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Winter storm of rain, sleet, and snow



A limb from a tree in front of Randy and Marilyn Hicks residence on Main Street fell on Randy's pickup. No major damage was reported. (Photo by Charli Bigham).



A tree in front of the Old School building lost several branches due to layers of ice. Trees were encased in ice Thursday and Friday, with a major thaw on Saturday morning. (Photo by Charli Bigham).

Wind Expo to Help Connect Wind Industry with Landowners

FLOYDADA, Texas, January 26, 2010 – On March 4, 2010 the Floyd County Friends Unity Center in Muncy, Texas will be transformed into a wind energy hot spot. Wind energy developers, consultants, transmission service providers, manufacturers and many other industry professionals will set up shop in order to connect with local land and business owners.

The event will be free and open to the public, but it will also be free for companies who want to promote their services or products. Interested companies are being offered the opportunity to set up an information table or booth free of charge.

Caprock Plains Wind Energy Association (CPWEA) is hosting the event in order to help bring all the pieces of

the wind energy development puzzle together. Wind energy events, specifically trade shows, are held around the country year round, but the voice most often missing is that of local landowners and community members. This wind energy expo is meant to help wind industry professionals make connections with the local land and business owners as well as important community leaders who serve as an integral part of wind energy development in any rural community.

CPWEA is working with Class 4 Winds, a wind advocacy group out of Amarillo, Texas, to plan the event. AJ Swope, executive director at Class 4 Winds, is hopeful that collaborating with one another to bring an event like this together will benefit everyone

involved.

"This is the perfect opportunity for two of the region's wind coalitions and their respective memberships to work together in promoting the renewable energy potential and businesses of the area," Swope said.

Several transmission service providers, developers and other entities involved with wind energy development have already expressed interest in being involved in the expo, but there is still plenty of room for more exhibitors to sign up. Interested parties should contact CPWEA for more information or visit the news/links page of CPWEA's Web site to find an expo flyer and exhibitor sign up form (<http://www.caprockplainswind.com/htm/NewsLinks>).

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By Carol Campbell

Motley County experienced rain, sleet, and snow beginning last Thursday about noon through Friday (January 28-29), with a winter storm that halted traffic, encased electrical lines, trees and limbs with ice, and had local crews scrambling to respond.

Ken Marshall with American Electric Power (AEP) said north Matador had a few power outages but they were short-lived, attributing the relatively mild result to months of advance preparedness. "We have spent a lot of time tree trimming, keeping limbs off of power lines," Marshall said. "We also changed out about

30 to 40 cross-arms," he said, diminishing the likelihood of lines drooping to the ground with a heavy ice load.

County Judge Ed D. Smith reported "we never had a 'bauble' at the courthouse. I was surprised and proud we didn't have any major power outages in Matador," he said.

According to fireman Rodney Williams, there were no fire-related emergencies in Motley County; and Sheriff Michael Crutchley reported no major wrecks. "We had one person slide off the road east of town, and one accident, but no injuries," he said. Bert Darsey said he pulled a car out of the barrow ditch east of Matador. But other than a few mi-

nor traffic problems, Matador fared better than most of the Texas Panhandle.

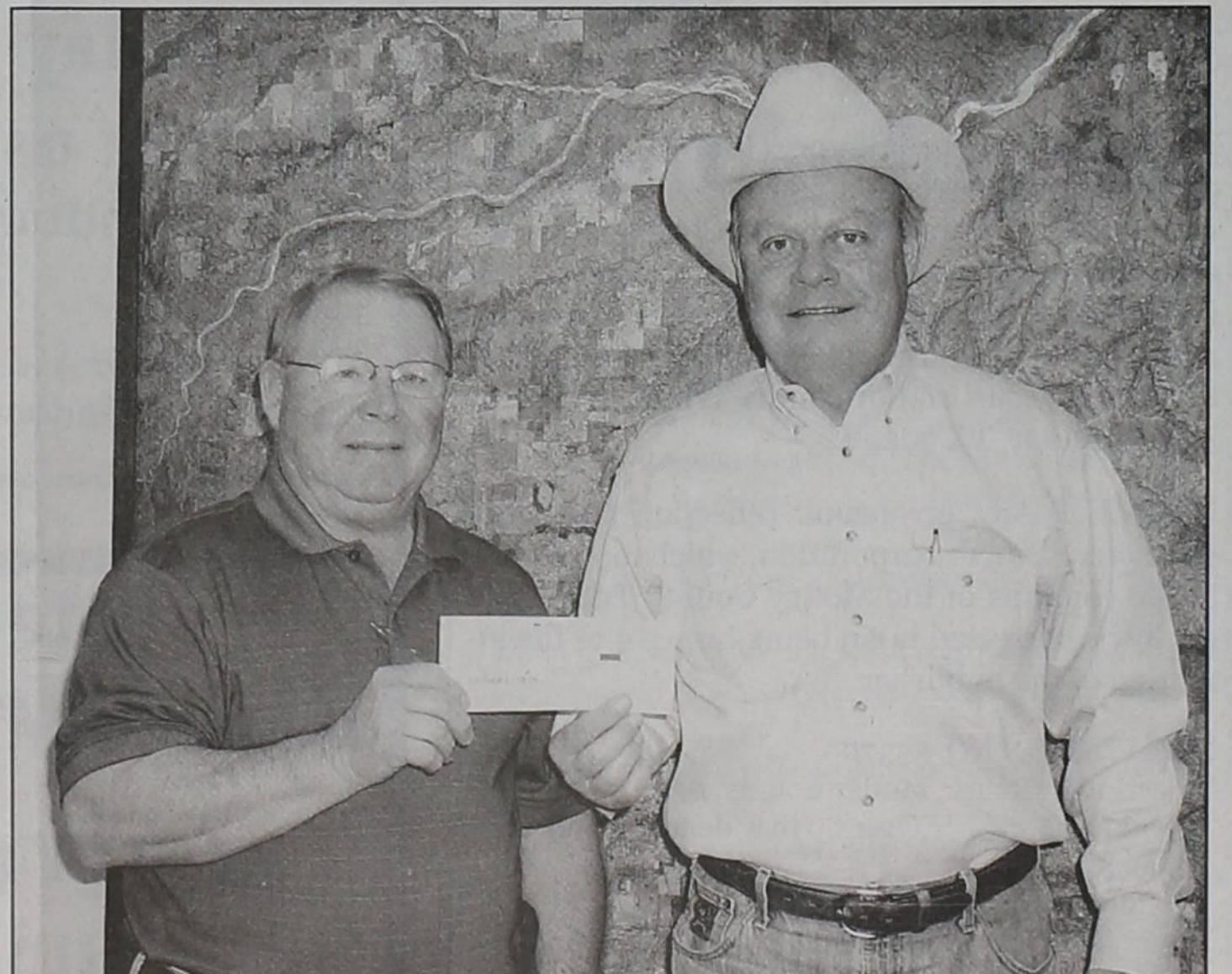
According to TxDOT, I-40 was closed due to snow and ice from the Texas-New Mexico state line to the Texas-Oklahoma state line. Travel warnings for all counties in the southern half of the Childress District, including Motley County, were issued by TxDOT for January 28-29.

