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Council votes to fund emergency coordinator position

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By Carol Campbell

The Matador City Council met at 6:30 p.m. January 14, 2010, at City Hall with a full quorum consisting of Mayor Pat Smith and Councilmen Pat Seigler, Kay Bailey, Shane Jones, Chuck Ream, and Alvin Alexander. Also in attendance were City Secretary Debra Scott, City Superintendent Steve Barton, and Joel Guerrero. Also attending was County Judge Ed D. Smith. No one spoke in Open Forum.

In the City Superintendent's report, Barton provided the council with an overview for 2009, stating that the city had pumped 55 million gallons of water with 10.2 million gallons in waste water intake at the sewer plant. In addition, the city landfill accepted 4,000 tons of solid waste. Barton said in addition to replacing water lines and cleaning sewer mains, there would likely be a "lot of meter replacement" in 2010.

County Judge Ed D. Smith was on the council agenda to discuss the funding of the Emergency Management Coordinator position. The county recently budgeted \$3,000 for this position, and is requesting \$1,500 from Matador and Roaring Springs city governments to help supplement the position. Job duties would include securing grants that would benefit both the city and the county. The position is primarily an administrative position, Smith said. "A coordinator will serve as an emergency advisor, arrange training for volunteers, and act as a liaison in case of an incident," he said. The council voted unanimously to commit funds for this position.

In other business, the council voted to approve the sealed bid of Ron Bailey for Lots 13-16, Block 140, for \$305.00. Councilwoman Kay Bailey abstained.

City Secretary Debra Scott reported that roof damage last May at City Hall followed by insurance reimbursement and repairs left an overage of \$1,300 that can be used to repair damage to the interior of the building. Scott asked for bids to paint and repair the ceiling upstairs with two local contractors. The council voted unanimously to accept the bid of \$1,450 from local contractor Billy Green.

Following the acceptance of an Energy Efficiency grant of \$23,000, other City Hall repairs will include replacement of the upstairs windows and heating and cooling window units; and repair of three windows on the first floor. Additionally, insulation and reroofing of the Well House, replacing a door and two side windows was proposed. The deadline to "tell the funder how we want to spend the money" is set for January 15, 2010, Scott said. The council voted unanimously to go out on bids for the repair work, voting to give the City Superintendent and the Mayor per-

mission to approve the bids for grant submission.

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Following review, the Council adopted a Municipal Investment Policy, favoring the example Investment Policy recently adopted by Motley County.

An Executive Session was called by Mayor Smith to discuss the Compensation Time in the Personnel Policy. Following a short break, the Mayor reported that "no decisions were made at this time," tabling this item for further review.

Other action items included a unanimous vote to authorize two city employees to be certified as Animal Control Officers. In addition, following a discussion on the Jetter Services, the council voted to repair the city-owned equipment that would enable the sewer system to be pumped. The plumber has the option to call the city, if needed. The cost of Jetter services during working hours is \$75.00, one hour minimum.

In the Financial Report, City Secretary Debra Scott said that she would be preparing a proposed budget for the council meeting next month for 2010. The city fiscal year runs from April 1-March 31. Scott reported that as of December 31, 2009, total funds including the General, Water, 4A, and 4B funds, plus the Water District and Municipal Fines has a total of \$391,117.69, with funds earning \$30.75 in interest for the fiscal year.

American Red Cross Pledges Initial \$1 Million to Haiti Relief

WASHINGTON, January 13, 2010 – The American Red Cross is sending money, supplies and staff to Haiti to support relief efforts there after yesterday's earthquake, which caused catastrophic damage and loss of life.

According to reports, as many as three million people may have been affected by the quake, which collapsed government buildings and caused major damage to hospitals in the area.

The Red Cross is contributing an initial \$1 million from the International Response Fund to support the relief operation, and has opened its warehouse in Panama to provide tarps, mosquito nets and cooking sets for approximately 5,000 families.

In addition to Red Cross staff already in Haiti, six disaster management specialists are being deployed to the disaster zone to help coordinate relief efforts. At this time, the American Red Cross is only deploying volunteers specially trained to manage international emergency operations.

