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Senior Airman Luke Roy Airman of the Year for Entire Air Force



The 2011 Headquarters Air Force Command and Control Battle Management Operator (C2BMO) of the Year Awards named Senior Airman Luke Roy as the Airman of the Year.

"This is a huge 'Air Force' level honor for Luke, and it is a true testament to Luke's skill as an operator and his dedication to the mission," said Major Dave Johnson.

According to Major General J.J. Jones, Air Force Director of Operation, the awards program "recognizes the many contributions made to the Air Force by exceptionally talented and highly trained professionals who have dedicated themselves to supporting the effective application of air and space power."

"This year's winners distinguished themselves in command and control operations throughout the world and through significant contributions and improvement of their mission areas," said Major General Jones.

Senior Airman Roy serves in the 603rd Air Control Squadron, 31st Operations Group, 31st Fighter Wing, Aviano Air Base, Italy.

He is currently serving his second deployment, this time in Afghanistan.

Roy is the son of Linda and Tom Roy, and he is the grandson of Dorothy Russell of Matador.

Farm Credit Bank Leaders say drought won't limit access to credit for U.S. Agriculture

On behalf of the Farm Credit System, the chief executives of the nation's four Farm Credit banks issued a joint statement today pledging to stand by farmers, ranchers, cooperatives and other agricultural borrowers grappling with severe drought conditions across the country.

The four banks - AgFirst, AgriBank, CoBank and Farm Credit Bank of Texas - act as the funding banks for 82 borrower-owned Farm Credit associations operating in all 50 states. Together, the banks and associations of the Farm Credit System function as the largest source of credit for American agriculture, accounting for an estimated 40 percent of all ag lending nationwide.

"The Farm Credit System remains well positioned to meet the borrowing needs of rural America, notwithstanding the difficult conditions brought on by the drought of 2012," the bank CEO's said. The four chief executives are Tim Amer-son of AgFirst, Bill York of

AgriBank, Bob Engel of Co-Bank, and Larry Doyle of Farm Credit Bank of Texas.

The hardest-hit areas of the Grain Belt are experiencing sharply lower yields and acreage abandonment, while livestock, dairy and other sectors will be negatively impacted by recent increases in prices for corn, soybeans, hay and other feedstuffs. Nonetheless, the CEO's said, the Farm Credit System is working collaboratively with borrowers on a case-by-case basis in these industries to ensure continued access to loans and other financial services, including those experiencing distress as a result of the drought.

"The drought's impact may differ from region to region, but Farm Credit's commitment to its mission is the same everywhere," the CEOs said. "The System's role is to stand by its customers, in good times and bad, and it will continue to fulfill that need in a safe and sound manner."

The CEOs note that financial conditions across

much of U.S. agriculture are far better than in 1988, the last time the nation experienced a drought of similar magnitude. "Many producers are coming off several consecutive years of strong profits, which have enabled them to reduce leverage, improve liquidity and invest in equipment," the statement says. "In addition, the agriculture sector has become much more sophisticated in utilizing important risk management tools to mitigate earnings volatility, such as futures contracts and crop insurance. Agricultural cooperatives, meanwhile, have also strengthened their balance sheets in recent years and are in a better overall position to withstand any drought-related business impacts."

The CEOs said the Farm Credit System, with approximately \$230.00 billion in total assets and solid levels of capital and liquidity, has the necessary size, strength and flexibility to manage through the drought crisis.

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4-Winds RC & D Meets at Hotel Matador

By Carol Campbell
Motley County Tribune

Eight members of the 13-member board of 4-Winds Resource Conservation & Development Area (RC&D) and honored guests met at Hotel Matador September 19, 2012, for the regular quarterly meeting. The luncheon event was hosted by the Upper Pease Soil and Water Conservation District.

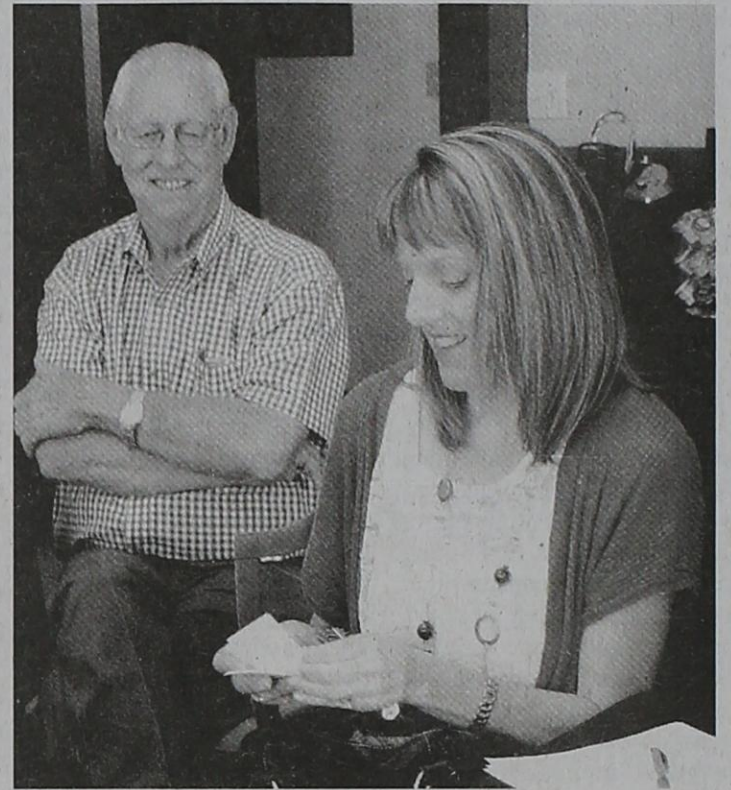
Attending were H. L. Ayers, Foard County; Judge David Davis, Haskell County; Ann Sparkman, Hardeman County; Barbara Bogart, Dickens County; Judge Duane Daniel, King County; Martha Jones, Stonewall County; and Ron Bailey, Motley County. Guests included local residents, James Bearden, Upper Pease Soil and Water Conservation District; and James Gillespie, USDA-Natural Resource Conservation Services. Also attending were Felix Taylor, Foard County; and Jennifer Foster, District Director, Senator Robert Duncan's office; and RC&D Administrative Assistant Mindy Mathis.

"Four Winds RC&D promotes rural community development and encompasses a wide range of approaches and activities that aim to improve the welfare and livelihoods of people living in rural areas," local Board Member Ron Bailey said.

In addition to a warm welcome by Foard County President H. L. Ayers followed by a financial accounting, the agenda consisted of update activities of Four Winds followed by a discussion of the current ongoing grant projects in surrounding counties.

Four Winds recently moved their offices from Knox City to Crowell, Texas, hiring new Administrative Assistant Mindy Mathis. "We are now located in the basement of the courthouse," Ayers said. "We have a good office, and a phone and recorder that works," Ayers quipped. Mathis is a graduate of A&M University with a degree in Parks, Recreation, and Tourism sciences. In addition to other duties, Mathis will be responsible for grant searches that may help counties apply for grant funds for special projects.

District Director Jennifer Foster from Senator Robert Duncan's office spoke to the group on the up-



Pictured is Four Winds Resource Conservation & Development Area Board Member Ron Bailey; and Jennifer Foster, District Director of Senator Robert Duncan's office, at the quarterly meeting of Four Winds at Hotel Matador. photo by Carol Campbell

coming legislative session, soliciting input on issues that affect counties. "Senator Duncan will chair the Senate Affairs committee again," Foster said, adding, "Committee hearings are going full steam ahead."

"This will prove to be another session that is not looking great - we are looking at deficits again and adjustments will have to be made," she said. "Water issues will be a big deal this session. We need a State Water Plan. We need to be a lot more serious about protecting our water." If you think this doesn't concern you, she said, "If you drink water, you should be concerned."

Other interesting updates included a report by Felix Taylor, Foard County, about a project for Hardeman, Cottle, and Foard counties to "test the feasibility of establishing wind generators for home use." This grant was obtained by Judge Mark Christopher in Foard County, and came through the North Texas Regional Planning Commission, he said.