TxDOT crews were in full force Friday morning, applying de-icing materials and pushing snow and slush from the major roadways. Other closures reported by TxDOT were US 54 from New Mexico to Stratford, and US 287 from Amarillo to Oklahoma.



Local electrical crews worked hard on Friday to repair a downed power line due to a large tree branch that fell. AEP reported minimal power outages in Matador. (Photo by Charli Bigham).

The First National Bank of Floydada makes generous donation



The First National Bank of Floydada made a generous donation to the Matador/Motley County Volunteer Fire Department last week. This contribution will go towards the purchase of badly needed personal protective equipment and general fire fighting activities. Pictured here; Bank Chairman Tom Farris presents the check to VFD Secretary/Treasurer James Gillespie.

Foothill Country

Connections

Community, Diversity, Art
When you have history, you have pride.

By Larry Vogt

some hot chocolate. Our fingers and toes were numb and sometimes we were a little frostbitten, but it all seemed fun. The adults would talk about the snow problems and we kept on playing till dark or till we felt our fingers start to tingle and lose their feeling.

I trudged through the snow drifts delivering newspapers and still had fun playing in the snow before I had to go on my paper route.

Hope you all didn't get snowed in, and anyway if your grand kids asked you to take them sledding, I'm sure you went right on and took them, and provided the hot chocolate, too.

A landscape with the new fallen snow is a beautiful sight to behold. If one has to work outside in the snow or work with it as in snow removal from highways, the perception changes. If one has to travel the highways, and the snow is so heavy the highway is closed to traffic, as it was on Interstate 40 all through Texas last week, then snow is trouble.

When we were kids the snow was fun. We would spend hours building snow forts and having snowball fights, building snow sculptures, sledding, and then coming in for

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About Earth-Kind Roses

By: Nell Rains, Master Gardener

Earth-Kind is an important trademark given to only a few selected roses by its creators, Texas AgriLife Extension Service, which is part of the Texas A&M system.

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The decision as to whether a particular cultivar is worthy of the Earth-Kind designation is one taken very seriously. It is on average, based on eight years of research and field trial data of

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nated Earth-Kind.

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As additional rose cultivars are elevated to Earth-Kind, it will be announced to the general public when they are released.

Obama Administration Names Appointees to USDA's Farm Service Agency State Committee in Texas

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29-The Obama Administration today announced the individuals who will serve on the Texas Farm Service Agency State Committee. The State Committee members will oversee the activities of the agency, including carrying out the state agricultural conservation programs, resolving appeals from the agriculture community and helping to keep producers informed about FSA programs.

"These individuals will work with USDA to help farmers and ranchers build and maintain successful operations that produce the safe, nutritious food supply that America needs while spurring economic development in our nation's rural communities," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. "They bring the experience and passion necessary to help continue the Obama Administration's efforts to rebuild and revitalize rural America."

The individuals appointed to serve on this committee include:

Jerry D. Glover (Chairperson)

Glover, from Muleshoe, Texas, has over 45 years of experience in Agriculture policy. Glover is a third generation farmer currently farming in Parmer County. He has received multiple awards, including the Heroes of American Agriculture Award by the American Corn Growers Association in 1996. He served from 1994-1996 as Chairman of Parmer County FSA Committee and served as the Executive Director of the Texas Corn Producers Board from 1996-1999. From 1997-2001, Glover served on the USDA's Research, Education, and Economics (REE) Executive Advisory Committee. He is currently a board member for the Bailey County Farm Bureau.

Debra Barrett
Barrett, from Edroy, Texas, is a fourth generation cotton farmer, and has been farming cotton and grain sorghum since 1981. For the last six years, she has served as a member on the San Patricio County FSA Com-

mittee. In 2005, she received a USDA appointment to the Cotton Board. Ms. Barrett is a Director of South Texas Cotton and Grain Association and has participated in the National Cotton Council's Cotton Leadership Program. She currently serves as the president of San Patricio County Drainage District and is a member of the Sinton Rotary Club.

Armando Mandujano
Mandujano, from Cayanosa, Texas, owns Mandujano Brothers, a partnership with his three brothers. The farming operation consists of 4,000 acres producing watermelons, cotton, onions, pumpkins, and peppers in Pecos and Reeves County. Mandujano has served as an advisor to the Pecos County FSA Committee. He was also a member of the Trans Pecos Cotton Growers Association. Mr. Mandujano received a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Angelo State University and is fluent in Spanish.

