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MC ISD Graduation Saturday, June 1 8th Grade Graduation Friday, May 31



MCISD Seniors will graduate this Saturday, June 1, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the school gymnasium. Pictured Left to right; Britt Simpson, Stormy Guerrero, Alexis Dawes, Wesley McNair, Ashley Allred, Juan Flores, Sabra Pope, Jonah Meredith, Austin Taylor, Kirstin Bates, Jeffery Reyes. photo by Walter Taylor

MCISD Board of Trustees approves concealed handguns

The Motley County Board of Trustees met on Monday, May 13, 2013, at 7:30 p.m. in a regular scheduled meeting. All board members were present except Crawford Mason. Also present were William Cochran, Gary Waitman, and Denise Ford.

Invocation was given by Lewis Drum. No one was present for Open Forum.

Incumbent board member Lee Jones and Don Baxter were sworn in along with new member Brian Marshall to begin the meeting.

Next the board convened in Executive Session to confer with the school attorney concerning a concealed handgun policy.

Action items included a motion by Lee Jones and seconded by Rachelle Davis to approve the minutes for the April 22, 2013 meeting. The motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Rachelle Davis and seconded by Lee Jones to approve the list of expenditures. The motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Lewis Drum and seconded by Lee Jones to approve the donation of a bicycle for an AR drawing. The motion carried 6-0. The bicycle will be a prize in a drawing for the elementary Accelerated Reading Program. It will be given away at the end of school.

A motion was made by Tina Brooks and seconded by Lewis Drum to approve a change in the 2013-14 school calendar. The motion carried 5-1. Lee Jones opposed.

The change was made to move the spring break from March 17-21 back to the previous week of March 10-14. It was decided that the date of March 10-14 would be better due to conflicts with UIL events.

A motion was made by Tina Brooks and seconded by Rachelle Davis to approve the Titus Foundation donation for teacher mini grants. The motion carried 6-0. Each year the Titus Foundation gives the Motley County ISD teachers an opportunity to apply for mini-grants.

A motion was made by Lee Jones and seconded by Louis Drum to approve the purchase of an activity bus out of the fund balance. The motion carried 5-0 with Brian Marshall abstaining. The new activity bus will replace the current activity bus which will be put on the Flomot route. The new activity bus will seat 55 passengers. With more students coming into high school, more seats will be needed for certain activities.

A motion was made by Tina Brooks and seconded by Rachelle Davis to seek bids on painting interior walls, repairing sidewalks, and building new trophy cases. The motion carried 6-0. These will all be possible summer projects that will keep the building and grounds in good shape.

A motion was made by Tina Brooks and seconded by Lewis Drum to adopt a policy on concealed handguns. The motion carried

6-0. This is a safety measure that the board has discussed at previous meetings. It will allow certain employees to carry concealed handguns at school and at school activities. Only employees approved by the board with a concealed handgun license, and who go through training for emergency situations with approved law enforcement training officers will be allowed to carry concealed handguns. This is a safety measure that more and more schools are going to, especially in rural areas, to try and make certain that students are protected in case of an armed intruder.

The board also went into executive session to discuss personnel and employment agreements. After coming out of executive session, a motion was made by Lewis Drum and seconded by Brian Marshall to hire personnel on employment agreements as recommended by Mr. Cochran. The motion carried 6-0.

In the Principal's report, Mr. Waitman reported that the enrollment was 185 and the attendance rate was 97.49 percent. In the Superintendent's report, Mr. Cochran reported that the Jr. High graduation will be held on Friday, May 31, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. Don Baxter and Lewis Drum will be presenting Jr. High diplomas. The High School graduation will be on Saturday, June 1, at 7:00 p.m. Rachelle Davis and Lee Jones will be presenting the High School diplomas.

Motley County Tribune archives donated to Motley County Museum

Through the efforts of a major donor, Marcy Garriot, and the current publishers of the Motley County Tribune, Laverne Zabielski and Larry Vogt, the complete bound archives have been purchased and donated to the Motley County Museum, with the goal of micro filming and digitizing the entire collection and being made available to the public for enjoyment and research.

Zabielski and Vogt, have made arrangements with Garriot, of Austin, Texas, to start the process of trans-

ferring the archives to the Museum. Marcy is a filmmaker and photographer who has made the award winning documentary films Split Decision and Inside the Circle. She was also the producer of the film, The Least of These. With her generous donation, Marcy honors her family ties to Motley County. Her great-grandmother, Nellie Harris, taught school in Teepee City, the first settlement in the County. Her mother is Mary Linda Gilbert Hussey, a former resident of Matador.

The process of making the archives more available to those who live in the County, as well as those who live in other areas, is a dream come true for Laverne Zabielski, whose great-grandfather, W. R. Tilson, was a founding settler of the County. "In these days of electronic information, why should those bound archives only be available to those who are able to make the trip to Matador? That information should be ready at a click on the computer to anyone who has the interest to pursue it."

FSA Administrator Urges Producers to Enroll in DCP/ACRE

WASHINGTON, May 16, 2013 — USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Administrator Juan M. Garcia today encouraged farmers and ranchers to enroll for the 2013 Direct and Counter-Cyclical Payment Program (DCP) or the Average Crop Revenue Election Program (ACRE) before the deadline. Producers who wait until the last minute to sign up could face increased waiting time in FSA county offices.

"We understand that producers have gotten busy, but they can't forget to visit their county office and sign up for

DCP or ACRE," said Garcia. "Just as farmers and ranchers plan their spring plantings, producers should plan to schedule an appointment to visit their USDA Service Center at the earliest possible time. It's best to complete the paperwork now rather than to stand in line the day before the deadline," advised Garcia.

The sign-up for both programs began Feb. 19, 2013. The deadline to sign up for ACRE is June 3, 2013. The DCP sign up period ends Aug. 2, 2013.

The 2013 DCP and ACRE program provisions are unchanged from 2012, except that all eligible participants in 2013 may choose to enroll in either DCP or ACRE for the 2013 crop year. This means that eligible producers who were enrolled in ACRE in 2012 may elect to enroll in DCP in 2013 or may re-enroll in ACRE in 2013 (and vice versa).

