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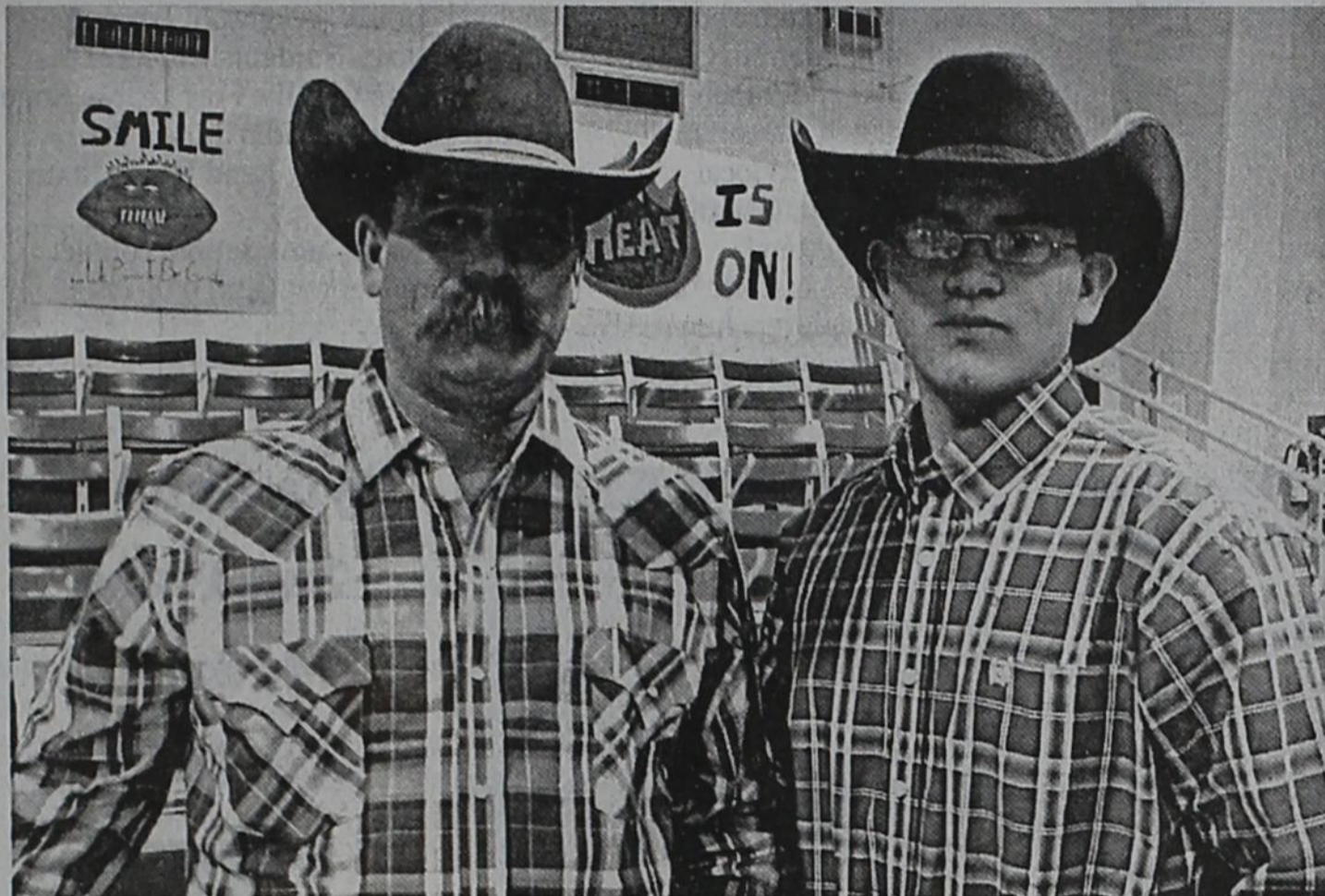
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Father and Son of the Year



Andy and Wichita Falcon were picked as Father and Son of the year 2008-2009 by the Eternas Study Club at the Family Fun Night at the school last Friday. Wichita is a Senior this year

Mother and Daughter of the Year



LeJeanna Faulks and Courney Alexander were picked as mother and daughter of the year 2008-2009 by the Eternas Study Club at the Family Fun Night at the school last Friday. Courney is a Senior this year

Motley County ISD meets in regular session Athletic director and principal contracts renewed

The Motley County Board of Trustees met Monday, February 16, 2009, at 7:30 p.m. in a regular scheduled meeting. All board members were present except Lewis Drum, who entered the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Also present were Dr. Andrew Seigrist, William Cochran, Denise Ford, Pat Smith, Charlie Johnson, Rosalee Davis, and Chuck Ream.

Following an invocation by J.D. Russell, the minutes and expenditures for January were approved. No one was present for Open Forum.

Mayor Pat Smith and Charlie Johnson, president of the Motley County Hospital District, met with the board to discuss an election site change from the County Courthouse to City Hall. No action was taken.

A motion was made by Mark Seigler, seconded by Gilbert Guerrero, to approve the West Texas Food Service Cooperative Agreement with Region 17. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Lewis Drum, seconded by Tina

Brooks, to approve Longley Diesel to repair the Roaring Springs town route bus using fund balance. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Lewis Drum, seconded by Don Baxter, to change the local policies, DIA Local, FB Local, and FFH Local to reflect Dr. Andrew Seigrist as Superintendent. This motion carried by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Tina Brooks, seconded by Mark Seigler, to approve Drum plumbing to install a new HVAC unit in the coaches office behind the gym. Motion carried, with one abstainion.

Denise Ford announced to the board that a budget workshop will be conducted at 6:30 p.m. March 23.

William Cochran, Principal, informed the board that attendance was 97.3 percent and enrollment was 182. He also announced that Motley County will host the girl's playoff basketball game between Valley and Knox City. The PIPs will perform at half time.

During the Superintendent's Report, Dr. Seigrist discussed the Stitch scholarship program. He also discussed the Titus Foundation teacher mini-grants that are due March 1.

In further business, Dr. Seigrist explained that Motley County is insured with Unified Life Insurance, whereby all students are covered on campus and during sports events. When using medical physicians and facilities it is recommended to use the network of hospitals and physicians listed. Student athletic physicals will be done in Paducah by the clinic.

The board entered Executive Session at 9:30 p.m., exiting at 11:03 p.m. A motion was made by Lewis Drum, seconded by J.D. Russell, to re-employ Mike Bigham as Athletic Director for 2009-2010. The motion carried by unanimous vote. A motion was made by Don Baxter, seconded by Gilbert Guerrero, to extend the Principal's Contract for two years until 2010-2011. The motion carried unanimously.

Descendants of pioneer sheriff visit Matador

By Ron Bailey

Visitors to Motley County for the first time last week were 85 year-old John Hodges and his daughter, Ronna Hodges. They were in Matador to retrace the footsteps of former Motley County Sheriff, James H. Hodges. John and Ronna Hodges are the son and granddaughter, respectively, of former Sheriff Hodges.

Their first stop was to the Motley County Courthouse to present an original commission of Sheriff James H. Hodges signed by the Governor of Texas at that time, Governor S.W.T. Lanham. The framed commission will be displayed in the courthouse.

Their next stop was to the Matador Ranch Headquarters, where, according to Mr. Hodges,

"We were treated royally".

After lunch, they toured the Motley County Jail and took the same footsteps that their ancestor took when he was Sheriff. Thanks to the recent renovation of the historic Motley County Jail, the jail looks about identical to the way it did when James H. Hodges was sheriff in 1902 - 1905.