Wesley Ratcliff
Ratcliff, from Oakwood, Tex-

as, has been involved in agriculture for most of his life, and has owned and operated his current ranch for over 9 years. He served in the Army from 1963 to 1965. After leaving the Army, he worked as an aerospace engineer for NASA for four years. Mr. Ratcliff also was an Assistant Professor of Mathematics for Texas Southern University for several years. He has a Master's degree in Mathematics from the University of Houston and Bachelor's of Science degree from Prairie View University.

Glen A. Rod
Rod, from El Campo, Texas, owns and operates Rod Grass Farm LLC and Jones Creek Farm JV growing rice, row crops, and turf grass. He has served on the boards of the El Campo PCA, Rice Council, Rice Farmers Co-Op, and Turfgrass Producers of Texas. His accomplishments include being named Rice Farmer of the Year, Soybean Farmer of the Year, and Ag Man of the Year. He has a Bachelor's degree in Agronomy
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Correction

In the Relay For Life story last week's paper it should have read: Other volunteers for offices in the annual Relay for Life drive are: Brittany Moore, Registration Chair; Shonda Elliot, Entertainment Chair; and Pam Newman, Advocacy Chair.

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Volunteers are the heart-beat of Hackberry Creek Care Center

By Carol Campbell

A hair salon may resemble the traditional walk-in with no appointment; or a full-service salon with cuts, color, perms, and style. Hackberry Creek Care Center hair salon offers something a little different, tending toward the non-traditional: no appointment is necessary, hair must be shampooed, and no money can be exchanged.

This non-traditional beauty salon is manned fully by a core of dedicated volunteer hair stylists, averaging about five hours of service a week for almost three years. The first hair appointment on April 6, 2007, is now the oldest resident at the center, Dora Watson, 98. Volunteers have provided a staggering number of coiffures, at last count, 1,633, and counting.

The heart and soul of the operation is Carolyn Ewing, who modestly says, "it's not me, it's the volunteers - they are awesome." But make no mistake, this volunteer has rarely missed a Friday at the care center since 2007, and regards her mission "a true blessing." She has been volunteering at nursing care centers for more than 40 years, she said, adding, "My dad called me 'Barber Sue' - I have always loved doing hair."

Volunteering at Hackberry is a labor of love for Ewing. "I love older people," she said. And, according to Ewing, she gets an added bonus: "The stories they tell are priceless. I get way more out of it than they do."

While some residents may not know the day of the week, they know beauty shop day is Friday, she said. "One day we had six wheelchairs in here." The tiny shop has two stations and three hair dryers. Volunteers broke the styling record this past holiday season. "Right before Christmas, we did 25 residents

in one day. It was our best-ever record," she said. The center is growing, increasing by about 50 percent since 2008. Ewing said they might have to add a hair and nail day to the volunteer schedule to accommodate the sheer numbers of residents needing services. More hair means more expenses to run the shop. Providing for supplies is also a volunteer effort.

The beauty shop has an anonymous donor who keeps the shop in supplies, including hair spray, Ewing said. Other donations have included hair dryers and curling irons. "We have one anonymous couple who donate directly to the beauty shop each month to help with our supplies; others who donate and are good to help with anything special we need. We appreciate them so much," Ewing said.

"We have several who have helped furnish equipment. Whitey Whitefield family donated the shop chairs. Also, we love the pictures and mementos that have been displayed by the decorating committee."

Some volunteers donate cookies on Fridays, "so we can take them to the dining room for coffee and cookies after their hair appointment." According to Ewing, Wanda Kilmer has made hundreds of cookies to this end.

In addition to Carolyn Ewing, regular volunteers consist of Nova Dale Turner and Doris Vinson. "Doris was the Activities Director for about the first year Hackberry was open," Ewing said. "A few months after she retired from that job she became a volunteer." Nova Dale cuts the hair of the men residents, she said. Her mother, Sylvia Martin, is a resident at Hackberry. These faithful three are consistently joined by other volunteers in the community.

Helping with hair or nails

are: Deanie Edwards, Raynita Murphy, Kathy Shorter, Regina Sheffield, Dartha Westbrook, Rex Carson, Susan Jameson, Joyce Campbell and Norma Nell Marrs.

"Hackberry is fortunate indeed to have great community involvement," Administrator John Vunk said. "Other activities and volunteers will be featured in the future."

Here is a short overview of the volunteer effort at Hackberry: Every Sunday at 2:30 p.m. churches in the community rotate and provide inspirational sermons and music. The Church of Christ is scheduled for the 1st Sunday of the month; 2nd Sunday, First Baptist Church; 3rd Sunday, United Methodist Church; and 4th Sunday, Full Gospel Church, Roaring Springs. On the occasional 5th Sunday of the month, Johnny Morris conducts services. Morris also holds scheduled Bible Study.

The Church of Christ honors all residents with birthdays for the month, providing cake and punch to residents that have passed another milestone.

The First Baptist Church, Women on Mission, conduct sing-along and visiting, once a month.

The Roaring Springs Lions Club provides a crowd-pleasing Bingo game once a month, complete with prizes for the residents.

Dinah Young volunteers at the center, reading to vision-impaired residents. The Board of Directors donate their time as non-paid business partners. And Devonne Dillard, Dartha Westbrook and Bennie Brown on guitar volunteer their talents, playing the piano and singing with the residents.

