# MOTLLEY COUNTY TRIBUNE 

VOICE OF THE FOOTHILL COUNTRY


## Gommissioners' eourt votes to establish new bumn ban

By Carol Campbell

The Commissioners' Court met in regular session on Monday, January 12, 2009, in the full quorum was present con sisting of County Judge Ed D Smith; and Commissioners Roy Gene Stephens, Donnie Turner, Russell Alexander, and Franklin Jameson; Kate Hurt, County Clerk, Tom Edwards, County Attorney, and Michael Crutchley, Sheriff. Also attending was Marisue Potts-Powell, chair of the Motley County Oversight Committee; District Conservationist James Gillespie and Rodney Williams, Civil Engeneering Technician, Natural Resource Conservation Services
and Ben Kaukz, XDDOT. item agenda, including an 18 damage assistance update, approval of a county burn ban, the proval of a county burn ban, the
resignation of the Emergency Management Coordinator, appointment of a new chair at
the Motley County library, an update on wind energy, and a
request by the county sheriff for approval of reserve deputies. James Gillespie, District Conservationist, NRCS, met with the court in response to a request
by landowner Donnie Rogers, Flomot, on flood damage to his property received during the floods of September, 2008. "We are here to provide technical assistance to the landowner and the county," Gillespie said. Gillespie presented the court with three maps, outlining a proposed emergency spill waterway and grade stabilization structure to prevent further deterioration of additional acres of damage to the Rogers farm. The proposed spillway would consist of a riser pipe of approximately 5.5 feet in
height and 84 -inches in diameter and about 184 linear feet of 42 -inch metal pipe, draining of 42 -inch metal pipe, draining
into a spillway bottom, with the into a spillway bottom, with the
potential of diverting more than 35 cubic feet per second (cfs) of water. "This geologic ditch will
continue to move," Gillespie said, "until someone does something" (to carry the water away from the cultivated field). Commissioner Donnie Turner said the county could move the county road that is currently
impassable, but this measure impassable, but this measure
would take more of Roger's cultivated field. "The ditch will cultivated field." The ditch will making it necessary to move the read again in the future, as rushing water from rains continue to seek a path of least resistance. Commissioner Turner said he would meet with the landowner to discuss the recommendations from the USDA office.
In further business, the court accepted the resignation of James Gillespie, dated December 30, 2008, as the Emer-
gency Management Coordinagency Management Coordina-
tor (EMC) for Motley County tor (EMC) for Motley County.
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has been a volunteer position, has been a volunteer position, ty should consider a paid posicontimued on page 3


4-HER'S PARTICIPATE IN $76 T H$ ANNUAL SANDHILS STOCK SHOW L to R - Justin Todd, Jaci Zingerman, Mattie Broeks, Gabby Silva, Shane'a Russell and Cassidy Turner.

City of Matador audit report is positive

## By Larry Vogt

The Matador City Council met in regular session on January 8 at the City Hall. Present were ander, Pat Seigler, Shane Jones and Chuck Ream. Councilmember Kay Bailey was absent due to illness and Mayor Pat Smith arrived late because he was officiating at a boy's basketball game. Also present were City Superintendent Steve Barton, City Secretary Debra Scott, Larry Vogt, and Dianne Washington, who was present to explain her audit Chuck
Chuck Ream conducted the neeting as mayor pro tem unSuperintendent Steve Barton gave a report of over 59 million gallons of water pumped for the year. He also reported there were no violations at this time
but that there was a warning that month. the city needed to paint the wawritten plan that would have a written plan that would enable
someone to operate the system should Steve be incapacitated in any way. The written plan is almost completed and there are plans to paint the tanks some time in the near future. He reported that the sidewalks are completed, buffer markers have been put around the landfill, the demolition of the Wiley house is almost complete, and there are plans for the landfill operator to There was some
There was some discussion of submitting a proposal to fund some water projects as part of lus package making its way through congress. Steve Barton and Alvin Alexander are going to see if something can be submitted before the deadline this

## In the

In the City Secretary's report it was suggested that the Emergency Management Coordina or should be created as a lin item in the next budget since it may be difficult to find someone Ms. Scott also reported that the expenditures were about right for this time in the budget year. Dianne Washington present ed her audit report and showed hat the assets are all positive The audit was approved, as well as the minutes from the previous meeting. The expenditures were approved and the appoint ment of Ronald Bailey to fill the vacancy on the 4 B tax board wa proved.

There was some discus sion regarding some items for the agenda of the next meeting journed.

