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2009 Homecoming King and Queen Justin Newman Melissa Flores



Homecoming Queen Court



Even in the rain, the MC Homecoming Queen Court shines. L-R Kyla Simpson, Anna Daniell, Lexi Osborn, Leanne Jameson, Melissa Flores, and Jaci Zingerman.

Photo by Walter Taylor

Upper Pease SWCD begins annual Windbreak Seedling Sale

It's that time of year again! The Upper Pease Soil & Water Conservation District is once again offering the windbreak seedling's for sale. This is an annual activity which makes thousands of transplant and seedling trees available to county landowners. These trees are offered at an extremely reduced rate and are from the finest stock available from wholesale nurseries.

The SWCD's Windbreak Seedling program was started to promote conservation, and help residents create a more beautiful, healthy and ecologically balanced environment.

The program is considered by many to be a true community service. Many of the areas wildlife habitat plantings, along with farmstead and field windbreaks were started because of this program.

All residents are encouraged to take advantage of the Seedling program by purchasing your own stock from the SWCD. This is the perfect time to go forward with your own beautification plans. Whether you own a city lot and want to plant a privacy hedge line, or you have several acres and are interested in creating a windbreak or shel-

terbelt, now is the time!

The program offers a variety of evergreens and hardwoods, but supplies are limited. You are encouraged to place your order early to take advantage of the best selection. Orders can be placed from now until February 4, 2010, with the seedlings being available for pickup on Friday, February 12th. If you are interested in placing an order, stop by the Upper Pease Soil and Water Conservation District located at 1103 Eubank. If you need more information, feel free to give Buffy a call at 806-347-2263 extension 3.

Matador VFD and other area fire professionals attend propane training from the Railroad Commission

On Monday, September 21st area propane fuel provider Wylie LP-Gas of Matador hosted a firefighter's training course at the Matador Volunteer Fire Department Station. Trainers from the Texas Railroad Commission's Alternative Fuels Division put on the 3-hour propane (LP-GAS) training class for area fire departments. The Railroad Commission is the state agency in charge of propane safety in Texas. Mr. Thomas Petru, the director of propane safety training in Austin, taught the class. He has over 37 years experience in gas safety. Assisting Mr. Petru was Bobby Wood, RRC regional marketing coordinator from Sweetwater. Over 3,000-fire professional statewide have attended this same training from the RRC in the past two years at no cost.

"We were very proud to host this important class for our local fire professionals," said Jerry Bright of Wylie LP-Gas Company. "Propane safety is very important to all of us and

we are certain that this class will increase their knowledge of propane and help them respond effectively to any situation if they understand it better. Mr. Petru does a great job and we were very lucky to get him to help us out."

The Texas propane industry has worked closely with the Railroad Commission to custom design this class to meet local needs. Propane safety topics range from home barbecue cylinders to residential tanks and commercial bulk fuel installations. Participating firefighters received hands-on experience with propane equipment, local delivery vehicles, plus classroom instruction. Attendees also received continuing-education credit. Attenders were treated to a fabulous hamburger supper from Jerry, and the staff of Wylie LP-Gas in Matador.

After the class, Mr. Petru thanked the attendees for taking time to attend and was very pleased with the large crowd. Fire departments and

first responders from Matador, Floydada, Turkey, Roaring Springs, Paducah, and the Motley County Sheriffs office attended. "These fine departments all play a vital role in propane safety for this area. That's why we are all firmly committed to building a strong relationship with them and help educate them about propane. It is a safe, clean, efficient energy source that is produced right here in Texas. It is a good economical fuel, but it does have different characteristics from other fuels. We hope this type of specialized safety training will aid your local fire professionals and benefit your entire community" stated Mr. Petru.

CONTACT: Bobby Wood, RRC Regional Marketing Coordinator, 325-669-4995

For information about the benefits of using propane call the RRC at 1-800-64-CLEAR, or visit "http://www.rrc.state.tx.us" www.rrc.state.tx.us and click on Propane.



Lexi Osborn, Sabra Pope, and Anna Daniell at the bonfire on Thursday night.

Photo by Walter Taylor

Foothill Country Connections

Community, Diversity, Art

By Larry Vogt

This week I bring you greetings from Terra Alta, West Virginia. Laverne and I visited my daughter and her family on Thursday and Friday of last week. They have a forty-acre farm in the North East corner of the state up in the mountains. The autumn has already started with cooler temperatures coming on and the maple trees starting to flame up in red and gold colors with other species also beginning their shift to the fall colors. The air has that mountain crisp quality and a slight breeze that keeps letting you know that the summer heat may be just about over for this year.

The main purpose of the trip was to connect with all four of my Kentucky born children and sure enough, they all showed up from their California and Connecticut home bases and we had a nice visit. We all played with the four and one year old children that also celebrated birthdays this month.

The most amazing part of the visit was seeing the progress that my daughter Sunshine and her husband Steve have made in the development of their organic vegetable producing operation. They were able to have about three acres under cultivation this growing season and have managed to

keep the deer and other pests out of the crops by constructing a double electric fence. They have a six-strand high tensile strength fence around a good portion of their current and future crop producing area as well as a lower single strand low-tension electric fence in front of the main fence that runs around the perimeter.

