

Check Out Coke County Library

Readers who enjoy the good mystery books that are also funny will be happy to see what authors series have been donated to the Coke County Library.

Mary Daheim, Carolyn Hart, Jane Isenbert, Shirley R. Murphy have turned out series with unique characters as the heroes, male and female, of detective stories. They always get their scoundrel, but they always have some really entertaining ways of going about it and they are far from perfect.

The donor of these books collected almost all the books of an author she liked.

The library has also added some new audio books. Robert Parker's Painted Ladies; Nancy Martin, Our Lady of Immaculate Deception; Jason Elliot, The Network; Jeffrey Archer, And Thereby Hangs a Tale; and VanCauwelaert, Unknown.

The Monday night genealogy sessions are continuing with Fran Lomas at the Library.

Library hours are Tuesdays, 8-12; Wednesdays, 8-3; Thursdays, 1-5; Fridays, 8-12. Call 453-2495 for information.

West Coke County Hospital Board Meeting held

by Pat Stephens

The Board of Directors of the West Coke County Hospital District met in regular session, Monday, February 28, 2011, in the office of the Administrator at the Robert Lee Care Center, due to renovation work at the facility. Members present included President Mary Bessent, Dessie Kendall, Marilyn White, and Pat Stephens. Others present were Janie Munoz, Business Office Manager, and Roger Alexander, Administrator. President Bessent called the meeting to order at 9:30 am, declared there was a quorum, and gave the invocation. Sarah Green, whom the Board appointed to serve the unexpired term of Mike Lomas, was also in attendance. The Board extends appreciation to Mike for a job well done. Judge Roy Blair administered the oath of office to Sarah Green, and at the Board's request, he gave a very informative update on the prison in Bronte.

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved, and absent Board members from that meeting were excused. In the staffing update, Roger informed the Board of the continued need for CNAs and also the need of a janitor for the facility.

The Board then discussed capital projects. The renovation of the dining room is

progressing, though not quite as fast as everyone would like. Roger consulted the architect about some renovations the Board is considering for the Alzheimer's Unit, and will get some estimates to be presented in the future. Accounts receivable were discussed in depth, and Janie continues to meet the challenges in collections due to changes in state rules and regulations. It is very frustrating at times, and the Board commends Janie for her work in this area.

Mary Rodriguez popped in and gave the Board an update on the facility's Relay for Life team. The team consists of 15 members, Mary Rodriguez, Tammy Riley, Skeeter Horne, Janie Munoz, Erika Galvan, Olga Perez, Blanca Mendoza, Don Lofton, Sabrina Lofton, Martha Trejo, Tanner Hanigan, Cayetano Carrera, Debra Horne, Victoria Galvan, and Prescilla Lara. Their Team name is "Royal Flush", and they have already raised \$225 from their first fund-raiser. Go, Team!!!

RN Patsy Cason gave the Board a very informative report on some documentation changes in progress in the Alzheimer's Unit. There are currently 9 residents in the Unit.

Looking at the facility calendar for March, there won't be any dull moments in the facility. On March 17, at 6:30 pm, everyone will celebrate the "Wearing of the Green" at a St. Patrick's Day Party. Then at 3 the following day, on the 18th, Jim Gross will be entertaining the residents with his musical talent. The monthly birthday party will be held at March 22, at 3:30 pm. The

residents celebrating birthdays this month are Mildred Day, Billie Dunn, Donna Green, Tommy Hood, and James Jones. Happy Birthday to all!!! The monthly Sing-A-Long will be held March 25, at 3:30. As always, everyone is invited and encouraged to come and join the fun. The residents continue to enjoy Brother Steve Peyton as he comes on Mondays at 3:30 for a wonderful time of 'pickin' and grinnin'.

The financial statements were discussed and approved.

Future agenda items were discussed, and the next meeting date was set for March 28, 2011. The meeting adjourned at 12:06 pm, and the Board enjoyed a delicious lunch at the facility.

Farm Service Agency has resources to help livestock producers

USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA), announced that permanent disaster assistance programs created in the 2008 Farm Bill allow FSA to offer relief to producers affected by adverse weather.

The winter months brought much snow, ice and frigid temperatures across the state causing livestock and forage losses.

The Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) provides livestock producers with benefits for livestock deaths in excess of normal mortality caused by adverse weather. The Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm Raised Fish Program (ELAP) provides emergency assistance to producers of livestock, honeybees, and farm-raised fish that have losses due to disease,

adverse weather or other conditions, including blizzards and wildfires. For livestock producers, ELAP assistance may be available for feed losses due to a major weather event. ELAP benefits paid are based on FSA's calculation of the value of feed lost compared to the feed needs of the livestock during the disaster period. Producers should document any additional costs associated with transporting feed to livestock.

Many farmers and ranchers have faced a rough winter, and they need to know FSA has programs that offer relief when they need it most. For LIP benefits, producers should document the number and kind of livestock that died due to the winter storms and notify our office as soon as possible.

To meet eligibility requirements under LIP, producers must file a notice of loss within 30 days from when the loss is apparent to the producer. It is also important that the verification of death loss is verified by an unrelated third party.

Another disaster assistance program available to livestock producers is the Livestock Forage Program (LFP) which provides financial assistance to producers who suffer grazing losses due to drought or fire. LFP requires that producers obtain a policy or plan of insurance for the grazed forage crop under the Federal Crop Insurance Act (FCIA) or file the required paperwork and pay the administrative fee by the applicable state application closing date for the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP).

"Although we don't often think of drought and snow in

the same context, it is very possible that both weather conditions are occurring at the same time and LFP is available to help alleviate the financial strain caused by drought.

Applications received for any of the livestock disaster assistance programs are considered on a case-by-case basis and producers should be prepared to provide required information to determine eligibility and applicable benefits.

Producers who have questions regarding livestock disaster assistance program eligibility and the application process should contact the Coke/Sterling County FSA office at 325-453-2751 or visit www.fsa.usda.gov.

FSA accepting loan assistance

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) is now accepting applications for Emergency Farm Loans resulting from damages and losses caused by excessive heat July 30, 2010-September 30, 2010.

Coke County has been named a primary disaster county where eligible farmers may qualify for FSA EM loan assistance. Farm Loan Manager, Justin B. Holland, asks farmers who want to apply for emergency loans to submit their applications as soon as possible. The deadline for applications is 10/17/2011, but if farmers wait too long, a backlog will develop and cause delays.

Generally, farmers who have lost 30 percent of their production due to designated disaster are eligible for emergency loans. The FSA office is located at 103 W. Florida Avenue in Sweetwater, Texas.

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Jesus answered and said unto him, if a man love me, he will keep my words: And my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. He that loveth Me not keepeth not My sayings: And the word which ye hear is not Mine, but the Father's which sent Me. These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you. But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in My name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you: Not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. • *John 14:23-27*

And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful. • *Colossians 3:15*

Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. • *Romans 12:17-18*

And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. • *Philippians 4:7*

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Sunday morning
Sunday School 9:45 • Worship & Childrens Church 10:45
Sunday evening: Bible Study & Power Kids 6 pm
Wednesday evening: Bible Study & Power Kids