## Motley County Jr. Livestock Show

 Mark your calendar for February 2I, 2009By Ryan Martin
It's 37 days until the Motley County Jr. Livestock Show set for February 21, 2009 at the bus barn, so mark your calendar
and make plans to attend. The annual breakfast sponsored by Lowe's Pay-N-Save will be from 6:45 am until 8:30 am sharp. Richard Turner and his
crew will once again be flipping crew will once again be flipping
pancakes and sausage for us. pancakes and sausage for us.
All animals must be weighed All animals must be weighed
in by 8:00 am and the show in by 8:00 am and the show
will get started at 9:00 am with will get started at $9: 00 \mathrm{am}$ with
the PeeWee Swine Showmanship. Following the peewee showmanship will be the mar-
ket swine classes, bucket calves,

## THIS WEEK'S NEWS

## County News

Morley County Judge Ed D fort and other area officials me for emergency management train soring a blood drive Tuesday, January 20th

Roaring Springs News The main speaker at the RS Lions CLub was Tom Novak from the The library is pleased to announce Cal Farley's Boys Ranch in Ama- tional!
market lambs, rabbits, market goats, and market steers in that rder. A copy of the 2009 Motley rules can be picked up at the county Extension office. If you would like to donate to the stock show, please see a
Livestock Show Director, Mr Livestock Show Director, Mr.
Cooper, D'anna Russell or myself. Remember, all donations are passed onto participants to help pay for their animals, feed
and any other costs they have and any other costs they have
incurred. incurred.
This year
This year the Motley County also be presenting to a graduating senior the Memorial

Herdsman Award. This award is sponsored by friends and families that have lost a loved one that was dedicated to youth development through the livestock industry. Donations will be used to purchase a custom belt buckle that will be awarded to a deserving senior along with If you would like to make a donation in memory of someone, please contact me. Once again, mark your calendar for February 21, 2009 and come out to support our local youth as they showcase their livestock projects working hard with for the past several months.

County Agent New Most of the state's agricultural producers continued to suffer dry if not drought conditions.

By Larry Vogt
Passing into the next decade, will it be a day like nexy other? O course it will. On the day before you are 69 , then the next day you
are 70. That is not where the are 70. That is not where the
changes occur. The changes are gradual over the years, the hair color changes, the hair is thin ner, the lines in the facial skin ap pear, and there seems to be les energ Lhese same eyes it seems nothing has changed. The sun rises in the East, sets in the West, the rivers flow down to the sea, the seasons
come and go, nothing seems that come and go, nothing seems that
different until I happen to see picture of myself from, say, 1999


By Laverne Zabielski
Tuesday we met with Dr . Seigrist at to make plans for a new school news feature of the paper. In addition to publish-
ing stories weekly, Hotel Mat ador is sponsoring a full page of school news once a month This means that students stories, poems, essays, and photos, in addition to features on class projects, and sports

## TRAIL DUST



Matador Tribune January 15, 1953

Time will of course erase wades through my ranks of orderly thoughts like a drunken recruit. All the facts are like tall grass swept by the wind and point with convincing evidence to a different trend in my evaluation of character. The man walks with princes of commerce and places exciting pieces of currency on the
church collection plate. His council is sought many and patronizing men boast of his friendship after the third round in drinking circles. He is neither great
nor is he small; a respected citizen walking always in his own shadow, but deliberately The lights keep flashing after I remember his handshake. It is like clasping a slab of pie dough at slightly less then

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or 1989. Then it all comes down
to, "when did that happen"? No point being in denial, this person call me, is facing the usual fact
f being older. f being older.
It's useless to
aging, might as well accept changes as they occur; rejoice in the ability to enjoy visiting, thinking, writing, reading, playing music, playing with the grandkids,
loving family, working hikin, loving family, working, hiking It's also useful to reach out, be involved with people, serve in
whatever way that comes. This whatever way that comes. This
has the bonus of not dwelling on has the bonus of not dwelling on the little (and, yes, some are big) o everyone turning a mileston

The streets of Matador, Texas, in the 50's
and 6o's were filled with Campbell Kids. Charlotte, Carol, Richard, and I spent many Texas town. We had day in that small, West loxing let dealership that gave us cheap (sometime free) gas and lots of friends and adults that looked-out after us.
Momma and Pappy Campbell's house always seemed to be the place where my memories take me. I remember the domino games played with those plastic, green dominoes. It was also the only time I ever got to sleep in a nightgown, which were lovingly made by Momma for the four grandkids. During the early evenings we would put on our nightgowns and put on fashion shows for Momma and Pappy. We would un in circles through the living room and then through the kitchen and back to the living room with old 78 rpm records churning on the victrola. Occasionally, if the weather was good, we would get to sleep outside in type of old bed set-upout there and I can still type of old bed set-up out there and I can still
hear the spooky night sounds that we loved to "get scared" by. Of course, Carol and Charlotte were always interested in scaring the "BeJesus" out of Richard and me, but Momma Campbell was always there to save us from the dreaded night creatures. Another early recollection I have of Charlotte was a summer vacation trip to Colorado. Charlotte joined me and my Mom (Jerry) and Dad (Forrest) for my first trip to the "mountains". I was only about 5 years old but I vividly remember crossing the highest suspension bridge in the world, the Royal Gorge at 1,053 feet above the Arkan-
sas River. I was literally scared to death but sas River. I was literally scared to death but Charlotte convinced me I wasn't going to fall
to my death. I believed her until halfway to my death. I beleved her until halfway across the span, Charlotte's little red cap
blew off of her head and slowly and wistfully drifted all the way down to the river. It took forever and I remember us watching

