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### FFA Teams Compete in Contests, Greenhands Advance

Members of the Motley County FFA Chapter competed in the Greenbelt District FFA Leadership Contests held at Valley High School on Monday, No-

vember 17th. Finishing second and advancing the the Area round of competition were the Greenhand Chapter Conducting team composed of Keyan Kautz, Braden Mason, Lexi Osborn, Christian Brooks, Ashley Brackeen, Cody Martin, and Jonathan Osborn.

Keyan Kautz finished second in the Greenhand Creed Speaking competition and will also advance to the Area I contest which will be held at WTA&M on Saturday November 22nd.

Other teams that represented Motley County well were; Christian Brooks who finished 5th in Greenhand Creed Speaking; the Radio Broadcasting team of Eric Simpson, Shane'a Russell, and Courtney Alexander, which finished in 6th place; and Courtney Alexander placed 6th in the Job Interview competition.

Congratulations to these young men and women on their acheivements and hard work.



Front (L-R) Lexi Osborn, Braden Mason, Courtney Alexander, Shane'a Russell, Ashley Brackeen. Back (L-R) Christian Brooks, Jonathan Osborn, Cody Martin, Keyan Kautz, Eric Simpson.

### Grannie's tea party set for **December 7**

The annual Grannies' Tea Party has been set for December 7, 2008, from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m., in the home of Joyce Campbell, 1530 Eubank, Mat-

This festive annual event is sponsored by Joyce and Janie Campbell for girls ages 4-years and up, as a fundraiser for the Motley County Library. The cost of the event is \$7.50. All proceeds go to benefit the library programs. Reservations are required. The deadline for reservations is Friday, December 5, 2008.

"This is an opportunity for girls to dress up in granny's or mom's clothes, with hat, gloves, and jewelry." Joyce Campbell said.

The event started in 1991 with Campbell's own grandchildren. Her 18-month-old grandson, and two granddaughters attended her first party. Her grandson is now a sophomore at Texas Tech University.

"This has grown from a family tea party for cousins and grandchildren to more than 20 children at one time. Last year we had 17 girls," she said.

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# **New MCISD Superintendent** on board December 9

By Carol Campbell

The MCISD school board met at 7:30 p.m. in regular session on November 17, in the Board Room at the school, covering a 15-item agenda. No citizens spoke in Open Forum.

Attending were board members David Stafford, Tina Brooks, Mark Seigler, and Don Baxter, constituting a quorum. Not in attendance were J.D. Russell, Gilbert Guerrero, and Lewis Drum. Also in attendance were Denise Ford, Business Manager, William Cochran, Principal, and Dr. Thomas Alvis, Interim Superintendent.

The group reviewed and approved the minutes of the October meetings, reviewed the expenditures and financial statements, and approved

financial reports and budget amendments. Dr. Alvis reported that the insurance settlement for the stolen computers had been received in the amount of \$36,974.00. The money will allow the school to replace the stolen computers, in part, but will not cover all the current costs of replacement, Alvis said.

The Chairman of the Family Foothills Development Council (FFDC), Ryan Martin, spoke to the board about a future collaboration between FFDC and the school. Martin reported to the board that the council had received their non-profit status with the state, and could now pursue grants in behalf of the school district. Discussion included the possible renovation of the old elementary school, consisting of renovation of the

#### Late Night Shopping, Roaring Springs Friday November 28, 2008 Matador, Saturday, December 6, 2008

#### **Matador News**

The Fabulous Sandbillies will be the main attraction for the Relay for Life Open House and Matador Late Night Shopping

#### **School News**

MCISD announces honor roll

Neighboring News

"Roots of the Catholic Faith in West Texas" was the subject as Bishop Placido Rodriguez, commemorated a State of Texas Historical Marker.

#### Library News

Book sale to the general public during regular library hours (1pm-6pm) Thursday, December 4th.

#### **County Agent News**

Brush management may seem like a place to cut corners, but doing so will cost ranchers more in the long run.

# Foothill Country

## Connections

Community, Diversity, Art

By Laverne Zabielski

It's been a year now that we have been publishing the Motley County Tribune. We have made changes, lots of mistakes and learned that it takes time and contributions from many citizens to cover what's happening around the county.

Our main committment is to cover the civic meetings; City Council, Commissioners Court, School Board and Hospital Board. We depend on emailed stories and photographs for all other events.

This week in Writing Community there is a touching story by Vernon G. Higginbothin reminding us of the power in staying in touch with those we love. That seems to be the theme that takes us back to Kentucky.

Since my brother Julian is here to help take care of Mom,

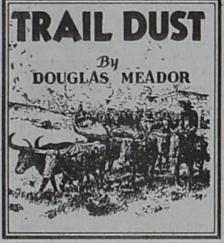
we are more able to help take care of our loved ones in West Virginia and Kentucky. And with Carol and Jennifer in the office we will still be able to get the paper out so friends around the country can stay in touch.

Industry standards suggest that a newspaper contain 40% to 60% advertising. We try to stay around 40% which produces a six or eight page paper. We would love to publish everything we receive. The sooner you get your news to us the better chance it has to be published. We appreciate the stories you send us. Without them, the paper would not be nearly as interesting.

You are all invited to our Appreciation Celebration Gala at Hotel Matador on January 17, 2009 from 6 to 8 pm. We will have wonderful refreshments and music.