They grow a variety of popular vegetables such as salad mix, spinach, carrots, peppers, winter squash, pumpkins, chard, tomatoes, egg plants, etc. The produce that they sell has very good eye appeal and tastes as good as it looks. They sell produce at the farmers market in Morgantown, West Virginia and Oakland, Maryland. They are about 35 miles from Morgantown and 12 miles from Oakland. They also have started their own Community Supported Agriculture subscription list and served 38 customer families this growing season. They receive compliments on the produce and seem to have developed a group of loyal customers. They also are on target to meet their projections for revenue intake.

Aside from the parental pride in their endeavors, I commend young people for attempting agriculture as a life mission and wish them continued success in the future growing seasons.

WRITING COMMUNITY

Letters Home from Cross Cultural Solutions in Dharamsala, India

by Stevie Welch, daughter of Steve Zabielski, granddaughter of Grace Laverne Tilson Zabielski

September 15, 2009

I have always been interested in different cultures and humanitarian and world issues, so traveling has always been a priority. I was researching various International Volunteering opportunities for my own interest and came across Cross Cultural Solutions (www.crossculturalsolutions.com). I realized that I would not have to be enrolled in college to work towards my nursing major this Fall semester, so I took that opportunity and decided to volunteer with CCS in northern India in Dharamsala. I am interested in the Peace Corps and thought this would be a great way to get me ready for that experience in the future. It is a program I have to pay to be a part of, so I did a lot of fund raising over the summer and with the help of generous and supportive family members and friends and saving up my own money, I am able to be a part of this amazing experience!

Thanks!
Stevie

Hey everyone!

Its now Tuesday evening at 10:30 pm and I have now been in India for three full days. I arrived in Delhi at night and got a ride from volunteer reps from the airport to a gated community where the CCS Delhi home base is. When I say gated, I mean this was the more expensive flats of the city, but looked like dingy apt buildings with lots of garbage outside. It was a very safe place, though, and I have felt very safe since my arrival.

The drive from the airport was quite the experience and, to put it bluntly, shocking! I had been prepared for the change in scenery but this was so in-your-face, "Welcome to India-" nothing held back.

The traffic was the first thing that hit me. The volunteers had come into the airport to get me and just left the van outside in the middle of the road, waiting. Cars were lined

up behind it and speeding past on the sides with cars honking wildly. Car horns are used here to tell people to get out of the way and let people know where you are- there is no animosity in their usage. We got in the car and were stuck in the same line of traffic and construction and the driver laid on the horn every few minutes. Finally, we swerved around and started speeding down the road, zipping in and out of traffic and around cones and road signs.

Traffic is, as I like to say, organized chaos. Somehow, I didn't see a single accident, which is surprising because cars were merging in all directions, swerving and speeding, and lines on the roads to mark the lanes were simply suggestions and didn't seem to be a priority. Same as stop lights and stop signs. I have concluded that the driver was either the best, or the worst driver, but he did get me there in one piece!

As we drove, buildings gave way to tents where people were living in communities. The streets were busy with shopping and action, but it was similar to stands set up in Chinatown as opposed to a street of storefronts. Cows walked the streets freely and unattended, as did dogs. In the dirt in the middle of what we would call a "can-of-worms" of highway overpasses, a group of cows would lay and relax as cars drove past. It was the most wild and unpredictable landscape I have ever witnessed! The filth, pollution and poverty was eye-opening, but was a good shake into the reality that I was really in India now! I was only in Delhi for less than a day, and about eight hours of that was sleeping, so I cannot give a well-rounded account of the city. This is the perception I got during this short stay, though.

More to come on my arrival in Dharamsala after Delhi, but this is a lot to take in for now!

Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor

I am writing in response to Pat Smith's letter concerning Motley County's Senior Citizen Center.

I can understand Pat's concern about making a living in Motley County. I left Motley County in 1962 in order to make a living. If I could have made a living here, I would never have left. Kay and I returned in 2005 to enjoy the years we have left.

There have been some misunderstandings concerning what the Motley County Senior Citizen's Center really does. For one thing, it is not a café.

The Center operates primarily on donations. There is no cash register there to see what others are donating. Donations are placed in a box out of view of other senior citizens. The suggested donation is four dollars per meal. Some pay more and others pay less.

The Center serves lunch five days a week to senior citizens who make it to the Center. The Center delivers 60 meals per week to "shut-ins" in Roaring Springs. That is over 3,000 meals delivered to Roaring Springs each year.

I have heard others say, "look at all the new cars at the Senior Citizen's Center. Those people should not be eating there." What they don't consider is that many people driving newer cars are volunteers. Those 3,000 meals delivered to Roaring Springs are by volunteers and they receive no compensation. They furnish their own time, car, and gasoline to deliver those meals.

The same is true with the "shut-ins" in Matador. Approximately 3,400 meals are delivered to senior citizen's homes in Matador each year. All done by volunteers.

The Motley County Senior Citizen's Center is much more than a "café". The Center has many other activities for senior citizens. For many Motley County Senior Citizens, going to the Center or having

a volunteer deliver a meal to their home may be the only human contact they have with another person all day long. Several ladies meet there each morning for exercise. Every Thursday night is "Game Night" for seniors. The first Monday of each month is Arts and Crafts Club. Coffee drinkers gather each morning. The coffee drinkers donate \$60.00 per week to the Center, over \$3,000.00 per year, which is more than Motley County contributes in tax dollars. The City government of Matador does not donate one "cotton picking" cent to the Center unless it is done by private individuals. Nor does the City government of Roaring Springs donate one red cent to the Center. The Senior Citizen's Center has to have several fund raisers each year just to keep the Center open.

