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Motley Farm and Ranch Supply Grand Opening

By Jennifer Lawler
Motley County Tribune

The Motley Farm and Ranch Supply held their Grand Opening on January 25, 2013, with a table of goodies for the guests and a wheel barrow full of soda cans to quench your thirst.

The excitement began when Cade Martin, son of Ryan and Jamie Martin, started to turn the wheel to pick the first name from the drawing and the winners are as follows:

- 42" Flat screen TV - D. Edwards
- Tool Set- Harold Parks
- Bicycle- Linda Ward
- Grinder- Richard Piper
- Cash- Barbara Parks
- Candle- Guy Campbell
- Knife Hone- Roy Gene Stephens
- Meat Cleaver- Robert Osborn
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- Needle nose Pliers and Utility fold up- Richard Piper
- Utility Knife- Fanning Gwinn
- Files- Lacey Rankin



Flint Knappers gather at Roaring Springs

By Marisue Potts
Motley County Tribune

Drawing lithic artisans from one side of Texas to another, the first ever *Knapp-In* took place at the Roaring Springs Community Center this weekend, June 25 and 26. Whether from Longview, Texas, or Portales, New Mexico, the flint knappers spoke the same language as they created projectile points and tools from flint identified, among others, as Georgetown gray, Pedernales lavender, and Brazilian scarlet.

Dennis Battenfield of Lewisville said his trip was well worth it. "I usually work by myself, but by being around other knappers I learned a lot today." He and Greg Yocca of Snyder, David Flen, Bob Hobbs, and Tommy Heflin, all of Portales, N.M., sat in a circle chipping away with copper billets to reduce large rocks into smaller workable flakes or bi-faces and then blades or arrowheads. They kept a lively discussion going as people watched them work.

Perhaps the youngest knapper on hand, Curtis Smith from the Fort Worth area, makes his living by knapping at various shows and selling the rock he buys along the way to other knappers. Following his dream often means sleeping in his truck or making dry camp. With the heart of a teacher, Curtis, explains that flintknapping is an ancient art. It was practiced not just by Native Americans but also European cave dwellers, African tribesmen, and Bronze Age farmers. Smith demonstrated how during the industrial age Flintlocks were an essential part in making the powder in firearms fire.

The word *knapp* means to break into parts or pieces with

a sharp racking sound, to snap or break by a smart blow. The name knappers was applied to men who produced gunflints by breaking (knapping) the long flakes into short sections.

As some stopped to watch, Smith pointed out how he must read the rock's internal makeup to judge where to hit it. If he reads the rock correctly and the blow doesn't glance off course, then the flint will spald and produce a shell-like conchoidal fracture. If the stone has a flaw or irregularity, then it may break unpredictably and be thrown into the discard pile. In short order he made some very nice points out of the feather-shaped fractures.

Without doubt, flintknapping takes a lot of time and patience. But it is experience that makes a good knapper. Ivan Imel of Shallowater is said to be one of the best. He speaks in a soft voice but all attention is turned on him as he shares his expertise. His worn fingers testify that he has had a lot of practice and maybe a few cuts from the glasslike material that is said to hold its sharpness better than steel knives. In fact, obsidian is a beautiful black volcanic type-glass that when made into a point or thin blade is translucent and wickedly sharp.

Knowing how to work the rock is only half the battle. As a rule, knappers are collectors of artifacts and are well acquainted with different types of points from many different eras and cultures. Most knappers are not trying to replicate artifacts by using the same methods that stoneage people perfected, but find copper hammers or billets allow them much more control on the pressure exerted on the rock.

While the knappers worked outside in the welcome sun of

winter, inside the center were displays and sales tables, including the jewelry created by Edwina Cowles of Hallsville that featured arrowheads and polished abalone in her beaded designs. Her husband Nelson Cowles, also a rock vendor, shared his collection of Mayan-type artifacts. A table of "rugged" crosses decorated with beautiful polished stones by Pastor Bill Manney of Matador experienced some good sales.

A former judge of Floyd County and well-known artifact collector, Choise Smith, displayed some frames of the Native American artifacts discovered in and around the Caprock area. Much of his extensive collection is now being exhibited in the Wayne Parker wing of the Pioneer Memorial Museum in Crosbyton. Another collector, Terry Ellison of Lockney, shared artifacts from the Stonewall County area, including some very interesting marble-sized "game" balls, one of stone and the other clay. Bob Miller, a country singer as well as expert on flint tools despite a visual handicap, could identify artifacts by touch. Bobbie Brown kept the kitchen humming and served a hearty stew, homemade chili, beans and cornbread.

The event's coordinator, Robert Hall of Pittsburg, said that plans are being made to have the affair again next year with a broader participation of local and regional people to display and/or identify authentic artifacts, demonstrate their knapping skills or learn new ones, or just bring their rocks to sell or show. The idea behind the *Knapp-In* is to bring folks to Motley County to enjoy themselves and experience the hospitality of heritage tourism.

Motley County Library to host Free Computer Classes

Do you need help with computers? Do you want to upgrade your job hunting or work skills? The Motley County Library is hosting computer classes that can help! Experienced technology trainers from the Texas State Library's Technology Expertise, Access and Learning Project (TEAL) are providing the following 2 hour training sessions at your library free of charge:

- Computer Basics, February 11, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
- Internet and Cyber Safety, February 12, 10:00 a.m. - noon

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Market Matador Board elects new officers

By Carol Campbell
Motley County Tribune

Market Matador, Inc. (MMI) board met at 4:00 p.m. January 22, 2013 to elect officers, dispose of lots and open bids recently published in the newspaper. Attending the meeting was Lee Hurt, Ron Bailey, Dvonna Grundy, and Debra Scott. Absent were Libby Cruse and Ronnie Vandiver.

Mayor Pat Smith spoke in Open Forum, thanking members for serving on the board. MMI, governed by the City Council, was created in 2001 to acquire and market lots in tax arrears. Smith said Open Forum was an important opportunity for "public participation" and encouraged the board to become familiar with the Open Meetings Act.

In the first order of business, the board elected Dvonna Grundy as president of the board; Lee Hurt, vice president; and Libby Cruse as Secretary-Treasurer. The board also voted to authorize the president and secretary-treasurer to serve as "signature authority" on the checking account.

Debra Scott advised the board that following the election of officers, she could complete the paperwork necessary to file for 501(c)3 (non-profit) status. In 2002 MMI received notice from the IRS that it was granted 501(c)4 (non-profit) status, however, that status was revoked in 2011. Instead of reinstating the 501(c)4 MMI will apply for a 501(c)3 which will broaden the types of donations that can be provided for federal income tax purposes.

According to Scott, several individuals approached the city about purchasing lots recently listed in the *Motley County Tribune*. Discussion from the board formulated a consensus that the lots should be offered to the public for the appraised value of the lots. Previously, the board voted to put lots with expressed interest of more than one person up for bid.

Ron Bailey made the motion to sell Lots 4 and 12 of Block 10 to James Taylor for the appraised value listed on the current tax roll of \$50 each. Lee Hurt seconded the motion and the motion carried 3-0.