There has been an outpouring of support from the public. To help, people can make an unrestricted donation to the International Response Fund at www.redcross.org or by calling 1-800-REDCROSS (1-800-733-2767). The public can also help by texting "Haiti" to 90999 to send a \$10 donation to the Red Cross, through an effort backed by the U.S. State Department. Funds will go to support American Red Cross relief efforts in Haiti

Debris and collapsed bridges are making access to many areas extremely difficult. Telephone service and electricity are out in many places. Haitian Red Cross staff worked throughout the night to rescue people still trapped in their homes and provide first aid. The priority remains to provide food, water, temporary shelter, medical services and emotional support.

The American Red Cross already had fifteen staff in Haiti providing ongoing HIV/AIDS prevention and disaster preparedness programs. All are reported to be safe and responding to the disaster.

To date, there have been no requests for blood products from the government of Haiti. However, some patients at an affected facility in Haiti have been moved to a Guantanamo Bay hospital, and the Armed

Services Blood Program has asked both the Red Cross and Florida Blood Services for support for those patients. In addition, the American Red Cross will be sending a shipment of blood products to the United Nations Mission in Haiti.

While communication with those in Haiti is still difficult, people should contact the U.S. Department of State, Office of Overseas Citizens Services at 1-888-407-4747 if trying to reach a U.S. citizen living or traveling in Haiti. If trying to reach a Haitian citizen, callers should continue to call or contact other family members who live nearby.

While donations are coming in for Haiti relief, the initial American Red Cross response is made possible in part by contributions from members of the Red Cross Annual Disaster Giving Program (ADGP). The following partners designate a portion of their ADGP commitment to the International Response Fund: American Express, John Deere Foundation, Kimberly-Clark Corporation, Morgan Stanley and State Street Foundation.

More families than ever may qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit

DALLAS — More families than ever may qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) this year, including those hit hard by tough economic times who can use a financial boost. The Internal Revenue Service is organizing a special EITC Awareness Day on Friday, January 29, 2010, to try to reach out to taxpayers eligible for the credit. Scores of events will be held across the country to help people claim the credit.

"Our studies show that one out of four families who qualify

for the EITC fail to claim it," said Clay Sanford, a Dallas-based IRS spokesman.

"Many eligible families are leaving hundreds of dollars on the table."

This year changes in the law mean more money for larger families. Families with three or more qualifying children can receive a maximum of \$5,657. In addition, married couples filing a joint tax return can earn up to \$48,279 and claim the credit if they have three or more qualifying dependents.

This top income threshold has increased from \$41,646 last year with two qualifying dependents.

Last year more than 2.2 million taxpayers claimed the EITC here in Texas. More than \$5.3 billion was claimed on those income tax returns.

Taxpayers should be aware that this credit is refundable. In other words, you may owe no taxes but you can still be paid the credit. You must file a tax return, however, in order to claim it.

American Legion Post 337 to meet

American Legion Post 337 will meet on Monday, January 25, at the Motley County Senior Citizens building, at 7:00 p.m. The usual format of the meeting will not be followed; there will be no "bring a dish" meal at the meeting. Refreshments and snacks will be provided. A short business meeting will be held to discuss "Boys State" and future meetings. Members of the Auxiliary are invited.

Hotel Matador Accepted into Membership of Texas Bed and Breakfast Association

Hotel Matador Bed and Breakfast recently passed the rigorous inspection process and exemplary standards review to become one of "The Great Stays of Texas" as a member of Texas Bed and Breakfast Association (TBBA), the state organization of inspected inns, bed and breakfasts, guesthouses, and distinctive hotel.

TBBA is committed to the pursuit of excellence and provides quality continuing education to its members and to other innkeepers to enhance the level of professionalism in the industry.

Owned and operated by sisters Marilynn Hicks, Linda Roy, and Caron Perkins, the property is a completely renovated historic hotel originally

built in 1914 in downtown Matador. It opened in 1915 as the Carter Hotel.