James Gillespie, Motley County, reported on the Salt Cedar Beetle Project in Motley County. According to Gillespie, Salt Cedars on the North, Middle, and South Pease rivers in Motley County are now being controlled by a small beetle imported from the Mediterranean.

Salt cedar was introduced from Asia for erosion control, Gillespie explained. Each mature plant can

use up to 200 gallons of water per day, causing severe ecological damage to all native plants and animals depending on the water in an area.

These leaf beetles and larvae feed on salt cedar foliage; and at high numbers can cause plant fatality. An insectory was established on the Middle Pease River and is showing promise, Gillespie said.

"We originally fenced off an area and tented it to establish the original colony of beetles," Gillespie said. "We established the colony inside the tent," he explained. "Then a hail storm downed the tents and the beetles escaped." But, according to Gillespie, they are thriving. "It is unknown how the beetles will survive the cold weather."

Ron Bailey highlighted Bob's Oil Well and discussed the beginnings of an Industrial Park in Matador. "We are putting together 4-blocks in north-east Matador that will serve as an Industrial Park to attract businesses," Bailey said.

Following the business meeting, the group moved to the lobby area to view Old West Tales From Motley County, a video documentary filmed in Motley County. Carol Campbell thanked the group for their past support. Four Winds provided a \$500 matching grant for video equipment that will be placed in the historic jail as a playback system. Following the program, lunch was served to the group by Hotel Matador.

Foothill Country

Connections

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



By Larry Vogt

There are some interesting articles about water in this edition of the Motley County Tribune. Marisue Potts went to the Texas Groundwater Summit in Austin and her report starts on page 3. Since water is so important to all of us whether or not we are directly involved with agriculture I found her report to be very informative and timely. Another article by Erica Gies starts on the same page and I was very intrigued by her paragraph on recycling water and diverting rainwater for household use.

I have done a bit of rainwater capture and have long felt that greywater usage was a good idea that would have immediate effects in limiting groundwater consumption and reducing the pressure on sewer and septic systems. Greywater is also called surlage and is generated from domestic use in bathroom sinks, bathtubs, and washing machine water. Some localities also include the water from kitchen sinks even though it

may contain food wastes that may need further treatment. Greywater differs from water from toilets, which is called blackwater, and the water that is considered potable, or drinking water, is called whitewater.

The idea of using the greywater to use for irrigation or recycling back into household use (for instance, toilet flushes) could have an impact on water sheds that are currently stressed from overuse. There is a toilet that has a sink right above it that drains the water from washing your hands into the cistern of the toilet itself. How simple is that? To recycle greywater requires some redesigning of current plumbing systems in households but it might be worth the effort if enough families made the switch and realized the benefits from using their own greywater. There are obvious procedures that have to be followed when using warm soapy water. To start with, it is important to use soaps and detergents that allow for greywater system regeneration. If the water is excessively warm, it has to be cooled, for instance, if it is to be used for irrigation. There is considerable information on many websites that can help you design and use a greywater treatment system. Just type "greywater" into your search engine and there will be many websites available to retrieve information.

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WEST TEXAS... WHERE THE HEART IS

"THE DAIRY YEARS"

By Janelle Jackson Shirley
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Continued from September 20, 2012

On some occasions, the canning process was an all day event for the entire family. Byrd and the children would travel to farms of relatives or friends, some nearby and some in nearby towns. But always, it was to farms where fields of vegetables, mainly peas, beans, and corn were grown in abundance. Although most of the work fell to the women to do, the children did their part. All ages went to the fields to pick the vegetables and help prepare them for canning. It was hard work, especially for the women, but at the end of the day each had many jars of vegetables to supplement the food needed to feed her family throughout the winter months. It wasn't all work, for there was time for visiting and enjoying a noon meal together, and the children of both families enjoyed spending time together... especially when it was time to cut and eat watermelons at the end of the day.

Even with all the work that had to be done to survive during these difficult years, there was also time for the simple pleasures of life. There was school and church to attend, with special events throughout the year. In summer, one church would conduct Vacation Bible School and children from all the churches would attend. One school event the community looked forward to attending was the May Day program that took place in the school gymnasium. The highlight of the program was the winding of the May Pole. Children, dressed in colorful crepe paper costumes to represent spring flowers, held long, brightly colored streamers and skipped around the pole, weaving in and out, to create a beautifully decorated May Pole.

Home parties were a large part of the entertainment for the young folks. A favorite was the "Fruit Supper" that families took turns hosting. The girls would bake cakes and the boys would bring large cans or jars of fruit to be served after they had finished their party games. Another activity for the young folks was "Kodak-ing." All that was needed was that small box camera, the Kodak Brownie, and a few friends willing to take turns posing and snapping pictures. This not only provided fun for a Sunday afternoon, but resulted in a visual record of good times that would become a part of family history in years to come.

Going to the "picture show" at the town's only theater, the "Rogue," was an event for all ages, but it was a must for the youngest children on Saturday afternoon. They didn't want to miss seeing their favorite cowboy, Tom Mix, Ken Maynard, or one of the

other cowboy stars of that time, jump on his horse, give chase, and win the fight with the bad guy, the one in the black hat. The price of admission to the theater for those twelve years of age and under was ten cents. In "milk money," that would have been one cent more than what was received for one quart of milk. But, somehow that dime was always there for the youngest members of the family.

During evenings at home, there were games that all the children could participate in, activities especially enjoyed during the winter months. There was "Uncle Wiggily" for the youngest ones and "Chinese Checkers" for anyone who cared to play. Card games were popular at that time, and the younger children enjoyed a game called, "Books," later known as "Go Fish." Another card game, "Old Maid," was a favorite of the older children, but not the younger ones, for they usually ended up at the end of the game holding the Ace of Spades and getting teased for being the "Old Maid." Checkers was a game for all ages, but sometimes the game didn't end too well. If the game wasn't going his way, the youngest boy would upset the checker board to stop the game. That's when Byrd, to restore order, would suggest they play games she had taught them: "I Spy"... "Hide the Thimble"... "Where am I?"... "May I?"...all games Byrd could take part in and oversee while seated in her rocker by the fire on cold winter nights.

Winter evenings were also a time for popping corn and making candy, a requests that was seldom refused. All it took was for one child to ask, "Mama, may we make candy?" and the only thing left for the children to decide was what kind -- "Chocolate Fudge" or "Peanut Brittle." The older children were in charge of the cooking, while the younger ones debated whose turn it was to "lick the spoon" after the candy was poured onto the platter to cool.

Summer was a time when the younger children were free to roam about the countryside and enjoy outside activities. For many of those excursions, their companions were their cousins. The five of them, all near the same age, traveled freely between the dairy on one side of town and the farm on the other, and all points in between. Some trips were made on horseback, for all learned to ride at an early age, but most of the time they strolled on foot, often barefoot, which was considered one of the pleasures of summer.

They were never at a loss to find something to fill those summer days. It might be accompanying an elderly neighbor as he took his long walk through the pastures, picking wild flow-

ers to be put on his wife's grave when he reached East Mound Cemetery. Or, it might be following the lead of one of the more daring in the group to climb the steps of the old school house to walk around the top of the walls of the basement, which at that time was all that remained of the brick building that once served as the school house for children of all ages. From the fairly safe to the more dangerous, there was no limit to what they could find to do. Some of those things, as they found out when they got home, were considered "off limits" and they suffered the consequences. Most often it was a stern warning, "Don't ever let me hear of you doing that again!" That was enough to keep the children from repeating the same mistake, but didn't hinder them from their summertime adventures.

As the depression worsened, there was less income from the dairy business as more customers were unable to afford to have milk delivered to their homes. Some young farmers, in order to supplement their own income, began to sell milk, and were able to sell it at a lower price than Byrd could afford to do. Even with a reduction in the number of milk cows, the expense of maintaining the dairy left very little leeway for offering milk at a lower price. Some customers, although reluctant to do so, were forced to take advantage of the cheaper milk for their families. Others simply could no longer afford to buy milk. As long as Byrd was able to do so, she continued to deliver milk to some customers who were unable to pay. When asked how she could do that, she replied, "They need milk, I have milk." To her, it was that simple. As long as she had milk, she would share it with others who didn't.