Dvonna Grundy made the motion to sell five lots: Block 81, Lots

28-30-31 and Block 80, Lots 17 and 18 to Daniel Gressett for the appraised value of \$50 per lot. This motion was seconded by Lee Hurt and the motion carried 3-0. Also, Gressett expressed interest in purchasing two additional lots adjacent to Blocks 80 and 81, currently owned by Laura Wallace and the City of Matador. Debra Scott said she would contact these parties in regard to the sell or donation of these lots to Market Matador.

Dvonna Grundy made the motion to sell Lots 7 and 8 of Block 105 to Emily Hurt for the appraised value of \$100 each. Ron Bailey seconded this motion and the motion passed 2-0, with Lee Hurt abstaining.

Dvonna Grundy made the motion to sell Lots 24-25-26 of Block 61 to Donnie Jackson for the appraised value of \$50 each. Lee Hurt seconded this motion and the motion carried 3-0.

Dvonna Grundy made the motion to sell Lot 12 of Block 50 to Donnie Jackson for the appraised value of \$50. This motion was seconded by Lee Hurt and the motion passed 3-0.

In further business, Dvonna Grundy made a motion to give Ron Bailey the authority to contact the 4-A Tax Board on behalf of Market Matador requesting funds for title and abstract work to be conducted on lots included in the Industrial Site of Blocks 13, 14, 31 and 32. Lee Hurt seconded this motion and the motion carried 2-0 with Ron Bailey abstaining.

Additionally, Dvonna Grundy made the motion to extend the lease on Farm No. 692 with James Taylor for a sum of \$500 per year. Ronald Bailey seconded this motion and the motion carried 3-0.

Three bids were opened on Lot 7, Block 93 consisting of Lou Ann Jameson, Gene Everheart, and Laverne and Ray Zabielski. The Zabielski's were awarded the bid at \$500.00. Dvonna Grundy made the motion to accept the bid, seconded by Lee Hurt. The motion carried 3-0.

Ron Bailey made a motion to accept the sealed bid of Gene Everheart of \$207.77 on Lots 15 and 16 in Block 123. Lee Hurt seconded the motion and the motion carried 3-0.

In a financial report, Dvonna Grundy reported that Market Matador showed a balance of \$9,113.15.



Robert Hall, event coordinator, from Pittsburg, Texas, explains to Marisue Potts of Matador and Ron Bush of Dougherty, the attributes of copper billets in making stone tools and arrowheads.
photo by Carol Campbell

Foothill Country

Connections

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



By Laverne Zabielski

Welcome Motley Farm and Ranch Supply and new Market Matador board. By knowing what is important to you and taking action you are an asset to Motley County and Matador. Opening a business or serving on a board always presents many opportunities. And when that decision is accompanied with desire and commitment success is guaranteed.

It's not easy to be on a board. Especially a board like MMI that is governed by the City Council and subject to the Open Meetings Act which means all board business discussions are to take place during open meetings, and board member's statements are of interest to the public and are often published in the newspaper. There is also the hard work of added responsibility, developing an understanding of what went on before, what were the goals, and establishing and implementing a vision that reflects the present.

What one gets out of being on a non-profit board is that they are able to participate in an ongoing conversation that results in decisions that empower the city and growth of, not only businesses but also, individuals.

Pat Smith welcomed the

board and encouraged participation in open forum. Lately, with so much technology, it has been easy to get lost in a national and global conversation where we really have very little impact. Yes we can vote. And yes we can call into a talk show. It's in our community, serving on boards, joining civic organizations and opening businesses, however, where we are most effective. It's where change happens.

Recently, as a fiber artist, I was interviewed regarding finding focus when possibilities are limitless. "To be able to sell your work, you have to figure out what your forte is, what you want to specialize in. You can't do it all. Figure out what represents you the most, what do you enjoy most, and what can you continue doing over and over and over again." <http://bit.ly/WgESnE>

I wear many hats. In the art world, my focus is on color and dyeing fabric. I can do it over and over. In the newspaper it is creating dialogue about what makes a community cohesive. I can do it over and over.

This morning I listened to and interview with Seth Godin at <http://www.onbeing.org/> I learned that it's important to remember that our failures are not something to flee from but experiences that tell us we are alive.

So to the Motley Farm and Ranch Supply we appreciate your believing in the future of Motley County and to the MMI board we say thank you for joining the conversation and participating in the ongoing dialogue, "What is Market Matador?"

WRITING COMMUNITY

Documenting the Old West

Editor's note: Below is an interview by Texas Historical Commission (THC) program analyst Susan Shore with Carol Campbell on the jail video project, representing the first blog on their new THC website. Friends of the Historic Motley County Jail were awarded a Texas Plains Trail Partnership grant that helped fund the documentary, capturing "Old West Tales of Motley County." The link to the website is: www.thc.state.tx.us. The link also includes one of the video chapters, "Cowboy Ingenuity," featuring local Matador talent. Check it out!

Documenting the Old West

In rural Motley County, the story of its historic jail is woven into narratives of the county and the region—including the area's connection to Quanah Parker and the Comanche Nation, the development of historic and modern-day ranch operations, and the establishment of the rule of law, and the lingering tales of former jail residents who still have something to say.

The 1891 Motley County Jail is a Recorded Texas Historic Landmark, the highest honor the state can bestow on a historic structure. In 2011, the Friends of the Historic Motley County Jail organization received a Heritage Tourism Partnership Grant from the THC to produce a video documentary as an interpretive element in the jail. The resulting *Old West Tales of Motley County* has seven chapters of seven-to-nine minutes in length that provide visitors and tourists with options for best-utilizing their time and exploring individual interests. The

playback system will be up and running at the jail this spring.

This project was a community-wide effort, and partners included the Motley County Museum, Motley County I.S.D., the City of Matador, the Matador Lion's Club, Hotel Matador, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Motley County Historical Commission. Filming involved more than 40 direct participants and numerous funders including the National Endowment for the Arts, THC, Humanities Texas, a Challenge Grant by Matador Exes from 1961-65, and donations from the Friends of the Historic Motley County Jail.

Q: A producer wears many hats, including fundraising, casting, scheduling, and marketing. Which did you find the most interesting?

Carol: The art of movie-making from behind the camera was all the things I ever imagined and more. First and foremost, it was an awful lot of hard work. I was so pleased to work with the professional husband and wife team of Whistling Boulder Productions, Inc. Sixteen-hour days during pre-and production interviewing, retakes, setting up equipment and tearing it down, backing up the day's work, organizing for the next day, collapsing, and then doing it again were exhausting but invigorating. Filming for eight days during Texas' record-busting temperatures in August 2011 was certainly not planned, but the crew persevered, tackling an interviewing schedule that the faint of heart could not imagine.

Q: How did this project

enhance your understanding of Motley County's history?

Carol: Two stories come to mind that helped me better understand the dynamic nature of this county's wide open spaces and its hardships. We spent a two-hour "drive about" with a 97-year-old who remembered the town of Matador in the early 1920s, and interviewed the descendants of A.B. Cooper, the first settler in Motley County in 1878. I got to see the remnants of Teepee City, the only outpost between Fort Worth and Kansas City that grew from the lucrative buffalo hide trade. Matador Ranch, with the help of the Texas Rangers, closed down the gambling den there so that the cowboys that were supposed to be riding the range could get back to work. This historical property is "landlocked," surrounded by gates and private land. All that remains is the foundation of the old school and a small family cemetery. Now visitors can experience some of this through film.