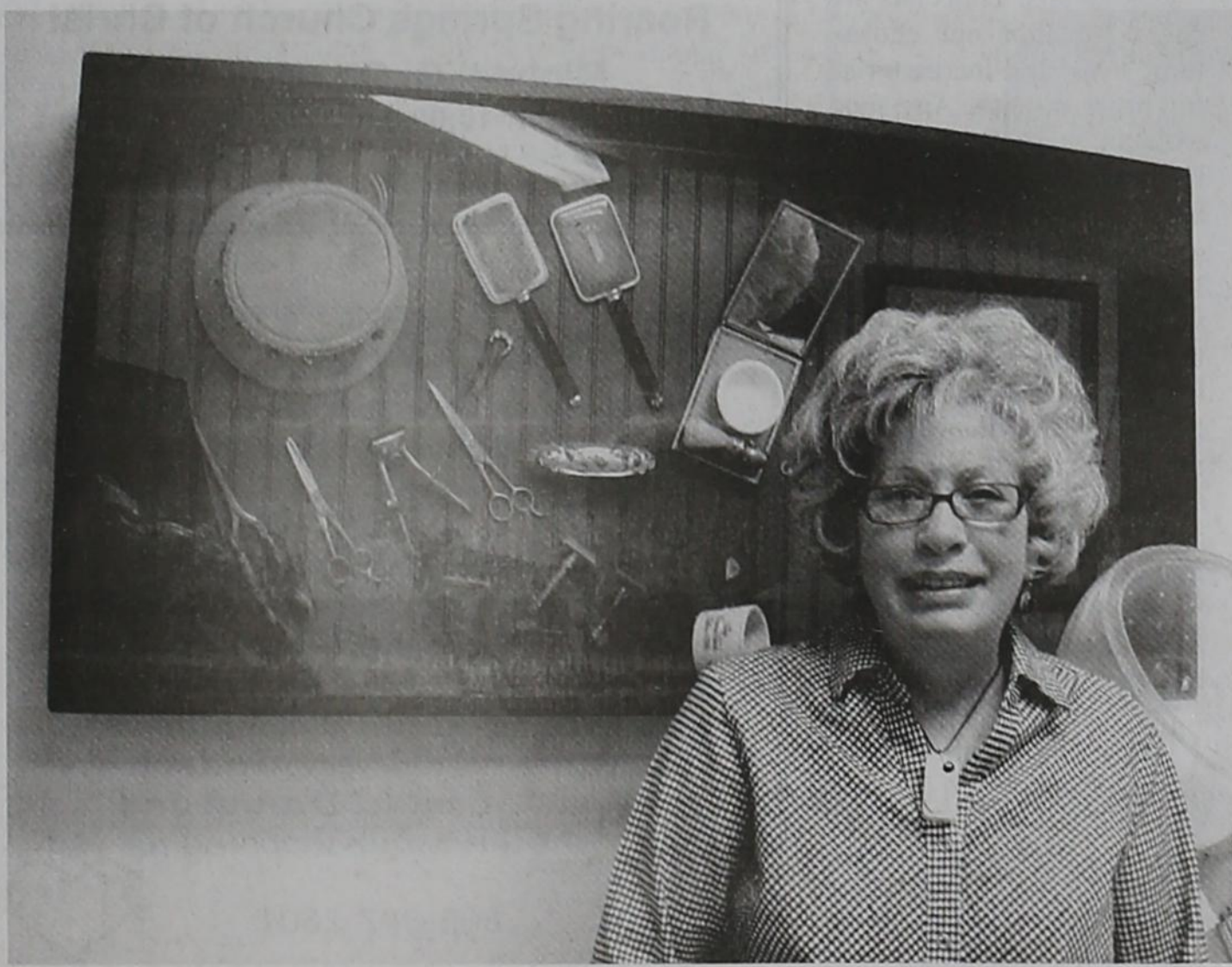
"We are very proud of the involvement of the community at the center. This is what makes our home so special," Vunk said.



Pictured is volunteer Carolyn Ewing (left), styling resident Joy Pyle, while volunteer Doris Vinson looks on.



Pictured (L to R, standing) are Hackberry Creek Care Center hair salon volunteers: Carolyn Ewing, Doris Vinson, Nova Dale Turner, Janie Campbell, and Norma Nell Marrs. Seated under the dryer is resident Lorene Lancaster. Other active volunteers, not pictured, are: Deanie Edwards, Raynita Murphy, Kathy Shorter, Regina Sheffield, Dartha Westbrook, Rex Carson, and Susan Jameson.



Pictured is Volunteer Carolyn Ewing in the Beauty Shop at Hackberry Creek Care Center. She is standing in front of a shadow box of antique hair salon memorabilia, courtesy of volunteer Shane Jones. Volunteers have donated five hours a week since the center opened in 2007, completing about 1600 styles and hair cuts.

Wind Expo to Help Connect Wind Industry with Landowners continued from page one

"We hope that wind energy companies nationwide will take advantage of the opportunity to come and meet with landowners in one of the most wind rich regions in the country," said Kelly Ayers, executive director of CPWEA. "Our association's goal is to

keep landowners connected in the wind industry and we think this is a great way to do that while also helping to provide a networking venue for everyone involved with wind energy."

CPWEA is a non-profit landowner association work-

ing to connect landowners with developers in the wind industry. CPWEA's goal is to recruit wind development to the region and help revitalize rural communities. Contact CPWEA by phone at (806) 983-2793 or by email at info@caprockplainswind.com.

Important voter information

The primary election day is March 2, 2010.

Last day to register to vote is February 1, 2010.

Early voting runs from February 16 through February 26, 2010.

Deadline for requesting a ballot by mail is February 23, 2010.

If you have questions call your County Clerk's office.

Motley County Clerk is Kate Hurt at 806-347-2621 and speak with Kate or D'anna.