12 foot high trailer up under the 11 foot high awning. So much for that $U$-Haul. Richard jumped out and took off running. I think he thought the New Mexico police would most likely lock-up any Texans found destroying New Mexico property. That was the beginning of the New Hexico saga for Charlotte... and a good one it was. We managed to stay
out of jail. out of jail.
Earlier that summer, the Sourdough Singers had recorded our first (and only) record
at Norman Petty Studios in Clovis, New at Norman Petty Studios in Clovis, New
Mexico. There were six of us high school Mexico. There were six of us high school
kids from Matador in the group but when kids from Matador in the group but when male vocalist (Patsy Hankins) wasn't able to go. Thank God for Cousin Charlotte. Being the trooper she is, shejoined us in Clovis and sang the female lead of "The Lonely Nightingale". I still get chill-bumps when I hear her strong, soprano voice singing "Where the Nightingale Can Sing His Song, and I Will Be Forever" which were preceded by Richard's lyrics, "When I Die, Please Take Me Back to my Home Beside the River. We are all so fortunate that our songs, and our
recorded voices, live forever. The song was a "Hit" in many markets around the United States and even in Canada and a lot of that had to do with the beautiful soprano solo performed by Charlotte.
So here we are, with over a half-century of golden memories to comfort us as we grow older. Living with all of the other Campbell's has been a blessing in my life and the blessings continue to grow. Charlotte has always been there for me when I've had my trials and tribulations in life, and she has always. helped me to keep a positive attitude when things weren't going so well. When I think of the positive way that Charlotte has apfrom Rosalind Russell in the movie "Aunfrom Rosalind Russell in the movie "Aun-
tie Mame": "Just Remember Kid, Life is a Banquet, and Most Poor Suckers are Stáving to Death."

## WRITPNG COMMWNITYY

## Some of My Memories of Life With Charlotte

by Gary Campbell
the entire voyage of the "blown away cap". I knew that if that cap could get blown off of the bridge, then SO COULDI. I RAN!!! It took me a while to trust Cousin Charlotte again. Picking cotton in the summer of 1955 I think that was probably the last year that we actually "picked cotton". After that ma chines took over (Thank God!) Charlote, Carol, Richard and I were not the best "pick ers" but Pappy was determined to introduce us to "How They Used To Do It". It was awful. We picked out more stickers from ou hands than we picked cotton. We also ha to weigh our cotton sacks after picking a few rows and write the results on a chart. Char lotte was getting to the age that she was a bit more interested in boys than she was in picking cotton. I think Dewayne was Cousin Charlotte and Das was out of sight, practicing "lising and Dewayn" whis truly an education for the bell Kids. Cousin Charlotte taught to kiss. Yahoo! Charlotte didn't have ver many pounds of cotton picked on her chart In 1965, Charlotte and Charles moved from Lubbock to Santa Fe Cousin Richard and I were getting ready to start our freshman year at Texas Tech but Charlotte talked us into helping her move all their earthly belongings to New Mexico. We had two vehicles, one of which was a small, Chevy Nov 2, that was used to pull the U-Haul traile That was a Big Mistake. All went well unt Chugging up steep hills of New Mexico. mph . mink during that part of the trip and ove Iknow wis thinking twice about y made it to the outskirts of S anta Fe a many harrowing moments. III never forge the twinkling city lights that greeted us as w barreled over one last hill at 5 mph . What a relief! We pulled into the first motel we rould find. Charlotte went in to pay for the <br> PLEASE JOTN US AT HOTREL MATADOR

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 EyERYONE'S ENYITED}Forty-Nine listed regisrants have been ordered by exas Local board No. 45 to Armed Forces during January. This board is comprised of Floyd, Hale, Motley, and Swisher counties. Of twenty am January 26, one is from Matador being Norman D Neighbors. James L. Shannon of Flomot and Joe L. Spray of Matador were listed among 4 registrants ordered to re port for Induction on January
27 th, at 5 am. However, Spray 27th, at 5 am . However, Spray
has enlisted in the Air Force. Final call for induction is for January28th. And among the 15 ordered to report, is Jasper Watson Townsend, of Mata dor.
Matador Tribune January 15, 1953

## Selective Service Selective Service

 , torasCounty Judge attends emergency management training
Motley County Judge Ed D. be ICS compliant in order to re Smith and other area officials met for emergency management training last ThursdayChildress Emergency ManageChildress Emergency Management. Incident Command System ICS) was the name of the training and it is based on the National Incident Management Sysem. The federal government requires that a city and count
eive emergency funding. The training teaches official how to approach a di. problem in their area.
Tuesday and Wedn Tuesday and Wednesday of
ficials went through ICS which is an intermediate train ing in case of an expanding incident. On Thursday participants went through ICS 400 advanced training in case of a complex incident.

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## Valentine Brag Pages

Grandparents, moms, dads, husbands, wives,
sweethearts!
Send 'em some love in the Motley County Tribune Deadline: February 2
\$12
one photo \$20
two photos

## MC PIPs show off

basketball handling skills
 time of the basketball game on Dec. 16. Back Row - Shelby Elliott, Seth Markey, Mat tie Brooks, Meagan Ford, Grant Potts, Cassidy Turner and Michael Siegler.Middle McKenna Ford, Gage Baker, Cade Drum, Cameron Stafford, Ethan Mason and Natalie Jameson. Front - Case Drum, Dawson Baker, Tatum Guerrero, Emily Jameson, Carley Turner and Brody Rankin