For more information about the programs and loans administered by FSA, visit any FSA county office or www.fsa.usda.gov.

Music, snakes, carnival and crafts to highlight Library's Summer Reading Program

Live music, snakes, a carnival, fun crafts and craziness will highlight the 2013 Summer Reading Program at the Motley County Library. The festivities will begin Monday, June 3 at 10 a.m. with a kick-off party featuring music by Parker Meredith, Conner Mason and Jonah Meredith of Red Dirt Rebel band fame. Children will party-down with music, refreshments and they can even dance with the music if they would like.

Week two will feature Matt Poole of Matador Wildlife who will bring live creatures for the children to see. Week three will be Craft and Crazy Day, at which children are encouraged to wear some-

thing "wild & crazy". They will work on a crazy craft to take home at the end of the program. A Carnival will be held on week four with games, prizes and lots of fun!

Activities will begin with the morning session each Monday, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. for kids 3-12. The afternoon session, 1:30 - 3:00 will be for kids 13-17.

Each week the children will have the opportunity to search through the shelves to pick book they will need to read to complete their reading challenge. With every five books read, they will be able to choose a prize. If they complete all 20 books, their name will go into a drawing for a bicycle. A new bike will

be awarded for Division one (3-5) and Division two (6-12).

Kids, 13-17, will also have a challenge to complete four books which will tie in with a weekly movie, they will watch on a big screen while enjoying popcorn and soda. If they complete all four books, their name will go into a drawing for an Apple iPod touch 16 GB (4th generation)!

Registration forms have been distributed at school, but if you did not get one they are also available at the Library. We invite all out-of-town summer visitors to participate, also. For more information call 347-2717.

Foothill Country

Connections

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



By Larry Vogt

When the printer in Floydada was shut down after a new owner came on the scene, we talked with other printers and soon were using a printer who also delivered it right to our office door. This meant a new deadline but in a few weeks the whole operation was in place and we were getting the prepared papers to the post office with time to spare. When we implemented the new postal software we were also streamlining the mailing process and cutting down on work time and stress.

All through these changes we benefited from the good will of the subscribers and advertisers. The friendliness and acceptance by the people who were customers was something I will always remember and cherish. It is obvious that one of the local customs is loyalty. Advertisers stuck with us through thick and thin and subscribers were reading and commenting on the content of the newspaper, letting us know that the arrival of their newspaper was important to them. For that loyalty and friendliness, we are grateful and wish everyone within the reach of this newspaper a smooth transition to new owners, new ideas, and new possibilities.

Last week in this column I talked about the necessity of streamlining the operations of this newspaper. Once the "mail room" was brought a little closer to current technology, the next streamlining task was to bring the publishing process a little closer to the 21st century.

After talking with other publishers of small newspapers, it became apparent that the paste up method was now obsolete and doing the whole edition in the computer and then emailing it to the printer was next. This involved learning a whole new software program and it was decided that Laverne would become familiar with the new program and soon we were cautiously working out details with our printer. We still had to go to Floydada and pick it up but at least we could arrive and the paper would be ready to pick up and transport back to Matador.

WRITING COMMUNITY

My life as a newspaper publisher and editor

By Laverne Zabielski

Becoming the publisher and editor of the *Motley County Tribune* was a dream come true. Selling the paper to *Caprock Courier* publisher, Sally Arnold is a dream come true. Carolyn Heilbrun, in her book "Writing a Woman's Life," encourages us to write our life in advance of living it. What an amazing concept, I thought. In 1990 I started to do that in my journaling. I created characters that represented different aspects of me and they would do things that I wanted to do.

"Let's be publishers and editors...." my fantasy character, Rose, said in my memoir, "The Garden Girls Letters and Journal."

In 2007 Larry and I bought the *Motley County Tribune* because of its strong, historical connection to Motley County and because my ancestors had settled here. While we weren't trained as journalists, we believed that as artists and entrepreneurs we had the necessary skills to begin and the willingness to learn.

One of the first things we did was attend workshops at the Texas Press Association, and the Panhandle Press Convention where we met other publishers. It's an industry tradition to exchange papers with other publishers. You can tell a lot just by perusing. To be honest when I first saw a copy of the *Briscoe County News* it was a glimpse of a future I didn't want: four pages, no photos, very little advertising. It seemed to represent a community that was dwindling and a newspaper on its way out.

Other papers, however, were inspiring: *The Clarendon Enterprise* and *The Canadian Record*. Their layout was fresh, full of ads, hyperlocal news, and photos.

In 2010 Sally Arnold pur-

chased the *Briscoe County News*.

In 2011 I asked Larry, "Have you seen the *Briscoe County News* lately?"

A transformation had occurred. The *Briscoe County News* was the same, only it had come alive: full of stories, ads and photos. What that communicated to me was that Briscoe County was also alive. Wow! What had happened?

Conventions should tell you what to let go of, what's current, and where the future is headed. Of course, applying that information is a challenge. Most other publishers at the convention represented more populated communities with a larger advertising base. They didn't understand our declining populations or the vibrant citizens who wanted to persevere. Our advertisers' budgets were already stretched. They didn't need to advertise more unless it was to a larger base.

Nonetheless, I learned that what's projected for the future usually happens: paste up was becoming passé, pagination using software like InDesign had become necessary and creating an Internet presence was here to stay. I developed the skills to layout the paper on the computer. I made a valiant effort to develop a web site.

We met Sally Arnold at the Panhandle Press Convention in Amarillo in 2011. In addition to transforming the *Briscoe County News*, I was equally impressed that she had brought her two sons with her to the convention. This was a woman I knew that I wanted to learn from.

Back in 2008 when "life" intervened and Larry and I had moved back to Kentucky, we knew that we could continue publishing using the Internet. A common refrain, however, was "I don't do email." We didn't let that

stop us. Now, in 2013, people post on Facebook like it's no big deal. But the *Motley County Tribune* still does not have an online presence. Unacceptable.