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#### MATADOR TRIBUNE November 21, 1946

Withchastedignitythespent fields leave their wealth in orderly rows of shocks like dutiful servants who bring riches to their masters and retire until it is time to labor again. Autumn paints a brown and gold canvas, extravagant with purple hills and silver sky, and hangs it in the twilight room of day. Swinging low on swift pinions the blue hawk scans the shriveling stubble with sharp talons ready to pierce the scurrying rabbit's heart. There is a little cry; the fear rather than the pain of death, then flapping wings and fragile hide torn from a still living body. Cold eyes will look upon the frosty dawn and never see the pageantry of crimson heavens, nor the fine lace of sunbeams across the fields. Old and eternal winds will stir the red-stained leaves beside all that remains of the small carcass. All life belongs to the soil and must be returned.

MATADOR TRIBUNE November 21, 1946

Fate Sends Cowboy to Clinic Again

Fate sent J. Q. Edwards, Matador cowboy, back to Stanley Clinic Monday morning with a broken left leg - the same ailment which put him in the clinic four months ago.

Monday's breakage occurred when Edwards slipped and fell in the hall of the Courthouse just in front of Judge W.R. Cammack's office. His leg was broken in the same place, between the knee and ankle.

Edward's first round with his broken leg occurred four months ago when a horse dragged him a considerable distance in a pasture of the Matador Ranch when his leg

became entangled in a lariat. This time, Edwards will have to spend his time in the clinic by himself. On the first trip his wife, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Warren, was also in the clinic-as was his newly born daughter

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# WRITING COMMUNITY

#### Love Across the Miles

By Vernon G. Higginbothamn October 10, 2008

It was November 25, 1944. I and other soldiers in the billet had been advised it was time for mail call. Expectantly, we gathered around the mail clerk hoping to hear our name. Mine was called for a package. I remember thinking, "This is my twenty-first birthday, surely not?"

Earlier, about the tenth of October, Mother sent me a V-Mail stating she had, that day, sent me a birthday package along with two others marked and intended for Christmas. The letter included a tinge of regret and remorse that we could not be together with her, Dad and my siblings for a proper birthday celebration.

The package contained an expertly wrapped cake still moist and tasty. Also, there were twenty-one tiny candles lying suggestively at the base of the cake. Chagrined, but mostly embarrassed, I tried to ignore my Mother's sensitivity; my friends balked, however, and tradition prevailed. As I've heard it said, that broke the ice and a good time was had by all. Even so, in the quiet moments, a resolute Mother's love seemed to prevail, even dominate, across the miles to Huy, Belgium. It was as if she had willed this amazing occasion.

The Christmas package, incidently, did not arrive until January.

## About Those Bombing Targets

By Grady Glenn

My parents lived on a farm east of Roaring Springs and a mile or so south; the farm house and property is located Pease River. There was a target site east of the Glenn farm about a mile or little more and south more than a mile perhaps and was on the south side of the Pease River. It would have been close to the Dickens County line, but from my memories it was in Motley County, or perhaps located in both counties.

this, but a school mate and I rode horseback down the river and then south to the fencedin bomb target site. We tied up the horses, climbed through the fence, and looked around. The target was a mound of dirt, whitewashed and located in the center of an X, with the legs extending out so the pilots could see the target in the day time and lighted at night. There were unexploded bombs scattered here and there.

We dismantled one of the bombs and saw its assembly, took some powder out and flipped a match to it. It burned on the north side of the South \_ quickly with a smoke cloud. We did this when the air was silent with no noise of planes in the area.

The firing mechanism appeared to be a 410 shotgun shell in a cylinder like a barrel of a gun, with a firing pin in the enclosure and a safety pin through a hole to prevent the firing pin from getting in contact with the shotgun shell. I was not supposed to do These pins were removed upon getting ready to drop the bombs from the aircraft. When the bomb contacted the earth, the firing pin traveled down the barrel striking the shell and setting off the charge, which the shell discharged into a container of black powder. Upon the firing, there was a explosion noise and the powder was set off, creating a smoke cloud so the plane pilot and crew could see where they hit the target. At

night time the explosion created a flash of light, likewise they could see where they hit in regards to the lighted target at night.

flights. I watched many of them. I can remember when they dropped a bomb, or it got loose from the plane, and it fell about 1.25 miles east of the Glenn farm into a cotton field where it went off.

The pilots would often fly up and down the river in the low places, then they would zoom out from the low altitude into the higher elevation. I was driving a tractor on a farm one time and after a while you do not pay any attention to them. I was going in an easterly direction, and with the noise of the tractor, it drowned out other noises like an airplane. All of a sudden, one of the Bombers flew overhead, maybe above me, and I got the scare of my life!

I read in the Tribune the article about the Bombing Tar-

gets and also the notice about the clean up of the targets. When the paper first carried the notice of request for information about the former Chil-There were day and night dress Army Airfield Bombing Range No. 1, it was of interest to me. I sent information to Emily Seidel, Project Manager in the USACE Fort Worth District, and provided her with my address and told them what I knew about the targets.

However, they did not contact me. I guess they figured that I had nothing of interest to them, as they were interested in Range No. 1. They listed the Memphis Public Library as a site for public review. Once again, it appears in the Motley County Tribune.

Now some 60 years later, a clean up is going on???

Grady Glenn 412 E. 47th St. Odessa, Texas 79762

# Trail Fixin's

By Dorothy Pope

It's Thanksgiving week and a cooler week according to the weather and a chance for much needed rain. We will be going to Melvin's house for dinner. Sure to be a treat, so wishing everyone at home a happy Thanksgiving, From the Pope Family, safe travels and good eating.