The four older children were now on their own with responsibilities to their own families. The children still at home, who were old enough to work, earned money at whatever jobs they could find to do when they were not in school. Jim continued to farm, at times leasing plots of land around town and planting crops--corn, black-eyed peas, and melons for food, and cotton to be picked and sold. There wasn't a lot of money coming in, but there was always ample food to feed the family and to share with others.

With careful planning and Byrd's talent for sewing, everyone was adequately clothed. Having had a lot of practice making clothes for her family over the years, Byrd had become an accomplished seamstress. When asked how she could do such fine work, her answer was short, "Practice and Patience." I'm not sure she was familiar with the saying, "practice makes perfect," but she practiced it. In all her sewing, she patiently took the

time to make everything as perfect as she could get it, even if that meant ripping out and doing it over. She had to be satisfied with a garment before she considered it finished.

Byrd also had a special talent for quilting, and was often asked to quilt for others, for few could match the small even stitches that she was known for in her quilting. The wooden quilting frame Jim had made for her, with cords to raise it to the ceiling of a room when not in use, was always available to be lowered for Byrd to do her quilting. Over time, many quilts were completed, and many families other than her own, slept warm beneath the handiwork of Byrd's quilting.

For the family providers, it was an ongoing struggle to meet the needs of all the family, a seemingly never ending test of endurance, but for the young children their needs were sufficiently met and their wishes most often fulfilled. Whether it was a new dress for a special event, or a pair of boots with a white star as seen in the Sears and Roebuck "Wish Book," somehow those items materialized. However, one lesson learned by all was that of taking care of what one had. "Sunday clothes" were just as the name implied...the nicest clothes one had, reserved for wearing only to church, or on very special occasions. There were "school clothes," and then there were "play" and "work" clothes that one changed into before engaging in either activity. It wasn't something to be questioned. It was a way of life.

Always, it seemed, when there was a need in the family, Byrd found a way to fill it. Most often that way involved a sacrifice of her time and labor. Other times it involved a product of her time and labor...MILK! If the children wanted or needed something from someone, Byrd's first question might be, "Do they drink milk?" If so, she knew the family could afford whatever it was that was needed. Haircuts for the whole family were paid for in milk, as the barber was a regular customer who drank milk. Other products and services were obtained the same way. There might not always be ready cash, but there was always milk. At least, for a decade that was the case.

But life is ever changing, and the years at the dairy finally came to an end, leaving only memories to be relived by those who considered themselves fortunate to have been a part of family life on a dairy in good times and bad. The family would undergo many changes in the years ahead, and face many new challenges. But, as always, they met those challenges with the same resolve and positive attitude that had its beginning with Jim and Byrd in Erath County, and continued throughout their years in West Texas... where the heart is.

Texas Groundwater Summit poses problems and solutions

By Marisue Potts
Motley County Tribune

"Don't Waste a Good Drought!" Texans are waking up to the fact that, drought or no drought, we have a water problem and the time to plan for the future is now. Over forty speakers addressed their concerns at the Texas Groundwater Summit held in Austin September 21-23, 2012. The topics ran the gamut from historical perspectives to conservation, preservation, legal, geological, management and regulation. Attending from the Gateway Groundwater Conservation District were Marisue Potts and Raymond Brady, a geologist who also consults with other water districts.

Professor Charles Porter, who believes drought is the norm not the exception, traced the "Rule of Capture" back to Spain and Spanish Texas where landowners owned the groundwater under local control. He sees the future as coming down to a choice between Rural and Urban use. However, the unintended consequences of selling rural water rights could be a loss of agriculture tax exemption, requiring a five year roll-back to get it back. Porter said every acre in Texas should be under a groundwater conservation district to better equip us to face hard choices between tax revenue vs. food, over-allocation of surface water resources, funding of a state water plan, formulating a drought plan, considering off-channel reservoirs, and finding water for growth.

"The price of water is related to the availability of the resource," Lawyer Jason Hill said. "Water's importance is coming and will supercede material goods if we don't value it. It has been too easily available, disease free and convenient." He offered a theme repeated in the conference: no two water bearing formations are the same and each one requires a different approach. He touched on some of the cases related to water rights. Historical use, surface water law, highest and best use, and economic development offer many opportunities for the courts to become involved. The Supreme Court is not a good water regulator so Groundwater Districts should work toward

regulations that offer a fair share on different aquifers, keep working, do what the legislature instructs, and get it right, he concluded.

Larry French of the Texas Water Development Board said that groundwater management is a balance of using the resource while preserving, reserving, and protecting it. "If your groundwater team doesn't understand its aquifer, they can't manage it." Data collection and modeling are key components for the sixteen Groundwater Management Areas in Texas. Permitting depends on well spacing, production limits, historical permits, available groundwater, and rainfall. Desired Future Condition (DFC) depends on water levels and/or water drawdowns, water quality, spring flow, and storage capability. "How to implement a water plan?" will be different for the nine major and 21 minor "relevant" aquifers that are important to the state. "Non-relevant" aquifers offer no large scale production, may be on margins of "relevant" aquifers, and are not managed. Within the regional water plans, DFC's are decided locally using improved accessibility of data but the second round of DFC's may draw lawsuits in protest of regulation of withdrawal. Among the challenges he listed are the use of brackish groundwater and desalination, hydraulic fracturing and recycling, energy production, legal concerns, and the need for more data from Groundwater Districts.

Drought Response and Management was the topic for Kirk Holland of the Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District. He shared that hydrological droughts are different from agricultural droughts where use or over use may create a "use" drought. The drought stage then triggers help with planning, i.e., measuring inputs and outputs, ascertaining the effect of the drought and response time to pumping. Metering groundwater at well heads allows effective management response with more measurement required as the drought deepens. The Desired Future Condition can be reached by permitting wells and curtailing wells by rules, annual renewal permits, senior (historical) use permits and

junior (100% curtailment if needed) use permits, credit or rebate program, and enforcement with monetary rewards or fines.

The High Plains Groundwater Conservation District manager, Jim Conkwright, related that there are 13,000 to 14,000 pivots in his district where the principal use of groundwater is for agriculture. Record use, record drought, an increased population has put huge pressure on available groundwater. The center pivots are used to supplement the annual rainfall; there is not enough groundwater to irrigate crops totally. This conservation district is 60 years old, but "a new day is dawning," he said, with the adoption of new rules. Different districts have different Desired Future Conditions, but most management plans call for 50% of saturated thickness in the groundwater retained in 50 years. To balance water needs for agriculture, industrial, and personal use the High Plains GWD calls for spacing on wells, spacing on property lines, allotment based on production rate, water use reporting through metering, water banking, and public education, awareness and conservation of groundwater. One size does not fit all, so different management tools are required for different districts.

"The cheapest water is saved water," said Kathy Jones for Lone Star GCD where a growth rate of 52% has taken place in Montgomery County in ten years, impacting the aquifer use to exceed the DFC. Industrial uses equal 70% of the groundwater pumped. She had practical tips to save on water consumption: improve the infrastructure for water collection and water delivery, replace water-inefficient appliances, meter use, use high efficiency nozzles, share information through public education. Modeling is interesting, she said, but monitoring is the key to management.

Hydraulic fracturing, a production technique used on oil and gas wells with diminished flow, is becoming increasingly popular as technology improves. Leslie Savage of the Railroad Commission reported 13,000 wells are using hydraulic fracturing to stimu-

late production, usually in deep shale formations of one to two miles. Disclosure of chemicals used in 2011 were reported on 12,794 wells and can be accessed through FracFocus. There are driller incentives to protect the well and the environment, including standards, regulations, and "minimal separation wells," providing distance between production depth and the nearest groundwater.

Ron Green, a hydrological investigator, reported that 80% of the frac water is "flow back," but is of poor quality contaminated with chemicals. Deep well injection of waste water with saline and chemicals has the highest degree of risk and sometimes follows fractures and pre-stress fields. A concern is the inadvertent contamination by migration, possible flow-back and breakout to reach the surface or contaminate wells. In older wells, aggressive fluids may affect deteriorated casings. Green said there should be a limit or prohibition in spent Oil & Gas formations, an increase of over 1/4 mile in monitor wells, and a data base including the chemicals used. His suggestions include the use of brackish rather than fresh water in hydraulic fracturing, the recycling of the water used, keeping good reports, metering, education and transparency. The demand on water for hydraulic fracturing is 40,000 acre feet or five days worth of water for every Texan.