After Sally's first inquiry about purchasing the *Motley County Tribune* we weren't really interested. I had seen the *Caprock Courier*, and I must admit I was jealous. Sally was doing it. She recognized that many newspapers had to combine in order to survive. She wanted the *Briscoe County News* to thrive and was willing to take it to the next level with the best of both worlds. Not only does it still have its "hard" copy, it is "live" on the WWW. The Web is no longer the future—it is the present and in today's world it is where we establish our presence, not only as a community, but also as individuals.

The second time I visited her website I saw how professional and how inclusive it was. I recognized that with an online presence the possibilities for voices to be heard were limitless. That diversity of voices is the true value of a community newspaper. Last week when Coach Johnson sent us two essays by his students to be published, another of my dreams was fulfilled: young voices were being heard.

Sally has the vision to make that happen in such a way that the integrity of the *Motley County Tribune* will not be compromised. In today's world, not only is your resume important but also your online presence. What will people find when they search your name on the Internet?

The benefits of digitaliz-

ing are many. Only yesterday I received a message from Kimberly Johnston, born in Matador in 1978, adopted, raised elsewhere and now seeking information about her roots. Would I search our archives, she asked. An impossible task made feasible in the near future because of Marcy Garriott's purchase of the *Motley County Tribune* archives and her donation of them to the museum where they will soon be digitized. (Anyone with any information about Kimberly's father, William (Bill) Curtis Graham or her mother, Sherry Lynn Hudson (Graham) can reach her by phone, 214-592-6847 or email at kjohnston546@yahoo.com.

History and ancestry are important. And change is always challenging. Moving from outhouses to indoor plumbing must have seemed strange at first. The concept of the telephone was inconceivable. Using the Internet, searching the web, communicating via Skype are all new ways to stay informed. By combining the *Motley County Tribune* with other papers and publishing a hard copy and an online edition, Sally Arnold will move the *Motley County Tribune* into the 21st century. And after a short period of adjustment the printed edition will be back to every week.

My next dream is that the citizens of Motley County truly seize the opportunities now possible to make their presence felt by advertising, and sharing the news and stories that will communicate, not only locally, but across the nation and around the world that life is grand in Motley County.

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Thank You

We don't want to miss a single person who thought about us in any way in the homegoing of our loved one, Jessie T. Sims. Thank You for the cards, calls, food, prayers, flowers, memorial donations, love and support you have showed to us. We appreciated all of you preparing food for our large family. Thanks to the First Baptist Church.

Thanks to everyone
Jessie Mae Brown and Family

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,
Re: Information for the Roaring Spring's ex-students and Roaring Springs citizens and former citizens.

The old school pictures and pictures and stories about Roaring Springs will be displayed at the QA&P Depot for viewing after the school reunion at the Roaring Springs Community Center on Saturday, June 22nd.

We are planning a city centennial celebration on the Fourth of July at the Roaring Springs Community Center. The Roaring Springs Community Volunteers are in charge of this event. A parade, lunch, and vendors are being planned for downtown.

A brisket supper will be served at the Community Center with an ice cream supper following. Fireworks will take place after dark also at the Community Center. Proceeds from the brisket supper will benefit the fire department.

Fun and games for the kids are being planned; a cakewalk and bingo will also be fun for all ages.

The QA&P Depot will be open all day for the viewing of pictures, old documents and stories about Roaring Springs.

We hope you can make both the school reunion and the Fourth of July and Centennial Celebration.

Sincerely,
Corky Marshall, Mayor

NHS Thanks the Community

The Motley County High School NHS wishes to thank everyone in the community who contributed to the collections for Ronald McDonald House. It was a very successful year. The total number of pop tabs collected was 70,924 and the total number of cancelled stamps collected was 30,216. The response was outstanding. Your generosity is sincerely appreciated!

ATTENTION: LEGION MEMBERS AND/OR OTHER PATRIOTS

Due to family and other physical restraints I am requesting assistance in placing and picking up flags on veterans' graves at Eastmound Cemetery for Memorial Day week-end. If you are able to help, please meet at the cemetery at 5 pm on Friday, May 24, 2013. The flags will be picked up on Monday (Memorial Day), May 27, 2013 at 5 pm. I appreciate any assistance. Any questions, call Ed D. Smith, Commander, American Legion Post 337, at 806-269-0251 or 806-347-2172.

You Are Invited

Friday, May 24th, 6 pm or Saturday May 25th, 9 am
Hotel Matador

Meet and Greet

Sally Arnold, Publisher of *Caprock Courier*
and new Publisher of the *Motley County Tribune*

Also, if you have been a contributor in the past
by sending us photos or stories,
we would like to give you a gift of appreciation
Please stop by and pick out your favorite color.