**THANKSGIVING** CRANBERRY COBBLER

1 pkg. yellow cake mix 1/2 t. ground cinnamon 1/2 t. nutmeg (ground) 1 c. butter or margarine 1/2 c. chopped nuts 1 can (21-oz.) peach pie fill-

1 can (16-oz.) whole cranberry sauce

Vanilla ice cream or sweetened whipped cream.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Combine dry cake mix, cinnamon and nutmeg in a bowl. Cut in butter with pastry blender or two knives until crumbly. Stir in nuts; set aside. Combine pie filling, cranberry sauce in ungreased 13 x 9 x 2-inch pan; mix well, sprinkle crumb mixture over fruit. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 to 50 minutes or until golden brown. Serve warm with ice cream or whipped cream.

### **Late Night Shopping at Roaring Springs** features Santa "straight from the Old West"

Friday, November 28, 2008

Santa "straight from THE OLD WEST" will arrive about 5:00 p.m., downtown Roaring Springs, on Friday, November 28, 2008. Visit with Santa in the Graham Supply Building. Children can get pictures made with Santa and register

for a prize until 7:30 p.m. There will be free rides for children on "Ken Abbott's Little Train" and other fun things too!!! The Hitchin' Post will be serving up lots of stew and chili!

Save money by shopping the many specials at Petticoat Junction, Graham Supply, Thacker Jewelry, Ken Young's Photography Collection, Alexander's Fuel, 4R Trinkets & Treasures and others.

Also visit Traveler's Inn

while in town where a "Christmas Goody" contest will be judged from 4:30- to 5:30 p.m. After the judging, visitors can sample the "goodies!" For entry information call Devonne at 348-7963 or 348-7056.

Chances are being sold by the Roaring Springs Community Volunteers for a shotgun and by Roaring Springs Lions Club for a Thacker Jewelry Diamond Ring!

Come have some "Good Old Fashioned Fun" and register for lots of door prizes given by Roaring Springs merchants. Drawings will begin about 7:30 p.m. Business's will be open until 8:00 p.m.

### Roaring Springs City Council Recommends 4 B Funds for Playground Equipment

The City of Roaring Springs vember 17, 2008. Present were Mayor Corky Marshall, Council members P. K. Green, Timothy Brooks, James Mc-Cleskey, Alex Crowder, and Kelly Keltz. Also present were City Superintendent Robert Osborn, City secretary Zella Palmer, and guest Larry Vogt.

The minutes from the last meeting were read and approved and the financial bills were reviewed and approved.

The Late Night Shopping met in regular session on No- was discussed and set for Friday, November 28. A fee for a prospective meeting of Motor Home Club members who will use the Community Center and the RV hookups was determined. In other business, it was recommended that the City use \$1000 from Part B funds for a new merry-goround in the City park. The secretary was authorized to order the public meeting required for that useage.

## Live band to be featured during Matador's late night shopping

The Fabulous Sandbillies will be the main attraction for the Relay for Life Open House and Matador Late Night Shopping on December 6, featuring music from traditional country to Rock 'n Roll.

The four- to six-member band will perform from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the courtyard of Hotel Matador. The band is made up of area talent, including two high school agriculture teachers, consisting of Kermit Wooley, Spur, on base guitar; and Gary Dunlap, Paducah, on lead guitar.

The group will also include Gary's son, Ben Dunlap, a junior student at Stephen F. Austin, featured as main vocal and guitar; and Steven Reynolds, USDA-FSA office, Paducah, on guitar and vocal.

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# **New MCISD Superintendent**

basketball court, exercise,

continued on page 3 movie, and game rooms, to benefit the families and children of Motley County.

Martin reported that the preliminary estimated costs from **DSAConstruction Management** group to remodel the existing school were \$1- to \$1.2 million. Future plans would include a 3-phase model, projecting the project costs in several manageable phases. Martin asked permission from the board to go forward in requesting phase cost estimates from the construction firm. Martin also said that the Council wanted to examine other smaller projects, including collaboration with the Motley County Youth Organization for baseball field improvements.

In other business, Principal William Cochran reviewed the Campus Improvement Plan (CIP) with the board. The CIP is a lengthy policy required by the state, and updated on a yearly basis. Only minor changes were made in the school board goals, Cochran said, including updated numbers in TAC scores. The CIP was approved

unanimously.

In addition, Dr. Alvis asked the board to approve a Technology Plan for the school. While "the kids teach us more every year," Alvis said, "the state requires the school to set technology goals." The current plan was approved unanimously by the board. A recommendation in the plan includes language prohibiting students from bringing their own software to use on the school computers, thereby reducing the risk of viruses, and other material that might contaminate school computers.

A revision in the contract for the new superintendent was approved unanimously by the board, with the start date for Dr. Seigrist set for December 9, 2008.

The board approved the No Child Left Behind Report for 2008-2009 school year. This report outlines the district's goals as a whole. "We were rated in the acceptable category this year," Alvis said, one of 818 (68.2%) schools statewide. "Only 43 schools statewide received exemplary status," he added.

Cochran addressed changes to the Telephone Policy recently adopted by the Site-based Committee, eliminating detention as a punishment for carrying a phone on campus. While cell phones are not allowed on campus, the first infraction will result in a call to parents who will pick up the phone and there will be a charge of \$15.00 for the return of the cell phone.

"We have currently taken up four phones this year," Cochran said. Dr. Alvis added that an exception will be made on schoolsponsored bus trips. Under a teacher's supervision, students can call parents to pick them up following school-sponsored trips out-of-town.

The school board voted unanimously to approve a new rate of substitute pay for bus drivers. There will be a minimum of \$10.00 for short trip rates; and on longer routes, the hourly minimum wage will be

Mr. Cochran announced that school enrollment is now at 176. The attendance rate is 98 percent, he said. In the Superintendent's report, Dr. Alvis and

President of the Board, David Stafford, reported to the board on the recent James Titus Foundation meeting. "The original grant was \$500,000, but due to declining markets, this money is only worth \$376,000," Alvis said. "We have to spend the interest on this money every year, in order to avoid paying taxes. In a good year, we may have as many as five students receiving up to \$2,000.00 a year for four years of college, for a total of \$8,000.00."