More to come: El Paso is treating brackish water; The transfer of groundwater from the Edwards Aquifer to the Carrizo-Wilcox; Charge more and use less; Good steps to take.

Editor Note: Following are some questions for reflection regarding your water situation. In order to further discussion, you are welcome to share your answers with the *Motley County Tribune*.

Where does your water come from?

Where does your waste water go?

How are you planning for your future water needs?

How have your water needs and availability changed historically?

Does your community have a drought plan?

natural processes to clean and store water.

Conservation: Between 1950 and 2005, the U.S. population doubled while domestic, commercial and industrial water consumption tripled. However, conservation measures are closing this gap. Between 2005 and 2009, our population increased 5 percent while water withdrawals increased by just 2 percent, according to the U.S. Geological Survey.

While many people equate conservation with sacrifice, it can be surprisingly easy. Pinellas County Utilities in Clearwater, Fla., for example, reduced water use by more than 40 percent between 1991 and 2008 simply by offering rebates and technical assistance for water efficiency -

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Farm Credit Bank Leaders say drought won't limit access to credit for U.S. Agriculture continued from page one

"The U.S. is fortunate to have an organization like the Farm Credit System, as well as other lender, that are devoted to supporting agricultural and the rural economy," the CEOs said. We remain enormously optimistic about the long-term prospects for American agriculture," the CEOs said. "Whatever the challenges presented by the drought, access to credit will not be one of them. The System will continue to focus on delivering dependable credit to U.S. agriculture and supporting its ongoing growth and success."

About the Farm Credit


System For 95 years, Farm Credit has been a national provider of credit and related services to rural America through a cooperative network of customer-owned lending institutions and specialized service organizations. Created by Congress in 1916, the Farm Credit System provides over \$180 billion in loans and leases to farmers, ranchers, rural homeowners, aquatic producers, timber harvesters, agribusinesses, and agricultural and rural utility cooperatives. For more information about the Farm Credit System, please visit www.farmcredit.com

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"WHY NOT NEUTRALITY?"

A dangerous trend has developed in recent years. That is, the assumption that one can adopt a neutral stance. Perhaps this comes from a feeling that one can be noncommittal. If so, one could possibly remain detached and uninvolved yet be considered a Christian. Jesus, the author of Christianity, pointed out in His sermon on the mount, that the neutral stance is impossible. He indicated that doing nothing is an impossible doctrine to support.

To be in Christ is to be involved. We are all a part of the human experience. We are therefore involved in humanity. There are many ways in which you and I might become involved. Here are some suggestions to get us started. First, don't hurry out the door after services on Sunday. Take time to greet and listen to the concerns of others.

Remember this, that listening is the opening of involvement. There is nothing that makes us more Christ-like than listening to the cares of others and then responding in a concerned manner. Words of comfort, cheer and encouragement are often just the thing that is needed. Sometimes there is action required on our part but then that is what involvement is all about.

The words sowed in the heart by your involvement will be gathered in. Your treatment of others will be returned to you. God will reward your service in kind. It is the kindness and the willingness to become involved as Christ's people, that will open the ears of others to the saving gospel.

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Michael G. Crowley, Sr.
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South needs savvy water management

by Erica Gies

More than 63 percent of the continental United States remained in moderate to exceptional drought in early September, as the nation's most widespread drought since 1956 continued to threaten drinking water supplies, crops and livestock.

Recent rains have eased the drought in the South a bit, but large swaths of Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Georgia are still enduring severe to exceptional drought, while Virginia, Kentucky and South Carolina are abnormally dry, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor.

Droughts come and go, of course, but water scarcity is a looming problem, especially in the Southeast where fast growing populations increase

demand, and climate change makes supplies more erratic.

U.S. communities are responding in myriad ways that could be adopted in the South:

Lawsuits: A frequent response to water scarcity is lawsuits. In June, the U.S. Supreme Court declined to take a long-running case in which Alabama, Florida, and Georgia fought over the waters of Lake Lanier, allowing a lower court ruling to stand giving the Atlanta metro area much of the water.

Elsewhere, Mississippi officials have accused Memphis, Tenn., of overdrawing water from a shared aquifer and have asked the Supreme Court to weigh in. Kansas filed a \$50 million legal claim against Nebraska over water rights. Las Vegas is seeking groundwater in eastern Nevada to slake the

thirst of its booming population, but neighboring Utah is fighting the "water grab" in state courts.

Of course, the problem with lawsuits is they don't increase water supply; they just reallocate it.

Watershed Management: Cooperative watershed management is an effective approach that considers an entire watershed for what it is: an integrated, natural system, as opposed to a mere source of a human commodity. It aims to meet the needs of all users in the water system, including cities, farmers, energy producers, plants and animals.

Cooperating federal, state, and regional agencies, along with nonprofits, use science to balance water supply, rights, and quality, often incentivizing conservation and using

NEWS AROUND MOTLEY COUNTY

Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

On a personal note

Last Monday I was in Fredericksburg, Texas. My friend, Leslie and I treated ourselves to a birthday trip. I am one week older than Leslie; we started first grade together when we were almost six.

Seventy years is a long time for a close friendship. I am blessed to have many close friends from my school years. Leslie was a bridesmaid at my wedding and I was matron of honor at her wedding in 1956. We were inseparable all through school and would be now if we lived near each other. We had lots of fun, shopping and visiting. Her sister and niece from Austin joined us.

The mosquitoes are getting bad. That is the downside of the wonderful rain we have had. By emptying water standing in old tires, flower pots or any other thing that can hold water outside will help cut down their population. West Nile virus is a scary thing to have. There have been about a dozen cases in the Lubbock region. Please check around your homes for mosquito breeding places. A little in any discarded container can be a breeding place.

In the community

The Gulleddges left today.

We will miss them and the wonderful food and friendly atmosphere of the Windmill Café. They will have a long trip pulling trailers and driving a U-Haul all the way to Alabama. Her parents, Dean and Debbie Johnson from Alabama came to help them.

Dan Brandon was buried on Saturday and his father, Fred 'Banty' Brandon died early Sunday morning. Both had been in bad health for a long time. Banty's service will be on Tuesday at the First Baptist Church in Roaring Springs.

James and Pat Palmer have moved here from Eureka, Kansas. We are glad to have them back. James grew up here.

Pearl Patten enjoys hearing from home. She is doing all right, she says. She misses home and really misses being able to drive. Her address and phone number are: Pearl Patten, Raider Ranch; 6548 43rd St., Apt. No. 2116 Lubbock, TX 79407; phone number is 806-317-1625.

On Wednesday, Ralph Roming had a guest from Hutto, Texas, where he formerly lived. His friend, Rick Krueger arrived while Ralph was keeping the museum. Being a history buff he really enjoyed the museum. On Thursday, Ralph and Rick toured the area. They had a grand time catching up on all their news.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

Overheard

Nostalgia is great in its positive form. Most of us have done things we are glad we did, but sure as heck would not want an encore. These come immediately to mind: study by a kerosene lamp, serve in the U.S. Army, chop wood for heating and cooking, hitchhike to a lot of places, dig post holes in rocky terrain and stretch barbed wire. Also, go through the initial process of quitting cigarettes, drink water drawn from a cistern or dash through a cold north wind to an outhouse facing south!

Vacation Trip

Doris and Roger Vinson returned home September 19 from an extensive vacation trip in their mobile home. On July 19th they left for Arizona and spent six days enjoying the many tourist attractions. They continued to Santa Anna, California, and visited Roger's cousin and family, Betty and Bubs Schreder and visited at Disney Land. They toured the California coast and stayed at Klamath. When on the coast of Oregon, they visited her cousin, Mike Cobb, and saw the beautiful, historical Crater Lake that was once a volcano. They drove over in Washington State and then returned to California for Bubs back surgery. En route home, they enjoyed three nights in Las Vegas where they met friends for good entertainment and touring.