MCISD Students Participate in Statewide Stock Shows



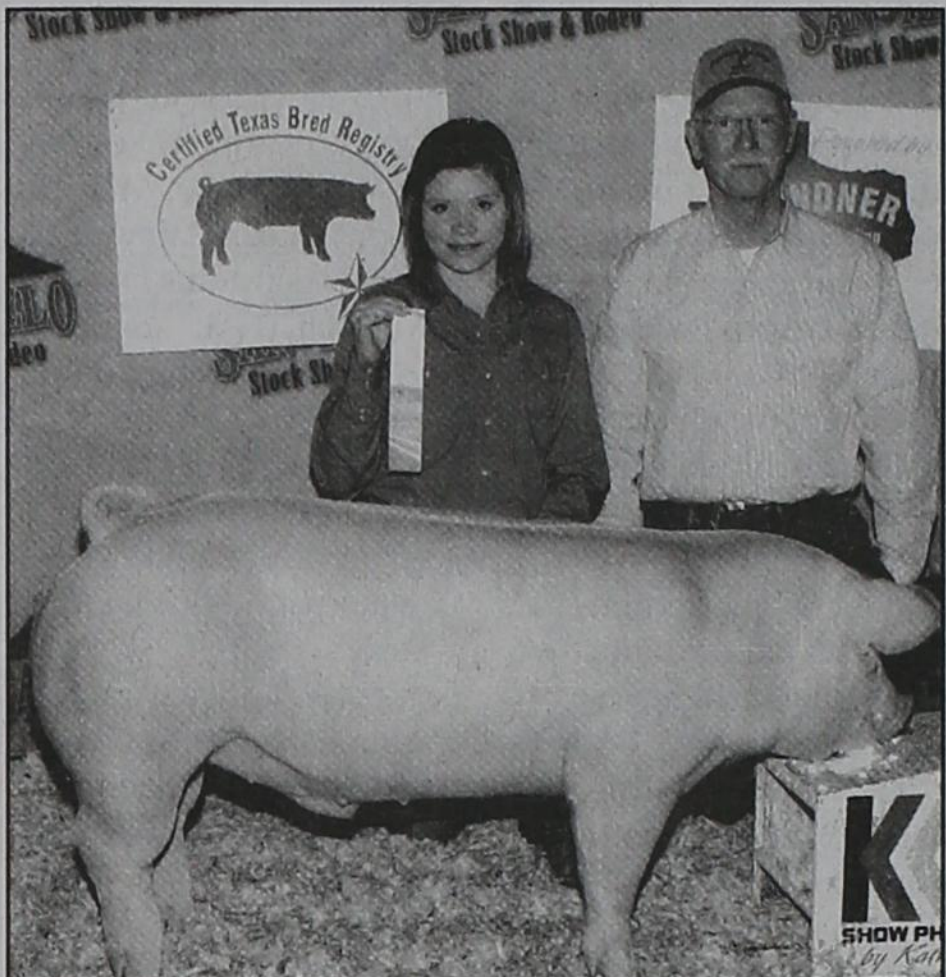
Back; Braden Bigham, Matthew Faulks, Seth Baxter, Britt Simpson, Bryson Elliott, Austin Taylor. Front; Bailey Waitman, Natalie Jameson, Cassidy Turner, Shelby Elliott



Colton Martin, Emily Jameson, Emma Hackler, Carley Turner, Dode Gleghorn, Chloe Gleghorn, Wyatt Hackler



Britt Simpson, 3rd Place, Medium white OPB hog San Angelo Stock Show



Cassidy Turner 9th Place light white OPB hog San Angelo Stock Show

Several Motley County students participated in major stocks this year with varied species, representing the community as well as local 4-H and FFA programs.

Those showing at Fort Worth were: Braden Bigham (hog), Matthew Faulks (hog), Bailey Waitman (hog), Chloe Gleghorn (steer), Dode Gleghorn (steer), Colton Martin (steer), Autumn Perryman (steer), Wyatt Perryman (steer), Carley Turner (steer) and Cassidy Turner (steer).

The next major show was the San Angelo Stock Show. Those participating in this show were: Braden Bigham (hog), Britt Simpson (hog), Austin Taylor (hog), Bailey Waitman (hog), Natalie Jameson (hog), Shelby Elliott (hog), Cassidy Turner (hog, steer), Dode Gleghorn (steer), Chloe Gleghorn (steer), Bryson Elliott (hog), Emily Jameson (hog), Wyatt Hackler (hog), Emma Hackler (hog) and Carley Turner (hog, steer, lamb,

goat). On the road to the next show at San Antonio were Seth Baxter who showed a lamb and goat, Cassidy Turner a lamb, Bailey Waitman a hog, and Wyatt and Autumn Perryman both showed a steer. Before and during Spring Break several students traveled to the Houston Livestock Show. Those participating were: Cassidy Turner (lamb, goat), Carley Turner (lamb, goat), Seth Baxter (lamb, goat), Autumn Perryman (lamb, steer), Wyatt Perryman (steer), Colton Martin (steer) and Bailey Waitman (hog). The week following Spring Break Bailey Waitman showed a hog at the Austin stock show.

"Hopefully there weren't any participants missed and please accept our apologies if anyone was overlooked," sponsor Cathey Turner said. "All of these young ladies and gentlemen did an excellent job throughout the season this year."

Students Inducted into NHS

At the Honors Banquet on Friday, May 17, seven students were inducted into the Motley County High School National Honor Society. Coby Cochran, President, and Demi Simpson, Vice-President, conducted the ceremony.

Inducted into the NHS were Seth Baxter, Brielle Collett, Shelby Elliott, Meagan Ford, Michael Martin, Cassidy Turner, and Catherine Ward. Each student was presented with an NHS certificate and a card.

All nine of the students are looking forward to the school year 2013 - 2014. They will continue the activities already in place, such as the pop tabs collection and cancelled stamp collection for Ronald McDonald House, as well as look into new service activities.



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A DAY TO PAUSE



Memorial Day. It is a day to pause from our norm. Remember, yes and that too. Perhaps for some, it is easy to become disheartened with some happenings in our society. But let us not forget the good positive qualities of a nation with so many freedoms.

This might be a good time to remember the words from the Apostle Paul in I Timothy 2: 1-3, "I exhort therefore that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men: for kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and a peaceful life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior. Even with our problems and faults, we are blessed to be able to live and work in America in 2013.

Growing up in America with our freedom to seek the Lord has been such a blessing. Would it not be a good idea for us adults to share some memories from our past? Those early memories of our religious training could be of great benefit? When we share those memories, we find a way to show our appreciation for those who have meant so much to us. An appreciation that you and I ought can express to those who had such a great part in shaping our lives. That early training then, remains today, an important part of our lives.

Surely it is only reasonable for us to spend some time reflecting upon our blessings. Blessings that have been found in the opportunities offered us as in a free nation. God has been good to us. Isn't that so?

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

NEWS AROUND MOTLEY COUNTY

Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

On a personal note

This week I have been getting my Vitamin D catching up on some yard work after being out of commission while my knee healed. It would have been nicer to have gotten it done earlier but with the late freezes there wasn't much one could do but clean-up work. It must be really be spring with the temperatures already being like summertime. Not being out much earlier, I saw my first grasshopper and red ant this week and heard the first mosquito buzzing. I really enjoy the period after it warms but before the insects become such a nuisance.

I am not the only creature running behind. More Purple Martins have arrived in the last couple of weeks. I wonder if they turned back to avoid the cold weather. It looks like the late arrivals are younger by their coloration perhaps the older ones didn't survive the late winter weather.

In the community

Don't forget, Motley County High School Senior graduation will be on Saturday, June 1, 2013. Junior High students will graduate on May 31, 2013.