## Volunteers (and Residents!) Needed at Care Center

By Marisue Potts Powell

## A plea for volunteers was

 not tops on the agenda for the annual meeting of Hackberry Creek Care Center on January 12, but the need was put forth by Jin Watson. Volunteers, for by ascisting with the feding of by asisung wer ing one day a week would b tremendous help, and it could be very rewarding," he said. Anyone interested may contact Sandra Seago at the center for more information or other way to help.The annual meeting program chaired by President of the Board, Seab Washington, cuded an introduction of Mrs. Sandra Seago, who began her job as administrator in late SepMrs. Charlotte Blackburn, who mean her job in October Mrs. Seago said she was honored to be the administrator and proud of a facility with such strong community support and such a loving staff. She hopes the community will continue to offer support.
Sammie Phillips, filling in for an ailing board secretary, Regina Sheffield, read the minutes of the 2008 annual meeting which were approved s read. Then Washington ntroduced the board members: Jim Watson, Maisue Powell, Smmie Phillips, and the newest members, Pam Thacker and Larry Hoyle.
Washington explained that
lhe care center has 30 employees at the present time
nd the current census is at 24 residents. "We need more reellent, he said. "This is an xcellent facility and you, ou members, can help with the marketing. Encourage people to check us out be,
somewhere else."
The financial report prepare by Diane Washington, CPA, emphasized the need for more for the forty-five bed facility is thirty-five, so the report showe a sizable loss. However, the accountant pointed out that the oss is half of what was suffered last year, and with several more an increase in residents, the facility will be in the positive. In addition, Mrs. Seago and Mrs. Blackburn, working with very successful in scouring past records for unbilled or incorrectly billed items and resubmitting them to Medicare and Medicaid for payment. This ime- consuming task has paid off for the Care Center, but Mrs. Seago looks forward to the time when she can spend more time getting to know the staff and the Chuck Ream, vice president of the board, opened the floor for nominations to fill the three following were nominated Se Washington, Charlie Johnson, Jim Watson, Joan Patton, and Janie Campbell, who declined to serve. Washington, Johnson, and Watson were elected to
seturn to the board. Some concerns were brought commented that she missed th jolly, bubbling, laughing atmosphere once apparent. Another, who is an employee, said it was not very much fun working now And she went home exhausted A member questioned $w$ happened to ing Matador nurses. Anothe emphasized that an important part of resident care was being cared for by people who know them and know the families, and know who to call. Washington explained that personnel changes had to be made to get closer to a paying basis. During this time, no one has been fired or let go, though ome were reassigned. The ratio try standard, not something try standard, not something
invented here. He said, "Right invented here. He said, "Right
now, we are closer to making it now, we are closer to making it
work than we have been since the opening. If we stick together, we can make it work."
There was time for more kudos. Ronald Bailey thanked the board members for serving, and serving free gratis. Mrs. Phillips expressed appreciation to those who improve the morale of the men and women residents: the decorating committee, who did such an outstanding job at Christmas; the
and nail ladies.

## and nail ladies. This inspired

This inspired a lively and Turkey, to address the group. She said when they were building the care center, she once drove by with family and

## "Mon for this important task.

 "Motley County is in a precarious situation without the EMC position filled," he said. "We may become ineligible for some federal grants.""There are tw
"There are two things that a coordinator needs," Gillespie
said. "One, find someone that said. "One, find someone that
wants to do it and has the time; wants to do it and has the time;
and two, provide not only the financial support but the (coordinated) support of the city and county."
The court held a discussio regarding a burn ban for Motle County. According to Commissioner Alexander, a Christmas Eve fire that was set by an ab-
sentee landowner resulted in sentee landowner resulted five
the dispatch of more than five volunteers plus fire equipment, finally containing the fire after four days.
"All the burn ban does is to alert" people to the danger,
Judge Smith said. Further, only applies to the Funincorpo rated areas of the county. The order prohibiting outdoor burning would be in effect for 90 days. The burn ban does not involve individuals gainfully employed in a trade or profession that involves the use of combustible materials, such as a welding business. "However, there are no exceptions otherwise that we can make,"Judge Smith said.
Violation of the order is a Class
findeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed $\$ 500$. The stitute ted unanimously to inThe judge ban for 90 days. court that resigned as ane Johnson had resigned as chair of the Motboard recomnty Library board. The board recommended Larry pointment was approved unanimously by the court.
Ben Kautz, TxDOT, met with the court to present the Radio Tower Site Lease Agreement In addition to the county, the tower, located east of the historic jail, leases space to the EMS. TxDOT requested space on the tower, conducting an inspection that determined the anchors were deteriorating. The county has agreed to lease the space free of charge to TxDOT, who will The sitelease are one viewed by the county attorney, who made some adjustments to the standard state lease form This item was tabled until Feb ruary.
The sheriff asked the court to approve reserve deputies for the county. The goal of this proposal is to get volunteer law enforcement help that will be on reserve for the Fourth of July parade and OldSettlers, forexample. Volunteers would work about 16 hours
ing, individuals will have to have peace officer certification. They would not enforce outside of Motley County, Crutchley said. "They have to be trained, and up on all their training hours," he said. "These individuals would be someone we could call on in emergencies, someone to fall
back on if the sheriff gets sick" back on if the sheriff gets sick,"
Judge Smith added. The court Judge Smith added. The court
voted unanimously to name two reservists for Motley County. In a wind energy upda County Attorney Tom Edwards informed the court that a consumer group had filed suit in Austin to block the proposed transmission lines. "We have had zero political support in Austin," Edwards said. "We need to secure Motley County some benefit from this enterprise. If anyone has any input to
our "supposed" representation our "supposed" representation in Austin, then now is the time
to speak out on our behalf." In further our behalf. In further business, Judge
Smith reported that the elevator to the district courtroom, which to the district courtroom, which since the summer, had extensive work the last week of December, when a new replacement motor was installed. Again, the replacement motor "burned out." Further evaluation is in order, and will be conducted in the near future.