Visiting the weekend with Jerry and Sandra Barclay were grandchildren, Tylee, Trent, and Trevor Barclay of Matador.

Connie and Coy Franks, her mother, Mrs. Erma Washington, attended September 8 football game held at Estacado in Lubbock. Hudson Franks, son of Cory and Amy Franks of Idalou, played in the game. Sunday afternoon September 16, Connie and Erma met Matt and Ashley Washington of Lubbock in Friendship and enjoyed a football game in which Brazos Washington played.

L.T. Starkey of Ralls visited Thursday with his brother, Johnie Starkey.

Visiting in Turkey Sunday with daughter and family, Teresa and Tom Heck, Cody and daughter, Kacee, student at Clarendon Junior College, were Ruth and Orville Lee. Other visitors were Mrs. Kellan Roberts and Addie of Clarendon.

Weekend visitors of Mrs. Nada Starkey were son, Michael Starkey and grandson, Kyler of Canyon.

Mrs. B. Rogers returned home Tuesday from the Mangold Hospital in Lockney. Visiting her Sunday were Lou and Ronnie Rogers of Lubbock and Kolin and Laura Duertherhaus of Levelland.

Brooke Sehon of Wolf-orth is visiting this week with her grandparents, Clois and Kathy Shorter.

Matador News

By Marilyn Hicks

I got to watch grandson Jacob play football in Austin on Friday night. It was wonderful. We had a cool evening with the smell of popcorn in the air, with bands making lots of racket and music, and with a win by over 50 points. I sometimes forget how much I love the magic of Friday night games, and we hope to make another - or maybe during a playoff game. Jacy loves her new school. She has transferred to Texas State in San Marcos. Kim says that AP Stats is much easier to teach during the second year, and Kev has been really busy catching bad guys. We stayed the night with Jason, Kim and girls in Abilene on the way downstate.

The Chamber of Commerce is beginning to make plans for the Hunter Appreciation Lunch held on the first weekend of deer season. If you hunt in Motley Coun-

ty or lease your property to someone, be sure to get the word out. If you would like to donate a gift for the gathering, you may bring it by the hotel at your convenience.

The History Mystery weekend which is the weekend before Halloween is also in the final planning stages. Watch for advertising - it is going to be quite an affair.

Amanda Blood and Tabitha Roodhouse have been at the courthouse doing contract research work for mineral leases. They have been in town for a couple of weeks and think they will be here for some time to come. They are sisters and are from Wichita Falls.

Calvin Lemon of Idalou and Ruben DeLeon of New Deal visited Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. H.R. "Skeet" Jameson.

It has been a sad week for the Brandon family with the loss of Dan and then of Banty. We are keeping them in our prayers.

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Drawing will be held at the Motley 4-H Benefit Concert on
October 6, 2012 in Roaring Springs.

MC Beats Paducah

By Charli Bighalmm
Motley County Tribune

The Motley County Matadors beat the Paducah Dragons in a close game Friday night. "Our boys did a great job winning the game Friday," said Coach Bigham. "They were a very athletic team and we were fortunate to hold on to a win in the end. We didn't play up to our potential and had to play through some adversity down the stretch. These types of games in the pre-season make you a better football team later in the year," he said.

Leading the offensive attack for another week was Austin Taylor who had 28 carries, four touchdowns, and 202 yards rushing. Juan Flores had 10 carries for 53 yards and a reception from Taylor for a touchdown. Britt Simpson also added

another touchdown receiving the ball from Braden Bigham on a 12 yard pass.

"We had too many mistakes Friday on offense that stopped drives from reaching the end zone," Coach Bigham said. "We must cut down on those mistakes and continue to improve next week."

The defense played well throughout the game having a few breakdowns but very fixable, Bigham said. Conner Mason had an exceptional night intercepting two passes and running one back for a score. Juan Flores also helped the defense with a fumble recovery in the end zone for another defensive touchdown. "These were dead breaks for us Friday night, our defense did things that helped win us the game," said Coach Bigham.

"The coaching staff would like to thank everyone for

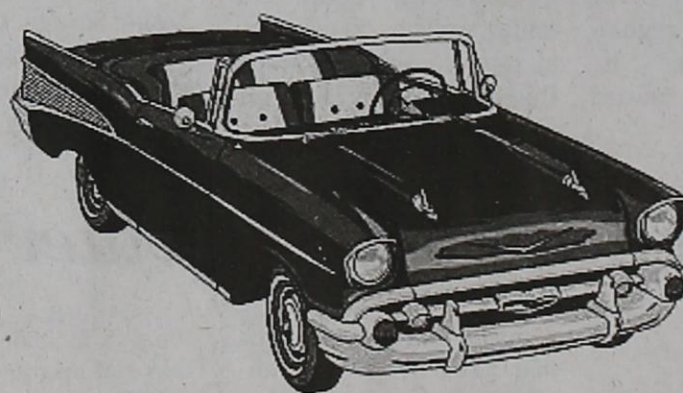
coming out and supporting the teams," Coach Bigham said. "The Motley County Matadors are 4-0 at this point in the season and have a very solid football team coming to our house this week."

"We will be playing the defending Division I State Champions Throckmorton Greyhounds Friday, September 28, and will need all your support at this game. This will be a good test for our boys," Bigham added.

All three games will be played on Friday. Junior High will start at 4:00 p.m. followed by the Junior Varsity at 5:30 p.m. then the Varsity game will kick off at 7:30 p.m. Homecoming is Friday, October 5th against the Happy Cowboys. More information on homecoming festivities will be in next weeks paper.

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How far away from a lightning bolt can you be to hear thunder? Answer: In most areas, you can hear thunder as far as ten miles away.	Sept. 27, 1987 - While those at the base of Mount Washington, N.H. enjoyed sunny skies and temperatures in the 70s, the top of the mountain was blanketed with 4.7 inches of snow, along with wind gusts to 99 mph and a temperature of 13 degrees.	Full 9/29 * Last 10/8 New 10/15 First 10/21

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Library Journal
by Carla Meador Librarian

Autumn has caught us in our summer wear.

- Philip Larkin, *British poet* (1922-1986)

The first official day of Fall was Saturday, September 22. With thoughts of cooler temperatures and shorter days, my mind wanders to dreams of golden hues of the season. I think Fall is my favorite time of the year. We usually have some beautiful scenery in Motley County with the changing colors of the foliage.

Just a tidbit of information: Fall is the Autumnal Equinox. The word *equinox* comes from the Latin words for "equal night." The fall and spring equinoxes are the only days of the year in which the Sun crosses the celestial equator.

If you are a Fall gardener we have some books which might be quite helpful. The Gardener's Weather Bible: how to predict and prepare for garden success in any kind of weather by Sally Roth and Neil Sperry's Complete Guide to Texas Gardening can provide you with some very useful information for a successful garden.

New books on our shelves this week include Mad River by John Sandford, The Lincoln Conspiracy by Timothy L. O'Brien, Gone by Randy Wayne White, One Thousand White Women: The Journals of May Dodd by Jim Fergus, Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln by Doris Kearns Goodwin, Zoo by James Patterson, and Listening In The Secret White House Recordings of John F. Kennedy by Ted Widmer and forwarded by

Caroline Kennedy. This book includes 2 1/2 hours of audio.

Our featured book this week is The Lincoln Conspiracy, a novel by Timothy L. O'Brien. This book is a gripping historical thriller that poses a provocative question: What if the plot to assassinate President Lincoln was wider and more sinister than we ever imagined? In late spring of 1865, as America mourns the death of its leader, Washington, D.C. police detective Temple McFadden makes a startling discovery. Strapped to the body of a dead man at the B&O Railroad station are two diaries, two documents that together reveal the true depth of the Lincoln conspiracy. Securing the diaries will put Temple's life in jeopardy - and will endanger the fragile peace of a nation still torn by war. Temple's quest to bring the conspirators to justice takes him on a perilous journey through the gaslit streets of the Civil War-era capital, into bawdy houses and back alleys where ruthless enemies await him in every shadowed corner. Bristling with twists and building to a climax that will leave readers gasping, The Lincoln Conspiracy offers a riveting new account of what truly motivated the assassination of one of America's most beloved presidents and who participated in the plot to derail the train of liberty that Lincoln set in motion.

