rogers was in Lubbock Wednesday to be with his nephew, Kolt McDaniel, son of Shay and Jimmy McDaniel of Sundown, who had surgery at Lakeside Covenant Hospital.

Mrs. Sherrlyn Foster and Mrs. Gwen Mandrell and Pevton of Lubbock visited during the weekend with Mrs. Mary Jo Calvert and Glen Calvert.

The First Baptist Church in Flomot observed Veteran's Day at the Sunday morning serviced. L.E. Shorter was honored, as he was the only Veteran attending the services.

Flomot Do Gooders Meets

The autumn décor beckoned smiles at the Do Gooders' Club Wednesday afternoon November 7 at the Flomot Community Center.

Their regular day Tuesday, November 6, was postponed due to election being held at the Center.

Mrs.Waydetta Clay conducted the business meeting. Mrs. Connie Franks read the minutes that were approved. Members were to be at Community Center Friday November 9 for last preparations for the Fall Bazaar the next day, November 10. They voted to have the club Christmas party, Tuesday, December 4th.

Hostesses, Mrs. Doris Vinson and Mrs. Barbara Pavne presided at a rustic colored service. The white cloth had fall leaves intermingled on the table. Refreshments of orange decorated mini cakes and muffins, dips and chips with iced tea were served.

Mrs. Erma Washington's name was drawn for the hostess gift, replenishing hand cream and body lotion, which were appreciated:

Those attending were Mesdames Kathy Shorter, Nada Starkey, Waydetta Clay, Erma Washington, Doris Vinson, Barbara Payne and Connie Franks.

Do Gooders' Host Successful Bazaar

The Do Gooders' Club of Flomot hosted their annual Fall Bazaar Saturday, November 10 at the Flomot Community Center, raffling a beautiful handcrafted quilt "Lost Socks" to lucky winner, Mrs. Cora Gail Johnson of Silverton.

President Waydetta Clay said members of the club spent hours hand stitching the top to the batting before completing the finish work on the quilt. She said they were very pleased with the Bazaar profits as the money from the quilt raffle and donated food goes to defray expenses at the Community Center.

The Bazaar was declared a success, highlighting 11 booths from the area including Silverton, Quitaque, Idalou, Kress, Plainview, Lubbock, Turkey and Flomot. Artisans displayed their art and crafts, scented candles, jewelry, silk screen T Shirts, fabric ruffled flowers, embroidery and jacket pins. The food venue consisted of Taco Soup, sandwiches, chips, drinks, and an assortment of brownies, cupcakes, cookies and more.

Matador News

By Marilynn Hicks

There are big plans being made for the Christmas in the Foothills coming up which incorporates the late night shopping with some entertainment as well as visits from Santa on Thursday and Saturday, December 6th and 8th.

The committee is hoping that the main entertainment on Friday night will be a football game somewhere and that the Matadors will be playing. The chamber is putting out a call for vendors for the occasion and several local people will be coordinating events. If you would like to have a booth, there is no cost, but the chamber asks that you call to reserve a space. You may just call the hotel at 347-2939, and I will guide your question to the right person.

on Saturday to meet our new neighbors at Motley County Farm and Ranch Store (not sure I have the name right, but it is where Matador Auto had been lois always nice to have businesses up and running. Go in when you have a chance and give them a welcome.

We got to see D this weekend. John Douglas was attending a meeting at the Lost Pines Resort in Bastrop, so she and Ryder spent the week here. They stayed at moms house (Dorothy Russell's home) and she loved every minute of having them. Shanea' joined them from Amarillo on Friday. All is going well in the move to Kansas, and they are making new friends and having new ex-

periences. (For those of you who wonder who I am talking about, it is John Douglas and D'anna Russell, our brother and sister-in-law)

We got emails last week that Cousin Beverly Rutledge, daughter of Marjoria Moore Harper, was not recovering well from hip replacement surgery. It seems that she can't do justice to the rehab because of breathing issues.