Former Sheriff James H. Hodges was born at Athens, Henderson County, Texas on January 5, 1875. According to the payroll records of the Matador Land and Cattle Company, he began work as a Matador Ranch cowboy in 1896. One story related of his memories of working as a Matador cowboy concerned a coyote. He once shot a coyote with his pistol. He drew his pistol and shot the

coyote from "the hip." He told his son John in later years that it was just a lucky shot, but it impressed the other cowboys, so he got the reputation of being a "crack shot." It later got him elected as Motley County Sheriff.

After serving as Motley County Sheriff, he lived in Clarendon and Childress before moving to the state of Illinois around 1919. He owned a taxi business and a bus line business between Princeton and Dixon, Illinois. He also had mail contracts with the U. S. government.

Former Sheriff Hodges, retired in 1951 and moved to sunny Arizona. He died June 19, 1958 and is buried in Memory Lawn Memorial Park in Phoenix, Arizona.



John Hodges, descendant of the eighth sheriff of Motley County (1902-1906) is shown with an original commission of Sheriff James H. Hodges, signed by Governor S.W.T. Lanham.

Census Bureau opens jobs line for the 2010 Census

The Census Bureau has launched a critical national effort for every person in our nation to "Be Counted" in the 2010 Census that will affect the apportionment of congressional seats, and how the federal government annually allocates \$300 billion in federal assistance to communities. Operations have already begun and the Census Bureau needs to recruit hundreds of workers in the area to ensure a complete and accurate count in 2010. Call the 2010 Census job line 866-861-2010 to schedule a basic employment

test. Testing dates for Motley County are:

March 10, 1 p.m. at Matador City Hall

March 17, 1 p.m. at Roaring Springs City Hall

March 24, 9:30 a.m. at Matador City Hall

THIS WEEK'S NEWS

Roaring Springs News

The new Windmill Café will open to the public next week.

School News

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County News

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Library News

Librarian, Buffy Crutchley, has been putting the finishing touches on a project that she started over a year ago. Spine stickers!!!

County Agent News

A meeting will be held on March 5, 2009 at the Roaring Springs Community Center starting at 6:00 p.m. for all area cotton producers.

Foothill Country Connections

Community, Diversity, Art

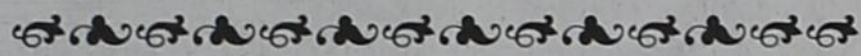
By Larry Vogt

As many times as one might make the motor trip from Matador West to Floydada or beyond, the trip is always different. First of all there is the variation in weather which produces skies of infinite variety in cloud formations and light patterns. On day there is complete sunshine with no clouds and next trip there might be high cumulus clouds scattered across the sky with shading on the ground that has a tendency to darken the landscape in many subtle ways.

Another trip the sky is overcast with a threat of rain coming from the Southwest and winds accompanying the clouds so that the vehicle is

being pulled to one side of the roadway. The plowed fields have their own shades of red to brown to dark almost black and when the vegetation appears the colors will change again.

The best view is the huge cloud formation that takes up a large part of the sky and the sun is sending beams of filtered light that conjure up memories of religious paintings from our childhood. The rays are slanted and seem to be pointing towards the landscape below and a message is hovering somewhere if only we could hear or see it. Sometimes the sight is so spectacular that I stop the car and spend some time absorbing the sight before me.

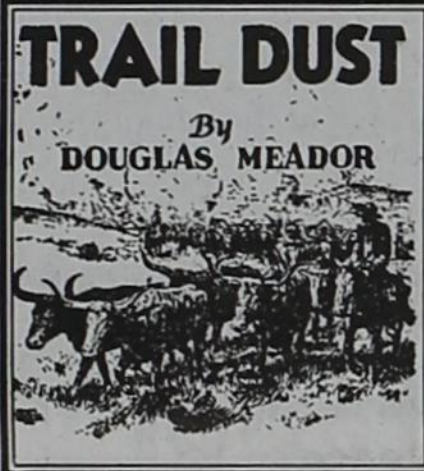


By Laverne Zabielski

On our last trip to Kentucky we were blessed with the opportunity to take care of our grandsons, Avery and Chuck, for a week while their parents went on a short vacation. They left us with an itinerary which we followed closely. The first task

we were to perform each day when the boys came home from school was called "backpack breakdown." The boys emptied their bags and all the notes and homework was gathered. What a great way to stay on top of what's happening at school. Maybe staying organized is the secret to whatever we do.

We appreciate all the news everyone is sending and if you can't reach us at the office call our cell phone. Mine is 859-576-4625. Larry's is 859-351-8099.



Matador Tribune March, 1944

The day had perished except for a long, crimson scar on the pale flash of old clouds. White apricot blossoms poured a rich fragrance into the province of spring twilight where soft, rain-washed breezes played shyly budding leaves. The earth stirred under its brow, faded blanket, like a dreaming child; two doves passed in the air as if flying as a single pair of wings and faded into the shadows. Spring had returned for many whose young hearts will not know the rapture of another rendezvous.

RETRO NEWS

Matador Tribune March, 1944

REGISTRATIONS ABOUT AVERAGE

Car, truck and other motor vehicle owners have until Saturday night to secure 1944 license tags. Yesterday a total of 450 automobiles had been registered as compared with 469 on the same date in 1943. According to last years registration, approximately 200 more cars will be registered by weeks end.

West Texas Trail Ride to teach school kids about state's pioneer roots

MARFA, Texas – Thirty youngsters from three north and west Texas school districts will spend their Spring Break rolling through the rugged expanses of West Texas in covered wagons to get a taste of what their pioneering forebears experienced some 150 years ago.

The youth outreach trail ride, sponsored by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and Texas Equestrian Trail Riders Association, will cover roughly 75 miles from Marfa to Big Bend Ranch State Park outside Presidio. Trail riders will gather March 14 at the Marfa Fairgrounds, and depart the next morning for the MacGuire Ranch and points south. The trail ride concludes March 21 after several days of exploring local ranches and camping out at Big Bend Ranch State Park, Texas' largest state park.

Participants will include a number of 7th and 8th grade students enrolled in Gifted and Talented programs in the Marfa, Canutillo and Carrollton-Farmers Branch independent school districts. Accompanying the 10 wagons carrying students will be teachers from the three ISDs, dozens of TETRA wagon drivers

and outriders, a scout team, a cooking team and support crew. Support will include TETRA members, Presidio County Sheriff's office personnel, TPWD game wardens, and Boy Scout Troop 155 of Georgetown, Texas.

The general purpose of the TPWD youth outreach and education program is to provide a challenging and fun-filled adventure to students from three culturally diverse school districts, according to the trail ride's organizer.

"We want to provide an educational program that gives youngsters a chance to experience what pioneer life might have looked like years ago from the confines of a wagon," said trail ride boss Karl Cloninger, TPWD's director of the Parrie Haynes Ranch in central Texas. "We'll be teaching the children about the cultural resources of the Alamito Creek watershed and the history of ranching in the Big Bend. A top-notch educational team supported by numerous local ranchers and speakers will make this an experience not to be forgotten."

Alamito Creek follows a historic "highway" used by Spanish explorers hundreds of years ago that has a number of

significant cultural resource sites along the way. The old Chihuahua Trail from Mexico to Texas also runs through the area being traversed by the trail riders.