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

See you at the Library!



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

Private pesticide applicator license training Oct. 11

AMARILLO - Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in Potter County is offering Private Pesticide Applicator License Training on Oct. 11 at the Texas A&M Research and Extension Center, 6500 Amarillo Blvd. West, Amarillo.

The training session begins at 8 a.m. The three-and-a-half hour training will give participants the needed information to take the private applicator license test which will be administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture. Cost of the training is \$60 and all materials will be provided.

Anyone in the Texas Panhandle may and are encouraged to participate if they need a private pesticide applicator license, said Brandon Boughen, AgriLife Extension agriculture and natural resources agent for Potter County.

The private pesticide applicator license is for agricultural producers and land owners who apply restricted use pesticides to their own property. Boughen said. Those planning to attend should RSVP by Oct. 5 to reserve a seat.

For further information, contact Boughen at 806-373-0713.

Beef cattle producers advised to get soil test, save on input costs

BRYAN - A Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service soil fertility expert advised beef producers to get a soil test as residual nutrients from previous fertilizer applications may still be in reserve.

"We are still facing drought conditions as we did last year, and if producers applied fertilizer last year or this year, they didn't grow much of a forage crop," said Dr. Mark McFarland, AgriLife Extension state soil fertility specialist in College Station, at the recent Beef and Forage Expo in Bryan. "As a result, there can be a substantial amount of that fertilizer remaining in the soil for next year."

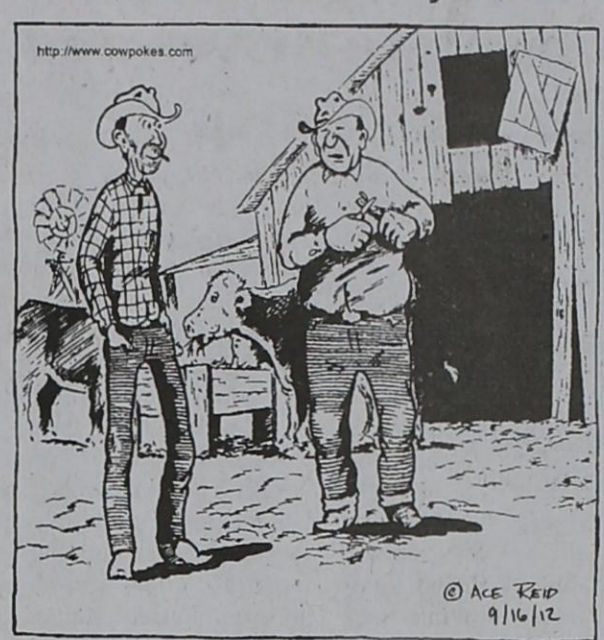
At a recent agricultural expo in Bryan, Dr. Mark McFarland, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service state soil fertility specialist, advised beef producers to have soil tests performed on hay and pastureland. The test

can help determine if there is any available carryover of nutrients from previous fertilizer applications, saving producers money over the long term.

McFarland said to be certain, producers are advised to soil test each field they plan to fertilize. "Fertilizer prices remain very high," he said. "We are looking at 50 cents to 70 cents per pound of nutrient for nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium. It is a significant part of the overall input cost for forage production." A soil test is a "tried and tested method" for determining the correct fertilizer product and rate of application, he said. Applying unnecessary nutrients is expensive and does not improve forage yield or quality. "A soil test allows us to credit any carryover fertilizer due to the drought and can save producers a significant amount of money," McFarland said. In areas where soil acidity is a concern, soil testing should be done in late fall so that limestone, if needed, can be applied and allowed to react and increase pH by next year. In other areas, soil testing for warm-season forage production should be done in winter or early spring. Meanwhile, McFarland also discussed alternative fertilizers for producers to consider. There are several viable options, including livestock manures, poultry litter, composts and municipal biosolids. Producers should request a nutrient analysis for any product they are considering and compare the cost to standard fertilizer on a pound-of-nutrient basis, McFarland said. "Good quality poultry litter may be worth \$62 or more per ton," he said. "But you also will need a good soil test to determine if an alternative fertilizer has a nutrient content that is an economical fit for a particular hayfield or pasture." McFarland also said to consider delivery and spreading of products as well. "Hauling and spreading costs are extremely high, so you also need to consider those in any product comparison." McFarland said soil sample forms and other information related to forage fertility are available online at <http://soilcrop.tamu.edu>.

"There you will find detailed information that will assist your forage production program," he said. "Another good source is the AgriLife Extension agent in your county. They are a great resource if you have questions on how to respond to the drought."

COWPOKES By Ace Reid



"If I could just figger out how to get twice as much for my calves an' pay half as much for what it costs to raise 'em I'd be two-thirds as well off as I was 20 years ago!"

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Obituaries

Danny "Dan" Earl Brandon

Danny "Dan" Earl Brandon, 62, passed away on Tuesday, September 19, 2012, in Lubbock, Texas. He was born November 21, 1949, to Fred Earl and Juanita Smith Brandon in Matador, Texas. His stepmother is Sybol Brandon. Dan provided for his family as a pumper in the oil field.



He was preceded in death by his mother Juanita Smith. He is survived by his father Fred Earl Brandon, 89, and his stepmother Sybol Brandon, 83, of Roaring Springs; two daughters, Amber Pinkerton of Kemp, Texas; Brook Brandon of Victoria, Texas; two sons, Kyle Brandon of Red Oak, Texas; and Quintin Brandon and girlfriend Tandra of Red Oak, Texas; three sisters, Jan Chadwick of Ashford, Alabama; Ann Armstrong of Escataupa, Mississippi; and Lana Thompson of Flora, Mississippi; two brothers, Pat Nichols of Mesquite, Texas, and William Nichols of Wichita Falls, Texas.

Dan is also survived by five grandchildren, Aaryn Brandon; Avery Quirey; Cade

Quirey; Logun Timberlake; and Landon Roberts and a very special friend Virginia Nunn of Spur, Texas.

Visitation with the family was held Friday, September 21, 2012, at the Zapata Funeral Home in Matador, Texas. Services were held Saturday, September 22, 2012, at 2:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Matador, Texas, with Ricky Lawrence officiating under the direction of Zapata Funeral Home in Matador, Texas. Interment followed at the Roaring Springs Cemetery in Roaring Springs, Texas.

Fred E. Brandon

Fred E. Brandon, 88, passed away September 23, 2012, at his home in Roaring Springs. Graveside services were held Tuesday, September 25, 2012, at the Roaring Springs Cemetery with Pastor Johnny Morris officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Zapata Funeral Home in Matador.



Banty, as most know him, was born November 18, 1923, three miles east of Roaring Springs, on the family farm to the late Claude and Vae Bailey Brandon. Joining the military at 17 years of age, he proudly served his country in the United States Air Force during World War II. When the war was over he returned to Roaring Springs and worked primarily as a rancher, farmer and oil field pumper, assisted by his loving wife Sybol.

Banty is known as a good rancher and cowboy. He loved his horses and enjoyed time spent with others that shared this interest. He believed in the virtues gained by hard work and honesty. These are the values he taught and lived. His storytelling ability

endeared him to anyone lucky enough to hear his stories.

Banty was preceded in death by his parents; his son, Dan Brandon; brother, C.R. Brandon; sister, Yvonne James and his granddaughter Grace Nichols. He is survived by his wife Sybol of Roaring Springs and their four children: Jan Chadwick, Ashford, Alabama; Pat Nichols of Mesquite, Texas; Ann Armstrong of Escataupa, Mississippi; and William "Pepper" Nichols of Wichita Falls, Texas, as well as 10 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church of Roaring Springs, Interim Hospice of Plainview, or the charity of your choice.



Sheriff's Desk
by Chris Spence

With winter time around the corner it is time to get your vehicle and home ready for the winter.