Hotel Matador's membership in TBBA is the public's assurance that the establishment is on a level far above the ordinary. Association members exhibit true Texas hospitality as well as meeting guidelines of excellence for cleanliness and safety.

With numerous bed and breakfasts currently operating in Texas, TBBA limits its membership to those accommodations that meet the exacting quality standards and qualifications that distinguish TBBA properties as being the very best in the state. The membership presently includes more than 150 properties, most of which are de-

scribed in the organization's Official Guide to Texas' Finest Bed and Breakfasts, County Inns, Guest Houses, and Distinctive Hotels.

Innkeeping has been referred to by *Time* magazine as America's "most envied profession." TBBA offers educational seminars and conferences each year that include an *Aspiring Innkeepers Workshop*, providing opportunities for people to learn more about the industry, the lifestyle, and how to get start-

To obtain a free copy of the guidebook or for more information about upcoming conferences or workshops, visit the association's web site at www.texasbb.org.



Hotel Matador Bed and Breakfast earns recognition as one of "the great stays of Texas" following Texas Bed and Breakfast Association inspection process. Photo by Ken Young



Foothill Country

Connections

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

By Larry Vogt

The printed word is our avenue to discover what others before us wanted to communicate to any one, whether contemporary to the writer or to future generations years later. How interesting to us to read what Benjamin Franklin or Thomas Paine wrote in the middle 1700's.

So it is with printed music. A musician can get a direct line to a composer's creativity and transform black marks on a page to sounds that can transport us to many pleasurable moments.

To be sure, the oral traditions, the storytelling traditions can be passed along through many generations, but the printed versions have the possibility of lasting past the last person who may remember the old ways and old stories.

Also it is with music. Many very gifted musicians have learned their craft without the knowledge of written music, but the published songs and orchestral scores give us the ability to reconnect with anyone from Bach to Bartok.

Published music gives us a rich history of the way music has been written, how the publishing of it has evolved from hand copied sheets to mechanically printed sheet music.

Many of us had our first exposure to written music via the church hymnal. We listened to the singing and learned to sing along and some of us went on to learn how to read the notes.

After I had reached adulthood and was playing complex music from the printed page I tried to understand how my mother had taught herself to play the piano. She apparently had figured out how to connect the notes on the page to the keys on the piano. She had the rhythm quite accurate from hearing the songs and proceeded from there to playing and singing at the piano. Since I had the privilege of many music lessons plus classes in school, it was always a marvel to me that she could do what she did without formal training and enjoy it and inspire me to continue family musical traditions.

WRITING COMMUNITY

The Civic-Minded Sheriff

By Ron Bailey

The second Sheriff of Motley County, Texas was John L. Moore. Moore was born December 24, 1852, in Fannin County in northeast Texas. He had came west by 1885, where he married Lou Gibson in Graham on November 25, 1885.

According to the payroll records of the Matador Land and Cattle Company, Moore went to work for the Matador Ranch on January 3, 1890. Lou, his wife, operated a millinery shop in downtown Matador during the 1890's.

The first Motley County Sheriff, Joe Beckham, was accused of embezzling county tax funds. The Motley County Commissioner's Court declared the office of sheriff vacant. They proceeded to appoint Moore as the county's second sheriff on June 14, 1893.

The feisty Moore immediately arrested Beckham and placed him in the new Motley County jail. (Note: This is the same jail that the "Friends of the Historic Motley County Jail" are currently restoring). Friends of Beckham sprung him from jail and Beckham arrested Sheriff Moore and others for unlawfully carrying

District Judge W. R. McGill contacted the Texas Rangers to restore order in Motley County. The Rangers set up their headquarters in the Motley County jail.

Beckham still had his followers who wanted him to remain as sheriff. Moore had his followers also.