Denise Ford announced that the Texas Education Agency (TEA) had reviewed the 2006-07 Annual Financial Report and determined there were "no material errors." In a letter to the school signed by Fred Tracy, Director of Desk Reviews, TEA, "This report was prepared and submitted in accordance with the Financial Accountability System Resource Guide. . there are no disclosures made by the school district's auditor indicating noncompliance with the laws, rules, or regulations

The next school board meeting is set for 7:30 p.m., December 15, 2008.

# 2009 Texas Conservation **Awards Program Announced**

The Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board and the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts in cooperation with the state's 217 soil and water conservation districts annually sponsor the Texas Conservation Awards Program to recognize and honor those who dedicate themselves and their talents to the conservation and wise use of renewable natural resources.

"On the local level the conservation awards program provides opportunities for competition and incentives to help our conservation district expand and improve conservation efforts, resource development, and increase the wise utilization of renewable natural resources", said Buffy Crutchley, of the Upper Pease Soil & Water Conservation District.

"Though our district has several categories for which local citizens are honored for their conservation efforts, the primary category that we are concentrating on this year is the annual poster contest for the youth in our district", said

Crutchlev.

The poster contest is open to boys and girls, in grades 3rd through 6th. The children are encouraged to use any media, crayons, paint, glue, etc., to show the importance of conservation of soil, water and related renewable resources within their community environment.

The theme for students to use this year is "Dig it! The Secrets of Soil." The posters will be judged at the local soil and water conservation district level with winning posters sent to area-level competition. The state winner will be selected from the winners of the five area competitions. "All entries must be received in our district office by January 5th, 2009", said Crutchley.

Any child interested in competing in the poster contest that is in grades 3rd through 6th that did not receive a poster board and entry form at school is welcome to stop by the Upper Pease Soil & Water Conservation District Office located at 1103 Eubank Street to pick one up.

#### continued from page one Grannie's tea party

"We set the tables with linen clothes, cloth napkins, and serve them snacks on fine china with tea cups," Campbell said. "They have their choice of lemonade or hot apple ci-

Janie Campbell provides a little lesson in "manners." The children get a Christmas ornament as a favor, she said, adding, "we take pictures of each child and send to the parents."

# **Kids Praise**

nity, three years old through 5th grade, are invited to Kids' Praise on Wednesday, December 3, 5:00 - 6:00 p.m., at First Baptist Church, Matador. There will be songs, crafts, a Bible story, food, and fun for all.

Reminder to parents: Children should enter through the fellowship hall (downstairs), and leave from the front of the church (upstairs). Please

All children in the commu- are responsible for their own children after 6:00 p.m.

> At 7:00 p.m., the entire family is invited to attend the church's Wednesday evening worship service, which includes a time of praise and worship music, followed a message for adults and breakout sessions for children and youth. Everyone who attends the worship service is welcome to partake of the evening meal at 6:00 p.m.

## Bishop Blesses Historical Marker

"Roots of the Catholic Faith in West Texas" was the subject on November 22 as Bishop Placido Rodriguez, Principal Celebrant, It's Kid's Praise time again! also remember that parents commemorated a State of Texas Historical Marker, the second one in Blanco Canyon near Floydada. He eloquently delivered the historical background of the Coronado Expedition of 1541 and noted the contributions of Padre Juan de Padilla and Francisco Vasquez de Coronado as they blazed trails to spread the faith and search for the Lost Cities of Gold.

> Joan Patton of Matador and her guest Marisue Potts Powell of the Motley County Historical Commission joined a large

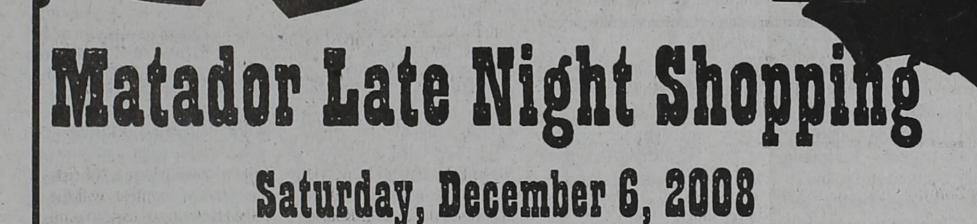
crowd braving the cold wind, including many from Lubbock and surrounding towns.

The Mariachi Amistad, a colorful and talented group of musicians, provided the fanfare, and led group singing of The National Anthem, Las Mananitas, and Mexico Lindo Y Querido. The invocation was given by host pastor, Father Angelo Consemino, who is a new pastor for the Catholic community in Matador.

Nancy Marble, representing both the Floydada Historical Commission and the Floyd County Museum, gave a warm welcome as Knights of Columbus, elegantly dressed with

plumes and swords, posted the colors. Julia Ramonez of the Silver Jubilee Committee of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Lubbock introduced a long list of distinguished guests, including Bishop Rodriguez's family from Chicago.

When the marker was unveiled Bishop Rodriguez issued a proclamation and a prayer of dedication. Floyd County Judge Penny Golightly and Commissioner Jon Jones gave closing remarks before the group disbursed to a luncheon at Saint Mary Magdalene Catholic Church in Floydada where Mrs. Patton and Mrs. Powell enjoyed the warm hospitality of the local parish.