## Speaker From Cal Farley Boys Ranch at Lions Club

$\begin{array}{ll}\text { The Roaring Springs Lions } & \text { to college and came back to } \\ \text { Club met at the Travelers' Inn } & \text { work as a teacher and then an }\end{array}$ Club met at the Travelers Inn in Roaring Springs on Thursday
January 8. There were twelve members and three guests attending. Secretary Corky Marshall read a citation from the Texas Lions Camp acknowledging the Roaring Springs Club for $100 \%$ participation donation pledges for two years in a
row. The main speaker for the row. The main speaker for the
day was introduced as day was introduced as Tom NoRanch in Amarillo.
Mr. Novakopened his program with the story of his own involvement with the Ranch as a resident from the age of nine. He went on to graduate from high school at the Ranch, went
commented, "If I ever get old enough to go to a care center, I'd like to go there." Mrs. Farley, who greets everyone with the biggest and brightest smile, wa most generous in expressing her appreciation to the center and to the staff. "I said when I came here I was going to make
the most of it," she once told the most of it," she once told
this reporter, and she has. Mrs. Farley makes everyone's day brighter.
work a teacher and then an
administrator administrator. A short history of the Ranch revealed that it was started in 1939 by Mr. Farley, who had grown up during farming times when children were often subjected to heavy laboring conditions on farms and in factories and decided there were other ways to rear children and especially children in troubled
households who may have had households who may have had ment authorities.
The Ranch is now coeducational with a separate facility, Girlstown, USA, which is open only to girls. There are currently 260 residents at the Ranch and
"There's no better testimony, than from someone who lives here," Washington said. Hackberry has received the following memorials since I last reported: Geneva Martin by Richard and Dorothy Turner, Henry and Leona Terry, Wand Davis of Ackerly and Velma Moseley, and Carolyn Ewing; and Geneva Martin; James T. Johnson by Mary M. Jones;
girls at Girlstown The Ranch consists of an 11,000-acre campus with its own village cluster of buildings that are used as residence homes
and class facilities. They have and class facilities. They have is a conception to consumption ranch. There are after graduation programs that help former residents move on to adult life, whether it is higher education, the military service, or techni
school and the career world. After a brief question and answer session Lions Club presanswer Wession Campbell expressed appreciation to Mr. Novak and the meeting was adjourned.

Loys Cox by Joan and John Loys Cox by Joan and John
Warren; and Alvera Watson by Warren; and Al
Other gifts included five crocheted blankets for residents from Janet Martin of Dickens; 50 games and puzzles by Don and Lu Largent; and paper sacks by Lowe's Grocery Store.
The Center thanks one and all for their support, concern, and help.

Family Eye Care

 We must approach the
study of the Bible with a desire to discover truth. We must be
willing to read the Bible and allow it to speak to us. We need willing to read the Bible and allow it to speak to us. We need
to try to understand what is actually being said. The Biblical to try to understand what is actually being said. The Biblical
truths we find need to be incorporated into our own lives. "Ah, you have me there," a research scientist once said thoughtfully. "I'm not sure I can take the risk. It might mean leaving my job and becoming a missionary or something."
This man was not joking. Indeed, a few people are that honThis man was not joking. Indeed, a few people are that hon-
est. Also, we can offer him no guarantees as to what demands est. Also, we can offer him no guar
his conscience might make of him. his conscience might make of his
It is important that you and I not to prove what we already beme to the study of the Bible we must believe. Only then will we be truly, students of the we mu
Bible.

[^0]Roaring Springs Church of Christ Michael G. Crowley, Sr. BIBLE STUDY 10:00 a.m. Worship 9:00 a.m.

## NEEWS AROUND MOTLEEY COUNTY

## Raving Spinigs News <br> By Monta Marshall

snowy days that you settled by the fire to read a good book, shell pecans, mend or do handwork. Men might bring their tack in to mend or maybe clean and oil. Kids really loved the snow days; playing, having snowbal fights, slipping and skating we new games they got for Chris nd will likely have some ally 'blustery cold days'. I have long list of interesting things could do when they happen. In this day and time with mostly paved roads and 4 -wheel drive ehicles we seem to go on about our days as usual in spite of bad weather. I guess I can dream of snowed in days.
Bobby Fletcher is home from he hospital.
We received word yesterday hat former resident, Charle Hipp died. He was the son o merdes and Reiby Hipp. Ruby ing and Rehabilitation Cente in Lubbock Her address 5301 University Avenue; Lub bock, TX 79413 . Charles was he owner of Lubbock Saw and Knife for many years and Turf Equipment on Slide Road in ubbbock. His funeral servic will be on Wednesday. He will be missed! He came often to Roaring Springs.
Benny D. Dillard had shoul der surgery last Thursday. H is at home recuperating. Barbara Alexander has been on the sick list for some time. She also will be going in for more tests Please pray for Barbara She has had a very rough year. The First Baptist Church Roaring Springs has begun Children's Church hour. Last Wednesday evening there were thirteen children and on Sun-