We experienced some devastating wildfires in the area before filming, and we cried with Leo and Joy Archer at Dutchman Creek when Leo told his emotional story of trying to save the bloodline of his white-faced Hereford cattle from the fires. The 100-plus year-old historic ranch house was all that was left on a seven-section ranch that burned. The cattle huddled on Dutchman Creek, scorched, but alive. This story is not a part of the current film vignettes, but we are raising funds to add this chapter to the documentary.

Q: How did your involvement with this project affect you personally?

My up-close-and-personal experience with this project

was a life-changing experience for me. Through the eyes of filmmakers Marianne and Doug Leviton, I learned the history of my birthplace and experienced the grit and determination of the people who settled this land. I have searched for unattainable words—soul words—to explain the love and deep commitment that have kept our ancestors and their descendants close to this land for more than 130 years—but the words have always escaped me. Then through the eyes of the camera, the Levitons explained my heritage to me.

When traveling to Matador, be sure to visit the Motley County Historical Museum located in the 1928 Traweek Hospital building, a Recorded Texas Historic Landmark. If you're in town for the Old Settlers Reunion and Ranch Rodeo (held every August since 1923), visiting nearby Caprock Canyons State Park and Trailway, or just passing through on the Quanah Parker Trail, an overnight stay at the 1914 Hotel Matador is a wonderful way to relax and learn about the area from the proprietors—three sisters whose county roots date back five generations. Completely renovated but retaining its early-20th-century charm, it boasts a delicious gourmet breakfast. The hotel is just a couple blocks from the historic Motley County Jail, where you can learn more about its history and the preservation efforts. Take your time, dig deep, and get to know the vast lands and intriguing stories of Motley County. Matador and Motley County are located in the 52-county Texas Plains Trail Region.

Thank You Kim Woolsey for many of the Jr Livestock Show photos last week and this week