Cloninger calls the outing a "move up" trail ride, where the wagon train stages at a certain location for a while, before picking up and moving further down the "trail" to the next overnight camping spot. Most of the route between Marfa and Big Bend Ranch will be along unpaved Texas Highway 169 and through rugged, but picturesque Chihuahuan Desert ranchland.

Along the way, students will attend "class sessions" that will teach them about the cultural and natural resources of West Texas, touching on the bi-national borderland and the area's rich ranching culture, geography, geology, and archeology. Students will have the opportunity to visit the Fort Leaton State Historic Site in Presidio during their three-day stay at Big Bend Ranch State Park.

For additional information, contact Karl W. Cloninger at (512) 934-1723.



MC Girls Golf Team L-R, Kyla Simpson, Courtney Alexander, Hailey Blanco and Lexi Osborn. photo by Tammy Simpson

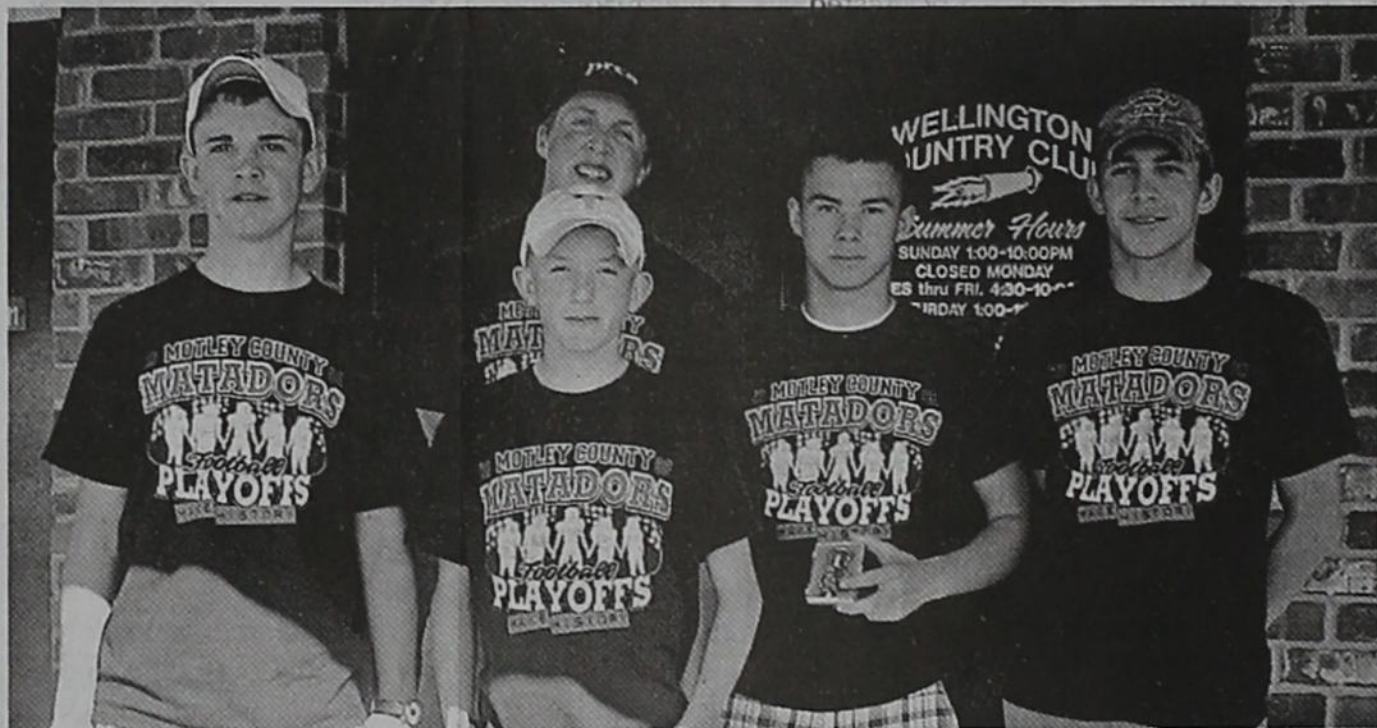
Kyla Simpson 2nd Place Medalist in MC girls golf tournament

On Monday, February 23, the Motley County Girl's Golf Team travelled to Wellington for their first tournament of the 2009 season. The team overall placed second place, and Kyla Simpson earned the honor of 2nd Place Medalist.

On Wednesday, February 25, the Motley County Boy's Golf Team travelled to Wellington for their first tournament of the 2009 season. The team overall placed third place, and Jonathon Osborn earned the honor of 2nd Place Medalist.

The Girl's Golf Team will travel on Monday, March 9 to Shamrock for their next tournament, and the Boy's Golf Team will make the trip on Tuesday, March 10.

Both the Motley County Girls and Boys Golf Teams are coached by Kay Bingham



MC Boys Golf Team (Back row) Christian Brooks, Will Butler, Jonathon Osborn and Andrew Martin. (Front row) Reagan Elliott. photo by Tammy Simpson

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act: TxDOT Prepares to Put Funds to Work

AUSTIN - On Wednesday, February 25, staff for the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) released a list of projects that could be developed using \$1.2 billion in funds available to the state under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, commonly known as the economic stimulus package. TxDOT also recommended a list of maintenance and preservation projects that would require approximately \$500 million in stimulus money.

The Texas Transportation Commission will meet in Austin on Wednesday, February 25 and Thursday, February 26. Wednesday's commission meeting is scheduled to include a discussion of TxDOT's work to prepare for the expenditure of stimulus funds.

Thursday's meeting is scheduled to include commission action on the staff recommended list of maintenance projects.

The Texas Transportation Commission is expected to

vote on the \$1.2 billion staff recommended list during a special meeting on March 5. The staff recommendation was created by applying criteria developed by the state's local transportation leaders to an extensive list of projects that met the initial requirements for readiness established in the stimulus bill.

The recommended projects in the TxDOT Childress District are:

Hardeman County, \$1,654,412, Resurface Roadway, US 287 from the Childress County Line SE to Loop 285 (southbound lanes).

Childress County, \$134,256, Replace Bridge on County Road 25 at Draw Creek.

Childress County, \$366,542, Widen Roadway on FM 94 from the County Road to Farm-to-Market 2042.

Hall County, \$3,277,826, Widen Roadway on Farm-to-Market 94 at 1.818 miles north of the Cottle County Line NE to the Childress County Line.

Hall County, \$223,315, Replace Bridge on County Road 7 at Turkey Creek.

Hall County, \$284,803, Replace Bridge on County Road C Tributary Dry Salt Creek.

Hall County, \$218,989, Replace Bridge on County Road I at Draw Creek.

Hall County, \$232,921, Replace Bridge on County Road CC at Kent Creek.

Hall County, \$255,170, Replace Bridge on County Road P at Draw Creek.

If approved, these projects will let in April 2009.

Project lists and more information are available on the TxDOT website, www.txdot.gov (keyword "stimulus"). Citizens can comment on TxDOT's proposal to implement the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act through the website, by fax (512-463-9896), by email (askTxDOT@dot.state.tx.us) or by writing to the department (125 East 11th Street, Austin, Texas 78701).

Bring on the rains! Motley County is thirsty

Motley County had a passing front, February 7 that brought a trace to 0.50 inches of rain the first moisture since October. However, Mother Nature closed her faucet again and the remainder of the month was dry. Surprising above normal temperatures in the mid 80's with windy conditions February 24-25-26! Moisture is badly needed, but chances of rain are slim.