A large group of hunters from Midland-Odessa were harvesting deer on the J-C. They were James Shrauner, Kip Woodfin, Nate Looney, Ed Payne, and Matt Sawyers. They all got deer and left them with Devin to be processed. I hear that he (Devin) is even making meatballs, meatloaf, and tamales in addition to the regular processing stuff.

Lindsey and Boone Cooper have a lease on the The sisters and I went by Matador's, and she got her first deer on Sunday. They are from Scroggins, Texas, but both work in Mt. Pleasant. She is a speech therapist in the schools, and he is associated with Guarcated). They are working at anty Bond Bank. They are getting stock in place, and it a wonderful, enthusiastic young couple who will be returning over Thanksgiving weekend.

> Jim and Justin Schmidt from Granbury were hunting north of town. Jim and his son Justin both work in the banking business and hunt four or five times a year in Motley County.

Jason Jenkins from Brenham spent one day hunting. You might remember that his parents and brother were killed a couple of years ago in a plane crash in Dickens. He loves hunting out here.

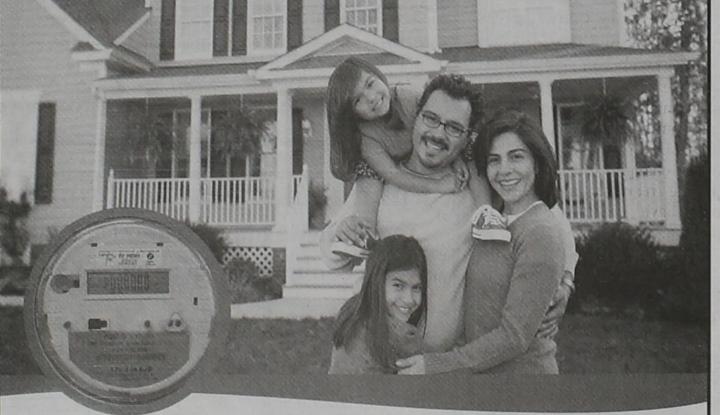
Roaring Springs Community Thanksgiving Service planned

The Roaring Springs Community Thanksgiving Service will be held at the Roaring Springs Full Gospel Church on Sunday November 18 at 5:00 PM. Reverend Thomas Roland of the First Baptist Church will bring the message. Everyone is invited to attend this special event.

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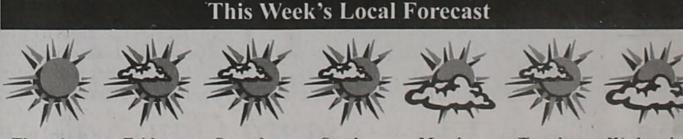
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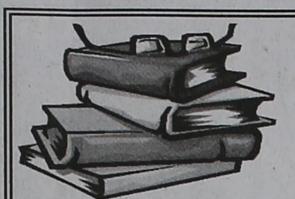
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Library

by Carla Meador Librarian

Our Community Health Fair was held Monday afternoon with eleven area medical associations participating and providing free medical testing and valuable information to those attending. Since my deadline is before the actual fair occurs, I'm hoping to be able to report next week that it was a big success. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way and to those businesses donating great door prizes.

We have several new books to add to the shelves this week including the 2012 World Book, The Secret Keeper by Kate Morton, Angels at the Table by Debbie Macomber, I Still Dream About You by Fannie Flagg, A Fool's Gold Christmas by Susan Mallery, Friends Forever by Danielle Steel, A Cold Day for Murder by Dana Stabenow, A Winter Dream by Richard Paul Evans, Killing Kennedy by Bill O'Reilly, and The Last Victim by Karen Robards.

In honor of our Health Fair we have some great new doctor books to add to our children's section including My Friend the <u>Doctor</u> by Joanna Cole, <u>Doctor</u> Dan The Bandage Man, Nurse Nancy, The Berenstain Bears Go To The Doctor, Dora the Explorer Say Ahhh! Dora Goes to the Doctor, Doctor Maisy by Lucy Cousins, and Doctor Ted by Andrea Beaty and Pascal Lemaitre. We have a very loyal patron who is fascinated by doctor books and we had only two for her to choose from. Although she didn't seem to mind and has checked them out many times, I thought it might be nice to have a few new ones to add to our selection.