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5th Annual Motley 4-H Benefit Concert

October 6, 2012 @ 7:00 PM
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Matt Abrams (806) 559-8558

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Tickets also available in advance.
Contact a Motley 4-H Club member or the Motley County Extension Office at (806) 347-2733

Group enjoys scenic mountain drives and train trip

Carol and Lucretia Campbell, Winifred Darsey, and Janie Waybourn Brooks traveled to Colorado September 14-18, 2012, for scenic mountain drives culminating in a train trip on the Royal Gorge Route Railroad.

The first stop was Monument Lake Resort in the beautiful Stonewall Valley on the Highway of Legends. The Highway of Legends follows Colorado Highway 12 at Trinidad, Colorado, passing stunning rock formations that are part of the Dakota Sandstone Formation, created millions of years ago. Monument Lake Resort sits among the pines and is one of several high altitude lakes along the scenic highway. The resort was built by the WPA in 1937. The Highway of Legends passes the famed Spanish Peaks in the National Wilderness Area and Cucharas River Recreation Area.

Another scenic byway on the way to Canon City, Colorado, was the San Isabel National

Forest. At Canon City, friends and filmmakers Marianne and Doug Leviton of Boulder, joined the Matador group and enjoyed a day of travel on the Royal Gorge Route Railroad. The dining car was transformed into an elegant dining room with a lunch menu of chicken, roasted pork, salmon, or grill vegetables, with chocolate mousse dessert. Since the railroad was celebrating Octoberfest, a performer with an accordion entertained the guests. Open cars were available for the adventuresome. The route follows the Arkansas River. Old wooden aqueducts could be seen, white water rafters, and stunning scenery.

Following the train ride, the group visited the Royal Gorge Bridge and Park, riding an Aerial Tram above the Arkansas River at 1,178 feet; and crossing the Royal Gorge Bridge. The bridge is one of the world's highest suspension bridges at 956 feet high.



All aboard! Passengers on the Royal Gorge Route Railroad were (L to R): Janie Brooks, Carol Campbell, Lucretia Campbell, Winifred Darsey, and Marianne Leviton. Not pictured is Doug Leviton.

TxDOT Launches 'Save Me With A Seat' Public Awareness Campaign to Urge Parents and Caregivers to Practice Proper Child Passenger Safety

[Austin] — The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) today announced the launch of a new public awareness campaign created to inform parents and caregivers of the critical need to properly restrain their children when riding in a vehicle.

According to the National Center for Health Statistics, vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for children 14 years of age and younger. A 2011 study by the Texas Transportation Institute in 14 Texas cities found that 10.5 percent of observed children were riding unrestrained. The National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (NHTSA) estimates that roughly three out of four child safety seats are not used correctly.

The "Save Me With A Seat" campaign will run September 16-22 to coincide with National Child Passenger Safety Week. The campaign will incorporate the use of TV, radio, print, social media and out-of-home components to reach the public and call attention to proper seat installation and placement as well as ensure Texas children are in the right safety seat for their weight and height.

During the campaign, TxDOT and its partner organizations will be out in full force in communities across the state at free safety seat check-ups to help Texas families learn how to correctly secure their children in the appropriate child safety seats, booster seats and seat belts.

These events will culminate in "National Seat Check Sat-

urday," on Saturday, September 22 when certified child passenger safety technicians will provide free advice and hands-on child safety seat inspections. A full listing of these events can be found on www.bucklethemright.org where guidelines on how to properly secure children and other resources can also be found.

"There is no question that child safety seats and booster seats save lives by offering the best protection for children in the event of a crash," said Carol T. Rawson P.E., TxDOT Traffic Operations Director. "The 'Save Me With A Seat' campaign reminds families to buckle up their children properly, each and every ride."

In 2009, The Texas Child Restraint Law was changed, requiring all children younger than 8 years old, unless taller than 4 feet 9 inches, to be in some sort of child restraint in the vehicle. This includes safety seats and booster seats. For those that do not comply with the law, fines of up to \$25 for a first offense and \$250 for a second subsequent offense may be issued.

To learn more about the 4 Steps for Kids guidelines in determining the restraint system best suited for children, based on their height and weight, and view video demonstrations on installing safety seats visit www.bucklethemright.org. Additional information can be found on the NHTSA website at www.nhtsa.gov/safety/cps or the Safe Riders Traffic Safety Program at www.dshs.state.tx.us/saferiders.

South needs savvy water management

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and by reclaiming water.

Reclaiming Water: The idea of reclaiming, reusing or recycling, water disgusts some people, but it is a cost-effective way to increase supply. Communities in Arizona, Florida, Nevada, Texas, and California have been using these practices safely for years.

For example, Gilbert, Ariz., grew from 5,800 residents in 1980 to 212,000 today. To meet demand, water managers reclaimed wastewater, moving it through recharge ponds, where it percolates into the aquifer for future use. The pond water is also used directly for irrigation and other nonpotable purposes, reducing groundwater use. During summer's peak demand, Gilbert saves over 131 million gallons of drinking water per day.

Homeowners and businesses can harvest graywater from shower and sink drains and use it to flush toilets and to water gardens. Rerouting graywater or rainwater into the house or using utility-delivered treated wastewater requires a dual plumbing system. A diverter valve allows people to choose potable water for some needs and nonpotable water for the rest. Such systems offer property owners increased water security, independence, and efficiency.

Utilities could greatly speed installation of reuse infrastructure and programs by redirecting some of the money spent tapping new freshwater supplies.

Water pricing strategies: Innovative water pricing can encourage conservation and save money — not only in legal fees but also in unneeded infrastructure development. For example, in 1991, Irvine Ranch Water District in Orange County, Calif., instituted a rate structure that gives everyone a base allocation and then charges profligate users up to eight times more. Thrifty households get a discount. Raleigh, N.C.; Tucson, Ariz.; and Amarillo, Texas use similar tiered pricing strategies.

This year's Southern drought is less severe than last year's near-apocalyptic conditions, but water scarcity, due in part to the region's booming population and climate change, is likely to be an ongoing problem. Wise water management can soften the shocks.

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Matador High School Exes respond to Homecoming 2012 mailouts

As October 5th and 6th approaches, we are hearing from some of our Ex-Students who mailed their dues, but are unable to be here for our Homecoming festivities. Here are two notes we have received:

"So sorry I can't be there. Will be with my granddaughter at Angelo State University!"

Ann Garnett Whitehead
Dublin, Texas

"Dear Exes, So sorry I can't make Homecoming this year. Appreciate all your work. Know you will have a great

time." Sincerely,
Marcia Gilbert Middlebrooks
Topeka, Indiana

The Class of 1962 will be having a Class Reunion to celebrate their "50 Year Reunion." Vada Nichols Watt was working on getting the class together right up to the time of her death after a courageous battle with cancer. Cherri Barton Karr has been assisting Vada, and will be the person to contact for further information.

Arts & Crafts

By Winifred Darsey

Motley County Arts and Crafts Club met September 10, 2012, at the Senior Citizens Center for a wonderful workshop taught by Club Vice-president Ray Baxter on painting on glass.

Most members chose a pretty vase. The results were astounding by the beautiful

colors used. Watch for these in the annual bazaar in November.

Club members dined at noon with the senior citizens. The menu of taco salad, corn chips, seasoned corn, watermelon and peach cobbler, was a welcome treat.

Members present were:

Vee Gordon, Nova Dale Turner, Ray Baxter, Joyce Meredith, Joy Archer, Betty Simpson, Loretta Thompson, and Winifred Darsey.

The next meeting will be October 1, 2012, at the Senior Center.

See you there!

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2012 Homecoming Candidates

Jr. High Cross-country team



The four girls on the front are 6th graders that are running with the Jr. High. They are from L to R: Rivers Marshall, Crystal Collett, Jacie Taylor, Carley Turner. The 2nd row is: Leighan Talamantez, Addie Guerrero, Bailey Waitman, Autumn Woolsey, Mikenna Ford. 3rd row: Samantha Quillimaco, Dode Gleghorn, Esperanza Talamantez, Chloe Gleghorn.