When District Court convened in Matador, armed men were everywhere. District Judge McGill, sensing trouble ahead, pulled out his trump card. Instead of deciding between Beckham and Moore as sheriff, the Judge appointed William "Billy" Moses as Sheriff. The judge said that the County Commissioners had no authority to appoint J. L. Moore as sheriff. Of course, District Judge Mc-Gill didn't have the authority to appoint Billy Moses either, but he made it stick.

drover from Burnet County who trailed cattle to Montana and South Dakota. He was a businessman in Matador and he was also serving as Deputy Motley County Clerk at the time. As a businessman, he sold a safe to Motley County about 1892. This safe is still in the Motley County Com-

William Moses was a former

missioner's Courtroom in the present Motley County Court-

With the appointment of Moses as sheriff, J. L. Moore was not to be outdone. Moore ran for Motley County Commissioner the next year in 1894, and was successful. He served three terms.

Moore was also a merchant, mail carrier, Justice of the Peace, and served as a Deputy Sheriff under two sheriffs, and was the Mayor of Matador in 1913 - 1914. He joined the Methodist Church in Matador in the 1890's and was a member until his death.

John L. Moore died April 5, 1938. His wife, Lou, died July 21, 1944. They share a headstone in Matador's East Mound Cemetery. The Moores had no children.

Texas Tech's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute Launches Spring Classes

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at Texas Tech University begins the spring semester in January with a line-up of innovative courses, events and activities.

Class offerings include Economics, Wine 101, Archaeology, Shakespeare, Mystery Writings, Master's Touch Gardening, eBay, Best of European Cinema, American Presidents and several computer program courses including Facebook, Twitter

and Photoshop.

Special events range from Lunch and Learning to Hidden Lubbock field trips, discussion groups and a reader's circle.

"We invite older adults from Lubbock and surrounding communities to join OLLI," said Emma Carrasco, coordinator of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. "Our main philosophy is to celebrate learning in a relaxed, intellectually stimulating and

accepting environment. Our instructors are primarily retired or current faculty from Texas Tech or from other qualified professions who enjoy sharing their knowledge and skills with others."

Classes have varying deadlines, beginning Jan. 18 for the Best of European Cinema class. For more information, or to request a catalog, visit www.olli.ttu.edu, or call Carrasco at (806) 742-7202 ext. 251.

OLLI is a self-funded, membership organization endowed by the Bernard Osher Foundation. It offers intellectual stimulation and civic engagement through noncredit classes designed for individuals age 50+. Interested individuals may become an OLLI member for \$35 and enjoy various benefits such as discounted registration fees on OLLI programs as well as other Texas Tech activities and events.

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First an admission. If we could afford it and had no other obligations, we would live in an area where, from horizon to horizon, one could not see a sign of human presence or progress! And if King, we would abolish the use of both electricity and gasoline. But, that is and would be selfish on our part, a selfishness that we are not entitled to, nor (we dare say) that anyone else is entitled to either.

That said, we must face reality, and that is the definition of truth-"that which corresponds to reality." Not what we may hope or desire, but what actually is. It is a reality of economics that there is no such thing as a static situation. We are either going forward or backward. Any attempt to maintain the status quo ("lets keep it the way it always has been") is an attempt based upon a non-existent illusion. Which brings us to our purpose in writing. Where do we go from here? And also an earnest request.

Many learned during the tax protests of a few years ago, that the primary reason for our high local property taxes is

our County's ridiculously low tax base, i.e., lack of economic development, coupled with ever-increasing costs, including unfunded state and federal mandates. Indeed, of Texas' 254 counties, Motley County is second from the bottom, one step above Foard County (Crowell), in the size of its tax base (Foard County was facing bankruptcy a few years ago)! It has taken decades of inaction and attempted maintenance of the "status quo" to achieve this dubious distinc-

We all know the effects of this, such as closed businesses and population decline, along with migration of our young folks. And it is backward and smallminded to simply pinch pennies when literally an infusion of multiple millions of dollars to our tax base is necessary to even begin to significantly lower taxes and reverse our downward spiral.

There is, on the horizon (no pun intended), a real possibility of achieving such an infusion. It is the locating of new high-voltage electricity transmission lines in and across the county. Make no mistake. We are still in the running. Location decisions are expected in 2010, and the mostoften cited cost of these lines is \$1,750,000.00 per mile! Multiply that times 30 miles across the county. Two lines would almost triple our tax base.