Ben C. Grundy Candidate for Motley County Judge

Having lived in Motley County all of my life and owning land and operating a cattle business, I feel it gives me a large interest in the welfare and economic status of our county.

I have worked with several aspects of the Wind Energy Industry including researching land deeds and leasing land from landowners for such companies as Renewable Energy Systems (RES) and JMP Land Company. While working with these entities, I became familiar with and started applying my skills on the computer to obtain information on the internet (such as county records), email, and creating word documents and spreadsheets.

I have also worked in the Prison system for a number of years which gives me some insight on how the judicial system works.

I am a proud supporter of 4-H, Motley County Livestock Association, and Motley County Youth organizations. I am a director of the Motley-Dickens Old Settlers Association. I know that the future of Motley County lies in the hands of our younger citizens.

I am a member of the First United Methodist Church in Matador and presently serve on the Board of Trustees.

Since deciding to run for this office, I have been gathering and studying information pertinent to county statistics and policies. I have also reviewed and familiarized myself with Motley County's current budget and researched information regarding state and federal funding. One of my objectives is to see Motley County's financial status improved. I feel that I can be fair, honest and impartial to you the taxpayers/citizens of Motley County.

I am trying to visit each and every one of you, but if I do not see you please know that I will still appreciate your support in the election and will do my best to benefit Motley County in the role as your County Judge.

Subject to the Democratic Primary, March 2, 2010
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NEWS AROUND MOTLEY COUNTY

Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

February 4, 2010
On a personal note . . .

Well, I really goofed last week. My only excuse is not seeing well and getting on the wrong line when I forwarded my news to the Tribune. (I do have an appointment next week to get my eyes checked.) When I write the news, I save it in a file and then send it by email to the Tribune. I inadvertently selected and attached an old column from last May. I will try to remove all the old columns from my computer to make sure that doesn't happen again. I am sure that you thought that I had really lost my mind! Several people did question me about my mental condition. I think it is okay, it's just my eyes. I guess that was the laugh for the week and maybe no one was confused for long!

The ice and snow made more beautiful 'bling bling' than any you could see in shops. I know that TXDOT, utility workers, ranchers and some others didn't think it was so beautiful; but since I did not have to be out in it, I enjoyed seeing the light on the ice encrusted branches and icicles. I made some pictures but couldn't capture the rainbow colors and spectacular glitz.

February 4, 2010
In the community . . .

Chooch Meyer was injured in a target shooting accident last week when someone's gun discharged accidentally. He was air lifted to University Medical Center in Lubbock with a wound in his thigh. Luckily no bones were hit. There was a small nick to an artery that was missed in the initial exam. On Tuesday, Chooch underwent surgery to repair the artery. He returned to his home in Big Spring on Thursday. His mother, Laura Long, accompanied him to help him until he can get around better.

The First Baptist Church served fifth Sunday lunch to 27 people. Special guests were the Rev. Bill and Arlyce Manney. Being fifth Sunday, Brother Kelly Warren and some members of FBC went to Hackberry Creek Care Center in the afternoon to hold services for the residents. Those attending from Roaring Springs were: Pearl Patten, Zella Palmer, Sheila Lefevre, Leland and Vonda Brendle, J. N. Fletcher, Dana Graham, and Corky and Monta Marshall.

On Saturday, January 30, Bobby Fletcher was released from Mangold Memorial Hospital in Lockney. Bobby's son, Peyton Fletcher of Arlington, Texas, took Bobby home with him for a while.

Several people reported power outages during the ice and snow storm. Ralph and Marisue Powell stayed overnight at the Traveler's Inn Hotel after being without power and water during the storm. It is nice to have a place to go that is not too far away when there are things that make staying at home difficult.

There will be a Roaring Springs Volunteers meeting on February 9 at the Roaring Springs Community Center. A potluck supper will be served. Barbara Bogart of Cap Rock Telephone Co-Operative has arranged a program for the evening on the best way for seniors to plan ahead for long-term care.

The Roaring Springs Lions Club will meet at 11:30 a.m. at the Windmill Café for their monthly meeting. John Vunk of Hackberry Creek Care Center will be the guest speaker.

January 28, 2010
On a personal note . . .

Some things are near and dear to my heart. I feel a very strong commitment to them. After God and Jesus, of course it is my family. The congregation where I worship are like family

too. Close friends are extended family to me. This past week a son of a close friend committed suicide. That was heartbreaking news. This particular friend had been a rock to lean on when my first husband was dying with cancer. He and his wife would come and stay several days and when they were there they would take care of laundry, the house, the yard and fix anything that needed fixing that needs attention from day to day use. All I was allowed to do while they were there was take care of Jerry and rest. When it was time for Katie to return to Abilene to college, my friend and son came to move her to school; it was her second year and she and friends had rented an apartment and so she needed her bed, chest of drawers and any other household plunder she could gather up.

Needless to say, Corky and I tried to do all we could for him in his time of need. He stayed two nights with us and we attended the graveside services held in Muleshoe on Thursday.

Here is another thing dear to my heart—the Relay For Life campaign coming up to benefit the local cancer patients and cancer research. I have lost several family members to cancer, my first husband, the father of my children, and Corky has had two brushes with cancer. I doubt there are many families who have not been scarred and touched by cancer. Like repaying my friend for all his kind deeds, I want to do all I can to promote research and to support my local Relay For Life. I do it because the knowledge gained has helped Corky survive two times. There are many friends in Motley County living full lives because of research and better treatments. I do it in memory of the losses my family has of a husband, grandmother, uncles and aunts. Perhaps you feel the same; this is a good way to be involved so that the folks we love might have another birthday and another year of life.

January 28, 2010
In the community . . .

Bobby Fletcher was taken by ambulance yesterday to the hospital in Lockney.