I do not want a single business in Motley County to go out of business. Some of the senior citizens choose not to make use of the Senior Citizen's Center. That is their

choice. Some of the senior citizens who eat lunch at the Center also eat dinner at one of the cafes. It is their choice.

Roaring Springs and Matador are not ever going to be the richest towns in west Texas. But there is no reason why we cannot be the cleanest and neatest. Have you ever heard someone say that they went to Fredricksburg, Texas to see the old dilapidated houses and junk cars? No, they are going there because it is neat and clean and has a lot to offer tourist. Motley County also has a lot to offer tourist, i. e. The Motley County Museum, The Historical Motley County Jail, Bob's Oil Well, Hotel Matador, Motley County Library, and, The Lodge at the Matador Ranch, just to name a few.

What I am trying to say is that we need to pull together, both Roaring Springs, Matador, and all of Motley County instead of tearing each other down.

Ron Bailey

Dear Editor;

Let me start out with saying a big thank you to the commissioners for taking some of the things out of the budget that some of us have been asking to be removed for two years. There are a lot of us who stayed in the county, raised our families and paid the taxes to keep our county and school going. For some of you that have moved back with your retirements, welcome back home, we are glad that you came back. But Motley County will never have the means to equal the services that you learned to expect in the larger areas, unless we get more oil production or the wind towers finally get built in our county.

To the letter in the paper from Pat Smith, I would like to add another chapter to the rest of the story. If everyone in the county was informed by one of your family members they were no longer welcome in your business you would have closed your doors several years ago. I am sure you remember the jury that I served as Foreman and Billy Paul also served on the jury for a murder trial. After that we were not allowed in your business that we had been eating at since 1967.

I served on the original board of directors that worked to get the Senior Citizens in operations. We signed up for a program through SPAGG that had programs for the elderly and the

handicap. This program had funds coming from the USDA and state level. Through the years the funds have been cut very much. The local board and the site committee have to put on several fund raisers every year to be able to keep the meals low enough that the seniors that do not have a lot of income can afford to come and eat and be with others. Yes, some of the seniors are able to pay more than the suggested \$4.00 but who is to say that they are not the ones putting in more than the suggested \$4.00 or putting in a lot more when the center has to have a fund raiser.

Please remember that there are meals delivered five days a week to shut-ins in Matador and Roaring Springs and these meals are delivered by volunteers in their own cars, at their own expense and time.

I personally believe that this is the best program that Motley County has ever had. Some of the people that I see and meet at the center would not see another person for days if they did not have the SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER to go to. We all need to do everything that we can to keep this program going. My hat is off to Tommie Keith, the employees, the board of directors and the site committee for doing such a good job keeping this center organized.

Thank you
Betty Simpson.

Dear Editor

In this day and time when most of what you hear on the news is about the bad things coaches are doing I would like to express how WONDERFUL your Motley County Matadors Coach Mike Bigham was to my great nephews, Colby and Dillon McCleskey, last week. For those of you who don't know, Colby and Dillon's Granddad, Rodney Long, passed away

last week.

Your Coach Bigham rearranged the time for the Friday Pep Rally, the departure time for the bus to go to the football game and other schedules in order for Colby's teammates to attend his Granddad's funeral in order for them to be with him for support at this sad time.

Your Coach Bigham taught these young people one of life's most valuable lessons

that football is a game but Life is Real and how you treat your fellow man is how you will make it in this world.

There are a lot of coaches in this world who could learn a valuable lesson from the like's of Coach Bigham. Thank you Coach Bigham for being a good disciple of Jesus' teaching that we are to lift one another up in good times and in bad.

Coach Bigham keep up the

good work in guiding these young men in the direction they should go. I hope you and your team wins State again this year but to our family you have already won Coach Of The Year for your thoughtfulness to two important young men in our family, Colby and Dillon McCleskey.

With Respect,
Sandra Hatcher

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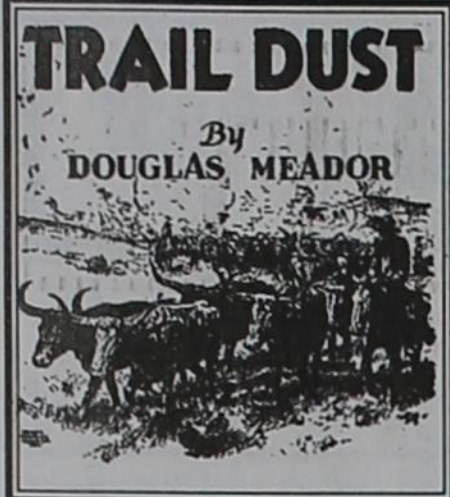
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Phantom hoof beats climbed the slope of retreating years as the truck brakes screeched and little eddies of dust boiled around the slowing tires. It would have been easier to look away and avoid the soft eyes of old horses being freighted to slaughter, but fate is all directions. A hope cried for kinder destiny that they might be moving to lush pastures to live out their years or find haven in other fields and other roads to serve man again, but they were too poor; the collar and saddle marks too white. An abattoir was at the of the black road. The stench of death was ready to fill their nostrils with brief terror; the swinging hammer and flashing knife stained with sinless blood. Mills were turning to grind their bones and sinews into ghostly flour for profit to the gold mad masters of the earth. The great truck lurched and their heads swayed in balance. The old sorrel looked out across the strange vista and whinnied, a plaintive call like the voice of a lonely soul at the portals of eternity.