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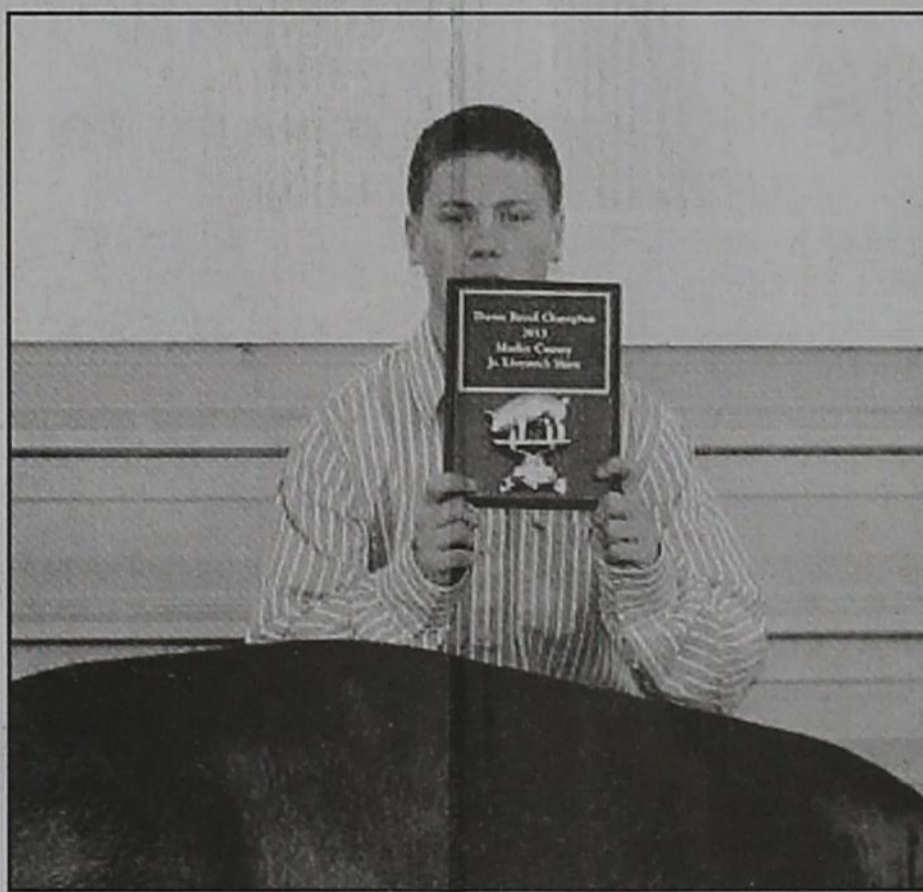
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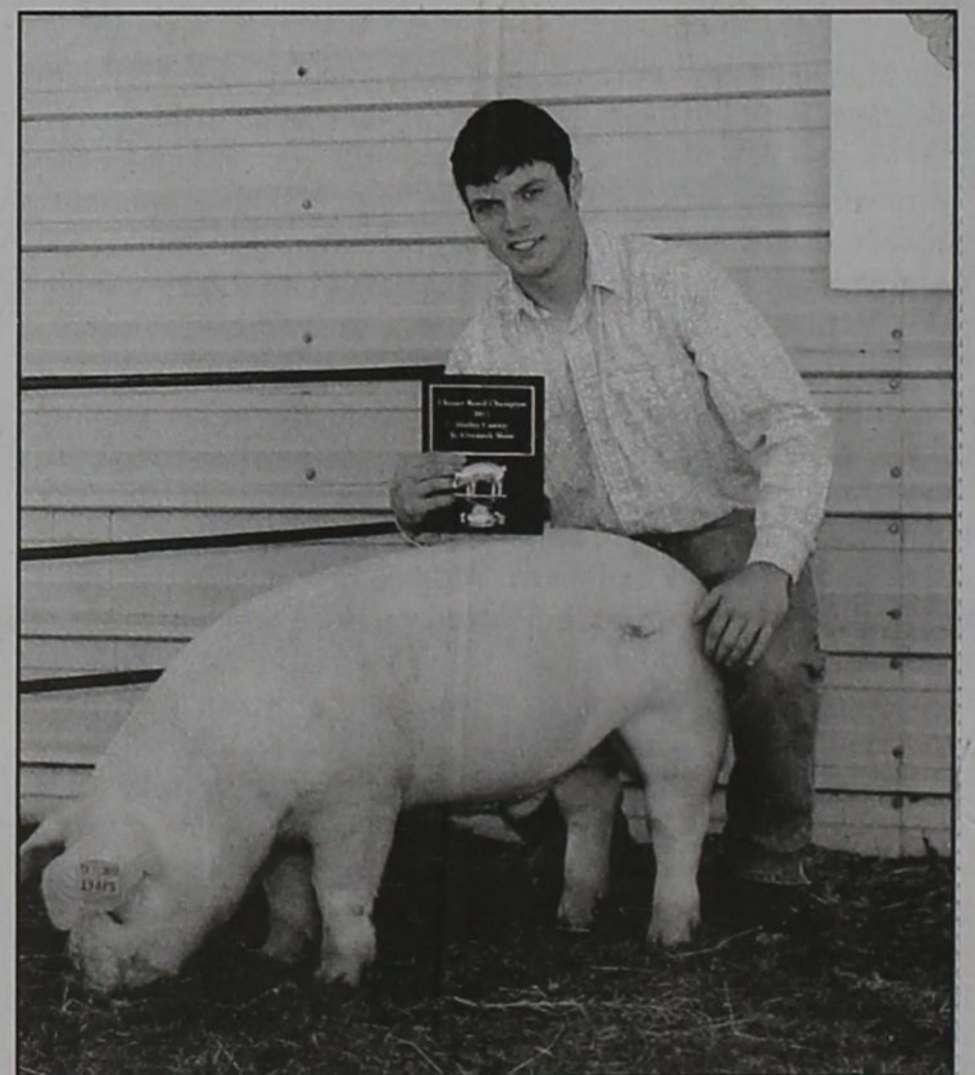
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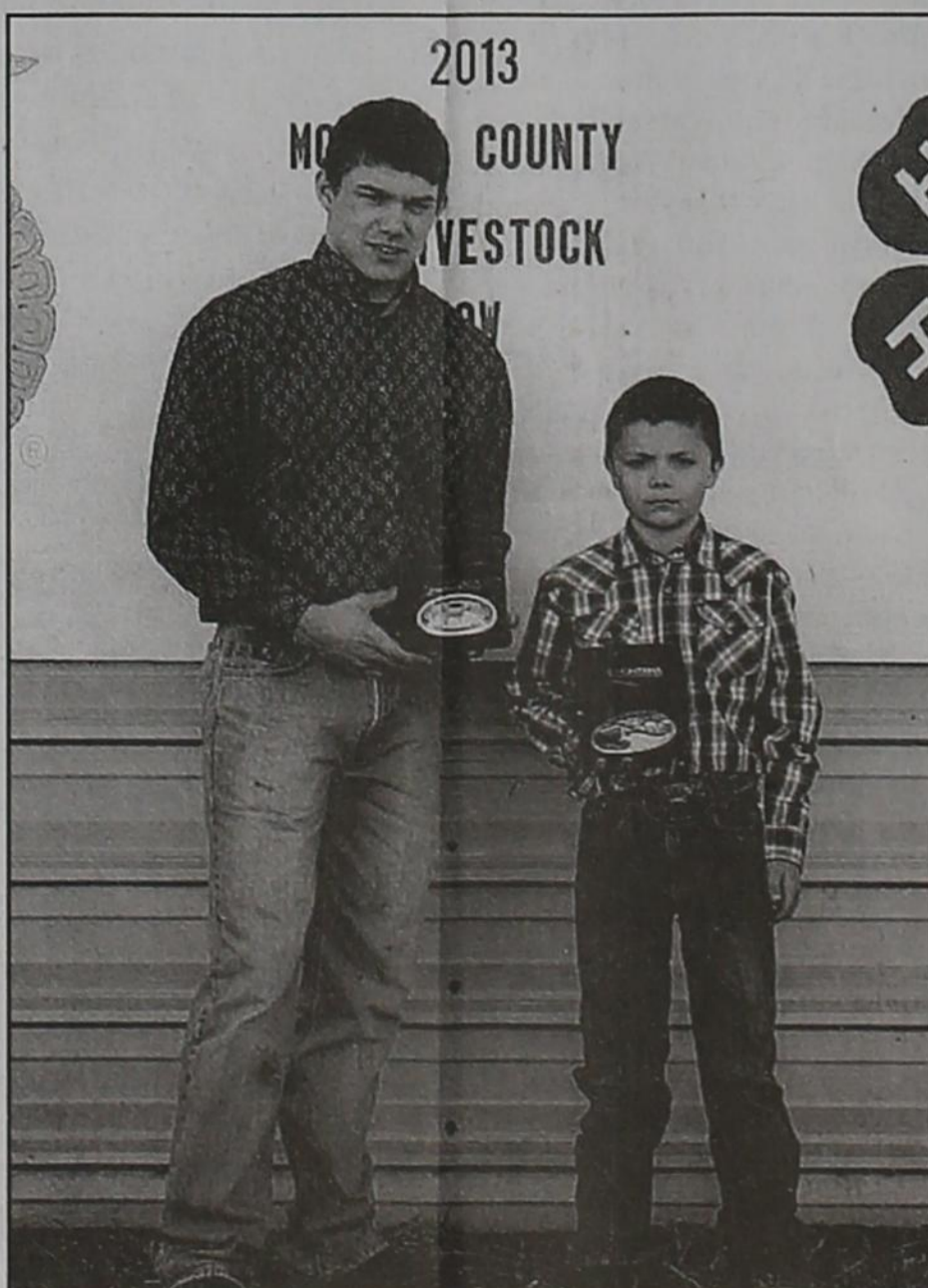
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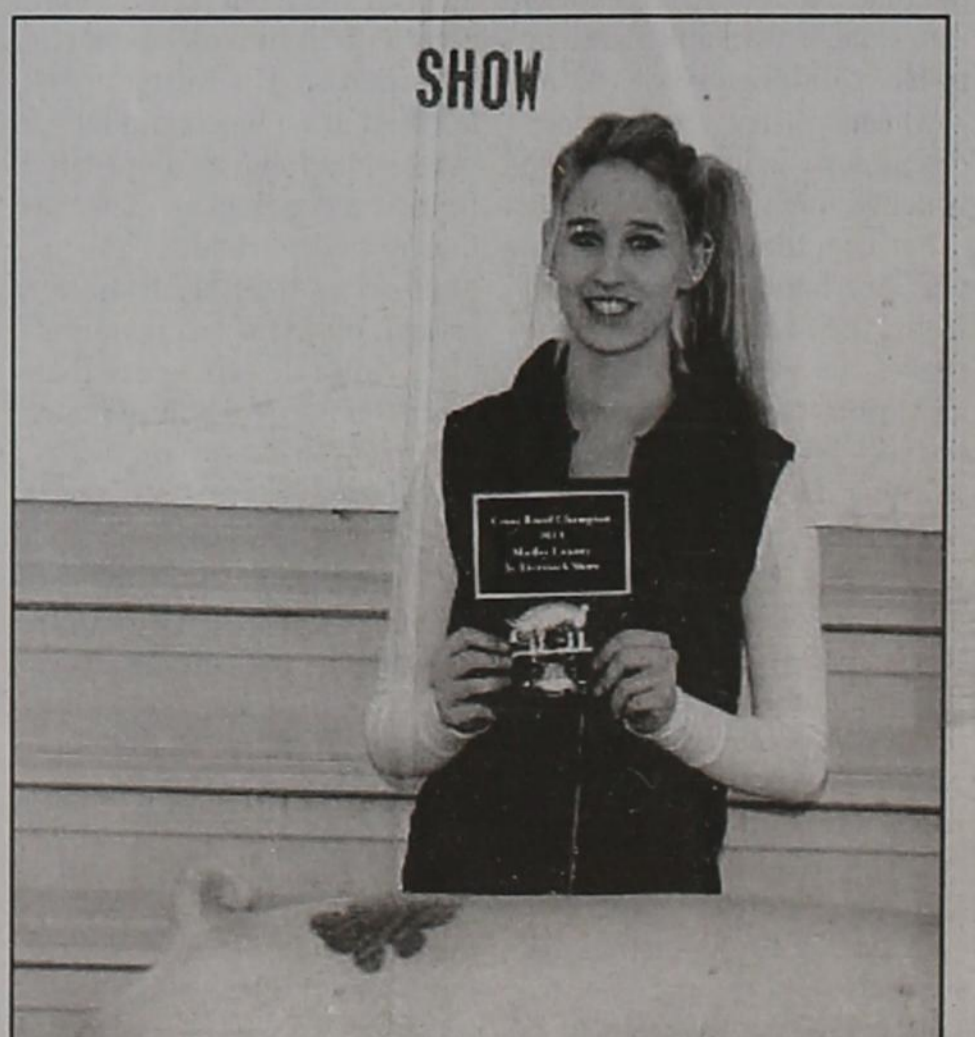
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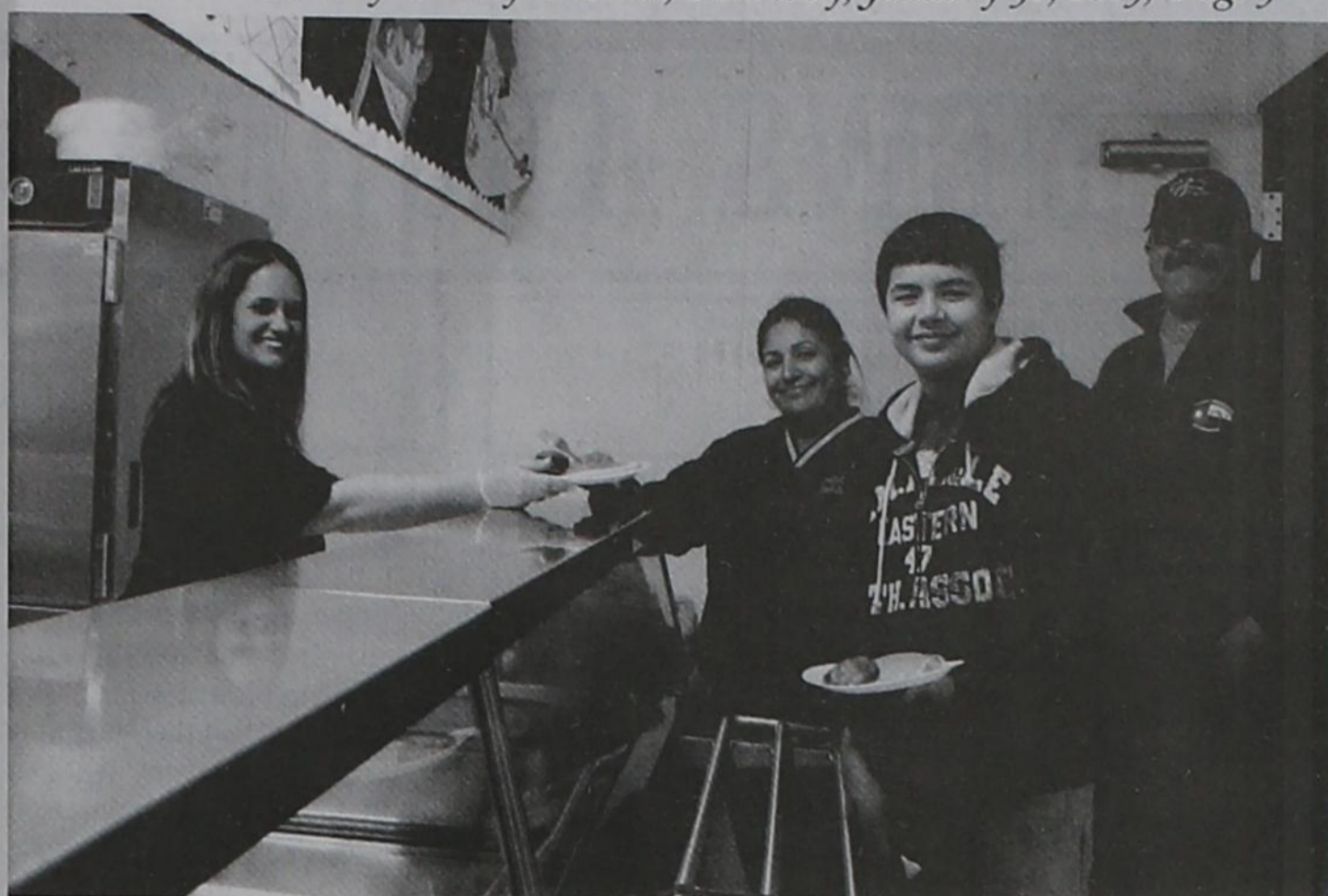
Austin Taylor, Sr. Swine Showmanship
Dereck Fisk, Jr Swine Showmanship