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**Band in the Courtyard** at Hotel Matador

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Santa will arrive at Matador Floral at 5:30

# NEWS AROUND MOTLEY COUNTY

Roaring Springs News By Monta Marshall and Genetta Ameijide

It's turkey week for everyone cooking a turkey for Thanksgiving dinner. At least for most. It really is a good time to stop, count our blessings and give thanks to a God who is so good to us. Our country was founded upon Christians values and this is a great time to remember that. Thank you, God, for blessing America.

A good crowd of around 80 people met at the Church of Christ to hear a great Thanksgiving sermon given by Johnny Morris. The First Baptist Church sang one special song and the Full Gospel Church sang two songs. A prayer was given by Bill Manley, and Alex Crowder dismissed the group with a closing prayer.

An early Thanksgiving was celebrated on Tuesday for Alex and Jo Crowder when their daughter, and son-in-law and family come in on Tuesday, DeNisa and Curtis Brown and their children Dustin and Hannah. Jo's sisters, Lee Cook and Genetta Ameijide, will also be there. Alex Crowder smoked the turkey in his smoker,

Walter Trammel is fighting

My Sincere Thanks,

Laverna Price Johnston

off a head cold.

Bill Hand twisted his knee Sunday morning but is now walking a little.

Monta Marshall's daughter, Katie Miller, had hip surgery, but came home from the hospital on Saturday. Monta will be staying with her some as she recovers.

Corky and Monta Marshall went to their niece's wedding in San Angelo on Saturday and came back the same day. The happy bride and groom was Linda Ferguson and Tom Bender.

J. T. and Imogene Swim are not doing too well right now. Zella Palmer kept a doctor's

appointment on Friday. Joyce Meredith reports that her dog, China, is still missing.

Gene Chapman, owner of the Hitching Post was written up in the magazine "Texas Monthly" as a good place to eat in smaller

towns. Laverne Zabielski and Larry Vogt are in Kentucky and will spend Thanksgiving with Laverne's daughter, Dana Wittler Logsdon's family and sons, Donnie Wittler and DJ Saltijerald.

Thank You

I want to thank everyone who remembered us in any way

when James T. passed away. I appreciate those of you who

made the trip to Lubbock to attend his services. It meant a

lot to me to see you there. Thanks also to all who have sent

memorial gifts, flowers, cards, prayers, and words of encour-

agement. I also want to thank you for the cards, prayers, and

visits I have received during my illness. I am so fortunate to

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### Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

**OVERHEARD** 

Thank you for the beauty around me everywhere, the gentle rain and the glistening dew, the sunshine and the air, the joyous gift of feeling the soul's soft whispering voice that speaks to me from deep within and makes my heart rejoice. Dear God, no words are great enough to thank you for just living and that is why every day is a day for real thanksgiving.

Mr. and Mrs. Cody Barclay, Ashton and Lane of Borger, Mr. and Mrs. Lance Barclay, Colton and Kayla of Lubbock visited the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barclay.

Weekend guests of Janice and Butch Hughes were children and families, Billy Don Hughes, Baylee and Brennan of Lubbock, Bengie Hughes and friend, Jimmy Lawson of Royce City, Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Hughes, Kason and Kendal, Roger Hughes, Reagan and Brody of Floydada. They attended the Fairmot Church Sunday morning services and the covered dish luncheon.

Visiting during the weekend with Jack and Nada Starkey of Fort Worth, Michael and Virginia Davis of Lovington, N.M. and Mrs. Jackie Lynn Davis of Fritch.

Mrs. B. Rogers attended a birthday party honoring Mrs. Ranae Dudley of Quitaque Saturday night held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clint McKay of Quitaque. Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse of Turkey visited Mrs. Rogers Sunday.

in Amarillo Friday for Jack's medical appointment at the Veteran's Hospital. Before returning home, they visited daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Reid and in Canyon with son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Starkey.

ited his parents, Ruth and of Fort Worth and daughter, Orville Lee Wednesday and attended the funeral of Mrs. Geneva Martin. Ruth and Orville are on the sick list.

Erma Washington were Mr.

Reunions

**Get Togethers** 

Accommodations for 2-20

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and Mrs. Coy Franks and houseguests, Amy, Cory, Hudson and Madison Franks and Cary Franks of Idalou. Visiting her Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barclay and houseguests, Lance, Sherryll, Kayla and Colton Barclay of Lubbock, Cody, Mandy, Ashton and Lane Barclay of Borger.

Visitors of Wilburn Martin Wednesday and attending the funeral of Mrs. Geneva Martin were his sister and sons, Mrs. Nita Merritt, Tommy Merritt, Steve and wife, Susan Merritt of Granbury, daughter and husband, Marilee and Fred Cooper of Borger and his grandchildren, Cole Martin of Portales, N.M. and Lindsay Martin of Amarillo. Wilburn visited the weekend in Borger with Marilee and Fred.

Larry Clay of Panhandle, Lori and Kevon Kleibrink, Karlee and Kyler of Clifton visited Tuesday night and Wednesday with their parents, Anna Beth and Joe Ike Clay and attended the funeral of their aunt, Mrs. Geneva Martin.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert and Glen Calvert during the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Alvia Joe Calvert of Dumas and Mr. and Mrs. Tim Mandrell and daughter, were Bill Jones and Rob Dillon Peyton of Lubbock. Glen and friends have killed 44 hogs!

Mrs. Cindy Calvert of Istanbul, Turkey, was met at the Lubbock Airport last Monday night by sister and family, Keri and Kevin Sehon and Brian of Ropesville and accompanied to Flomot to be with her parents, Kathy and Clois Shorter and to attend the funeral of her grandmother, Mrs. Geneva Martin held Wednesday. Her return Jack and Nada Starkey were flight home was Monday, November 24. Also attending the services were granddaughter and family, Christi and Dwain Milam, Haley and Emily of Petersburg.