Winter wheat, pastures and ranges are holding on for livestock grazing and supplemental feeding of cattle continues. There is a decline of the water level in stock tanks and lakes.

The Motley County National Weather Service Volunteers registered the total rainfall for the month of February: Buzz Thacker, Roaring Springs 0.50; Ron Bailey, Matador 0.50; Betty Simpson, Northfield 0.27; Lawrence Allen, Whiteflat 0.50 and Clois Shorter, Flomoto.56.

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Texas Cattle Trichomoniasis Program Adopted: Interstate Rules Effective April 1, 2009; In-State Rules Effective Jan. 1, 2010

Beginning April 1, 2009, breeding bulls entering Texas from any other state must be either 24 months of age or younger and certified as a virgin, or be tested negative for cattle trichomoniasis within 30 days prior to entry. The entry requirements are part of a regulatory package adopted by the commissioners for the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) February 24 to address trichomoniasis, a venereal disease of cattle that causes infertility and abortions, and results in extended breeding seasons and diminished calf crops, which costs livestock producers valuable income. Cattle trichomoniasis is not a human health issue. The second phase of the program, which will address in-state movement of Texas breeding bulls, will go into effect January 1, 2010.

"Industry members had significant input into the development of these regulations," said TAHC Commissioner Coleman Locke, who represents the beef industry on the commission and headed the Trichomoniasis Working Group, comprised of producers, market operators, veterinarians, laboratory representatives and educators. "The 74 comments we received from associations and individuals regarding the proposed regulations were reviewed carefully, and adaptations to the proposed rules were made in the adopted regulations to make the program workable for the producers."

"We have worked for months with industry members, veterinarians and the working group, to gather information, develop the proposed regulations, and following the conclusion of the comment period, considered all comments to develop a viable, cost-effective program to address this disease that can drain a cattle producer's profits," said Dr. Bob Hillman, executive director of the TAHC, the state's livestock and poultry health regulatory agency. "Industry associations and producers asked us to work with them to develop a program that would stop the introduction and unchecked spread of this protozoal disease. At least 15 other states in the western half of

the United States have developed similar trichomoniasis programs to address the disease in their states."

"The regulatory components of the Texas' Cattle Trichomoniasis Program will focus only on breeding bulls, which, even when infected, continue to appear and act normally. Under the new regulations, Trichomoniasis also becomes a reportable disease in Texas, which will give us more information on where and how much infection already is in the state," explained Dr. Hillman. "There is no effective treatment or vaccine for bulls, and as they age, the surface of their organs becomes more

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hospitable to the protozoa, perpetuating the infection."

"Although the primary impact of the disease is on cows, which can become infected during breeding and lose the fetus, the cow herd is not included in the regulations. The majority of infected cows will clear the infection, if they are given 120 - 150 days of sexual rest. A vaccine also can be administered to infected cows to help control the disease in the cow herd. The majority of producers who commented on the proposed rule and members of the working group recommended that the disease in the cow herd be managed through information and education efforts. Producers with infected herds should consult with their veterinarian to determine the most appropriate measures to employ to eliminate the disease from their herds."

Dr. Hillman explained that the interstate, or state-to-state movement, phase of the trichomoniasis regulations will begin April 1, 2009. Breeding bulls entering Texas must be officially identified, and may come certified as virgins, provided they are 24 months of age or younger, and have not commingled with female cattle. A breeder's certificate must accompany the virgin breeding bull, signed by the breeder, and the information also must be included on the certificate of veterinary inspection.

Routine documents also are required, including the certificate of veterinary inspection, and other applicable tuberculosis or brucellosis entry requirements must be met, depending on the state of origin, or if the bull is a beef or dairy animal.

Non-virgin breeding bulls or bulls older than 24 months of age entering Texas on and after April 1 must be tested negative for trichomoniasis within 30 days prior to entry. During the test period and prior to shipment, the bulls must have no contact with female cattle. Like virgin bulls, the non-virgin bulls must be officially identified with a breed registry tattoo or brand, a USDA metal ear tag, official RFID tag, official trichomoniasis ear tag from the state of origin, or other official identification. The animal must be accompanied by a completed trichomoniasis test document, certificate of veterinary inspection and other routine health documents.

In-State Breeding Bull Regulations Begin Jan. 1, 2010

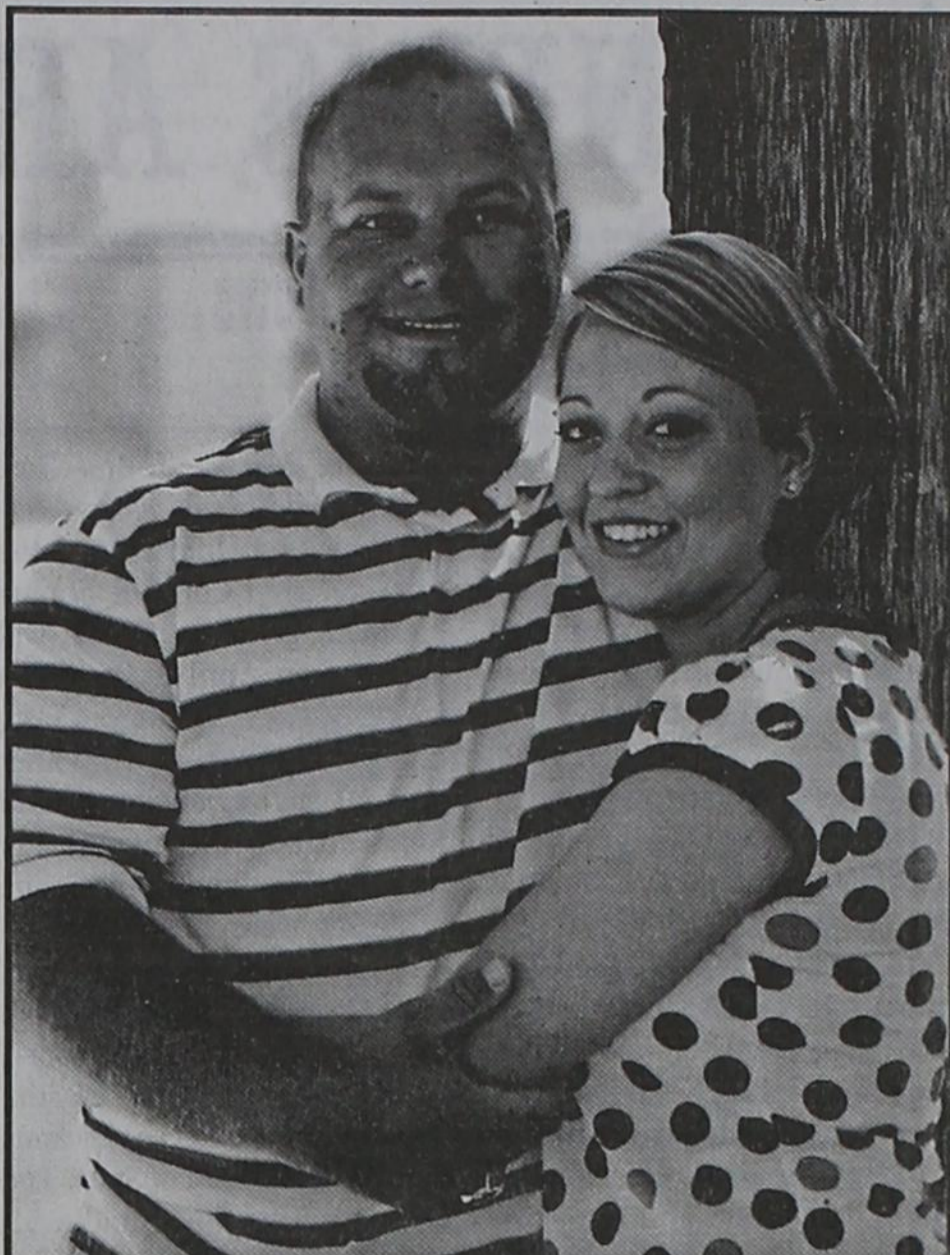
The second phase of the Texas Cattle Trichomoniasis Program will begin January 1, 2010, and will require that Texas breeding bulls offered for sale, lease, exchange or otherwise change possession for breeding within the state be certified as virgin bulls or be tested negative prior to selling, loaning, exchanging, giving or otherwise changing the possession of a breeding bull. (No test or certification is required for bulls shipped or sold directly to slaughter.)