Breed Champion Cross, Bailey Waitman



Pictured is Rodney Williams with Nick Black, tossing a ticket into the hopper for a drawing Friday, January 25, at the Grand Opening of Matador's newest business - the Motley Farm and Ranch Supply. Nick and his father, Tom Humble, of Logan, Texas, are hunting hogs in Motley County.



Lioness, Jennifer Lawler, serves Paducah guests at the recent Matador Lions Club annual pancake supper fundraiser held January 22, 2013, at the school cafeteria. Pictured (L to R) are: Griselda, Heath, and Jacoby Burns of Paducah who attended the Paducah versus Matador basketball game. photo by Carol Campbell



Robert Hall, event coordinator, is also a rock vendor and a knapper who favors flint obtained in other countries because it is easier to work. His home is in Pittsburgh, Texas, but he thinks Motley County has a lot of potential for heritage tourism growth.

photo by Carol Campbell

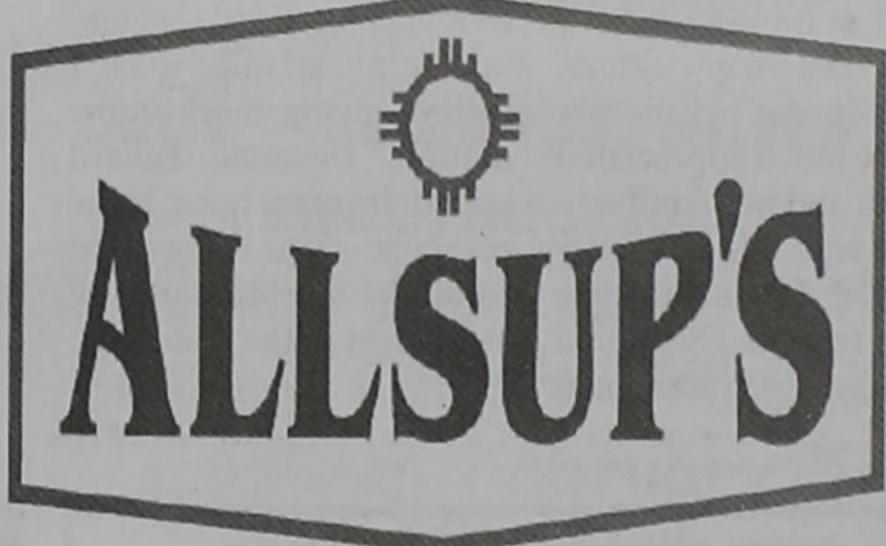


Curtis Smith of Fort Worth displays his handiwork created by flintknapping. He is a traveling knapper who goes to shows and events like the Knapp-In, makes items to sell, buys rock along the way, and sells it to other knappers. He is following his dream of making a living at what he enjoys most. photo by Carol Campbell

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NEWS AROUND MOTLEY COUNTY

Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

On a personal note

Emotions run rampant when it is time to disassemble a home after death; it is a huge task. Things that have been forgotten are found; little pieces of life that maybe were not usually known are discovered, letting pieces of your history fall into place. Such has been the task of my friend, Ralph Roming's daughter, Dian Allen this past month culminating in an estate sale over the week end.