Fates little throw rugs of happiness are soft and luxuriant but they cover such a small portion of life's vast and splintery floor.

Love is the world's only true wealth and it must be given away else the urn which held it will soon echo with emptiness.

Highways are rivers filled with the waters of life. Wealth and poverty pass without concern; sorrow follows the bumpers of great joy. Sin and crime roll over the same hills where devout Christians travel. So long as the springs

of life shall flow the current moves on toward the estuary of Valhalla. Ahead is an old truck whose cargo contains many things; a baby carriage and a tombstone.

Standing his turn at the refrigerated fountain, the old man filled a paper cup and drank, then brushed his grey mustache with the sleeve of his shirt. He said the water was good but quenched his thirst no better than the muddy liquid he had often drunk from a cow track.

Many women may be deceived by a man's character but another man will catalog him in ten minutes of conversation.

Hollywood studio gates have opened to a more handsome cowboy than the slender tanned cheeked youth whose soft voice inquired about a rancher. His expensive Stetson was created to an exacting degree, a thin brown shirt clung to his broad shoulders as if it had been tailored around his physique and his fine whipcord trousers hung at the correct station so the cuffs exposed a trifle of his polished glove fitting boots. His business is with a commission firm that buys and sells cattle. His associates are cowmen and cattle buyers usually a rough and tumble lot who drink hard talk hard and find much of their amusement outside the confines of property. The young man does not drink although, he has been known to purchase liquor for his drinking friends. He does not transmit smutty stories. He does not preach to his friends except with the example of his own living. He is honest, sincere, and his word is never questioned. His influence is that of a missionary teaching a better way of life in a land rotten ripe for improvement.

With all the new improvements in packaged, ready to serve foods automatic house keeping equipment, hand machines that will laundry clothes to perfection, there is little excuse for a man getting married. It is interesting however to notice that the old and rather popular custom is showing no tendency of change.

Hackberry Creek Care Center

Employee of the Month



Tanya Pierce was voted employee of the month for August. She works in dietary and has been with the center for about 1 year.

She is married to Britt Pierce and has 3 children, Shayla, Zowie and Kyler and they live in Roaring Springs. Tanya really takes pride in her work and we are so glad she's here.

Congratulations Tanya

Resident of the Month



Mrs. Lydia Leal was our August resident of the month. Mrs. Leal comes to us from Lockney. She has only been here a few months but she's already part of the family. The staff and other residents really enjoy her and we are so glad she is here.

Congratulations Mrs. Leal!!!!

County Agent News

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Redwine, AgriLife Extension family and consumer science agent in Armstrong County.

The program is being hosted by the AgriLife Extension offices in Armstrong and Randall counties. The cost of \$110 includes training, materials and the state food manager certification examination, Redwine said. For those who wish to test only, the cost is \$60.

The registration deadline is Oct. 30, she said, and the class will be limited to the first 25 people.

This program is designed to not only prepare food service managers to pass the certification examination; it will provide valuable education regarding the safe handling of food, she said.

Food-service managers will learn about: - Identifying potentially hazardous foods and common errors in food handling. - Preventing contamination and

cross-contamination of food. - Teaching and encouraging personal hygiene for employees.

- Complying with government regulations. - Maintaining clean utensils, equipment and surroundings. - Controlling pests.

Redwine said other benefits of the training include: increased customer satisfaction, improved relationships with health officials and prevention of bad publicity and lawsuits due to food-borne illness.

Candidates who successfully pass the Department of State Health Services Certified Food Manager examination may be certified for up to five years, she said.

For more information about the Food Manager Certification Training course of AgriLife Extension, called "Food Safety: It's Our Business," or to register, call Redwine at 806-226-3021 or Leesa Wood Calvi at 806-468-5543.

Mavericks Update

The Mavericks defeated the Wilson Mustangs by a score of 44-6 on Sept. 17th at Bursleson Field. The Mavericks amassed more than 120 yards passing as quarterback Braden Bigham completed passes to four different receivers. The Mavericks also rushed for another 120 plus yards while dominating the Mustangs on the defensive side of the ball. Scoring touchdowns for the Mavericks were Jamie Jameson, Conner Mason, Dillon McCleskey, and Coby Cochran.

The Mavericks traveled to Southland to take on the Eagles on September 24th. This game turned out to be a horse-race with the Mavericks coming out on top by a score of 50-47. In a wide open offensive battle quarterback Braden Bigham found his mark by passing for over

140 yards. The Mavericks also rushed for over 180 yards with long runs by Conner Mason, Jamie Jameson, and Caleb Clary. Coby Cochran returned an interception for a touchdown, his second of the year. Rounding out the scoring were Jamie Jameson with 2 TD's, Conner Mason with 4, and Caleb Clary with 1.

The McLean Jr. High team canceled their game with the Mavericks this week leaving a gap in the schedule which may not be filled.

At press time the Motley County coaching staff had not been able to find a team to take on the Mavericks. The next game on the schedule is with Silverton on October 8th at Bursleson Field.