Roaring Springs Memorial Day Commemoration will be held on May 27, 2013, at the City Memorial Park. There will be a lunch at the Roaring Springs Community Center at noon. A hamburger plate will be \$7.00; a hot dog plate \$6.00. The meal includes beverage, chips and dessert. Veterans will be served free of charge. The Roaring Springs Community Volunteers will be preparing the meal.

Tince Thacker was honored with a delicious coconut birthday cake, ice cream and cards Saturday afternoon at the Travelers Inn. Those attending were: Don Stuckey, Alex and Jo Crowder; Jeff and Pam Thacker; Buzz and Tince Thacker; Sybol Brandon, J. N. Fletcher, Edith and Glennard Daniell; Corky and Monta Marshall; Floyd Carter, Kenneth Abbott and

Donna Kennedy. Tince's daughter, LuAnne Terry of Post, granddaughter, Mandy Terry and little great-granddaughter Cambelle of Slaton came to visit and had lunch Saturday with Buzz and Tince Thacker.

Sybol Brandon was visited on Mother's Day by granddaughter, Leanne Jameson and her son Pepper Nichols of Wichita Falls, TX. Pepper came on Saturday and left Sunday evening.

Our hearts were saddened to learn of Willie Palmer's death on Wednesday, May 15, 2013. Willie is the son of Pearl Palmer Patten. He died at his home in Lovington, NM. Services were held in Lovington on Monday, May 20, 2013, at 10:00 a.m. and graveside services followed at 4:30 p.m. at Peaceful Gardens Cemetery in Lubbock.

Pearl's address is Pearl Patten; Raider Ranch; 6548 43rd Street; Apt. 2116; Lubbock, TX 79407. Her telephone number is: 806-317-1625.

The bicycle riders from the Albuquerque area were again at the Travelers Inn on Saturday, May 11 and left on Tuesday of this week. They were: Kaye Dwyer and Paul Matthews of Albuquerque, NM. This is the tenth year they have participated in this event. Also participating were Joe Turner of Los Alamos, NM; Joe is a six year rider; and Bennett and Dawn Johnson of Albuquerque who are newcomers.

Gary and Lori Gillentine of Wills Point, TX, visited with Glennard and Edith Daniell at the Travelers Inn recently. Gary is Edith's nephew.

Stoney and Jolene Mullins were guests at Travelers Inn on May 13, 2013. Stoney is the son of the late Lester Mullins and the grandson of Odessa Mullins.

Several out of town folks attended a reunion at the Singing R Guest Ranch and stayed at the Travelers Inn Mother's Day weekend. They were: Sheldon and Marcie Eskelson of Atlanta, GA; Mary Sue Fiest of Portland, OR, and Angie Birdwell of Guthrie, TX.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

Overheard

Memorial Day is a time for remembering all of America's wars and perseverance for the losses in these wars.

Community News

Visitors Mother's Day in the home of Mrs. Mary Jo Calvert were children, Alvia Jo Calvert of Dumas, Sherrilyn and Dan Foster, Mrs. Gwen Mandrell and Peyton of Lubbock and Glen Calvert of Flomot.

Mrs. Aleda Ross visited in Lubbock last Thursday, Friday and Saturday with daughter and husband, Elisa and Stan Wigley. She had an audiologist medical appointment Friday and they celebrated Mother's Day Saturday. She received a beautiful bouquet of flowers from her son, Tommy Ross of Castroville.

Doris and Roger Vinson enjoyed a recent vacation trip to Branson, Missouri. They enjoyed tourist and scenic attractions and the entertaining celebrity shows.

Alford Barron, a former teacher in Flomot Schools, was in Flomot recently and visited Ruth and Orville Lee. His father, A.J. Barron was superintendent of Flomot Schools 1963-1967. His mother, Mrs. Leona Barron was the Home Economics teacher. Alford taught math and coached the Junior High basketball team in Flomot for one year, 1967. The family moved to Denton in 1967. There are those of you who will remember the family and will renew memories for you.

Connie and Coy Franks, and her mother, Mrs. Erma Washington, celebrated Mother's Day in Southland in the home of daughter and husband, Cara and Clint Cowart. Other family members attending were Amy and Cory Franks,

Hudson, Madison and Hes-ton, Cary and Mary Franks and Cal of Idalou.

Jerry and Sandra Barclay were guests Mother's Day in Meadow of son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lance Barclay and Kayla.

Kathy and Clois Shorter enjoyed Mother's Day in Wolforth with daughter and family, Keri and Kevin Sehon, Brian and Brooke. Brooke visited in their home from Wednesday until Friday.

Luncheon guests Saturday of Brenda and Darrell Cruse was her mother, Mrs. Marihelen Wason of Matador, daughter and family, Leah and Bryan Meyer, Gracie and Evan of Amarillo and son, Keane Cruse of Turkey.

Mrs. Mary Hughes of Sublette, Kansas visited from Thursday until Sunday with Mrs. Janice Hughes. Roger, Rickey and Kason Hughes of Floydada visited during the weekend.

Ruth and Orville Lee were in Lubbock Monday for Orville's medical appointment.

Mrs. Judy Renfro of Matador visited Sunday with her aunt, Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton.

Wilburn Martin attended to business in Plainview, Friday.

A shower of rain in Flomot Saturday evening, May 18, 2013, with pea sized hail.

Matador News

By Marilyn Hicks

It is nice to know that we are being looked after by local law enforcement even while we sleep. Last week, two of our guests had left their trunk partially open. Sometime during the night, our deputy, Cory Johnson, came by, closed it for them and left a note that he hoped everything was still in place. It was in place, which is another tribute to the safety of the community.

I went to the first of the grandkids dance recitals last night. Isabel was dancing in Canyon. Next week, Caron goes to see Emma in recital and later to see Kate. This is indicative of the end-of-year flurry of activities that we get caught in and enjoy during May and early June.

The recumbent bike riders from New Mexico were here last week. Kay and Paul, from Albuquerque, are retired professors from the University of New Mexico. Dawn and Bennett are also from Albuquerque where he is a consultant for small businesses, and she is an operating room nurse. Joseph is retired from Los Alamos. Each year they park their cars in Roaring Springs and spend several days touring the foothills. Plans are already underway to ride a little earlier next year since they no longer have to work around a university calendar.