Many laughs and more tears go with this settling and disposing of personal effects. Being a stranger to Roaring Springs but being a small town girl, she found people to be much the same as the home folks she grew up with. She is tempted to stay but being a respiration therapist for a hospital she will have to stay in the city. As the old cliché says you can take the girl out of the country but it is hard to take the country out of the girl! Dian would like all to know how much she appreciated all the neighbors and friends of Ralph for their help and comforting words.

In the community

Laura Boyd will be returning to Arizona again this week to be with her mother, Esther Wilkerson. Mrs. Wilkerson's heart surgery was postponed week before last and is rescheduled for Thursday in Phoenix. Prayer for her mother would be much appreciated by Laura and her family.

Don and Billie Stuckey celebrated Don's birthday with a trip to Oklahoma City to see the Professional

Bull Riding Finals. They returned by way of Flower Mound to visit with their daughter, Leandra and family. They returned home on Monday.

The first West Texas Knapping and Artifact sale held on Saturday at the Roaring Springs Community Center was a success. Much interest was shown and many expressed that they hoped they would come back next year. There were seven knappers, four rock dealers, three artifact displays, a gem stone jewelry vendor and Brother Bill Manney had a display of his collection. Knappers and artifact collectors came from Portales, NM to Tyler, TX. Bobbie Brown and her brothers prepared meals of beans and cornbread, chili, and homemade stew that were a treat for the knappers and public. There are plans to have another show and sale next year. This event was sponsored by the West Texas Historical Association Conference.

Thacker Jewelry has a new facade. There is a handsome new stone entrance and the building has been freshly painted. Wouldn't it be wonderful if buildings here would be occupied and given a facelift? Just to see more people would be fun.

There is a stirring to get some interesting activities for women started here at Petticoat Junction. There is quite a bit of interest and maybe an ad this week I believe giving more information. Devonne Dillard would love to have some response as to things that would be fun to do as well as interest in the endeavor.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

Overheard

At a certain age, everyone will understand this message: "I thought about the 30 year business I ran with 1800 employees all without a Blackberry that played music, took videos, pictures and communicated with Facebook and Twitter!"

Emergency Surgery

Kason Hughes of Floydada, grandson of Mrs. Janice Hughes, had emergency appendectomy Saturday at the Children's Covenant Hospital in Lubbock. His parents, Rickey and Tasha Hughes of Floydada and Janice were with him during surgery. He returned home Sunday and is reported to be doing just fine.

Community News

Visiting Thursday with Mary Jo Calvert and Glen Calvert were cousins, Mrs. Donna Proctor and Mrs. Janette Judd of Amarillo.

Michael Starkey of Canyon visited from Friday until Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Nada Starkey. He took her to Lockney Clinic Friday. Visiting Nada overnight Sunday and accompanying her to Amarillo

Monday for a medical appointment was daughter, Mrs. Jackie Lynn Davis of Fritch.

The members of the Flomot Church of Christ enjoyed their 4th Sunday covered dish luncheon at the Flomot Community Center. Special guests were Bro. Gerald Bedwell and wife, Sherry of Plainview.

Alvia Joe Calvert of Dumas was a luncheon guest Sunday of his mother, Mrs. Mary Jo Calvert and brother, Glen Calvert.

Mrs. Jackie Lynn Davis of Fritch, Mrs. Barbara Payne of Fairmont, Mrs. B. Rogers, Mrs. Nada Starkey and Donnie Rogers enjoyed lunch in Quitaque, Sunday.

Anna Beth and Joe Ike Clay enjoyed the basketball tournament held at Valley Schools during the weekend. Grandson, Walker Carson of Turkey played in games.

Brooke Sehon of Wolf-orth visited from Friday until Sunday with grandparents, Clois and Kathy Shorter. They accompanied her to Lubbock Sunday where they met her family, Keri and Kevin Sehon and Brian for lunch before returning to respective homes.

Matador News

Marilynn Hicks

The first flint knapping event is now history in Roaring Springs. This is one of the four events that Robert Hall is helping the chamber organize, advertise, and facilitate. He is a member of the Texas Historical Board with Marisue Potts who was our first contact with him. There were several knappers and vendors at the community center and many local people to look at their wares and skills. At least one vendor has already said he will be back next year. The inaugural gathering was a success.

Nelson and Edwina Cowles from Hallsville, Texas, had a booth with jewelry and artifacts. He is a retired teacher who also served in the state legislature for many years. He related that when he first taught he made less than \$200 per month, but was instrumental in passing the Gilmer-Aikin Bill which, among other items, established a base teacher salary that was at a reasonable limit.

Susie and Dennis Bat-

tenfield from Lewisville brought some of his knapping work and enjoyed the convocation. He works for UPS, and she is the secretary for a group of surgeons. Dennis likes that his knapping has enabled him to look at artifacts and understand the techniques used to form them. In talking about one of their children, I found out that the son had been the drum major for the band at A&M which had afforded them some wonderful travel and opportunities. The story of the son is most interesting because he had not been in the band since junior high and just decided to try out his sophomore year and not only made the cut, but became the leader of the group.

Joe and Alicejoy Taylor from Wichita Falls were hiking in Caprock Canyons during the cool weekend. This is an annual trek for them. Joe is a nurse at the North Texas Hospital, and she teaches in the public schools.

Off to Abilene to see Jason and family overnight. Have a good week.

MCISD Basketball Teams in Action

By Jennifer Lawler
Motley County Tribune

On Tuesday, January 22, both high school boys and girls teams played Paducah in home games. The boys team made a valiant try but lost 61 to 31. Austin Taylor was high scorer with 13 points, Seth Baxter 8, Connor Mason 6, Juan Flores 3, and Braden Bigham 1. The girls team was overcome with a score of 57 to 24. Brielle Collett was high scorer with 10 points, Megan Ford 6, Mattie Brooks 6, and Thalia Quillimaco 2.

On Friday, January 25, the teams played Aspermont. The boys team lost 61 to 39. Austin Taylor lead the scoring with 13 points, Connor Mason 10, Seth Baxter 7, Britt Simpson 5, Juan Flores 2, and Caleb Clary 2. The girls team was outscored 93 to 31 with Brielle Collett again leading the scores with 18 points, Shelby Elliot 5, Sabra Pope 4, and Mattie Brooks 4.