On behalf of the All White Affair Committee, we would like to say "thank you" to the little town with a BIG heart. The support was overwhelmingly wonderful!! From Mayor Pat Smith to Shane Jones to Macedonia Baptist Church to Mayor Corky Marshall to the citizens of Motley County, anything we needed there was no hesitation to getting it. It was nice to go "home" and have the love and support of family and friends in a way that words cannot describe. We raised about \$4,300.00 over the weekend and we could not have done it without Motley County!

*Again, Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!
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The All White Affair Committee*

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It is entirely possible to know a number of things about God, the Bible, and the Christian faith without loving God. A person might know the commandments of God, yet if that person does not love Him, he or she will never obey those com-

mands. Our Lord put it like this in John 14:15, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments." That is being both very plain and simple. It is easily understandable.

When studied with an honest and sincere heart, it will never be possible to just give the Bible a quick glance. When studying the Bible, a person is forced to make a decision as to whether or not he or she will follow Jesus and do ask He commands.

To be sure, this is not a decision that one would make lightly. There is much involved. The cost is great. But so are the rewards. The reason one follows the Lord Jesus is love. It is from an undying love for the Lord that one lives for Him. We learn of Jesus from the Bible. But more than just learning let us also remember to love Him and to love one another fervently.

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NEWS AROUND MOTLEY COUNTY

Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

Good Morning, can you believe October is almost here? For a few days it really seemed 'fallish' but now with the hot winds all the freshness and green will be gone soon. Like me, my garden sighed a sigh of relief only to wilt again in the heat. I know that the good Lord has a purpose for everything and later maybe we will realize what the renewed summer will benefit.

My niece and her husband were up at our family's cabin east of Santa Fe in the National Forest last week and woke up to 5 inches of snow! They thought the snow was very beautiful as it completely covered the meadow by the cabin. Since the cabin is rustic, they scooped up snow in all the water containers and even the cooler boxes and didn't have to go to the spring for water for a couple of days. Being still honeymooners they felt it fell especially for them! I guess that was the reason we were so cool last week. Higher up there was some color beginning to show; I guess the snow will really hasten the fall colors in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains.

Randall Reeve of Roaring Springs and Joan Patton of Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in Matador attended St. Alice Parish in Plainview for a Rite of Profession of the Secular Order of St. Francis of Assisi to begin a two year study preparing their parish to begin a benevolent program based on the work of St. Francis.

J. T. Swim was taken by ambulance to the Heart Hospital in Lubbock Friday night. His condition is stable and they kept him for observation for a couple of days.

My family celebrated their August and September birthdays Saturday evening at the Roaring Springs Ranch Club

with a chili dog cookout, cake and ice cream. Attending were my son, Kevin McClaran, his wife Tracie and daughter, Kenzie Renee; my daughter, Kay (Katie) Miller, her husband Ford and children Sean and Kelsea Miller of Lockney; Corky and Monta. It was a beautiful evening and the granddaughters enjoyed the pool for a short time.

Council Woman P.K. Green and Mayor, Corky Marshall attended a Texas Municipal League meeting at Lake Ransom Canyon on Thursday. Water supplies and problems pertaining to small town water supplies were presented by the speaker, Troy R. Hotchkiss an environmental engineer.

Kelly and Pennie Keltz traveled to Lubbock to celebrate their son-in-law Jared Johnson's birthday on Saturday. On September 20th, the Keltz' attended the dedication of Kandi and Jared's baby daughter, Kirbi Reese Johnson at Christian Life Assembly of God in Lubbock.

The Roaring Springs Lions Club meeting will be at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, October 1st at the Windmill Café. District 2T2 Lions Governor, Fredda Buckner will be the speaker. After the meeting, the Lions will go to Hackberry Creek Care Center to have their monthly bingo game with the residents.

Mozelle Hand celebrated her daughter Missy Davis' birthday with the Davis family in Grandview, TX on the weekend of September 20th. Her great grandson Jhett Davis was also celebrating his birthday.

Trudy Hand of Amarillo visited with her dad, Bill hand on September 19th, Duane, Kim and Abby Watson and Hanna Alexandra were visitors on the 20th. Mody and Annelle Smith of Dumot also visited with Bill on Sunday, the 20th. Vernon Nipp has recently visited Bill. Bill enjoys having company.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

Overheard

One Sunday morning, a minister noticed a farmer wasn't in church. He was very seldom absent, so the minister went to visit him. "We missed you today," said the minister. "Yep," the farmer answered. "But I had hay down and it looked like rain. I figured it would be better to sit up here thinking about God than go to church and think about the hay."

Martin Family Reunion

The descendants of John Martin who moved to Texas in 1830 and his sons and families to Motley County in 1891 held their annual reunion Saturday afternoon, September 26th at the Community Center in Flomot. Good historical family stories were related and on display was a 1935 Friendship quilt and a 40's quilt with Martin family names on them belonging to Linda and Travis Kendall. Seab Washington brought his 1936 friendship quilt with the names of former Flomot ladies.

They enjoyed snacks and around 6:00 p.m., Tim Kendall, Diane and Seab Washington served hamburgers with all the trimmings.

Those attending were Michael Martin, Gary Martin and grandchildren of Denton; Donnie Martin of Silverton, Earl and Alice Fay McDonough, Leo and Kay Phillips, Mike and Patsy Patrick and Delowes and DeWayne Marin of Plainview; Fred and Marilee Cooper of

Borger; Marisue Powell of Mott Creek Ranch; Vandie Hines and Everett Coburn of Carlsbad, N.M.; Nova Turner and Sylvia Lee Martin of Matador; Kathy Shorter, Travis and Linda Kendall, Tim, Melissa, Jere and Jacob Kendall, Wilburn Martin and Seab and Diane Washington of Flomot.