Foard County stands to get off the bottom of the list, as both a new transmission line and substation are scheduled for it. Then, presumably, if Motley County gets little or nothing, we will be at the bottom!

An interesting statistic indicates a relationship between the percentage of a county's nonresident land ownership and the level of economic development. The higher the former, the lower the latter, and ours is quite high. Hence this request is addressed to both resident and non-resident Motley County landowners

In this age, acronyms are the rage. Ted Kennedy's opposition to windmills offshore from his summer home may have contributed to the growth of NIMBY, an acronym for not in my back yard.

These spats are arising all

over Texas, and while the power line builders have the power of eminent domain, the builders in our area have all told us that it is their strong preference to try to work everything out by agreement. Thus, landowner attitude can obviously impact the potential location and extent of line construction in Motley County.

We realize that this is asking a lot, but we do sincerely request that all affected Motley County landowners, resident and non-resident alike, please give serious and thoughtful consideration to the needs of Motley County as a whole, rather than taking a "NOML" position. We've also found the builders to be very thoughtful and accommodating.

If we present a united and welcoming attitude, willing to give a little, as necessary, we have a chance to make a giant step toward solving this County's economic crisis and, in the process, ultimately lowering everybody's property taxes, including affected landowners.

Sincerely, Tom Edwards Ed D. Smith

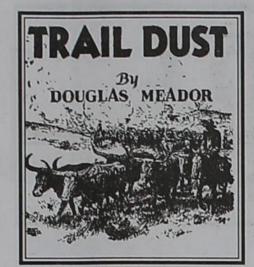
Grandparents, moms, dads, husbands, wives, sweethearts! Send 'em some love in the Motley County Tribune Deadline: February 2

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Matador Tribune January 2, 1936

Always I have tried to be tolerant of others because my own life a reeled from the loom of imperfection and the pattern is without beauty or symmetry. Nor can I justify the indignation which kindled my thoughts into flame amid the Holly wreaths and gaiety of Christmas festivity. Some other time, perhaps, I would not have noticed that dog wore a small red sweater made for a child and that the garment

But the day was scary and close by a mother sat, amid the ruins of something that had once been an automobile, trying to cover her child with a ragged old coat. The sweater the dog wore would have fitted the child.

Back in a decade when efficiency had not invaded the trenches of merchandising and there was a pleasant carelessness in the purchase os any article which seemed to be reflected in the vendors attitude, I sanctioned my father's buying coal oil at a certain store. The merchant, a jovial, kindly man always went to the candy case for a giant gum drop, which he would place on the spout of the oil can. The gum drops were assorted and there was no monotony flavors also augmented with kerosene despite great effort to wash it away after we reached home with a potato instead of a gum drop to keep the oil from spilling out of the spout.

Democratic Party to host fund raiser

The Lubbock County Democratic Party will host a fund raising banquet featuring many of the statewide 2010 candidates for both state and federal offices, Saturday, January the 23rd from 6:30-10:00 at the Texas Tech Medical School McInturff Center at 602 Indiana. Each of the speakers will be given a very strictly enforced five minutes to speak to the audience. Speakers include: John Sharp, candidate for the U.S. Senate and Andy Wilson, candidate for District 19 U.S. Congress. Candidates for governor who will appear include

Bill White, Farouk Shami, and Felix Alvarado. Linda Chavez Thompson of Lorenzo, Texas and Ronnie Earle are the Lieutenant Governor candidates

who will be speaking. Richard, "Kinky" Friedman and Hank Gilbert, both candidates for Commissioner of Agriculture, will also be on the agenda. In addition the only democratic candidate for Attorney General, Barbara Anne Radnofsky, will be present.

Proper attire will be "after five" wear. Tickets are \$60 per person or a table of eight can be purchased for \$500.00. If interested, call (806) 749 8683.

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Football Squad Guests Of Girls Annual Banquet

Pep Squad Is Host To Regional Champs.

As a climax to the most glorious football season in the history of Matador, in which the Matador Matadors gained the coveted place of Regional Champions, the Matador high school pep squad entertained the gridsters with an annual banquet, held in the basement of the Methodist Church, Tuesday evening.