Visiting L.E. Shorter and attending Geneva Martin's funeral were his son and wife, Joey Lee of Clarendon vis- Louis and Jennifer Shorter Mrs. Judy Rhodes of Houston.

Bobby Jameson suffered a stroke Sunday, November 23, and is a patient in CCC Unit Visiting Saturday with Mrs. at Covenant Medical Center, Lubbock.

#### **Matador News**

Howard Britain of Tyler bagged a very nice 10-point buck last Sunday. He and A.

D. Clark, also of Tyler, are hunting on the Cook Ranch lease. Britain and Clark are attorneys in Tyler. They are hunting all this week and staying in Hotel Matador, where they will have Thanksgiving dinner.

Tom Ewing of Norman, Oklahoma, was in Matador quail hunting last weekend in the Matador Game Preserve. He was joined by his daughter and son-in-law, Darcey and Clay Segers of Fairfield, TX. Ewing is an orthopedic surgeon in Norman. His father used to preach in Northfield about 50 years ago, traveling from their home in Abilene with Norris Campbell.

Jack Shipley and his son Sten of Grand Pass, Oregon, were here last week checking oil and gas lease records and other places in the area.

in the County Clerks office. They were joined by Deborah Church of Taos, New Mexico.

Patrick Crow, an attorney from Dallas, was in the county hunting with his two sons and father-in-law last weekend.

Peggy and Arlan Winegarner of Spearman, daughter and son-in-law of Norma Marrs, were visiting recently.

Danny and Jessica White of McKinney visited at Hotel Matador last weekend, along with daughter Kate. Jessica is the granddaughter of Dorothy Russell and the daughter of Caron and Jesse Perkins of Odessa, formerly of Matador. While here Danny bagged an eight-point buck on the Moore Place east of town.

Kevin and Kaye Stanford of Red Oak, TX, were in town several days recently. They are cyclists and were riding in Caprock Canyon State Park

The Red Rovers donned their red hats and purple apparel on Sunday, November 9th, and saw a play at the Garza Theater in Post.

The play, "Agatha Christie Made Me Do It" was a comedy enjoyed by all. The group

The group stopped for lunch on the way at Espuela Land & Cattle Company Steak House in Dickens, returning home by McAdoo to view the huge power-generating windmills up close.

Attending were: Queen shared many laughs and no Mother Joyce Campbell, Norone chose the "murderer" al- ma Marrs, Ray Baxter, Joan though many clues were pre- Patton and Mary Jones. The trip was enjoyed by all.

#### 3RF sponsors stage event featuring Lynn Anderson Former resident celebrates cowboy culture

Former resident Dink Wilson (right) recently helped promote the 19th Annual Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium in Ruidoso Downs, N.M. Wilson pictured with country music star Lynn Anderson, are on the Three Rivers Stage, sponsor of cowboy music all day long for two days. Wilson, Wilson, and board member of the Friends of the Historic Motley County Jail, attended the annual event to celebrate cowboy culture.

Director of the Arts for Three Rivers Foundation for the Arts and Sciences. The symposium celebrates cowboy culture with poetry, music, art, chuck wagon cooking and crafts. Thousands of people, annual event.

Three Rivers Stage is at the main entrance and features country, western swing and cowboy music all day long for two days performed both by groups and individuals. Anderson told this year's audience it was her favorite stage at the event.

In addition to Anderson, son of local resident Geneva, another big name performer on the Three Rivers Stage was Bobby Flores, who will be making his second appearance at the Three Rivers Cowboy Ball on December 6 in the Wilson's wife, Carolyn, is Three Rivers Ballroom in historic downtown Quanah. The day will be filled with Cowboy Christmas events from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., including arts, crafts, food booths, Santa Claus, carriage rides, museum tours and the Parade of Lights many from Texas, attend the at 6:30 p.m. The Three Rivers Ball is from 8:00 p.m. to

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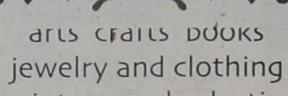
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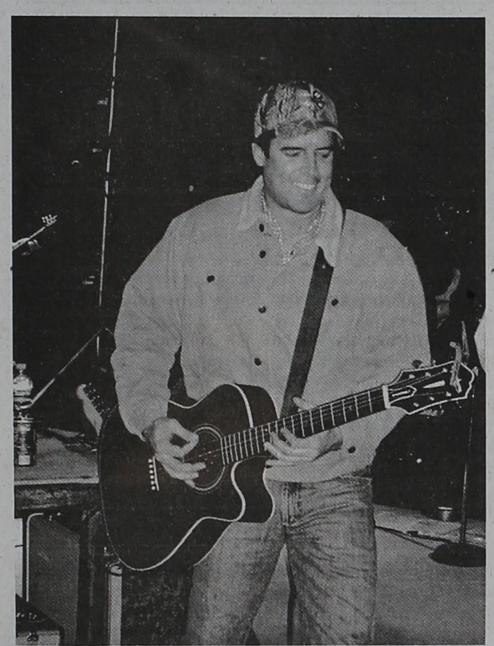
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# Notes from the Library

By Buffy Crutchley

Last Saturday's Japanese book binding class that Laverne Zabielski taught us was a huge success! There were 7 of us who participated, and I think everyone had a wonderful time. I know I did! Laverne was so patient in teaching us the wonderful craft. In fact, we loved it so much we're going to do it again! We'll meet at the Library Friday, December 5th at 10:00am. If you missed the first opportunity, I urge you to join us when we meet again. It is so much fun, and I think it's a skill you can use forever! (I've already made 3 books at home!) Costs range between \$5 & \$10, depending on the size of the book you make. And feel free to bring a snack!