## Senior Citizen Menu

Thursday, January 15
Broccoli and cheese stuffed potato, tossed salad, banana split dessert.
Friday, January 16 Fried fish, red beans, creamy
coleslaw, baked hushpuppies, oranges. Monday, January 19
day there were nine in attenGleghorn are in charge of thi program. All children are in vited to attend.
On Saturday evening, Corky and I went to my son, Kevin McClaran's for a steak dinner. My daughter-in-law, Tracie's par-
ents, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Mohon ents, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Moho joyable evening
Suzanne Abbott was surprised
with a birthday cake at the three o'clock coffee gathering at the Traveler's Inn last Wednesday Those present were: Ken and Suzanne Abbott; Lyn Mont gomery, Buzz Thacker, Ale and Jo Crowder, J. N. Fletcher Chig Guinn; Margaret Leonard Corky and Monta Marshall. Suzanne is enjoying being 39 !
Christmas news is still trick ling in. Joe Glenn and Joyce Meredith's family spent Christ mas Eve at their home. Those Meador: Tony, Sherry and Sean Rose all of Matador Jeremy, Whitney, Morgan and Judson Jones of Morgan and nah and Angelica Meredith of San Angelo; Kenneth Ashley and Yancy, Daphne and Parker Meredith of Roaring Spring All but the Jones and Yancys family were there also on Christ mas Day. Yancy, Daphne, and Parker took Jonah and Angelica back to San Angelo on Decem ber 27th.
Yancy, Daphne and Parker spent Christmas Day in Hale Center with Daphne's paren
Ronny and Dorothy Farmer.
Mr.and Mrs.Sam Swim
Lubbock drove to Dickens to meet Mr. and Mrs. J.T Swim of Roaring Springs, and Mr and Mrs. J.R Swim of Abilene to ea Birthday.


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Homot News<br>By Tumpan Jamenan


#### Abstract

OVERHEARD What sunshine is to flowers, smiles are to humanity. They are but trifles, to be sure, but, scattered along life's pathway the good they do is inconceivable. Kathy and Clois Shorter at tended the Ragtown Gosp Theater in Post Friday nigh and enjoyed the performance Musical Concert and the Drama of Judas. Mrs. Marisue Powell of Mot Creek Ranch and Mary Elle "Dude" Barton were honore on their birthdays by Mrs. Powell's son and family, Jim and Mary Ann Potts and sons of Floydada with a luncheon, cake and gifts Saturday at the Main Street café in Matador. Mrs. Judy Renfro of Matador was a guest. Jack and Nada Starke were in Amarillo Monday and Tuesday for Jack a medical appor. Mrs. Jackie Lynn Davis of Fritch met them there. Mr and Mrs. Starkey visited in Canyons with son and wife M and Mrs. Michael Starkey Anna Beth and Joe Ike Clay were in Lubbock, Tuesday for his medical appointment. They continued to the Pant They continued to the Pan- handle and visited with Larr and Angelica Clay and en joyed the basketball games in which their children, Tanne and Kelsey played




## Do Gooders' Club Of Flomot Bogins New 2009 Season

 Flomot began the New Year,
Tuesday afternoon, January 6 at the Community Center with the election of officers. The following elected
serve for 2009 were Mrs. Con nie Franks, President; Mrs.
Doris Vinson, vice president; Doris Vinson, vice presiden
Mrs. Anna Beth Clay, secre tary, treasurer and reporter.
During the business session During the business session
conducted by Mrs. Franks some of the projects planned
for the coming year are another refrigerator, new floor
tile in closets, storage room and pantry and a new heater for bathroom.

## Hostesses, Mrs. Waydetta Clay and Mrs. Mary Jo Calvert

 presided at a snowman de-signed service. The table was

thended the Briscoe County stock show Saturday held at the Vance Price Barn of Valle School. Her grandchildren Walker, Ryleigh and Parke Carson and Caden Edward of Turkey participated in the event.
Recent visitors of Roger and Doris Vinson and Mrs. Beverly Vinson were Shannon Vinso and son, Morgan of Lubbock Mrs. Marilee Cooper
Borger visited Wednesday and Thursday with her father, Wilburn Martin. They visited in Lockney, Wednesday with Mrs. Wanda Lane. Visiting Friday and Saturday with Wilburn was his granddaughter Lindsey Martin of Amarillo. Butch and Janice Hughe were in Lubbock, Monday for him to receive an evaluation of his treatments and prog ress. May God Bless him. Justin Calvert of Dumas vis ited overnight Friday with his grandparents, Mary Joe and Doyle Calvert, Glen and hiscle, Glen have killed 97 hogs within the last four months.
Danny Barrett of Quitaque Matador and Flomot Rura mail Carrier, is a patient at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock and listed in serious condition. His sister, Judy Barret of Quitaque is a is bed side and ask for your prayers Mrs. Cally Sperry of Flomo is substituting for him on hi mail routes.
long blue table runner snowflakes on each end. The centerpiece was a snowman on a blue place mat. They served refreshments of dips and chips, assorted cookies, popcorn and peppermint sticks with
punch.
The Hostess gift was a decorative set of candleholders in a snowman gift bag. Barbara Payne was pleased when her name had been drawn. Those attending were Mes dames Erma Washington, Suzue Shannon, Waydetta Clay Mary Jo Calvert, Barbara Payne, Doris Vinson, Tommie Jo Cruse, Connie Franks and