"The TAHC Commissioners delayed the implementation of the intrastate, or in-state movement requirements, to January 1, 2010, to provide time to certify veterinarians to perform all components of the Trichomoniasis program, and to ensure producers are familiar with the disease, its implication to herd health, and the requirements for testing or certifying the virgin status of Texas breeding bulls undergoing change of possession," noted Dr. Hillman. "We will be working closely with cattle

industry organizations, Texas AgriLife Extension Service, the Texas Veterinary Medical Association and the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratories to develop and deliver an effective information and education effort for cattle producers in Texas. We will be attending and making presentations at local, area and state producer and veterinary meetings to review the requirements and to ensure that producers are aware of the disease program.

When the program is implemented, Texas breeding bulls undergoing change of possession must be officially identified with a USDA ear tag, official RFID tag, or breed registry tattoo or brand. The animals may be certified by the breeder to be virgins until the age of 24 months, as indicated by the presence of the animal's two permanent central incisors in wear, or more simply, by the birth date recorded on the animals' breed registry papers. The bull's virgin status can be extended to 30 months, which was requested by commenters, provided the breeder and the herd's accredited veterinarian certify on a breeder's certificate that the bull facility is sufficient to prevent contact with female cattle.

"By enacting the interstate requirements now, we can address the importation of disease immediately," he said. "Delaying the intrastate regulations until the first of next year will ensure that everyone can be 'on board' to attack this disease and protect their herds."



Engagement Announced

Chuck and Gail Ream of Matador are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Charli Patrice Ream, to Michael Don Bigham (Coach Bigham) son of Gary and Karline Bigham of Throckmorton.

Charli is a graduate from Motley County High School. She graduated from South Plains College with an associates degree in Public Relations and will graduate from Texas Tech University in May 2009 with her Bachelors degree.

Mike is a graduate from Throckmorton High School. He has a Bachelors degree from McMurry University and is currently employed by Motley County ISD as the athletic director and head football coach.

The couple will be married June 6, 2009. At the First Baptist Church in Matador.

You Are Invited

Open house in the new home of
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"These things have I spoken to you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full" (John 15:11)

It was a strange time, to speak of joy, of delight, gladness, and exaltation! In half an hour, maybe less, Jesus would be in Gethsemane. In fact, He was on His way to that garden

being accompanied by his disciples. It was while on the way there that He uttered the words of John 15:11. Only our Lord knew what awaited Him in the garden of sorrows.

One of the most remarkable facts connected with the Master is that, so far as the sacred writings are concerned, the only time Jesus spoke of His joy was when He was approaching Gethsemane. There are two deductions which may be drawn from this notable fact: First, His joy must have been altogether unique, differing absolutely from the worlds joy, if it still remained with Him in His hour of darkness. Second, if Jesus was joyful now, in the time of His greatest sorrow, our Lord's former life must have been a life of joy.

Christian people can have and maintain the joy of the Lord. Remember reading in John 15: verse 11 "...my joy remain in you, and that your joy might be full." Christian joy is unabashedly a Christ-like quality. Therefore, it should characterize our whole life and conduct. "Rejoice in the Lord always."

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Michael G. Crowley, Sr.
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NEWS AROUND MOTLEY COUNTY

Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

Weather does seem to take up quite a bit of our thoughts. I loved the warm days last week. I could hardly stay inside. Friday evening and Saturday reminded me that winter isn't over. I hear New York and Boston have very heavy snow. On the THE TODAY SHOW they mentioned that it cost a million dollars per inch to remove the snow from the streets. Wow! That sounds exorbitant but I suppose there are thousands of miles of streets in the Big Apple. I bet we would be surprised to hear what it costs if it were broken down into inches to keep our roads clear of ice, snow, blow sand and occasionally mud that has washed up on the road during our heavy rains. My how we need a heavy rain now!

On Monday evening, February 23, Alex Crowder and Jo Crowder hosted their annual Chili Supper at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. There were 38 people that attended. The chili was good and the fellowship great. Alex is sort of the Roaring Springs social chairman. He often thinks up fun excursions and events to keep us from staying in wondering what we can do for fun!

Don't forget, the Roaring Springs Community Volunteers will be meeting on March 10th.

Three Roaring Springs ladies attended the book review at the Motley County Library on Friday. The book reviewed was BECAUSE THEY HATE by Bridgette Gabrielle a woman who survived Islamic terror. Lyn Montgomery, P. K. Green and Suzanne attended. Suzanne reported that it is a very scary but true book.

A baby shower was held for Kandi Keltz Johnson at the

home of Mrs. Jeff Braselton. Kandi and Jared are expecting their first child around the first of May. Corky is hoping his tenth great grandchild will be born on April 29th, which is one of three birthdays Corky celebrates; but, that is another story. It was a lovely shower and Kandi's baby will have some very nice baby gear and clothes! The hostesses were Debbie Braselton, Jane Bridge, Becca Bridge, Polly Gwenn, Amanda Sanders, Crystal Salazar, Judy Cooper, Kim Fletcher, Sharon Martin, Jennifer Schmidt of Dickens and Marilyn Taylor of Spur. The hostesses presented Kandi with a portable crib.

Out of town family member attending were: Jared's mother, Janice McLoy of Allison, TX; aunts, Ethel Edwards of Tulia, Margaret Scot and Kathy Scott of Lubbock; cousins, Angel and Kayla Morran of Floydada.

Sunday afternoon, Zella Palmer, Pearl Patten and little Joey Gulleddge attended Zella's great granddaughter, Tinley Slover's third birthday party. The party was held at Dougherty at the home of her mother, Miranda Palmer Slover. Also attending were her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Palmer of Lubbock.

The new Windmill Café will host the Lions Club meeting on Thursday. They plan to be open to the public next week. The décor is very much in keeping with the name of the new café. I am excited about having a café in Roaring Springs again.

Bill and Mozelle Hand were able to attend church on Sunday. It is good to see Bill and Mozelle out and about again.

THANK YOU

We would like to express our gratitude for all the acts of kindness that we have received during this most difficult time.

A special thank you to Seigler Funeral Home, Pat, Nathan, Mike Crowley, Matt Crawford, Pennie and Kelly Keltz and the ladies of the First Baptist Church for the meal they served our family.

Thanie Smallwood
Troy, Kathy Meriel and Trey Smallwood
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Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

Never hurry, take plenty of exercise, always be cheerful and take all the sleep and rest you need and you may expect to be well. That is just some of the advice I received when I was so sick last week!