Attending a bridal shower for Mary Morse of Lubbock and fiancé, Cary Franks of Idalou held Saturday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Janie Campbell in Matador were family members of Cary, Mrs. Erma Washington, Mrs. Connie Franks, Mrs. Sandra Barclay of Flomot and Mrs. Sherryll Barclay and Kayla of Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Dana Vinson, Allison, Elise and Christopher of Lubbock visited Friday and Saturday with his parents, Doris and Roger Vinson. They attended the Homecoming football game in Matador Friday night. They also visited his grandmother, Mrs. Beverly Vinson.

Marilee and Fred Cooper of Borger visited Sunday with his grandparents, Jack and Nada Starkey.

Mrs. Jean Cooper of Matador visited Sunday afternoon with her brother and wife, Butch and Janice Hughes.

Visiting the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barclay were Mrs. Lance Barclay and Kayla of Lubbock.

Glen Calvert and Josh Lee were judges at the State Championship Barbecue Cook-Off held in Silverton September 25-26.

Matador News

Memorable moments at 1979 30th class reunion

The MCH graduating class celebrated their 30th class reunion during the 2009 Homecoming, September 25-26. To conclude the memorable reunion, they met at the Matador Hotel at 6:30 p.m. Saturday night. The delicious dinner menu and colorful decorations added to the special occasion.

Fourteen of the surviving twenty two class members who renewed memories were Lester Campbell of Amarillo, Charles Davis of Idalou, Mike Green of Lubbock, Sharla Green Miller of Tulia, Carla Hart Waits of Borger, Shannon Jameson of Santa Fe, N.M., Pansy Moore Stidom of Burkburnett, Robert Parker

of Fort Worth, Debbie Phillips Shannon of Roaring Springs, Tanya Simpson Multer of Garden City, Belinda Simpson Smith of Mineral Wells, Gloris Sims Pitts of Plainview, Mark Wason of Lubbock and Connie Carson of Floydada. Kenny Rose and Sammy Zarate are deceased. Special guest was coach R. Bradshaw of Borger.

Mrs. Wilda Dixon visited the weekend in Lovington, N.M. with her mother, Mrs. Ted Hester and brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hester.

Visiting the weekend in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H.R. "Skeet" Jameson was Shannon Jameson. He enjoyed his 30th class reunion Saturday night.

MOTLEY CO 46 SOUTHLAND 15

The Motley County Matadors won their Homecoming Friday night 45-15 in a very wet contest. Coach Bigham said, "I was proud to see how many loyal fans stayed to see the end of a good old fashioned wet football game. The fans and cheerleaders did a great job cheering for the boys."

The coaching staff was pleased with the performance of our team. "The boys played physical Friday night," said Coach Bigham. The team travels to McLean this week

for another 7:30 Kickoff.

Rushing
#2 - 12 carries - 133 yds - 3 TD's;
#4 - 9 carries - 104 yds - 3 TD's.
Passing
#7 2-2, 67 yds.
Receiving
#3 2, 67 yds;
#13 5-6 on Extra Point
#3 Fumble Recovery
Tackles
#3 - 5; #6 - 2; #4 - 6;
#2 - 7; #7 - 6; #13 - 6.



Dayne Butler goes for a tackle in MC Homecoming Game Friday night photo by Shonda Elliot

Matadors at McLean, Friday, 7:30 pm

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It's Kid's Praise time again! All children in the community, three years old through 5th grade, are invited to Kids' Praise on Wednesday, October 7, 5:00 - 6:00 p.m., at First Baptist Church, Matador. There will be songs, crafts, a Bible story, food, and fun for all.

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Weather Trivia
How was the ozone hole discovered?

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Weather History
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Notes from the Library

By Buffy Crutchley

For all of you who enjoy reading Christian fiction, I have wonderful news. We just received a donation of dozens of wonderful books, which came all the way from Indianapolis. The new books are by such popular authors as Tracie Peterson, Cathy Marie Hake, Wanda Brunstetter and Pamela Griffin, just to name a few. This donation was truly a blessing, and I'm excited to see how fast all the wonderful titles fly off the shelves. And thank you so much to Doris Bjornstedt for talking such good care of us!

We've set a date for the up-

coming book discussion for "Same Kind of Different as Me". We will meet October 27th at 7pm. There are of copies of this book available for checkout. Come in today and check one out.

I promised I would keep you aware of any book sales being hosted by our fellow libraries. The City of Wolfforth Public Library will be having their annual book sale October 23 & 24. And November 7 & 8th is the Lubbock Public Libraries annual sale at the Mahon branch. This one's a doozie, so wear comfy shoes, and plan to be there a while!

HACKBERRY HAPPENINGS

A Town Hall Meeting was held at HCCC on September 22, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. The topic of the meeting was Senior Planning for Long Term Care and "Medicaid Myths and Facts."

The speaker was Mr. Don Allen a Certified Senior Advisor with the Ladyman Law Office for Senior Planning located in Lubbock. Approximately 40 members of the community attended, also enjoying finger foods and refreshments.

"HCCC will be holding similar Town Hall Meetings in the future on this and other topics that are a concern for our senior population," Vunk said. "HCCC does not recommend or endorse any particular firm or company that speaks at HCCC," he added. "We hold these Town Hall Meetings to inform and educate the community on issues affecting our senior population."