Lynn McCormack from Georgia flew in to meet his brother Fred McCormack from Tyler and then they began to drive so that they could see the Panhandle South-Plains of Texas. Once they got to the area, they eagerly looked at each spot of interest. To give you an idea of their pace, in one day they made a total of 180 miles. They were enjoying every minute of each

other's company and the countryside.

Texas Tech graduation brought several guests our way. The Porters from College Station were attending the graduation of a niece, and the Ubanis from McKinney were going to the ceremony for a nephew.

Al Johnston from Brenham was going to Lubbock to find housing as he starts Tech to complete a degree in Petroleum Engineering. He was accompanied by Emilie Phillips in the quest for housing and to make final preparations for his career change.

It was a get-away weekend for Rick and Mindee Flippin of Lubbock. They were also going to visit with their friend Marisue Potts while in town.

The crew who does the stripping down the middle of the road stayed in town on Thursday night. They grilled in the courtyard and enjoyed the beautiful evening. They were: Chris Juarez from Denton, Steven Burnham from Justin, Esteban Diaz from Fort Worth, and Avery Hogg from Rhome.

Bill Armstrong is doing well with his recuperation from shoulder surgery. He has to keep strong so he can help Randy with his lifting and moving projects.

Kevin and Melinda Williams from Lubbock had a relaxing weekend. She teaches at TTH-SC where he also is employed. Students have no idea how much more the teachers look forward to school being over than they do. There was lunch and bridge playing on Tuesday at the Hotel. Enjoying the afternoon were Kay Bailey, Di-Ann Campbell, Winifred Darsey, Mary Jones, Carol Campbell, Dixie Campbell, Marion Woodruff, Marihelen Wason, and Joanie Stephens.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF MOTLEY §

By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 110th Judicial District Court of Motley County, on the 7th day of May, 2013, by the Clerk thereof, in the case(s) styled as follows:

Cause No.	Styling	Legal Description
676-TS	MOTLEY COUNTY v. RAMSEY, ROSE MARIE	1. Lots Six (6), Seven (7), Eight (8) and Nine (9), Block One Hundred Thirty-nine (139), City of Matador, Motley County, Texas.
687	MOTLEY COUNTY v. BROWN, LONNIE JOE	2. Lots Seventeen (17) and Eighteen (18), Block Fifty-six (56) of the Original Town Addition to the City of Matador, Motley County, Texas.
688	MOTLEY County v. EGERT, JENNY LOU	3. Lots One Hundred Fifty-nine (159) and One Hundred Sixty (160) of the Springs Ranch Estates Addition, Motley County, Texas.
689	MOTLEY County v. GILMORE, WILLIAM C IND/DBA GILMORE OIL GAS	4.015 Overriding Royalty Interest in Stearnes, L A, Lease, S K Rogers Oil Co. Inc. - Operator, RRC# 11349, Motley County, Texas. 5. Working Interest in the Stearnes, W A, Lease, Gilmore Oil & Gas Company - Operator, RRC# 11632, Section 9, Block O-4, WTRR Survey, Motley County, Texas.
692	MOTLEY COUNTY v. SALDANA, EUGENE III IND/HEIR SALDANA, EUGENE	6. Lots Thirteen (13), Fourteen (14), Seventeen (17), Eighteen (18), Nineteen (19), Twenty (20), Twenty-one (21) and Twenty-two (22), Block Eighty-One (81) of the Original Town Addition to the City of Matador, Motley County, Texas.
701	MOTLEY COUNTY v. JACKSON, ROSETTA	7. Lots Nineteen (19), Twenty (20), Twenty-one (21) and Twenty-two (22), Block Eighty (80) of the Original Town Addition to the City of Matador, Motley County, Texas. 8. Lots Four (4), Seven (7), Eight (8), Nine (9), Ten (10), Twelve (12), Thirteen (13), Fourteen (14), Sixteen (16) and Eighteen (18), Block Ninety-seven (97) of the Original Town Addition to the City of Matador, Motley County, Texas.
706-TS	MOTLEY COUNTY v. MULLINS, LINDA, ET AL	9. Lots Fourteen (14) and Fifteen (15), Block Thirty-four (34), Original Town Addition to the City of Roaring Springs, Motley County, Texas.

and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, at 3:30 p.m. on the 4th day of June, 2013, which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the South door of the Courthouse of Motley County, in the City of Matador, Texas.

Levied on the 7th day of May, 2013, as the property of

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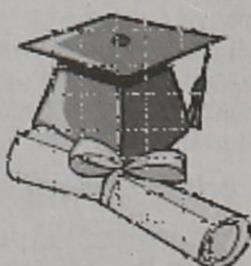
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Library Journal
by Carla Meador Librarian

School bells for 2013 will soon stop ringing and summer vacation will begin! Don't worry about having bored children! The Summer Reading Program will begin the first Monday in June and we will have fun and activities for kids 3-17! If your child did not receive a registration form at school, stop by the Library and pick one up. For more information give me a call, 347-2717.

Speaking of Summer, I recently obtained a recipe for a do it yourself Wasp/Bee Catcher. Those of you on Facebook may already have it, but for those of you who don't I thought it was worth sharing. And, although it doesn't have anything to do with the Library, getting stung by one of these flying creatures just might make you too sick to come to the Library and we certain wouldn't want that!

WASP/BEE CATCHER
Cut the neck off a plastic pop bottle

Remove the bottle cap and flip the neck upside down and place it in the bottle opening that you just cut.

Tape together using packing tape or duct tape.

Bait the trap. The easiest is sugar and water, but I've also read that meat works well in the spring and early summer because wasps are attracted to protein, or other options are water and vinegar, beer, soda, even laundry detergent. Adding petroleum jelly or cooking oil along and steep edges of the trap can cause them to lose their footing and fall into the hole.

Hang the trap by either taping a string to it, or affixing a screw that you can use to hang.

Empty the trap - but first make sure the wasps are dead by pouring boiling water in or freezing. Personally, I'll just dispose of the entire trap and make a

new one.