Mrs. Anna Beth Clay met her sister, Mrs. Joy Barham of Hart in Tulia last Saturday morning to attend the funeral of their cousin, Max Jones, 60, held at the Kornerstone Funeral Home Chapel.

Mrs. Gwen Mandrell and daughter, Peyton of Lubbock visited last Saturday with her family, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert and Glen Calvert. Visiting the family Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Alvia Joe Calvert of Dumas.

Visiting from Tuesday until Thursday Feb. 17-19 with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey were son and wife, Michael and Lori Starkey of Canyon and daughter, Mrs. Jackie Lynn Davis of Fritch. Jack had a medical appointment Wednesday, Feb. 25 at the Veterans' Hospital in Amarillo.

Mrs. JoAnn McFall of Silverton, Mrs. Kelly Payne of Quitaque and Mrs. Janice Hughes enjoyed the many tourists attractions last weekend in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Emily and Haley Milam of Pertersburg and Brian Sehon of Wolforth visited Friday night and Saturday with their grandparents, Kathy and Clois Shorter.

Ruth and Orville Lee visited in Clarendon, Sunday with son and wife, Joey and Brenda Lee.

Wilburn Martin was in Plainview last Tuesday for an optical appointment. He received a good report.

Mrs. Janice Hughes attended Monday, Feb. 23 a Tri County Meals meeting in Amarillo. She visited in Floydada Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Hughes and baby sat with their children, Kendal and Kason. She also visited Mr. and Mrs. Roger Hughes, Reagan, Brody and Tara before returning home.

Kathy and Clois Shorter and his father, Everett Shorter attended a party honoring Mrs. Helen Meeks of Slaton on her 90th birthday Saturday held at the Slaton Club. Hosting the celebration were her children, daughter, Margaret Sehon and husband, Frank of Wolforth and the Shorter's son in law, Kevin Sehon of Wolforth. Over 85 attended the happy occasion with all the trimmings.

Mrs. Gwen Mandrell of Lubbock visited her family, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert and Glen Calvert, Friday she also registered at Mrs. Pauline Smith's family at the funeral Home in

Matador. Gwen and Pauline's daughter, Charlene were on the MHS state championship relay tract team.

Donnie Rogers continues to go to Lubbock to be with his mother, Mrs. B. Rogers who is having a slow recovery from a broken hip.

The First Baptist Church in Flomot enjoyed a good fellowship Sunday with a covered dish luncheon.

Weekend visitors of Jack and Nada Srarkey were Michael and Virginia Davis of Lovington, N.M. Mrs. Jackie Lynn Davis of Fritch, Michael Starkey and granddaughter, Taylor Stallings of Canyon.

Linda and Travis Kendall met son and family, Cory and Janice Kendall and son, Connor of Midland in Lubbock Saturday at the Estacado High School auditorium. They attended the Designation-Imagination presentations all day featuring different classifications. Schools from all across the state were represented. Connor, a third grade student and classmates at Greenwood School in Midland presented a skirt. They enjoyed and evening meal at Olive Gardens in Lubbock.

LT Starkey of Ralls visited Sunday with brother, Johnie Starkey.

Danny Barrett of Quitaque has recovered from his illness enough to begin making his rural mail routes again in Matador, Flomot and Whiteflat. It is so nice to see his friendly smile and wave!

Hudson Franks, son of Amy and Cory Franks of Idalou, celebrated his fifth birthday Saturday from 2 to 4 pm at the home of his paternal grandparents, Connie and Coy Franks. The beautiful decorated cake, favors and other attractions featured Star Wars. Refreshments of punch, soft drinks and cake were served.

Those attending the fun filled afternoon were great grandmother, Mrs. Erma Washington of Flomot, maternal grandparents, Mrs. Syd Pipkin and Gerald and Penny Pipkin of Lubbock. Others attending were Mrs. Cara Cowart of Gail, Gary Franks of Idalou and friend, Mary Morse of Lubbock; Tim Washington, Matt Washington and Brazos of Roaring Springs; Caleb, Mickey, and Kenzie Clary, Tylee, Trent, and Trevor Barclay of Matador; Bedford and Henry Jones of Spur, Brad and Leigh Arlston of Lubbock and Jerry and Sandra Barclay of Flomot and his sister, Madison Franks of Idalou.

Mrs. Mary Jo Calvert visited in Quitaque Sunday with Mrs. Leona Degan and her houseguest, daughter, Mrs. Sheila Gilbert of Jacksonville, Alabama.

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Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Levell attended the 80th birthday celebration of Mrs. J.D. Payne (Zelda). Her aunt, Kay Kirkpatrick of Lubbock, opened her beautiful and spacious home for the gala event.

Among the fifty plus who came to wish Zelda "Best Wishes" were Matador Exes, Bert and Dorothy Schweitzer, James (Pup) and Earl Price.

Stanley and J.D. are lifetime friends, whose mothers Ethel Payne and Vera Rose Levell taught school at Flomot in 1924.

Fred and Elaine Risser accompanied their daughter, Kaci Risser of Lubbock of Lubbock to Columbia, South Carolina the past week to her new location. Kaci is employed by the American Eagle Airlines where she has been employed the past two years in Lubbock.

Mrs. Betty June Bearden was hospitalized recently with pneumonia and a kidney infection at the Mangold Hospital in Lockney.

Mrs. Wanda Stockton suffered a light stroke and recuperated at the Hackberry Creek Care Center.

H.R. "Skeet" Jameson received emergency treatment at the Cogdill Clinic in Lockney, Friday. He was hospitalized at the Mangold Hospital.

Mrs. Wilda Dixon attended the Caprock District Scholarship Board of Directors meeting Saturday held at the Garden and Arts Center in Lubbock.

Longtime resident and pioneer rancher Harold Campbell, great-grandson of the first Motley County Judge; and son of Harry H. Campbell, author and rancher, died March 3, 2009 in Lubbock. Funeral services are pending with Seigler Funeral Home.

D'Anna and Shane'a Russell, Lou Ann, Michael and Gabby Silva, Don and Colleen and Seth Baxtor; Ryan and Jamie Martin, traveled to San Angelo February 22-24, to attend the Lamb and Goat competition of the San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo.

Also attending were Jim Cooper, Advisor, accompanying Austin Taylor, Britt Simpson, Braden Bigham, and their Chester pigs to the stock show. Coach Bigham also attended. Shane'a Russell scored in the top 30 out of 103 goats.