We've had a slight chance in plans here at the library. Late night shopping has been changed to Saturday December 6th. The library will not be open this year, so instead we'll do things a little bit differently. We'll open the book sale to the general public during regular library hours (1pm-6pm) Thursday, December 4th. Friends of the Library are still welcome to shop early, beginning this week. Setting up the sale took less time that I thought, so you can come in earlier than expected. So, make plans to visit and see all the goodies. We also have a few "yard-sale" items, like a computer chair, some book ends, and even a Christmas



TRENT WILLMON, a Motley and Dickens 4-H Alumni, donated his time and talent to entertain an audience of around 700 people.

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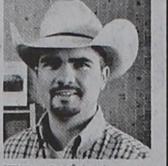
December 1st - NAP Deadline (Wheat-GZ, Grass) For 2009, all grazing crops must be covered under NAP in order to be eligible for Livestock Assistance Programs. Please stop by the office to buy coverage.

December 15th - Certification deadline for grass - all grass acres need to be certified by this date, so please make an appointment prior to coming into the office.

Wheat for Grazing - Acreage certification for Wheat needs to be reported 15 days prior to cattle being turned out. Please call the office to schedule an appointment.

Office will be closed on November 27, 2008 for Thanksgiving. We will reopen on Friday the 28th.

# County Agent's News



by Ryan Martin, Agri LIFE EXTENSION Agent

**AgriLife Extension** specialists: Brush control a must even in tough economic times

VERNON – Brush management may seem like a place to cut corners in tough economic times, but Texas AgriLife Extension Service specialists say doing so will cost ranchers more in the long run.

"The cost of doing nothing is very expensive," said Stan Bevers, AgriLife Extension economist.

Ranchers typically budget some for brush control, generally about \$1 per acre per year, so it adds up substantially, Bevers said.

"With the rising cost of running cattle on ranches, managers are asking where managing brush fits," he said. "It is going to be increasingly more difficult to find dollars for brush control. But it is a situation where brush doesn't know or care that there is a financial crisis going on. It's going to keep growing."

Brush control requires a long-range plan, but it also has to fit into a rancher's cashflow plan, Bevers said.

"We know we can't just be out there telling people this is what they need to do without said. "But if they aren't spending that much, they may be some open spaces also." falling behind."

productivity, he said. A lot of brush growth happens slowly.

"We think we're okay for a number of years and then start noticing the weights aren't there on the calves and the conception rates on the females drop," Bevers said. "It all has to do with the stocking rates being higher than the carrying capacity for the ranch."

When females are not staying in a healthy condition and are not able to reproduce as expected, either the stocking rate is too high or the brush has become a problem, he said.

Determining the most eco-

nomical method of brush control may be a more difficult decision, Bevers said. Fire is still the cheapest route for brush control, but after several seasons of wildfires, it makes many people nervous.

"Fire has always been a part of the ecosystem and controlling brush," he said. "The other methods tend to be more expensive. A lot of it comes back to how much a ranch has budgeted for brush control and do they have a continuous plan."

"What is needed is different for every ranch," Bevers said. "But as you see productivity fall, you know something is going on there."

J.F. Cadenhead, AgriLife Extension range specialist, said an integration of mechanical, burning and spraying will most likely be needed to get good control of the brush.

"First, you have to determine what the goals are for the ranch - will it be used primarily for cattle grazing, a mixture of cattle and wildlife, or primarily wildlife," Cadenhead said.

"If you are getting over 50 percent brush cover, you are getting behind if you are in the livestock business," he said. "But if you are integratrealizing the financial situa- ing wildlife, you may need tion they are in right now," he from 50 to 60 percent coverage. Remember, wildlife need

The brush concerns may More brush equates to lower vary from cedar or red-berry junipers in areas with canyons, to cholla cactus in the western Panhandle, sand sagebrush and sand shinoak on the sandier soils of the eastern Panhandle and Rolling Plains, and mesquite and prickly pear all over.

> The timing of treatment will depend on the method planned and maintenance program, Cadenhead said.

> Burning is typically done in late winter or early spring, he said. Ranchers need to plan in advance for the cutting of fire guards during the off season, and make sure arrangements are made for the cattle.

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the land for almost a whole growing season before burning to allow enough grass fuel to grow, Cadenhead said. And then the land has to be deferred after the burn from early spring until the grass gets 6 to 8 inches tall, which could take until mid-summer, depending on the moisture.

Chemical work and mechanical cutting and spraying are primarily done in the summer when plants are in mature growth, he said. The mechanical brush work, such as grubbing, can be done in the winter with good soil moisture conditions.

Depending on the severity of the brush cover, Cadenhead said it might be necessary to use mechanical or chemical operations to open up a pasture enough to let grass grow and build the fuel base needed for a good prescribed burn. "Individual plant treat-

ment, once the brushy areas are opened up and/or burned, can then be used for maintenance," he said. "You can't go in there and burn every year."

Cadenhead said the cover layer must be allowed to recover to protect the soil from erosion and to provide adequate time for microbial degradation of the plant matter on top of the soil that will help in nutrient cycling.