One last note, be mindful where you place the trap as living wasps will be attracted to it. Place a distance from where your kids or pets will be spending time.

We have two new books on our shelves this week including *Happy, Happy, Happy: My Life and Legacy as the Duck Commander* by Phil Robertson and *Dead Ever After: a Sookie Stackhouse novel* by Charlaine Harris.

We also have a new DVD - *Jack Reacher* starring Tom Cruise.

Our featured book this week is *The Chance* by Karen Kingsbury. This is a heartwarming story about childhood friends, broken lives, and a long-ago promise that just might offer the hope of love for today. The day before teenage Ellie moved from Georgia to California, she and her best friend Nolan sat beneath the Spanish moss of an ancient oak tree where they wrote letters to each other and buried them in a rusty old metal box. They plan to return eleven years later, dig up the box and read the letters. But now, as that date approaches, much has changed. Ellie has abandoned the faith she grew up with, her days consumed with loving her little girl and trying to make ends meet. Sometimes she watches TV to get a glimpse of her old friend Nolan, now an NBA star, whose faith is known by an entire nation. But few know that Nolan's own personal tragedies have fueled both his faith and athletic drive. For both Ellie and Nolan, the coming date is more than just a childhood promise. It's the chance to find out if it's ever too late to find love again. Karen Kingsbury weaves a moving tale of heart-wrenching loss, the power of faith and the wounds that only a forever kind of love can heal.

County Agent's News



by Ryan Martin, Agri LIFE EXTENSION Agent

Study compares recent drought to 1950's on woody plant dieback

COLLEGE STATION - Scientists with Texas A&M University and Texas A&M AgriLife Research had a unique opportunity to compare recent patterns of drought-induced woody plant mortality on the Edwards Plateau in Texas to the extended drought of the 1950s.

A tree killed by drought at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research station at Sonora. (Texas A&M AgriLife Communications photo credit by Dirac Twidwell)

Dr. Bill Rogers, an associate professor in the Texas A&M ecosystem science and management department, said it is important to understand how climatic extremes such as drought cause shifts in vegetation.

These shifts can alter semi-arid ecosystems, potentially affecting the abundance of forage and browse available for livestock and wildlife, as well as land/atmosphere feedbacks, carbon and water cycles, and disturbance dynamics, Rogers said.

A recently completed study led by two doctoral students from Rogers' research lab, Dirac Twidwell and Carissa Wonkka, examining the effects of severe drought on woody plants in Texas will be featured in the international journal, *Applied Vegetation Science*.

"This is one of the first assessments of the effects our recent drought has had on native vegetation," Rogers said. "It is also particularly novel because we are able to compare our findings to a study that was conducted at the same research site during the drought of the 1950s."

The research site was the Texas A&M AgriLife Research Station in Sonora, managed by Dr. Charles "Butch" Taylor. Following the drought from 1951-1957, a study was conducted at the site to quantify rates of dieback for various woody plant species.

In 2011, during the most severe drought on record since the 1950s, the study was repeated in the same long-term grazing treatments established in 1948. The primary species they looked at were southern live oak, scrub oak or sandpaper oak, persimmon, and Ashe juniper or blueberry juniper.

Twidwell said the study, in addition to comparing the patterns of drought-induced woody plant dieback to that from the extended drought of the 1950s, was designed to determine if composition of the woody plant community shifts consistently across the landscape following dieback, or if shifts depend on differences among species, soils, land use and plant demography.

The study showed the recent severe droughts across Texas resulted in high levels of woody plant dieback in areas that have for decades experienced woody encroachment, he said. Periodic drought events since 2000 killed nearly 25 percent of woody plants and decreased woody plant cover 18 percent.

However, measurements taken after the 1950s drought ended showed woody plant cover had decreased 44 percent compared to pre-drought estimates taken in 1949, Twidwell said.

"Based on weather records from the research site dating back to 1919, the drought of the 1950s was more prolonged and severe than any other period from 1919-2011," he said.

"While recent droughts have been severe, historical records at this site show the seven-year drought of the 1950s was worse and lasted considerably longer.

"Woody plant die-off was almost three times worse in the 1950s than in our 2011 study. This gives us an indication of how vegetation may continue to change on the Edwards Plateau if the current drought continues for a number of years."

Neither drought, however, resulted in widespread shifts from one woody plant community to another, Wonkka said.

"Even with reductions in cover of 44 percent and 18 percent following the droughts of the 1950s and 2000s, respectively, woody plant communities did not transition to a grassland or savanna or an alternate woody-dominated plant community," she said. "Rather, the system remained as an oak savanna following the 1950s and a juniper woodland interspersed with clusters of oak in 2011."

A unique finding in this study is that long-term livestock management practices have the potential to influence the direction of vegetative change following drought, Twidwell said.

High mortality rates of mature juniper trees in deep soils, combined with the recruitment of oak species where cattle, goats and deer had been excluded on the research site for the last 60 years, caused shifts in vegetation from a juniper woodland to a live oak-dominated overstory with a diverse understory, he said.

Because many areas on the Edwards Plateau have been heavily browsed by goats and deer for decades, the study suggests that drought-induced shifts on deep soils away from juniper woodland and toward a plant community more similar to the oak savanna occurring prior to juniper encroachment is unlikely to be realized unless the drought becomes worse.

"Juniper will likely continue to dominate the woody plant community on both shallow and deep soil areas on much of the Edwards Plateau following the most recent drought, albeit at lower densities," Twidwell said.

He said the widespread changes in land management on the Edwards Plateau from mostly livestock production to wildlife and hunting enterprises may sufficiently decrease browsing pressure in some areas to cause the shift from juniper woodland to a diverse shrub understory.

"To improve our understanding of climate-induced vegetation change, modeling projections need to be downscaled to a finer spatial resolution that is relevant to land managers," Twidwell said. "Many regional planners rely on predictive climate-vegetation models to understand potential shifts in vegetation that may result from short- and long-term changes in climate."

In this study, specialized responses to drought were observed as a result of complex localized interactions, such as ecohydrological differences among soil types, plant water-use strategies, density-dependent relationships among plants, and legacy effects of livestock management, he said.