A colorful and exciting program followed the enjoyable meal. Stars of the past grid season were honored for the success achieved through their efforts. Beautiful decorations, in keeping with a designated color scheme, adorned the banquet room and table.

Those attending the affair declare that the success of the evening could only be matched by the Matadors through the recently ended football season, when they became Class B state champions of this region.

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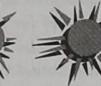


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This Week's Local Forecast





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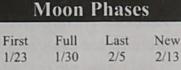
Weather Trivia

What meteorologist made a significant contribution to geology?

that the continents were once together. Answer: Alfred Wegener first theorized

Weather History

Jan. 21, 1988 - High pressure over northern Nevada and low pressure off the coast of Southern California combined to produce high winds in the southwestern United States. Wind gusts in the San Francisco area reached 70 mph.





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MC Basketball



Pictured left to right are Cassidy Turner, Shayla Clay, Shelby Elliot, Virginia Gutierrez and Catherine Ward playing defense against Spur. photo by Wendi Taylor



Pictured left to right are Noah Guerrero, Tallon Pollard, Logan Ferguson, Korbyn Simpson(Shooter) and Tanner Bearden getting into position to make a basket on offense. photo by Wendi Taylor

Basketball Scores

1/12/10 Varsity Girls MC 64 - Patton Springs 44 Varsity Boys MC 81 - Patton

Springs 47

1/15/10 Varsity Girls MC 44 - Guth-Varsity Boys MC 51 - Guth-

rie 37

1/14/10 Junior High Girls MC 15 -Spur 36 Junior High Boys MC 34 -Spur 30

NOTICE OF PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE MEETINGS FOR THE PROPOSED SILVERTON TO TESLA

CREZ 345 KV TRANSMISSION LINE

Tuesday January 26, 2010 Anytime between 4:00 and 7:00 PM **Bob Wills Auditorium** 604 Lyles St.

Turkey, TX 79261

Wednesday January 27, 2010 Anytime between 4:00 and 7:00 PM Fair Park Auditorium Ave. I & Commerce St. Childress, TX 79201

Thursday January 28, 2010 Anytime between 4:00 and 7:00 PM Silverton ISD Cafeteria 700 Loretta St. Silverton, TX 79257

Cross Texas Transmission, LLC (CTT) is proposing to construct a 345 kilovolt (kV) double circuit high voltage electric transmission line as part of the Competitive Renewable Energy Zones (CREZ) initiative. The CREZ project is being developed to integrate additional renewable energy and increase system reliability throughout the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT). CTT intends to file a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) application in the early third quarter of 2010 requesting authorization from the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) to construct and operate the transmission line between the Silverton and Tesla Substations.

CTT's routing consultant has identified a number of preliminary alternative routes to connect the Silverton and Tesla substations. These routes, to the extent possible, were developed parallel to existing right-of-ways (ROW) and property boundaries while avoiding or minimizing impacts to environmental and physical constraints. The proposed Silverton to Tesla transmission line will connect the Silverton Substation, southwest of Silverton, and the Tesla Substation, east of Childress near Kirkland. The transmission line will be potentially located in the following counties: Briscoe, Floyd, Hall, Motley, Childress, and Cottle. The proposed line will be constructed in a ROW that is approximately 200 feet wide.

Please note that there will not be a formal presentation as part of these meetings. Detailed maps showing the preliminary alternative routes and other information will be available for individuals to review. Individuals have the opportunity to visit with us anytime between 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM in Turkey, Childress, or Silverton to ask questions and to provide comments to representatives and technical experts from CTT and its consultants regarding the proposed transmission line. CTT and its consultants will consider information gained during these public open house meetings into the overall routing evaluation that will be submitted as part of the CCN application.

CTT is committed to routing, constructing, and operating the proposed transmission lines in a manner consistent with the values of the local communities, and the rules and policies established by the Texas Legislature, the PUCT, and ERCOT.