Bucket Calf Participants in the 2013 Jr Livestock Show, Chris Overton, Kyler Beshirs, Shandi Gwinn and Cade Martin

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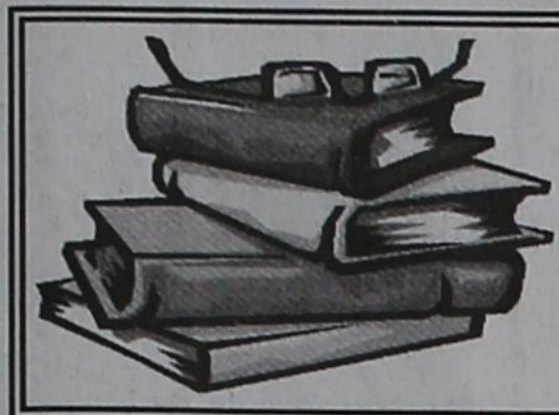
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Library Journal
by Carla Meador Librarian

The Friends of the Library will meet Thursday, February 6 at 3:00 p.m. in the Library. All Friends members are encouraged to attend. If you are not a member of this great organization we invite you to attend the meeting and join in the fun. Membership dues are only \$5.00 per person each year. The Friends group is a vital part of the Library and we appreciate every member. For more information call the library at 347-2717.

We have a strange situation with posters that we hang at the post office! Every time I hang a poster on the community board, it is mysteriously gone by the next day! Carol has been helpful in trying to keep an eye out, but she is very busy and can't watch everything that is going on, so if you happen to see someone removing a Library poster, please ask them not to. The posters announce important information about things going on at the Library, such as the upcoming computer lab.

If you have not registered for the FREE computer lab, you still have time. The classes will be held Monday and Tuesday, February 11 and 12. I really think these classes will be great and I hope everyone who has any desire to learn about the basics of computers will attend. There will be four classes, Basics of Computers, Internet and Cyber Safety, Introduction to Microsoft Word and Introduction to Microsoft Excel. For more information call me at the Library, 347-2717.

I'm still working on getting our new Children's books cataloged and on the shelves. The 65 new books were received through the Libri Foundation Grant. Hopefully I will be able to list all the great new titles next week.

New books to our Fiction section this week include Standing in Another Man's Grave by Ian Rankin, The Third Bullet by Stephen Hunter and Private Berlin by James Patterson.

Our featured book this week is a new book, listed last week, and since has received rave reviews. Robert B. Parker's Ironhorse by Robert Knott. Featuring Virgin Cole and Everett Hitch who have ridden roughshod over rabble-rousers and gun hands in troubled towns like Appaloosa, Resolution, and Brimstone. Newly appointed as territorial marshals, they step into an unsuspecting whirlwind of danger as they climb aboard an ill-fated train traveling through the Indian Territories. The first marshaling duty starts out as a simple mission to escort Mexican prisoners to the border, but when the governor of Texas and his wife and daughters board the train with their bodyguards and a hoard of money in tow, the journey suddenly becomes a lot more complicated. The storyline of Knott's Ironhorse crackles with excitement and humor.

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

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



Irrigation management, technology help producers survive drought

Expert: 2013 focus should be on management

AMARILLO - Two years of drought have forced adoption of new technology and management practices in crop irrigation, according to a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service specialist in Amarillo.

Nich Kenny, AgriLife Extension irrigation specialist, said the key factor moving into the 2013 season will be for producers to concentrate on their irrigation management.

"There are new water pumping regulations in place, and we are coming off two years of pretty significant drought," Kenny said. "What that means is on two fronts, these guys are limited to how much water they have available."

On the regulatory side, most producers who had banked water in previous years through efficient measures have exhausted those banks, so they are only going to be allowed to pump and apply what they are permitted to within a single season, he said.

On the drought side, because of the stress of two back-to-back years, some of these well capacities have

dropped. Where a producer may have been able to grow high-output corn on 120 acres before, he may now need to look at lower-output corn on that 120 acres or split those irrigation circles to match his capacity.

"It seems like over the last couple of years, we've made big improvements in technologies," Kenny said. "The guys have taken some proper steps to make sure their pivots are outfitted properly. They are using proper residue management, good plant populations and planting dates.

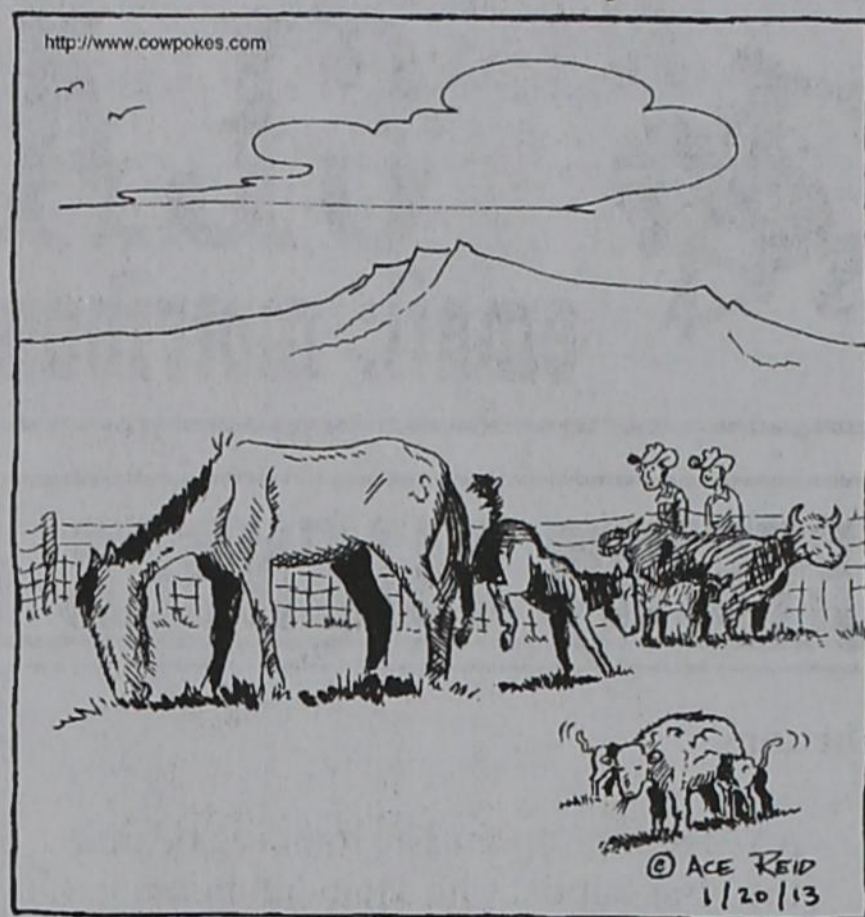
"Now we're really getting right down to where it will require some active irrigation management - holding some water early, managing soil water so we are not over-applying or over-irrigating early, and then keeping up with capacity during the middle of the season," he said.

Kenny said some producers already know, but others must improve their understanding of how much water they really need to keep up with all their crops, from corn to cotton and sorghum.

Producers need a good feel of what their capacity is and what is needed to maintain moisture during the season, he said. When the crop is at the tail-end of the season, they might need to back off the water again to match crop water needs as the it mature-sand finishes out towards harvest.

"Something that has been to our advantage is that dur-

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ing that drought, a lot of producers have learned to be very efficient," Kenny said. "They've looked at applying bubble-mode sprinklers so that they are minimizing their evaporation. We've had a renewed and improved interest in subsurface drip irrigation."