September birthdays are Mrs. Dan Barton, September 19; Mr. Donald R. Ball, September 24; and Mrs. Dorothy E. Nichols, September 25.

Employees that have returned to HCCC are: Brandi Baker, LVN, and Lou Ann Silva, CNA. "We are very pleased here at HCCC that these former employees have returned to be part of our team," Vunk said.

In addition, new employees

are: Mellane Parson- Assistant Activities Director; and Brittany Nutter, Dietary.

There are several scheduled resident outings planned: On Tuesday, September 29, residents will participate in Senior Day at the South Plans Fair; and on Thursday, October 6, residents will visit the Pumpkin Ranch in Floydada.

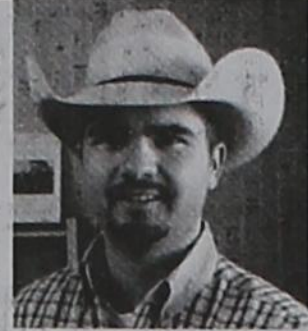
Also, upcoming events at HCCC include a Family Council meeting at 6:00 p.m. on October 17; and on October 30, a Halloween Costume Parade is planned with the school children, grades Pre-K, Kindergarten and First Grade. Residents will be giving out candy to all the children on October 31 at a Halloween Trick or Treat. Cupcakes and punch will be served at 6:00 p.m.

A new Director of Nurses is scheduled to begin work on September 28. "I am happy to announce that we have hired Betty Winebrinner as the new Director of Nurses," Vunk said. "I will have more on Betty in next week's column. Please come by and welcome her to the facility."

Further, HCCC announces the appointment of Dr. Steve Alley as the new Medical Director. "We are all very excited and look forward to working with him in his new role," Vunk said.

County Agent's News

by Ryan Martin, Agri LIFE EXTENSION Agent



2ND Annual Motley 4-H Benefit Concert Featuring Trent Willmon

The Motley 4-H Club and Adult Leaders Association will be hosting a 2ND Annual Motley 4-H Benefit Concert featuring Trent Willmon. The concert will take place November 14, 2009 at the Old Settlers Grounds in Roaring Springs beginning at 7:30p.m. Woolley and the Sandbillies will be the opening band that night followed by Trent Willmon. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the gate. Only 500 tickets have been printed. A full concession stand will be available this year with all proceeds going to benefit the Motley County Jr. Livestock Show. For more information contact the Motley County Extension Office at (806) 347-2733.

Motley County Cotton Turn Row Field Day

On September 29, 2009 the Extension Offices of Dickens, Motley, Briscoe and Hall counties will be hosting Cotton Turn Row Tours for area producers. The tours will begin in Dickens County at 9:30a.m., Motley County at 1:00p.m., then to Briscoe County at 4:00p.m.

The Motley County Cotton Turn Row Tour will take place at the Four Corner's Test Plot, located 1 mile east of Whiteflat on county road 214.

Speakers at these field days will include Randy Boman, Extension Cotton Agronomist, Jason Woodward, Extension Plant Pathologist, Eddie Clark, Crop Production Services and seed company representatives.

These tours will showcase the cotton test plots that were developed to evaluate cotton varieties suitable for the Rolling Plains. 2 CEU's will be offered to private applicators. For more information, contact your local County Extension Office.

Field day to feature prescribed burn aftereffects on JA Ranch

AMARILLO - Landowners can get a first-hand look at the difference prescribed burning can make to rangeland five and 10 years later during the "Gathering at the JA: Prescribed Fire in Rangeland Systems" field day on Oct. 23.

Texas AgriLife Extension Service and Texas AgriLife Research will sponsor the field day from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the JA Ranch at Paloduro.

To get to the JA Ranch, go south out of Claude, on State Hwy. 207 for 13.6 miles and turn left on Farm-to-Market Road 2272. Turn left on FM 2272 for 6.1 miles to County Road 21 and follow it almost 10 miles to the ranch headquarters.

"Prescribed burning is one of the most beneficial, cost-effective practices in the range management toolbox," said Ken Cearley, AgriLife Extension wildlife management specialist in Canyon. "With proper training and preparation, prescribed fire can be expected to significantly increase range productivity and usefulness for both livestock and wildlife."