The First Baptist Church Choir attended and participated in the Gospel Night Singing at the Senior Citizens Center in Dickens on Saturday evening. Those attending were: Zella Palmer, Sheila Lefevre, Dana Graham (our pianist), J. N. Fletcher, Barry Atkinson, Leland and Vonda Brendle, Corky and Monta Marshall and our house guest, Ralph Roming. The Brendles and their son Tucker, had a group of puppets that performed some very good gospel music! It was a fun time.

Lexie Gullege celebrated her 12th birthday with a slumber party. Friends attending were: Mattie Brooks, Macie Marshall, Autumn Woolsey, Kaylee Woolsey, Gabby Silva, and Hannah Mason.

Billie Stuckey is at home after spending a week in the Big Bend area south of Marfa, Texas, where Don is working training hunting dogs. Billie said that it was beautiful with the mountains in the distance and it was warmer than it was here.

Sunday luncheon guests of Zella Palmer were: Johnny and Tammy Palmer and Miranda and Tinley Slover, all of Lubbock; and parents of Tammy Palmer, T. and Bobby Gilbert of Paducah.

Note . . . Correction

I have a correction to last week's news. Jackie Farmer, pastor of the Faith Free- Will Baptist Church in Lubbock is not the Daniell's former pastor. He is their current pastor as they moved their membership back to Lubbock where they had been members for many years.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

Overheard

The irony of life is that, by the time you are old enough to know your way around, you are not going anywhere!

Kathy and Clois Shorter were in Lubbock, Saturday where they met daughter and family, Keri and Kevin Sehon and son, Brian of Wolforth. They celebrated the 10th birthday of Brian with a party and all the trimmings at the Main Event in Lubbock. A fun filled time was enjoyed by all attending.

Visiting Johnie Starkey from Friday until Sunday was his brother, L.T. Starkey of Ralls. Others visiting him this week are sisters, Mrs. Phylis Gladson of Austin and Mrs. Nola Long of Wynnewood, Oklahoma.

Visitors of Ruth and Orville Lee Saturday were son, Joey Lee of Clarendon and grandson, Richard Lee of Amarillo.

Mrs. Nada Starkey was an outpatient during the week at Cogdell Clinic in Lockney for influenza medical treatment. Sunday, she reported she was doing fine.

Butch and Janice Hughes were in Lubbock, Sunday as his sister, Mrs. Thelma Pierce of New Deal passed away at the rehabilitation center in Lubbock.

Sherrilyn and Dan Foster of Lubbock visited Sunday

with her mother, Mrs. Mary Jo Calvert and brother, Glen Calvert.

A Contrast of Weather and Temperatures in January

We sure had a contrast of weather and temperatures during January 2010 in Motley County! An arctic front on January 7 with light snow, 12 degrees and not above 27 degrees all day.

The middle of the month, Spring-like temperatures reaching 75 degrees. January 22 we had 52 mph winds reported that resulted in a dust storm. Then on January 28, rain, sleet, four inches of snow and a layer of thick ice on everything breaking tree limbs. Not above 19 degrees all day and temperatures dipped to a nighttime low of 10 degrees verified by the National Weather Service in Lubbock. Because of the hazardous roads, Motley County Schools closed at noon, January 28 and all day January 29th.

Motley County National Weather Service Volunteers report the total moisture for January: Buzz Thacker, Roaring Springs 1.29; Ron Bailey, Matador 1.00; Betty Simpson, Northfield 1.73; Lawrence Allen, Whiteflat 1.00 and Clois Shorter, Flomot 1.17.

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Healthy Living for a Healthy Planet
By Rainbow Vogt, PhD

My how quickly time goes. We are already in February—how are those new years' resolutions coming? If they had anything to do with diet, perhaps it may help to take a look at the foods we keep at home. Better yet, let's look at the ingredients. There are two ingredients in particular that health professionals are targeting for elimination to improve nutrition: high fructose corn syrup (HFCS) and trans fats. Most folks have probably heard of high fructose corn syrup. It is a sweetener that is made by processing corn and is found in many beverages and processed foods. The processing of corn to make HFCS is highly intensive and involves caustic soda. A recent article published in The Journal of Environmental Health showed that using caustic soda leaves mercury in the HFCS. We already knew that eating certain types of fish (e.g. tuna, swordfish, and other fish at the top of the food chain) exposes us to mercury. We now know that HFCS is also a dietary source of mercury. Mercury is the next most lethal compound to humans after plutonium and leads to nervous system, muscular, and cognitive damage. So, in addition to being a high-calorie, low-nutrient ingredient, HFCS is responsible for toxic mercury exposure.

What about trans fats? These are artificially created fats that increase shelf life of processed foods and are more harmful than naturally occurring fats. Trans fats are shown to alter our cholesterol levels and increase risk for heart disease. Any food with an ingredient list that includes "hydrogenated oil" has trans fats.

Once you start looking for high fructose corn syrup and hydrogenated fats in the ingredient list, you may be surprised how often you find them! For this reason, it may be easiest to reduce consumption of processed foods as much as possible and focus more on unprocessed, whole foods and water instead of soda and other sweetened beverages.

Please email any of your health questions to doctoryourself@gmail.com. This column provides strategies for human and environmental wellness and is not meant to serve as medical advice.

Local SWCD Convene Community Natural Resources Conservation Meeting

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and the Upper Pease Soil and Water Conservation District invite the public and any agencies with an interest in conservation issues to participate in a Local Work Group meeting to be held at the SWCD board meeting room. This meeting will be on February 9, 2010 at 8:15a.m.

The purpose of this meeting is to receive input from a broad range of local agencies, organizations, businesses, and individuals that have an interest in natural resource conditions and needs in Motley County.

Input received will allow the Local Work Group to priori-

tize resource concerns in an effort to maximize EQIP funding for local producers.