We thank Charles Meador for his monetary donation to the Library. We also thank Jim and Judy Cooper for their donation of a gift subscription to Guideposts. We very much appreciate every donation and the support of our patrons.

I think I have failed to mention that we now have the 2012 Texas State Capitol Ornament for sale at the Library. The cost of each ornament is \$18.00. Collectors will really like this

one; very pretty. In case you missed out on getting the 2010 ornament, we have some for only \$9.00 each.

Don't forget to come by the Library and purchase your tickets for a chance to win a Kindle Fire HD with a case. Tickets are only \$2.00 each or 6 tickets for \$10.00. This is a Library fundraiser. The drawing will be held December 14.

Looking ahead, the date has been set for Granny's Tea Party. The festive event will be held a little later than usual this year, but it will be right before Christmas so it will feel even more festive and get us all in the Christmas spirit. The event will be held on Sunday, December 23 at 2:00 p.m. in Hotel Matador. Watch for more details!

Our featured book this week is one of our new ones, A Cold Day for Murder by Dana Stabenow. For all you Kate Shugak fans, you will be glad to get this one. It is actually the first one in the series. When Kate Shugak quit her job investigating sex crimes for the Anchorage DA's office she retreated to her father's homestead in a national park in the interior of Alaska. But the world has a way of beating a path to her door, however remote. In the middle of one of the bitterest Decembers in recent memory ex-boss - and exlover - Jack Morgan shows up with an FBI agent in tow. A Park Ranger with powerful relatives is missing, and now the investigator Jack sent in to look for him is missing, too. Reluctantly, Kate, along with Mutt, her half-wolf, half-husky sidekick, leaves her wilderness refuge to follow a frozen trail through the Park, twenty thousand square miles of mountain and tundra sparsely populated with hunters, fishermen, trappers, mushers, pilots and homesteaders. The Boston Globe said of A Cold Day for Murder, "Compelling, brutal, and true."

Library hours are Monday, 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.; Tuesday -Thursday, 1:00 - 6:00 p.m.; and Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00

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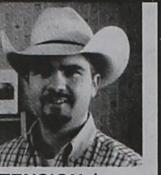
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County Agent's News



by Ryan Martin, Agri LIFE EXTENSION Agent

Texas Animal Health Commission **Announces Details of New Cattle Traceability** Rule

AUSTIN - A requirement for adult cattle in Texas to have an approved form of permanent identification in place at change of ownership will go into effect January 1, 2013 according to the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC). The Commission amended its rules in June of this year to enhance the effective traceability of beef cattle movements in Texas, which is the cornerstone of disease control activities. Implementation of the changes was delayed by the Commission to ensure cattle producers understand the requirements and can prepare for the changes.

The amended rule permanently cancels the brucellosis test requirement for adult cattle at change of ownership, which was unofficially suspended in the summer of 2011. Although testing of adult cattle is no longer required with the rule change, all sexually intact cattle, parturient or post parturient, or 18 months of age and older changing ownership must still be officially identified with Commission approved permanent identification. This change primarily affects beef cattle, as dairy cattle in Texas have had an even more stringent identification requirement in place since 2008.

Before August of 2011, official identification devices such as eartags were applied automatically at the time a brucellosis test was performed. The inadvertent loss of the identification devices applied to cattle when brucellosis testing stopped has threatened TAHC's ability to effectively trace cattle as part of any ongoing disease investigation.

The TAHC routinely performs cattle health investigations where the identification and location of exposed/ infected animals is critical to success. For example, 30 Brucellosis reactors, over 300 Bovine Trichomoniasis affected bulls and 22 bovine tuberculosis cases have been investigated by the TAHC to date in 2012. The new traceability rule will help preserve the TAHC's ability to identify and trace animal movements quickly and effectively, no matter which disease is involved.