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stand the Test Of Time. Sub-
mitted by Lessie Pope to Flo-
mot Do-Gooders Cookbook. Plano. She would love to hear from everyone, and her birthday is January 25 . Cards and notes may be mailed to her at: Billie Koon, c/o Ken Koon, 4528 Hitching Post Lane, Plano, TX 75024-214
The Texas Principals Excel lence Program (TxPEP) will be conducting a workshop at morrow. Principals from De City, Amarillo Nowice ers Avoca, and Sierra, Leun ers Avoca, and Sierra
will be attending will be attending Earth Movers, Inc, a construction company located in Hurst, were in Matado recently. They are working on an area highway construction project.
Area superintendents will be meeting at Hotel Matador next Wednesday at noon. The Russell clan had thei holiday reunion recently Dorothy Russell, JD D'anna Russell, Shane'a Colton Russell, Marilymn and Randy Hicks, and Linda and Luke Roy were the following. Emily and Paul Teegardin of Silverton; Tom Roy of Weatherford; Matt and Kelly Roy of Fort Worth; Caron and Jesse Perkins of Odessa.
Also, Jeremy, Dana, and Emma Perkins of Waxa-
hachie; Jessica, Danny, and drive. A"Be A Hero" blood drive is when the elementary students Motley Conits to come to the Motley County Drive. Each elementary student will receive one prize for every donor that they recruited. The classroom who recruits the most donors for wid

## Trail Fixin's

Matador News

Billie Koon is in rehab in Kate White of McKinney; Kate White of McKinney; Kevin, Kim, Jacy, and Jake Hicks of Cedar Park; Jason, Kimmie, Hannah, and Hailey
Hicks of Temple; Lara, Adrian, Jay Temple; Lara, Adribar of Lubbock; Muriel Hicks of Buffalo Gap. The MCISD elementary students and the MCHS Student Council hosted a bake sale last Tuesday to benefit Lockney ISD, whose down recently.
A blood drive is set for Tuesday, January 20 , in
the MCISD Multi-Purpose Room. Science teacher Kathy Gillespie schedules the community blood drives and may be contacted for further information. All citizens who are at least 18 years of age are urged to participate.
Myra McCleskey is starting college classes on an educational aide scholarship this week. She will be taking College toward earning her College toward earning her and teacher certification. She and teacher certification. She
is taking English Composition and Introduction to Recreation this semester. Myra currently works as a special education aide at Motley County ISD. She is the wife of James McCleskey, and their children are Colby, Dillon, Ashley, and Justin.

MCISD sponsors blood drive

## The Motley County School is in that classroom. Remember

 sponsoring a blood drive Tues- every donor who donates next day, January 20th from 11:00 week at a mobile drive will be el-a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Multi-
igible for a chance to win a $\$ 200$ a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Multi- igible for a chance to win a $\$ 200$
Purpose Room. This drive will VISA card. During the month of also be a "Be A Hero" blood January, a \$200 VISA card will
$\qquad$ be given away each week. The
donors will come from the mobile drives from the previous week. Find the HERO in you and donate next Tuesday, January 20th. For an appointment please call Kathy Gillespie at

By Dorothy Pope


#### Abstract

$\begin{array}{ll}\text { It's Kind of Spring Again, } & \text { Chicken Casserole } \\ \text { I'm going to start cleaning out } & \text { Grease pan or baking }\end{array}$ I'm going to start cleaning out flowerbeds soon, and getting ready to plant a garden. We decided that today is the day that we will go to Flomot and dig some of Lessies Iris, isn't it funny how when nothing else

Here is a recipe that will stand the Test Of Time. Sub- mitted by Lessie Pope to Flomot Do-Gooders Cookbook. Grease pan or baking dish ough to Put uncooked rice ough to cover the bottom. 1 cup $1 / 2$ cups of water 1 cup cream of celery soup 1 cu soup 1 small can of carnation milk


Notes from the Library

After about two months of headaches, and over one
hundred feet of tele cord, the library is pleased to announce: Our Fax machine is finally operational! I am so excited about this. We get about five people a month needing to fax something, and now we can finally help these folks. I have to say thank you to my sister, Bree, all the enough to let me send her sev eral "test" faxes as I was getting the machine set up. It was quite comical, but we finally quite comical, but we finally
got it working.

Obituary

## Elsie Vaughn Gilbert Thacker

Elsie Vaughn Gilbert Thacker died on January 2, 2009. in Matador Texas sometime in She was born in Yoakum County, Texas, on December 30, 1911 . Her parents were William Murphy and Annie Drennan when Elsie was a young girl and later to Roaring Springs She married Clyde Gilbert ctober 6,1928. He preceded her in death September 7, 1976. She married Freeman Thacker December 1,1978 . He preceded her in death June 19, preced
1984.