The 2008 Farm Bill stipulates that conservation programs must continue to be locally led. Through stakeholder meetings, the public is given an opportunity to help local conservation leaders set program priorities. These meetings are open to the public.

For more information, call the USDA-NRCS office in Matador at (806) 347-2263 x3. Service center locations and program information can be found on the Texas NRCS Web site at www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov.

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There might be some who that view a life of faith as mundane or uninteresting. But practicing Christianity will bring about conflict. It always has and it will continue to do so. The Christian lifestyle is far from mundane.

Christians soon learn that there is a daily conflict. Why is this? Because right and wrong are always in conflict and that struggle goes on every day. Christian people know that the successful outcome of faith results in glory to our God. Through our faith comes the ability to overcome whatever may be the conflict.

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Weather Trivia

What is the temperature of lightning?
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Weather History

Feb. 4, 1887 - San Francisco experienced its greatest snowstorm of record. Nearly four inches of snow was reported in downtown San Francisco, and the western hills of the city received seven inches. Excited crowds went on a snowball-throwing rampage.

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Notes from the Library

By Buffy Crutchley

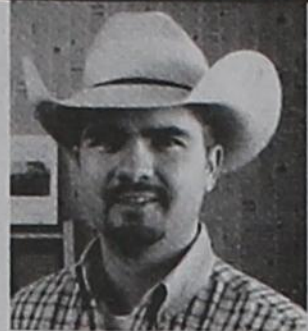
Any Bill Neal fans out there? This Texas author's newest book has just arrived, and I think it's sure to please. The book, titled "Sex, Murder, and the Unwritten Law" chronicles six famous trials in Texas from 1896-1977. I briefly thumbed through it, and can't wait to sit down and read it cover to cover. It looks really fascinating, and I'd be willing to bet some of you remember reading about these trials in the news. The neatest part of the whole book, Mata-

dor's own Marisue Powell is mentioned in the author's 'Acknowledgements' section.

I hope you can join us for our Friends of the Library meeting, Thursday, February 4th in the Library. We have so much to discuss this time. I know I always say that, but it's true! Come give your input.

Other new books this week: "Kisser" by Stuart Woods, "The Wolf at the Door" by Jack Higgins, and "The Spire" by Richard North Patterson

County Agent's News



by Ryan Martin, Agri LIFE EXTENSION Agent

Marketing plan seminar scheduled for Feb. 8-9 in Amarillo

AMARILLO - A two-day short course, "Selecting, Developing and Working a Marketing Plan," will be held Feb. 8-9 at the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center in Amarillo, located at 6500 W. Amarillo Blvd.

The focus of the course, taught by Alan Brugler, president of Brugler Marketing and Management LLC headquartered in Omaha, Neb., is learning how to select an appropriate marketing plan for an individual operation and guidelines for executing the plan.

Brugler will discuss different types of marketing plans, the drawbacks of each, and how to set the rules on when to abandon or modify the plan. This involves a combination of time and price-based targets, seasonals, probability and charts, among other things, said Dr. Steve Amosson, AgriLife Extension economist in Amarillo.

During the course, he will also talk about how to interpret Commodities Futures Trade Commission data, the role of index funds and swaps dealers in the markets today and how to identify their footprints.

"Alan is a very popular

speaker on the Master Marketer program and brings in a world of experience. He was director of market analysis for DTN and is a regular guest on the U.S. Farm Report," Amosson said.

The course runs from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. both days. The registration fee is \$125 and includes the cost of instruction, materials, lunch and breaks. Registration is limited to 50 participants on a first-come basis, so preregistration is required, he said.

"This is a great opportunity to gain some market insights from a nationally known expert," Amosson said. "Producers spend a lot of time planning and growing the crop; why not invest some time to figure out how to sell it?"

For more information and the registration brochure, go to the Master Marketer Web site, <http://mastermarketer.tamu.edu> or contact Jane Planchon at 806-677-5600 or JAPlanchon@ag.tamu.edu.

Checks and money orders should be made payable to Texas AgriLife Account #222100-60021 and sent to Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center, attn: Jane Planchon, 6500 W. Amarillo Blvd., Amarillo, Texas 79106-1796. For credit card payments, go online to register at <http://agrilifevents.tamu.edu>.

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Obama Administration Names Appointees to

USDA's Farm Service Agency State Committee in Texas

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my from Texas A&M University.

USDA's Farm Services Agency works to increase economic opportunity and improve the quality of life for rural Americans. Some of the agency's efforts include facilitating income support, disaster assistance and conservation programs, providing operating loans for the procurement of farm equipment, seed and fertilizer, as well as offering ownership loans to help new and veteran producers purchase a farm.

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Obituaries

Belmont Bourland Watson

Belmont Watson passed away on January 14, 2010, in Shawnee, Oklahoma. A celebration of life service was held at 2:00 p.m. on January 16 at Hereford Heritage Funeral Home in Hereford, Texas. Burial followed at Rest Lawn Cemetery. Reverend Bob Searl, Pastor of University Baptist Church in Shawnee, officiated.

Belmont was born May 16, 1916 to Finis and Emma Bourland. She grew up in Motley County and graduated from Silverton High School. She earned degrees at Wayland College and West Texas State Teacher's College. She taught elementary school from 1938 until her retirement in 1978.

She married Frank Watson on June 20, 1940. They lived in Adrian, Vega, and from

1945 until 1997, in Hereford. After Frank's death in January 1997, Belmont moved to Shawnee, Oklahoma, where she lived until her death. She was happiest when she was sewing, quilting or playing hymns on the piano. She was a kind and generous woman of faith and lived a long, quiet, and joyous life.