There have been some hardware upgrades that have made these drought-related challenges possible to overcome, he said.

"What we have seen, for-

tunately, is that producers learned enough lessons from 2011 that they actually had some record-setting yields during the second year of drought," Kenny said. "These new technologies are being applied very quickly, the management strategies are being applied, and our producers are doing a great job of adopting new practices that allow them to adapt to the weather conditions."

Obituaries

Mildred Underwood Parr

Graveside services for Mildred Underwood Parr of Roaring Springs were held December 27, 2012, at the Roaring Springs Cemetery, under the direction of Zapata Funeral Home of Matador. Services were conducted by Joe Martin. Mrs. Parr died December 24, 2012, at the Paducah Care Center where she had resided for the past several months.

Mildred was born in Afton, Texas, August 30, 1930, to Otto and Rosetta Underwood. She married Raymond Parr June 30, 1949.

She loved helping others and had worked as a Caregiver in Bakersfield, California before retiring and moving back to Roaring Springs several years ago. "Tinsey", as she was known to family and friends was a happy person

who loved her family and her Lord deeply. She enjoyed telling stories and writing poetry. Many times she would write a special poem for a family member on their birthday. She always had a smile and enjoyed making others laugh.

Mildred was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond in 1985 and daughter, Jeannie in 2008. She is survived by one son, Dewayne of Roaring Springs; a grandson, Tony and wife Jessica of California; three great-grandchildren; six sisters, Emma Jean Grant of Paducah, Sarah Martin and Mary Martin of Wellington, Rose Martin of Hamlin, Dora Hurt of Matador and Barbara Marvel of Roaring Springs; one brother, Charles Underwood of Los Angeles, California and numerous nieces and nephews.

Grady Phillips

Graveside Services for Grady Phillips, 81, of Quitaque, were held at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, January 29, 2013, at East Mound Cemetery with Patrick Adair officiating. Visitation was Monday January 28, 2013, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Zapata Funeral Home in Matador. Grady passed away January 26, 2013 at Mangold Memorial Hospital in Lockney, Texas. Arrangements were entrusted to Zapata Funeral Home of Matador.

He was born on June 30, 1931, in Lorenzo, Texas, to Hosea and Cecil Moore Phillips. He graduated from Motley County High School and went to the United States Marines Corps on January 16, 1952, and was Honorably Discharged on January 15, 1954. He was stationed

at Fort Chicago in California. He was a military policeman. Grady married Jean Partridge on August 15, 1957 in Carlsbad, NM. Grady retired from the Texas Highway Department.

He is survived by his daughters Kay Skinner and husband Walter of Quitaque and Kim Phillips of Krum, Texas; two granddaughters, Lacey Herrell and husband Rusty and son Elliot of Carlsbad, NM, and Alexandra Skinner of Lubbock; and one brother, Bill Phillips of Lubbock.

Grady was preceded in death by his wife, his parents, brothers Bobby and Johnny Phillips and a sister Ruby Brown.

The family asked that memorials be made to the Hospice Hands of West Texas P.O. Box 1118 Lockney, TX 79241

Hazel Geraldine "Jerry" Key

Graveside Services for Hazel Geraldine "Jerry" Key, 80, of Matador were held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday January 26, 2013 at East Mound Cemetery with the Rev. Bill Manney officiating. Services are entrusted to Zapata Funeral Home of Matador.

She passed away peacefully at Baptist St. Anthony's Hospice in Amarillo on Wednesday, January 23, 2013 after a brief illness.

Jerry was born to Edna and Gerald Waybourn on September 1, 1932, in Matador where she attended school and graduated in 1949. She married the love of her life, Ellis Key on May 24, 1952. They traveled the Texas Panhandle working at various ranches until they moved back home to Matador in 1987, where they co-owned and operated Key-West Ranch until his death April 18, 2009. Jerry enjoyed naming her cows and telling their life stories.

She is survived by one sister, Barbara West and her husband Jimmy of Amarillo, one daughter Toni Ratliff and



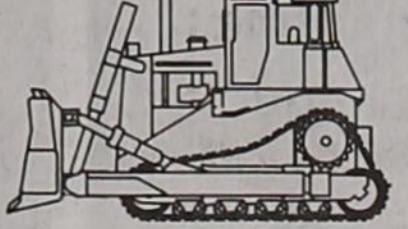
husband Dennis of Paducah, their children Alysia Fulton of Amarillo, Scott Fulton and wife Jenny of Canyon, Lee Ratliff and wife Sarah of Fritch; one son Floyd Key and his wife Denise of Childress and their children Eric Key of Childress and Kristen Key of Amarillo; three great-grandchildren, Emeline Fulton of Amarillo and Audrey and Kendra Ratliff of Fritch; and the greatly anticipated birth of a fourth great-grandchild, her husband's namesake, Cooper Ellis Fulton in May 2013.

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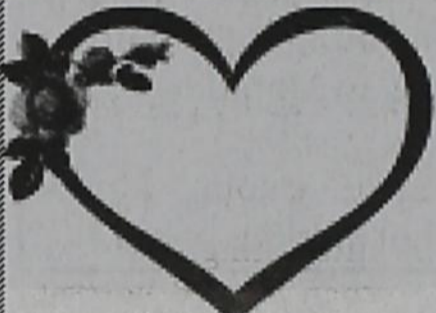



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- 2 Men's breakfast will be at the Methodist Church in Matador, 7:00 a.m.
- 4 Motley County Arts and Crafts Club, Motley County Senior Citizen Center in Matador from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm.
- 4 Jr High at Aspermont, 6:00 pm
- 5 Matador Lions
- 5 Lady Mats at Guthrie, 6:30 pm
- 5 Mats at Guthrie, 8:00 pm
- 7 Roaring Springs Lions
- 7 JH Tournament at Guthrie
- 8 Mats at Jayton, 8:00 pm
- 8 AA Meeting, 7p.m. The building behind the First Baptist Church in Matador
- 9 Jr High Tournament at Guthrie
- 11 Commissioners' Court
- 11 Roaring Springs City Council
- 11 MCISD School Board, 7:30pm
- 13 Hospital Bd meets in the back of the ambulance barn, 7am
- 14 Matador City Council
- 14 Matador Chapter of the Eastern Star, Floydada, Meal at 6:30pm, meeting at 7:30 pm
- 15 AA Meeting, 7p.m. The building behind the First Baptist Church in Matador.
- 19 Matador Lions
- 21 Matador Masonic Lodge, 6:30 pm
- 22 AA Meeting, 7p.m. The building behind

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The City of Roaring Springs is now accepting bids for a Water Jetter with Trailer. Bids may be mailed to the City of Roaring Springs, PO Box 247, Roaring Springs, TX 79256 or may brought by City Hall during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. noon, Monday through Friday. Bids must be received by noon on Monday February 11th, 2012. If mailing bids please **mark** sealed bid on the envelope. The City has the right to refuse any or all bids. ct6

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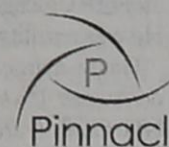
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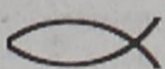


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