A complete list of acceptable identification devices/ methods may be found at www.tahc.state.tx.us, but the most commonly used devices include USDA metal tags, brucellosis calfhood vaccination tags, US origin 840 series Radio Frequency Identification tags (RFID), and breed registration tattoos or firebrands. Producers are encouraged to contact their veterinarian or TAHC to determine which method of tagging will be best for their operation.

Free USDA metal tags, and a limited number of free applicator pliers (dependent on available funding) will be provided by the TAHC to producers wishing to use them. The tags and/or pliers may be obtained by contacting local TAHC field staff and USDA APHIS Veterinary Services representatives. The TAHC is developing tag distribution partnerships with interested veterinary practitioners and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension offices. Partner contact information will be published as it becomes available. Producers may locate the closest tag distributor online at www. tahc.state.tx.us . The Motley County Extension Office has

free tags and taggers available for producers to check out.

Frequently asked questions

Q: What age/class of beef cattle must have acceptable permanent identification?

A: Sexually intact adult beef cattle 18 months and up, and Mexican origin event cattle. Nursing calves, steers, spayed heifers, bulls and heifers under 18 months are exempt (unless heifer has calved).

O: Where can I find the complete listing of all Commission approved permanent identification devices?

A: Producers may access the complete list at www.tahc. state.tx.us or by contacting any TAHC office or personnel.

Q: Do I have to use the free eartags offered, or can I use other acceptable methods of identification?

A: No, the free metal tags are not required to be used, but they are one low cost option.

Q: Will ear tag pliers be provided at no cost or will I have to purchase them?

A: A limited supply of eartag pliers is available at no cost. Because of the limited supply, producers are also encouraged to consider purchasing tagging pliers from any Ag supply outlets.

Q: Is this rule a federal rule? A: No, this is a Texas rule, but it will put the beef industry in compliance with the anticipated USDA Animal Disease Traceability rule for interstate movement expected to be released later this year.

Q: When does this Texas rule go into effect?

A: To ensure that the cattle industry has ample time to understand the changes and prepare, implementation of this rule will not take effect until January 1, 2013.

Q: If my animal already has a silver test tag or orange vaccination tag in its ear, will it need to have a new tag applied if sold at a livestock market?

A: No. Animals presented with approved official Id's at a market will not have to be retagged.

Q: Can I move my cattle directly to slaughter from my

farm or ranch without an ID? A: Yes, ranchers can move an animal directly to slaughter from their premise without an ID. Breeding cattle otherwise changing ownership by private treaty (country sales) must have acceptable identification.

Q: What happens if my cattle are too weak to be safely tagged at market?

A: The TAHC has proposed an amendment allowing the waiver of the rule by a TAHC inspector in consultation with market ownership or management for weak cattle presented at a sale.

when I sell my animal(s)?

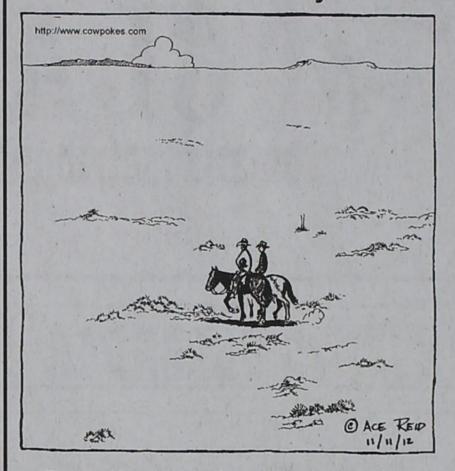
A: Record keeping is not required when animals are sold, but is strongly encouraged.

Q: Who is responsible for maintaining the information related to eartag distribution? A: All official identification numbers assigned will be maintained in a TAHC-managed database. The TAHC will not track individual change of ownership transactions.