Senior Citizens Menu

Monday, Feb 2, Chicken Strips, Gravy, Black Eyed Peas, Mashed Potatoes, Tossed Salad, Lemon Pudding

Tuesday, Feb 3, Sausage on Bun, Tator Tots, Carrots, Baked Apples

Wednesday, Feb 4, Chicken Salad Sandwich, Lettuce & Tomato, Cucumber Salad, Potato Chips, Fruit Parfait

Thursday, Feb 5, Beef Tostada, Boracho Beans, Mexican Rice, Cornbread, Ambrosia Fruit Salad

Friday, Feb 6, Chicken Fried Steak with Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Plums

School Menu

March 2, Breakfast, Breakfast Pizza, or Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk

Lunch, Steak fingers, Creamed Potatoes, gravy, carrots, Hot Roll, Honey, Milk

March 3 Breakfast, Biscuit, Sausage, Gravy, or Cereal, Toast, Slice pears, Milk

Lunch, BBQ/Bun, Lettuce, Tomato, Slice pickles, Potatoes, Chips, Peaches, Milk

March 4, Breakfast, Biscuit, Green Scrambled Eggs, Ham, Bacon, Cereal, Toast, Applesauce, Milk

Lunch, Corndog, Baked Beans, Pickle Spears, 1/2 Apple, Cake, Milk

March 5, Breakfast, Bagel, or Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk

Lunch, Cheese Enchiladas, Spanish Rice, Salad, Tortilla Chips, Orange Slices, Milk

March 6, Breakfast, Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk

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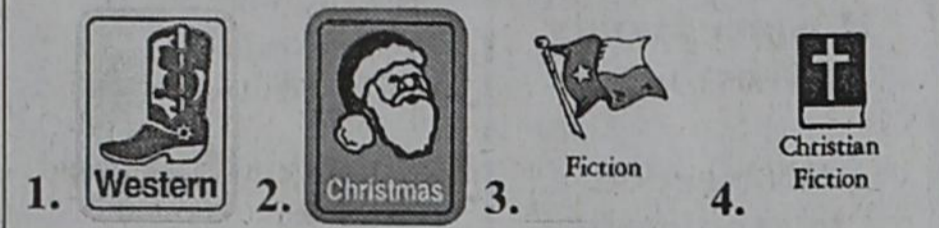
Notes from the Library

By Buffy Crutchley

This week I've been putting the finishing touches on a project that I started over a year ago. Spine stickers!!! We've used them in the past for the children's section, but now I'm bringing them to the adults as well! You've probably noticed the Western label (1), but now I've added a few others to help. As you peruse the adult fiction isles, you'll notice the colorful labels jumping out at you. If you're in the holiday spirit, and want to read something to further your mood, look for the Christmas label (2). For folks like me who always enjoy a good story that takes place in Texas, look for the Texas Fiction sticker (3). And one of the most popular types of books checked out of

our library is Christian Fiction novels (4). This is an ongoing project, because I'm sure I missed a few, but I hope it helps when you are in the mood to read, but you're not sure what to look for!

The month of March is National Crafts Month. As many of you know, this is something I celebrate every day, not just in March. But now is my chance to get you to celebrate along with me! I invite you to come in and browse the selection of books we have on the subject. We have quilting books, scrap booking guides, painting how-to's, etc. I could go on and on, but I'll leave the rest up to you. Come discover something new!



PIPS to perform at festival

Knox City and Valley Girls Basketball teams requested the PIPs to perform during half-time of their play-off game, on Tuesday, February 17 at MCS gym. The Motley County PIPs were, of course, honored at the request and, once again, put on a great display of their basketball han-

dling skills. Unfortunately, this was their last local performance of the year. However, you have one more chance to catch a glimpse of these talented kids at the PIP Festival being held at Abilene Christian University on Friday and Saturday, March 13 & 14.

Floyd County Fair meeting planned

By Charlene Brown

The Floyd and surrounding counties' fair was begun in 1905. The 75th fair was held in 2003. The fair was put "on hold" several different years due to World Wars I and II and the Great Depression.

But, like so many small county fairs, this one also died out due to lack of participation and attendance by the public.

Do we - the people of Floyd and surrounding counties - want to accept what has happened or do we want to come together and continue a time-honored

tradition of the county fair?

According to Charlene Brown, County Fair Board President, a meeting will be held March 23 at 6:30 p.m. at the Floyd County Unity Center to determine if there is enough interest in reviving our county fair. She says it will take lots of volunteers and many man-hours of work to get the fair put on this year.

If you are interested in helping, Brown encourages you to "please come" to this meeting. People from Floyd County, as well as surrounding counties, are welcome.

Trail Fixin's

The Weather can't decide whether to be hot or cold but I have a hunch spring is coming soon. I can't wait! I've started my yard work and can't wait for the flowers to bloom. This is a great treat after a BBQ in the spring.

Spiced Pineapple

Upside Down Cake

Spiced Pineapple upside down cake can be baked in a cast iron skillet.

- 1 1/3 cups butter or margarine (divided, softened)
- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- 1 can (20oz) pineapple slices, drained
- 10 to 12 maraschino cherries
- 1/2 cup chopped pecans
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 2 cups all purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 tsp baking soda

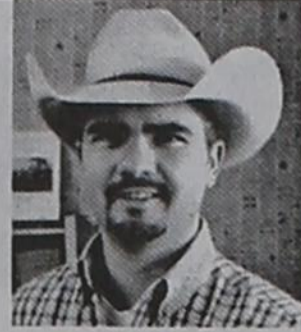
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp ground nutmeg
- 1 cup butter milk

In a small saucepan melt 2/3 cup of butter; stir in brown sugar spread in the bottom of an ungreased heavy 12 inch skillet or 13x9 inch baking pan. Arrange pineapple in a single layer in the mixture, place a cherry inside each ring sprinkle with pecans, set aside.

In a mixing bowl, cream, sugar, and remaining ingredients and butter milk mixing well after each addition. Carefully pour over pineapple mixture. Bake at 350 degrees for 40 minutes for skillet or 50 to 60 min in baking pan or until a toothpick inserted in the middle comes out clean. Immediately invert onto a serving platter.

Yield 12 servings enjoy!

County Agent's News



by Ryan Martin, AgriLIFE EXTENSION Agent

Cotton Variety Update and Nutrition Analysis Seminar

A meeting will be held on March 5, 2009 at the Roaring Springs Community Center starting at 6:00 p.m. for all area cotton producers. Representatives from FiberMax, Crop Production Services and Texas AgriLife Extension Service will be on hand to give educational presentations. Topics for this meeting include: 2009 FiberMax cottonseed varieties, updates on chemicals for cotton crops, analyzing your crops nutritional input, and best management practices for increasing yields. A catered supper will be served free of charge and 2 CEU's will be offered for private applicators. For more information contact the Motley County Extension Office at 806-347-2733 or the Dickens County Extension Office at 806-623-5552.

Texas researchers provide emissions data for livestock industry

AMARILLO - A group of Texas-based researchers provided answers for the nation's cattle feeding industry after it was given a very short window by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to begin reporting ammonia and hydrogen sulfide emissions.

The EPA issued a final ruling on Dec. 18 that required the reporting of continuous air releases of these gases by large confined animal feeding operations to local and state emergency management entities.

Until this ruling, the EPA had not required agricultural operations to report air emissions under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980 and Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986.

But with the new EPA rule, it was determined the reporting was required under the 1986 act and operations falling within the guidelines must report emissions by Jan. 20, said Ben Weinheimer, Texas Cattle Feeders Association vice president.

The rule applies to operations that can emit 100 pounds or more of ammonia or hydrogen sulfide during any 24-hour period, Weinheimer said. These operations are now required to report the emissions to state and local emergency responders.

But with the rule came no guidelines on how to gather that

information or report it, and there were no officially adopted emission factors available, he said.

Weinheimer said the industry turned to researchers working on the "Air Quality: Reducing Emissions from Cattle Feedlots and Dairies," a federally funded project headed by Dr. John Sweeten, director of the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center at Amarillo.

The project researchers, who had been gathering emissions data from area feedlots for the past six years, were pulled together to determine the best way for feed yard operators to estimate their emissions and develop a worksheet for calculating emissions, Sweeten said.

The air quality research project is funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture-Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service. The organizations that participate are AgriLife Research, Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Texas A&M University, USDA-Agricultural Research Service, West Texas A&M University and Kansas State University.