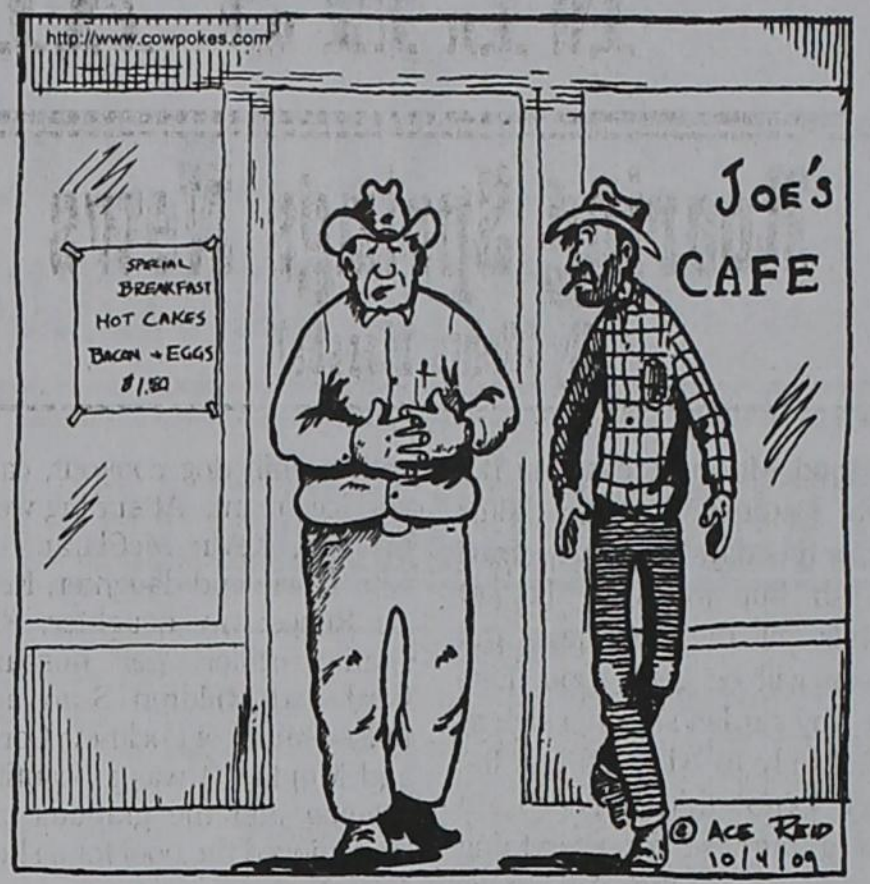
Attendees will have the opportunity to see examples of the successful application of fire for rangeland improvement and will learn many of the ins and outs of its implementation from experienced practitioners, Cearley said.

Early registration will be \$25 and must be made by Oct. 16 to guarantee a steak at lunch, said Dr. Ted McCollum, AgriLife Extension beef cattle specialist. The fee will be \$35 thereafter and at the door.

Registration can be made by mailing a check to Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center at Amarillo, 6500 W. Amarillo Blvd., Amarillo, Texas 79106 with the check payable to "Texas AgriLife Research," or by calling Ronda Fisher at 806-677-5600.

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By Ace Reid



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The meeting will start at 9:30 a.m. with a JA Ranch welcome and then the group will tour various areas on the ranch that have undergone prescribed burns sometime during the past 10 years, McCollum said.

This will not be training on how to conduct a prescribed burn, he said. Instead, JA personnel will discuss at each stop when a burn was conducted and what they tried to accomplish. AgriLife Research, AgriLife Extension and Texas Tech University resource personnel will be available to discuss the results.

About noon, the group will return to the headquarters for a steak lunch. During the lunch, the Texas Panhandle Prescribed Burn Association will discuss their organization and how they work with landowners who want to implement prescribed burns.

After lunch, the tour will resume at other sites. The program will end by 3 p.m.

For more information, contact Ted McCollum at 806-677-5600 or Ken Cearley at 806-651-5760.

AgriLife Extension to offer food manager certification training course

CLAUDE - The Texas AgriLife Extension Service will offer a food manager certification training course Nov. 19-20 at the Armstrong County Activities Building in Claude.

Total course time is 15 hours, with a certification exam after the completion of the classroom instruction, said Leicia Redwine, AgriLife Extension family and consumer science agent in Armstrong County.

The program is being hosted by the AgriLife Extension offices in Armstrong and Randall counties. The cost of \$110 includes training, materials and the state food manager certification examination, Redwine said. For those who wish to test only, the cost is \$60.

The registration deadline is Oct. 30, she said, and the class will be limited to the first 25 people.

This program is designed to not only prepare food service managers to pass the certification exam but also to provide continuing education. *continued on page 3*

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EVENTS CALENDAR

October

- 1 Jr. H Mavericks, McLean at Matador 5:00 P.M.
- 1 Roaring Springs Lion's Club sponsors bingo AT HCCC
- 2 MCISD Football at McLean, 7:30pm
- 2-3 - South Plains Fair Junior Lamb Show
- 3 Cross Country, Spur
- 3 Northfield's Homecoming 10 A.M. at the Senior Citizens Building. Covered Dish Luncheon.
- 4 Motley 4-H Club Meeting at 2:30pm
- 4-10 National 4-H Week
- 7 Kids Praise
- 8 Jr. H Mavericks, Silverton at Matador, 5:00 P.M.
- 9 MCISD Football at Silverton, 7:30pm
- 10 - One Day 4-H
- 10 - Motley 4-H Club Awards Banquet
- 10 Copper Breaks State Park, Sun Fun, 5pm Starwalk, 9pm
- 15 Jr. H Mavericks, Cotton Center at Matador, 5 P.M.
- 16 MCISD Football at Cotton Center at Matador, 7:30pm
- 17 Cross Country, Abernathy
- 17 Annual Quilt Show 10:00a.m- 2:00 p.m. at the County Heritage Museum in Paducah
- 17 Barton Reunion, 914 Walton Rd., Matador, Texas, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Pot Luck Lunch
- 24 - King County Fair
- 26 Cross Country, District Meet @Crowell
- 28 - Food Challenge - Jacksboro
- 29 Jr. H Mavericks, Amherst at Matador, 5:00 P.M.
- 30 MCISD Football at Amherst, 7:30pm

November

- 4 Kids Praise
- 5 Jr. H Mavericks, Lazbuddie at Lazbuddie, 5 P.M.

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