"You may not want to burn any closer than 5 or 6 years apart," he said. AgriLife Extension specialists: Brush control a must even in tough economic times

#### Motley and Dickens 4-H **Clubs End Centennial Year with Concert**

2008 marks 100 years of 4-H in Texas. To celebrate, the Motley and Dickens 4-H clubs sponsored a concert featuring Trent Willmon on Saturday, November 8. This was the last event to celebrate the Texas 4-H Centennial. Trent Willmon, a Motley and Dickens 4-H Alumni, donated his time and talent to entertain an audience of around 700 people. Although the temperature was cold and the Texas Tech football game was at the same time, people still showed up to support the local 4-H clubs and enjoy some great entertainment.

The Motley and Dickens 4-H clubs would like to thank everyone that came out to the concert and let everyone know that all proceeds from the concert will go to help support the 4-H programs in Motley and Dickens County.

### Palo Duro Basin Oil and Gas Update

BRISCOE COUNTY: Drilling operations are proceeding on the Gunn Oil Company, Winston Lease Well #1, with the expectation that total depth will be reached this week.

MOTLEY COUNTY: On November 13, 2008, Gunn Oil Company filed an amended drilling permit application for their Browning Lease Well #1. This amended application changed the well location to 467 feet from the south line and 467 feet from the west line of Section 189, Abstract-629, Block S-5, Denison & Pacific Railroad Company Survey, 20 miles north of Matador.

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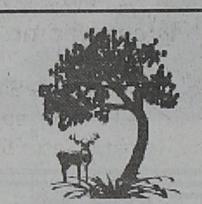
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Eighty-one-year-old Benjamin Franklin said this: "I have lived, Sir, a long time, and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth: that God governs in the affairs of man. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without His aid? We have been assured, Sir, in the Sacred Writings that except the Lord build a house, they labor in vain that built it. I firmly believe this."

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The students involved in the project are, L-R: Sam Fletcher, Utah Falcon, Justin Newman, Melissa Flores and Eric Simpson. Not pictured Karyn White.

#### City of Crosbyton will hold a Christmas Bazaar

The City of Crosbyton and Crosbyton Chamber of Commerce will hold a Christmas Bazaar in the Crosbyton County Memorial Pioneer Museum Community Room on Saturday, December 6. The Bazaar will run from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm. Over twenty vendors will display products that include tupperware, jewelry, cowboy decor, birdhouses, Christmas decorations and lighted glass blocks. Shoppers may also choose from crosses,

baked goods, gourmet foods by different vendors and gifts that can be personnalized with monograms. Other vendors will display floral items, inspirational plaques and mobiles. A burrito breakfast will be available in the nearby Pairie Ladies Multicultural Center prepared by Crosybton High School FCCLA. Lunch will be sold by the Prairie Ladies. Join us for a day of shopping at the Crosbyton Christmas Bazaar.

#### Beverly Wall to Serve on the Texas Plains Trail Board

Beverly Wall of Plainview has recently been named a Board of Director for the Texas Plains Trail Region. Hale County is one of the 52 counties that make up the region. which is part of the Texas Heritage Trails Program. Organized by the Texas Historical Commission, the state is divided into ten regions which try to preserve, protect, and promote the rich, colorful regions. The goal is to enhance and increase visitation to the

entire region--hopefully making an impact on the economy of the rural communities.

"I first became aware of the Texas Plains Trail Regional Program at a Pitch-In Plainview meeting," Wall said. "I am so glad to be a part it. Through TPTR, I have found new ways to educate the kids that I work with in church and the 4-H Extension. This organization has already opened up opportunities that never would have been possible otherwise. It's a wonderful program that offers a way to encourage others to visit our region." Regional Coordinator Deborah Sue McDonald said, "Beverly is just the kind of board member that we look for. Her background, experiences, and willingness to serve are qualities that make her such a great asset. We are lucky to have gained such an enthusiastic go-getter!"

Beverly wears many hats in the Hale County community. She serves on the boards of the Main Street Advisory, Meals on Wheels, the Crisis Center of the Plains and is the Secretary of the FISH program. A busy lady, Beverly also is a member of Pitch-In Plainview, Clover Kid's Club Manager for the Hale County 4-H Extension Club, Fundraising Chairman for the Silver Star Room, and member of the Rotary Club. In addition, Beverly finds some way to find the time and energy to teach Sunday school and be the Senior Youth Group Facilitator for the St. Paul Lutheran Church.

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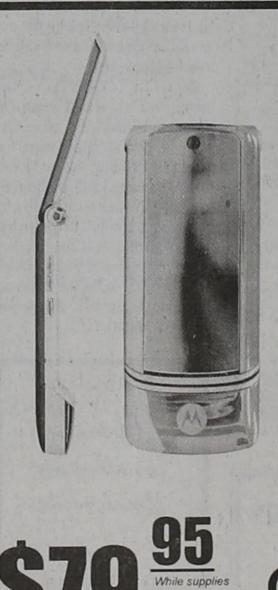
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- 6 Christmas Bazaar, Crosby County Pioneer Memorial Museum, 9-3 pm
- 7 Grannie's tea party set for December 7
- 8 Commissioners Ct 9:30
- 8 RS City Council
- 9 RS Comm Vol 6:30
- 11 M City Council, 6:30
- 11 Foothills Fellowship 7 PM.
- 15 MCISD School Board, 7:30pm
- 16 Matador Lions Club, Methodist Church 12:30 pm
- 18 Matador Masonic Lodge, 6:30 pm
- 20 First Annual Virginia Wylie Christmas Tea, 4-5:00 p.m., 914 Walton Rd.

#### January

- 6 Matador Lions Club, Methodist Church 12:30 pm
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- 8 M City Council, 6:30pm
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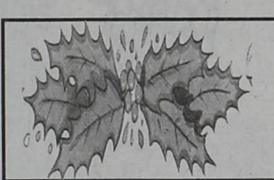
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