Belmont was preceded in death by her five brothers: William, Truett, John, Wilson and Dale Bourland; and two sisters, Irene Brown and Mollie Simpson.

She is survived by her son and wife, Douglas and Kay, of Shawnee; her granddaughter and husband, Erin and Adam, of Lawrence, Kansas; and her sister Edna Ruth Green, of Matador; and many nephews, nieces, and friends.

Mary Jinkins McMahan

Mary Jinkins McMahan, 98, died Thursday, January 28, 2010 in Amarillo.

Services will be scheduled at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of Minton/Chatwell Funeral Directors of Panhandle.

Mrs. McMahan was born on February 8, 1911 in Matador, TX. Her family moved to Motley County in 1890 and she spent her lifetime in Matador until 2001 when she moved to Panhandle. She was a clerk at Stanley Pharmacy in Matador. She lived at Garretson's in Panhandle from August, 2001 until April, 2006, then to St. Ann's briefly before mov-

ing to The Arbors' in Amarillo in September, 2006. She was a member at the First United Methodist Church in Matador. She married Nelson B. McMahan on November 22, 1935 in Matador and he preceded her in death on January 9, 1990.

Her survivors include her daughter Fran M. Williams and husband Jim of Panhandle, two grandsons - James Williams and wife Terri, and Wes Williams and four great-grandchildren.

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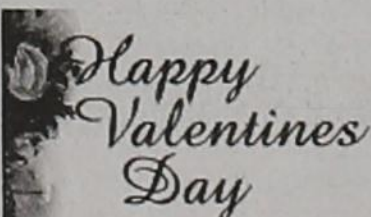
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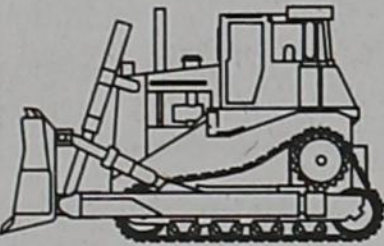
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- 3 Kids Praise
- 4 Friends of the Library meeting, 3:00pm
- 4 RS Lions
- 2-5 - Fort Worth Stock Show (steers)
- 6 Men's Breakfast 7:00 a.m. at the Methodist Church in Matador.
- 8 Comm Court
- 8 RS City Council
- 9 RSCV
- 9 - Rolling Plains Cottonseed Meeting (time and place TBA)
- 10 Hospital Bd 7am
- 10 RSCV
- 11 M City Council
- 13 - Motley County Jr. Livestock Show
- 15 MCISD School Board, 7:30pm
- 15-17 - San Antonio Lamb Show
- 16 Matador Lions
- 18 Matador Masonic Lodge, 6:30 pm
- 20-21 - San Angelo Lamb and Goat Show
- 22-23 - San Angelo Gilt Show
- 24-26 - San Angelo Barrow Show
- 25 Eastern Star, 6:30pm

March

Notice of Election

The City of Matador will hold a City Election on May 8, 2010. Applications will be accepted to fill (2), two-year terms for city council and for (1) two-year term for Mayor. February 6, 2010, will be the first day to accept applications for a place on the ballot. March 8, 2010 will be the last day to accept applications for a place on the ballot. Applications may be obtained and filed at Matador City Hall located at 706 Dundee, between regular business hours, 8 to 5, Monday through Friday. Ballot position drawing will be held at 10:00 a.m. at Matador City Hall on March 12, 2010. ct5

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MOTLEY COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT NOTICE OF ELECTION

The Motley County Hospital District will hold an election on May 8, 2010. Applications will be accepted for three members of the board of directors for a two-year term. Applications for director position may be obtained between February 6, 2010 and March 8, 2010 from Dianne Washington, CPA at 710 Bailey, Matador, Texas 79244, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The signup period will end March 8, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. ct5

Request for Proposals

Motley County ISD is publishing a Request for Proposals for a new copy machine contract. Anyone interested in submitting a proposal should contact Dr. Andrew Seigrist, Superintendent for specifications. ct6

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Texas Transportation Code Chapter 258, the Commissioners Court of Motley County, Texas, intends to consider the adoption of an official county road map.

The purpose of this action is to clarify the public versus private status of the existing rural road network. After adoption, the official county road map will serve as conclusive evidence of the public's right of access over roads shown on the map and of the county's authority to spend public money to maintain the roads included on the map.

The Commissioner's Court of Motley County will hold a public hearing on: February 8, 2010, at 1:15 p.m. in the Commissioner's Courtroom located at the Motley County Courthouse, 701 Dundee Street, Matador, Texas; at which a citizen has the right to protest the county's claim of a public interest in a road included on the map. A person may also file a written protest to the County Judge at any time prior to the public meeting.

The proposed official county road map will be available for viewing 30 days prior to the public meeting during regular business hours at the Motley County Courthouse. ct5

Notice of City Council Election

The City of Roaring Springs will hold a general election of city officers on May 8, 2010. Applications will be accepted to fill (1) 2 year term for mayor, and (2) 2 year term for council member. February 6, 2010 will be the first day to accept applications for a place on the ballot. March 8, 2010, is the last day for accepting applications for a place on the ballot. Applications may be obtained and filled out at Roaring Springs City Hall during regular business hours, 8 o'clock AM to 12 o'clock noon, Monday through Friday. Ballot position drawing will be conducted at Roaring Springs City Hall, at 10 o'clock A M on Friday March 10, 2010. ct5

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The election will be held on May 8, 2010. Three positions of three year terms are to be filled on the Motley County ISD School Board.

The filing period will begin Feb 6, 2010 at 8:00 a.m. and end on March 8, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. During the filing period the Superintendent's office will be open from 8 am until 4 pm Monday through Friday.

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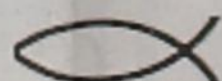
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