"The EPA rule basically gave these livestock operations one month to report on-going emissions that exceeded the thresholds," Dr. Ken Casey, AgriLife Research air quality engineer said. "Needless to say releasing the rule when they did, just before Christmas, without any advance notice and requiring reporting in the early new year, left the industry scrambling to get together a response, as well as give responsible guidance to their members," Casey said.

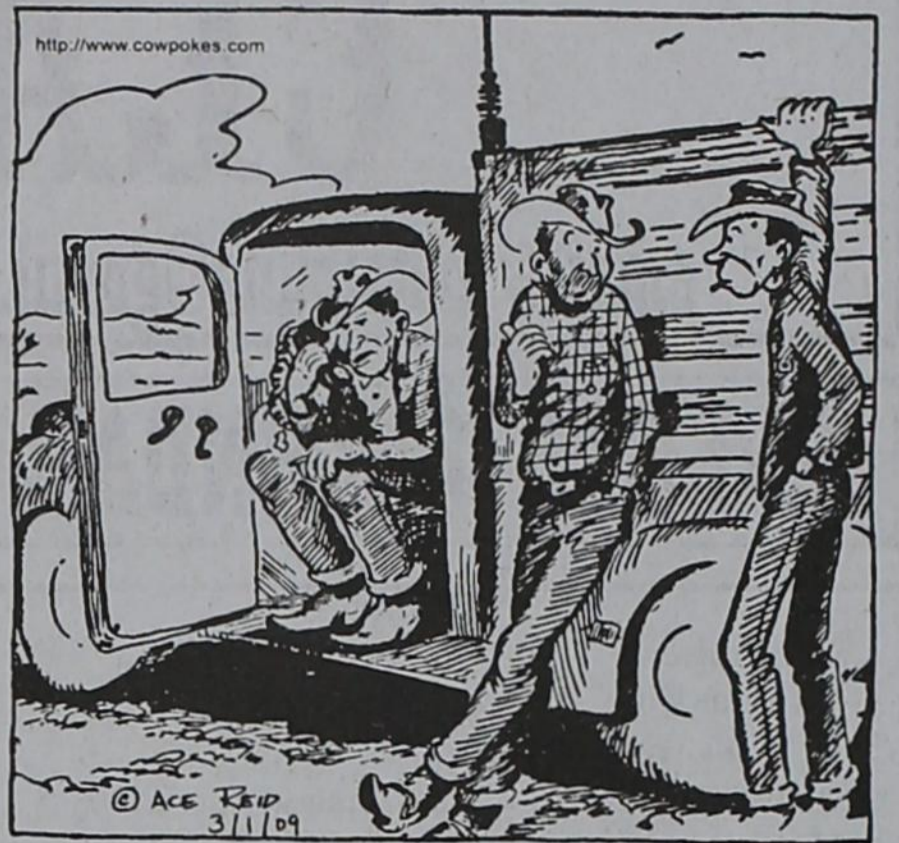
The writing team of Dr. Rick Todd and Dr. Andy Cole, both with the USDA-Agricultural Research Service; Dr. David Parker, West Texas A&M; and Dr. Brent Auvermann, AgriLife Extension, as well as others on their teams, worked to distill the collective ammonia results on short notice.

"We needed to convey to EPA that no single number is adequate to represent a basis for an emission factor, because emissions vary with what the cattle are fed, with the season, and even with the time of day," Auvermann said. "We presented EPA and the cattle-feeding industry with a range of emission factors that we believe would represent most feed yards in our area."

Research from this project has shown that emission rates for ammonia during winter

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months are about half of the emission rates during summer months, Todd said.

"Texas Panhandle feeding operations with more than 1,000 cattle could exceed the 100 pound/day reporting requirement," Todd said. "But the negative environmental effects of ammonia that EPA is concerned about are most likely where ammonia mixes with urban air pollution, or when ammonia is removed from the atmosphere in rain and over-fertilizes sensitive ecosystems."

He and Auvermann agreed that on the High Plains, ammonia is more of a regional than a local environmental concern.

"Ammonia does not stay in the atmosphere very long in its gaseous form," Auvermann said. "Unless it reacts with other gases to form fine particles, it's gone from the air within a few hours to a few days. And we don't see much of the fine particles around here that would suggest otherwise."

Casey and Parker aggregated hydrogen sulfide field data for the reporting process. Their research shows emission rates for hydrogen sulfide are lower during dry weather conditions and higher in wet conditions. On average, they are three times lower than ammonia concentrations - approaching the minimum detection levels by sophisticated equipment.

"Hydrogen sulfide is not currently classified as a hazardous air pollutant by EPA; it is primarily of local and of minor regional concern," Casey said. "The regulation of hydrogen sul-

fide varies from state to state."

Concentrations measured at the center of a commercial Panhandle feed yard were substantially below the Texas regulatory threshold for the property boundary during the majority of the two-year monitoring period, he said. And concentrations at the boundary were considerably less than those measured at the center of the yard.

"What these researchers have found is that both ammonia and hydrogen sulfide represent exceedingly low concentrations over relatively large emitting surfaces and long time scales," Sweeten said. "The annual emission numbers can add up to the low threshold values of reporting that EPA just set, but they do not reach levels of general public concern."

Weinheimer said with the quick response of the research group, the National Cattlemen's Beef Association was able to send out "reporting packets" to feed yards in early January and conduct a Webinar on Jan. 15 to explain the requirements to its members.

"From day one, this project has been founded on solid research objectives to address multiple air quality issues facing the cattle feeding industry," said Ross Wilson, president and chief executive officer of Texas Cattle Feeders.

Wilson said it was through this group's efforts and provided data that the industry was able to make a good faith estimate of the lower and upper bounds for both ammonia and hydrogen sulfide emissions.

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- March**
- 4 Kids Praise
 - 5 RS Lions Club, 11:30 am
 - 5 JR High Track at Spur 3:45
 - 6 MCISD High School Track Spur at Spur 2:30
 - 7 Men's Breakfast, Matador Baptist Church, 7:00 am
 - 9 Commissioners Court, 9:30 am
 - 9 RS City Council, 6:00 pm
 - 10 RS Community Volunteers, place TBA
 - 10 Census Bureau Testing, 1 p.m. at Matador City Hall
 - 12 Matador City Council, City Hall, 6:30 pm
 - 12 JR High Track at Jayton TBA
 - 13 MCISD High School Track at Jayton, TBA
 - 13-14 PIPS Abilene Christian University
 - 16 MCISD School Board, 7:30 pm
 - 16 2009 Farm Bill Impacts on Cotton Producers
 - 17 Matador Lions Club, Methodist Church, 12:30 pm
 - 17 Census Bureau Testing 1 p.m. at Roaring Springs City Hall
 - 23 American Legion Post 337 Meeting, 7:00 PM, at the Motley County Senior Center
 - 24 Census Bureau Testing 9:30 a.m. at Matador City Hall
 - 26 Jr High Track at Knox City, TBA
 - 27 MCISD High School Track at Knox City TBA
 - 27 Titus Foundation meeting 10 am.
 - 29 Boonedockers race in Matador
- April**
- 1 Kids Praise
 - 2 RS Lions Club, place TBA 11:30 am
 - 4 Men's Breakfast, Methodist Church, 7:00 am
 - 7 Matador Lions Club, Methodist Church, 12:30 pm
 - 9 Matador City Council, 6:30 pm
 - 13 Commissioners' Court, 9:30 am
 - 13 RS City Council, 6:00 pm
 - 20 MCISD School Board, 7:30 pm
 - 21 Matador Lions Club, Methodist Church, 12:30 pm

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