Back Row: 6th Grade - Jasmine Aumiller and Leon Quilimaco; 7th Grade - Esperanza Talamantz and Brendan Fish; 8th Grade - Chloe Gleghorn and Chris Ward. Middle Row: 3rd Grade - Demitric Sims and Tyne Marshall; 4th Grade - Kade Wampler and Kylee Jones; 5th Grade - Chris Flores and Emma Hackler. Bottom Row: Pre-K - Chris Overton and Desiree Reyes; Kindergarten - Aiden Fisk and Brianna Silva; 1st Grade - Brock Taylor and Nevaeh Martin; 2nd Grade - KyLer Barton and Trinity Ward.

Postcards as Learning Tools



First grade students at MCISD are learning geography in a postcard project. Pictured standing (L to R) are: Marily Mandujano, Anabel Guzman, Olivia Fowler, Scout Braly, and Emory Rains. Middle row (L to R) are: Krystin Ferguson, Jolie Gressett, Paisley Marburger, Nevaeh Martin, Brock Taylor and Bryer Davis. Sitting (L to R) are: Cade Martin, Eric Gonzalez, Justin McCleskey, and Daniel Quilimaco.

By Carol Campbell
Motley County Tribune

By every stretch of imagination, learning basic geography on every state in the union is a tall order for most individuals - but not for Tanya Multer's first grade class at Motley County ISD.

She began this formidable task by soliciting postcards from every state in the union via Facebook.™ The project suddenly got a fast track.

"Our goal is to try and collect a postcard from every

state," Multer said. So far, four postcards have been received. "I have taught this basic geography class to students before, but not before Facebook," Multer said, adding, "we posted one day and now have four postcards."

While the project is taking a life of its own via the internet, Multer's class is learning directions, climate differences, distance from Matador, and answering other geography questions.

"We have a color coded map and we are charting

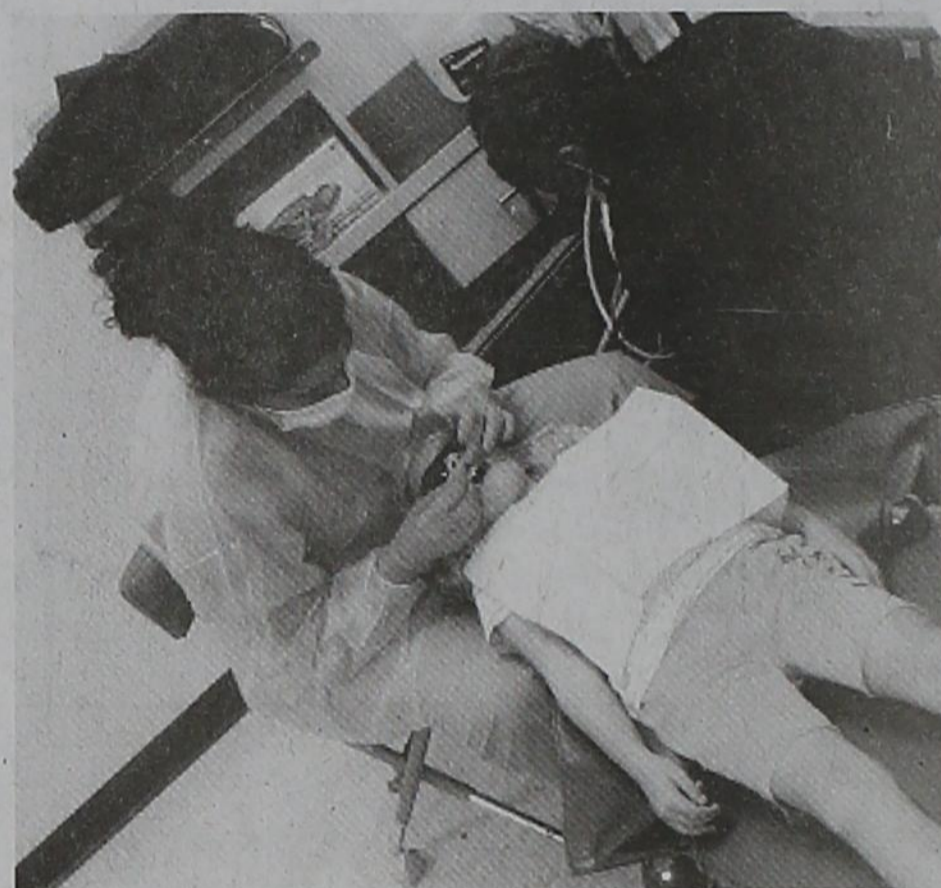
the postcards as they arrive," Multer said. "We would like to have a message on the back of the postcards, too," she added.

The children were given a brief impromptu test, and they rattled off the states now received - New Mexico, Arizona, Idaho, and Alabama; and their directions, north, south, east, west. For more information about this innovative school project or to help with postcards, call Mrs. Multer at Motley County ISD.

Dress-up days homecoming week

- Monday: Celebrity Day
- Tuesday: Cowboys & Indians Day
- Wednesday: Nerd Day
- Thursday: 80s Day
- Friday: Red and Black Day

All students may participate; winners will be selected each day. Reasonable compliance with the school dress code will be expected.



Pictured is Breann Brady receiving a dental screening from a professional hygienist. Breann was one of 32 Motley County ISD students that opted to participate in dental screening and other preventive services by Familia Dental in Lubbock. They brought a mobile unit to campus on September 18, 2012.

Prevention specialists facilitate new program

The Managed Care Center for Addictive and Other Disorders is working with Motley County ISD to facilitate a new "All Stars" Program for sixth grade students, beginning September 11, 2012, and ending on December 11, 2012.

The program is taught by prevention specialists from the Managed Care Center in Crosbyton and is held for 14 weeks during the tutorial period from 9:38 a.m. to 10:06 a.m. The goal of the program is to reduce substance use, violence, and other high-risk behaviors among youth.

Session topics will include The World of the Future, Understanding What is Important, Planning for the Future, Make Your Mark, Ideals-based Reputations, Opinion Poll Game, Norms - Unwritten Rules of Behavior, Opinion Poll Game Rematch, Hypocrisy or Commitment, Defending Commitments, Scripting Commitments, Proclaiming Commitments, and Celebration.

Students will be asked to participate in a short pre- and post-survey questionnaire to help evaluate the program effectiveness.

Friday, September 28

Combined Pep Rally, 2:45 p.m.

MCISD Mavericks vs Throckmorton, 5:00/6:30

Mavericks vs. Throckmorton, 4 p.m.

JV vs. Throckmorton, 5:30 p.m.

Matadors vs. Throckmorton, 7:30 p.m.

5th Quarter, FBC following the game

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EVENTS CALENDAR

September

- 25 MCISD Open House, 6 pm
- 28 MCISD Mavericks vs Throckmorton, 5:00/6:30
- 28 Combined Pep Rally @ 2:45 p.m. Mavericks vs. Throckmorton @ 4 p.m. JV vs. Throckmorton @ 5:30 p.m. Matadors vs. Throckmorton @ 7:30 p.m. 5th Quarter @ FBC following the game
- 28 AA Meeting, 7p.m. Prayer Chapel behind First Baptist Church, Matador
- 29 Cross Country @ Jayton @ 8 a.m.

October

- 1 Motley County Arts and Crafts Club, Motley County Senior Citizen Center, Matador from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm.
- 4 MCISD JV and Jr High at Happy, 5:00/6:30
- 5 MCISD Matadors vs Happy, 7:30
- 5-6 MCISD Homecoming
- 6 Northfield's 50th Homecoming, Turkey Gem Theater.
- 11 MCISD Mavericks at Guthrie, 5:00/6:30
- 12 MCISD Matadors vs Guthrie, 7:30
- 25 MCISD Mavericks vs Hedley, 5:00/6:30
- 26 MCISD Matadors at Hedley, 7:30

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A completed State of Texas Application for Employment (Rev 09/2009) is required. One year experience in roadway maintenance/construction or heavy equipment operation required at time of application. Interested applicants may call 940-937-7190 for complete application information. Mailed applications must be postmarked no later than September 28, 2012.

Online application process may be submitted at <http://www.dot.state.tx.us/careers>

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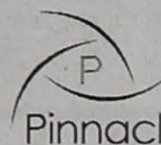


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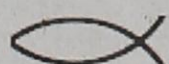
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