Toper Topeka United Methodist Church on January 5th.

School Menu
Thursday, January 15 : sin biscuit, sausage, or cereal, Lunch: Frito pie, corn, salad, crackers, chocolate pudding, milk.
Friday, January 16:
Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza Toast, Juice, Milk
Lunch: BBQ, Bun, lettuce, omato, pickle slices, French ries, pineapple chunks, va-

Monday, January 19th Breakfast: Biscuit, scrambled eggs, bacon

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## Lunch:, Salisbury Steak/

 cuit, honey, milk.
## Tuesday, January 20 Breakfast: Cereal, toa uice, milk. <br> Lunch: Chicken Nuggets, creamed potatoes, green

 beans, Hot roll, honey, milk.Wednesday, January 21 Breakfast: Waffle, sausage, or cereal, toast, apple-
sauce, milk. Lunch: Cheese Pizza, sa wafers, milk.

## County Agent's News <br> by Ryan Martin, Agri LIFE EXTENSION Agent

## 7-Hers' Participate in Stock Show

County Agent Ryan Marti took Jaci Zingerman, Mattie Brooks, Gabby Silva, Shane'a Russell, Cassidy Turner and Justin Codd to the 76th An Rodeo in Odessa on Januay and 3 to compete with their and 3 to compete with their goat projects. Also traveling to the
show with these 4 -Hers' were Jamie Martin, Craig, Cathey and Carlee Turner, JD and D'anna Russell, Lori Alexander Tina Brooks, Dvonna Grundy, Michael, Louann and Michael Michael,
Silva.
This
This was a very tough show as there were 6 classes of goats averaging 54 goats per class. These kids were competing against others who showed all summer on the show circuit and in jackpots. Shane'a Russell was the only one to receive a plac her class Justin Todd of 56 in called back into the show ring to compete for Senior Showmanship. Everyone did an excellent job exhibiting their animals and representing Motley County Congratulations to these individuals on a job well done.

## Western Rolling Plains <br> Chemical Conference Slated for <br> January 19, 2009

The Western Rolling Plains Chemical Conference will be held on January 19, 2009 at the conference will featurer. The approved CEU's and a catered approved CEU's and a catered
lunch. Topics that will be covered will include: Range Her bicides, Cotton and Wheat Herbicide Updates, Grain Sorghum Production Updates, as well as an in depth marketing outlook provided by Stan Bevers, and 1 hour of laws and regulations for all TDA pesticide applicator license holders. We will also cover a new program being of-
fered this year known as the


Report
COLLEGE STATION - Most of the state's agricultural producers continued to suffer dry if not drought conditions.
Low soil moisture levels were critical in some areas, limiting the planting of winter wheat and possibly even spring wheat if rainfall patterns don't change,
reported Texas AgriLife Extenreported Texas AgriLife Exten sion Service age
the state. The Fa
The East and Southeastern rain, but both could use ore particularly the Southeast, according to reports.
"No question it's dry and we need a rain," said J.D. Ragland, AgriLife Extension agent for Floyd County, northeast of Lubbock. "Really, no wheat in Floyd County is responding or grow ing at this time. Some irrigated fields look decent, but they too need a good rain."
"Moisture is needed badly," said Brad Easterling, AgriL County, southwest of Wichit Falls.'What few fields were able to be grazed have been grazed to the point of exhaustion or the wheat is simply pulling up due to shallow root systems. Most fields are not even being turned out on and will miss any chance of being grazed."
"Extremely dry conditions," said Marty Gibbs, AgriLife nels County, south for Run"Wheat looks terible ablene

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fields have died if they came up mived with rain early,"
Our county ends 2008 in severe drought conditions which have to downsize and reviewalternative feeding sources to offset costs," said Dirk Aaron, AgriLife Extension agent Bell County, near Temple. "Corn producers who have not fertilized for the 2009 planting are looking at alternative sources of fertilizer due to soil conditions being too dry for anhydrous ammonia. "The drought continues, said Bob Whitney, AgriLife Extension agent for Williamson County, north of Austin. There has been some drizzle but no continue and wheat farmers have parked their drills without planting" "We
rains in the past couple of weeks which have given cover crops enough moisture to start growing," said Armon Hewitt, AgriL ife Extension agent for Trin ity County, southwest of Lufkin. "The weather has changed from hot to cold back to hot every few on livestock expecially har
mixed with rain." PANHANDLE: Little to no rain or snow combined with
high winds depleted moisture. The short soil moisture across much of the region left the wheat crop and pastures in fair to poor condition. Moisin fair to poor condition.. Mois-
ture was desperately needed for the dryland wheat. The cotton harvest was mostly completed, with short yields and lower quality. Supplemental feeding of cattle continued.

ROLLING PLAINS: Conditions remained extremely dry. Green bug numbers increased over the past several weeks, and
a few producers were a few producers were spray-
ing. Winter-grain mites ing. Winter-grain mites were numbers. Wheat rust is still numbers. Wheat rust is still Much of the pasture in the area had no winter grass at all. Stock tank levels continue to recede. Not all counties were under a burn ban, but residents were cautioned about outdoor fires. Though cattle prices remained
low, some producers were selllow, some producers were selling anyway to avoid the cost of keeping and feeding calves
through the winter.

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