"Studies such as this play an important role in improving these models and projecting how drought will impact the types of vegetation important to land managers," Twidwell said.

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Obituary

William "Will" V. Palmer

Funeral services for William "Will" V. Palmer, 51, of Lovington, NM, were held on Monday, May 20, 2013, at 10:00 a.m. at First United Methodist Church with Bro. Harry Pittam and Bro. Danny Kirkpatrick officiating. Burial followed at Peaceful Gardens Cemetery in Lubbock, TX, at 4:30 p.m. Arrangements were under the direction of Kirby-Smith-Rogers Funeral Home.

Will was born on May 2, 1962, in Matador, Texas, to Bill and Pearl (Sedgwick) Palmer and passed away on May 15, 2013, in Lovington, NM. He grew up in Roaring Springs, TX and graduated from Motley County High School in 1981. He married his high school sweetheart, Shelley Jackson in Matador, TX, on December 31, 1982. He attended Texas Tech University until his father passed away and he returned home and got involved in the oil business.

While employed for Amoco Productions and living in Rule, TX, he served as mayor. He later moved to Midland and worked for Plains Petroleum and then in 1991 he came to Lovington; and for the last several years, Will has been happily employed by Read & Stevens as Operations Manager.

He was an active member of First Baptist Church, Lovington Rotary Club, Lovington Chamber of Commerce, New Mexico Oil and Gas Association, and served on the Board of Directors for Lea County Electric Company. He was Past Master of Lovington Masonic Lodge # 46 and served as a loyal and faithful worker in the Lodge he loved.

Will, a great mentor, strong leader, generous and good-humored man, was loving and kind to all, especially his family and friends and those in need. He was also an avid Texas Rangers fan and devoted cyclist and was involved in theater and politics where he excelled in public speaking. In his spare time, his interests included researching and writing a book about his own father's experiences as a soldier during WWII. As a citizen of Lovington, he



was committed to improving the quality of life for all. Will was a supporter of the youth of Lovington, and encouraged all young people to apply for scholarships and continue their education.

He was preceded in death by his father, Clell William "Bill" Palmer and an older sister Barbara Ann Anderson.

He is survived by his wife Shelley of the home; one son: Matt and wife Kristen Palmer and their two children, Kinley Brooke and Kyson Ross of Lubbock, TX; one daughter: Micah Palmer of Irving, TX and her fiancée Robert Austin Blair of Plano, TX; his mother Pearl Palmer Patten of Lubbock, TX; three brothers, Clarence and wife Mary Allen of Missouri; Tommy Lee and wife Nancy Palmer of Lubbock, TX; and Buddy and wife Linda Allen of Pampa, TX; five sisters, Veda and husband Jerry Hunt of Midland, TX; JoAnn Reagan of Quitaque, TX; Willita and husband Larry Burkes of Paducah, TX; Becky Jewkes of Onalaska, TX, and Linda and husband Arnold Wayne Parker of Boyd, TX; and a host of extended family and friends.

Visitation was held Sunday, May 19, 2013, at the funeral home with family in residence from 1:00 until 3:00 p.m.

Memorials may be made to Lovington Masonic Lodge #46 Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 1611, Lovington, NM 88260; Lovington Rotary Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 1377, Lovington, NM, or Lovington Mainstreet Beautification Project, P.O. Box 1418, Lovington, NM 88260. Condolences may be sent to www.kirbysmithrogers.com.



Sheriff's Desk
by Chris Spence

For the month of April, 2013, the Motley County Sheriff's Office received 40 calls from citizens and drove 5,837 patrol miles.

CASES: Cases, 5; cases solved, 4; Cases under investigation, 1; Amount Lost to Theft or Burglary, \$20,000.00; Amount Lost to Criminal Mischief, \$0.00; Amount Recovered, \$0.00; Motor vehicle accidents investigated, 0; Assaults, 0; Thefts, 0; Burglary, 0; Criminal Mischief, 0; Criminal Trespass, 0; Disorderly Conduct, 0; Family Disturbance, 1; Livestock Calls, 4; Assist Citizens, 7; Assist Outside Agency, 9; Motorist Assistance, 2; Assist Sheriff or Deputy, 2; Civil Standby, 5; Suspicious Person, 0; Welfare Concern, 0; CPS Case, 0; Traffic Hazard, 3; Transients, 1; Prisoner Transport to TDCJ,

0; Prisoner Transport from County Jail to another County Jail, 0; Transport to MHMR Facility, 1; Cruelty to Animals, 0; Questionable Death, 0; Violation of Protective Order, 0; Alarms, 0; Stolen Property Reported, 1.

ARRESTS: Misdemeanor, 0; Felony, 2.
PAPER SERVED: District Court, 0; County Court, 0; JP Court, 0; Out of County Court Papers, 3.

TRAFFIC: Traffic Citations, 3; Traffic Warnings, 3; Funeral escorts, 1.

TO THE CITIZENS OF MOTLEY COUNTY: The Sheriff's Office is here to serve the citizens. If you see anything suspicious or someone driving reckless, please call the Sheriff Office at 806-347-2234 or Sheriff Spence at 806-269-3577.

Motley County Sheriff's Office is participating in statewide Click it or Ticket mobilization through June 2nd and also will be participating in a state wide Labor Day Impaired driving mobilization August 16-September 2.



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EVENTS CALENDAR

May 26th 7p.m. Baccalaureate Service
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May 27th - Annual Memorial Day Service and lunch - 11:00am at the Veterans Memorial in City Park with the meal to follow at the Community Center (sponsored by the Roaring Springs Volunteer Committee) - free for all veterans or \$7 hamburger plate/\$6 hotdog plate (includes beverage, chips & dessert). Contact City Hall at 806-348-7231 8am-12pm for more information.

May 29th - Sr. Breakfast@ Methodist Church 8 am

May 31st - Jr High Graduation

June 1st - High School Graduation

June 22nd - 100th Anniversary Celebration for the City of Roaring Springs and School Reunion. More details to come. Contact City Hall at 806-348-7231 M-F 8am-12pm for more information.

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