For additional ear tag information, including the nearest

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By Ace Reid



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Founded in 1893, the Texas Animal Health Commission works to protect the health of all Texas livestock, including: cattle, swine, poultry, sheep, goats, equine animals, and exotic livestock.

Formation of a Prescribed Burn Association

An effort is underway to form a prescribed burn association (PBA) in the Southern Rolling Plains of Texas. This PBA will be modeled after other existing PBAs in Texas (see http://pbatexas.org), but will be tailored to the unique local needs of the communities that it will serve. The intent is to fill a gap in an 18-county area nestled between the existing North Central Texas PBA to the east, the Texas Panhandle PBA to the north, the edge of the High Plains to the west, and the I-20 corridor to the south. Counties involved include Baylor, Borden, Cottle, Crosby, Dickens, Fisher, Foard, Garza, Hardeman, Haskell, Jones, Kent, King, Knox, Motley, Scurry, Stonewall, and Wilbarger.

Given the extreme nature of the 2011 fire season, as well as previous busy fire seasons in 2006, 2008, and 2009, prescribed burning, or more appropriately the lack thereof, is becoming an important issue in Texas. Utilization of fire, where and when appropriate, is increasingly becoming an important tool for land managers, fire departments, and natural resource agencies as a way to reduce hazardous fuel loads. These fuels, if burned under the extreme conditions of a wildfire, could cause greater damage to property or rangeland resources and could pose greater risks to emergency responders and the public, than if they were burned under prescribed conditions for the purposes of rangeland or wildlife management, or hazardous fuel mitigation at the wildland/urban interface.

While a Texas landowner Q: Do I need to keep records has the right to utilize prescribed fire under the law, they often lack the experience or confidence to carry out the burns without technical help. This is where PBAs can help. PBAs are organized landowner cooperatives that are user owned, controlled, and operated. PBAs share knowledge, experience, and equipment among contributing members to increase the application and safety of prescribed fire as a management tool. The primary benefits to landowners are these:

- Support of a locally led and run organization of neighbors helping neighbors,

- Reduced costs of fire management,

- Reduced risk through increased experience, equipment, training, and technical assistance,

- Community support and

- Ability to get more prescribed burning done on your land and the satisfaction of helping your neighbors do the same.

This effort is still in its early stages with our first open meeting to be held as soon as enough landowners indicate that they are interested. The intent of this meeting would be to gather together those landowners interested in forming this PBA and to begin creating bylaws. Members of other Texas PBAs will be on-hand to share their experiences and assist in this endeavor. If you are interested in attending this initial "formation meeting" and/ or joining this PBA, contact Derrick Holdstock with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department at Derrick.Holdstock@ tpwd.state.tx.us or (806) 217-2911 or Ryan Martin at the Motley County Extension Office at (8060 347-2733 by 7 December 2012. This will ensure that you are notified of the dates, times, and locations of meetings and other PBArelated news.





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- Matador Masonic Lodge, 6:30 pm 15
- 16 **Bi-District**
- AA Meeting, 7p.m. Prayer Chapel behind First Baptist Church, Matador
- Motley County Arts and Crafts Bazaar
- The Roaring Springs Community Thanksgiving Service, Roaring Springs Full Gospel Church, 5:00 PM.
- Pre Thanksgiving Luncheon, Senior Citizen Center Fundraiser at the center
- **Matador Lions** 20
- Regional 23
- AA Meeting, 7p.m. Prayer Chapel behind 23 First Baptist Church, Matador
- **Qtr Finals** 30
- AA Meeting, 7p.m. Prayer Chapel behind 30 First Baptist Church, Matador

December

Motley County Arts and Crafts Club, Mot ley County Senior Citizen Center in Matador from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm.

Late Night Christmas Shopping and Santa Coming to town Roaring Springs Nov 24, 5-8 pm Matador; Dec 6, 7, & 8. Afternoons 4-8, The Library will only be open 2 nights for Santa to come. More details later

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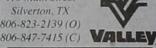
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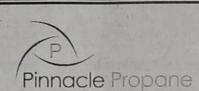
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