For more information, please contact CTT toll free at (877) 214-8288 or locally

(806) 669-3000 or via email at info@crosstexas.com

NEWS AROUND MOTLEY COUNTY

Roaring Springs News By Monta Marshall

I think I might be part bear. During the cold I just wanted to stay in bed and keep warm. I had a head cold during that time and instead of running fever my temperature was sub-normal. Don't hibernating animals' temperature drop? Under an electric blanket with warm 'jammies" and fuzzy socks is where I wanted to stay. Papa Bear must eat and have clean clothes so I couldn't just stay indefinitely. Cabin fever has a tendency to set in after five or six days! Maybe hibernation wouldn't be so much fun after all but it sure would be warm and cozy!

Glennard and Edith Daniell attended church in Lubbock on Sunday and visited with their former pastor and his wife, Jackie and Patsy Farmer. He is the pastor of Faith Free Will Baptist Church. Edith was requested to sing two specials which she loves to do. They enjoyed their day out.

Pearl Patten had visitors last week. Susie and Gordon McGee of Sommerville, Texas, were here for a few days. Will Palmer of Lovington, New Mexico, was also here visiting his mother.

Missy Davis of Grandview, Texas, was here to visit and to attend family visitation on friends of Geneva Bragg of

Paducah. Geneva was a close family friend. Missy returned home on Thursday.

Loetta Sossaman and Printess Osburn of Paducah and Trudy Hand of Amarillo were visitors of Bill and Mozelle Hand on January 9, 2010, to celebrate Mozelle's birthday.

Bud Roller of Lubbock visited with his sister Margie Payne over the weekend. He came on Saturday. Saturday evening Margie had a chili supper for Bud and his longtime friend, Harley Alsup. Franklin and Susan Jameson and Judy Woolsey visited on Sunday afternoon. Bud returned home on Sunday eve-

Kelly Warren, the new interim pastor at the First Baptist Church began his work with the congregation on Sun-

The First Baptist Choir plans to attend the Gospel Night at the Dickens Senior Citizens on Saturday.

Bill Bowley is at home following a short stay in Hackerry Creek Care Center. He was able to attend services at Mozelle Hand's daughter, the Full Gospel Church and go out to Sunday lunch at the Windmill Café with friends.

J. T. and Imogene Swim are Wednesday for the family and staying in and having some good days and some bad days.

Terra Bella Salon voted Best of the West

Terra Bella Salon in Lubbock owned by former Roaring Springs resident Blair Thacker Wilson was voted best salon in Lubbock in KCBD channel 11's annual Best of the West competition. Each year viewers vote online for their favorite local businesses. Blair has owned the business for 3 years and also works as a hairsylist there. Terra Bella Salon emloyees 11 hairsylist which includes a facialist and make-up artist. It is an upscale salon in a fun relaxed atmosphere. Springs.

Blair pays tribute to her late grandmother LaVoe Thacker by displaying glamarous old photographs of her throughout the salon.

Terra Bella is located between Slide and Quaker on the accesss road on the south side of loop 289. The salon also came in second place in the Lubbock Avalanche Journals Best of Lubbock competition. Blair is a 1999 graduate of Motley County High school and the daughter of Jeff and Pam Thacker of Roaring

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

Overheard

In this life I am a woman. In my next life, I'd like to come back as a bear.

When you are a bear, you get to hibernate. You do nothing but sleep for six months. I could deal with that.

Before you hibernate, you are supposed to eat yourself stupid. I could deal with that.

When you are a girl bear, you birth your children (who are the size of walnuts) while you are sleeping and wake to partially grown, cute cuddly cubs. I could definitely deal with that.

If you are a mama bear everyone knows you mean business. You swat anyone who bothers your cubs. If your cubs get out of line, swat them too. I could deal with that.

If you are a bear, your mate expects you to wake up growling. He expects that you will have hairy legs and excess body fat.

Yep....gonna be a bear!

Birthday Celebration

Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton was honored on her 86th birthday with a luncheon at the Windmill Cafe in Roaring Springs Thursday, January 14. She received many cards, telephone calls and a lot of good visiting.

Those attending the celebration were Mrs. Marisue Powell and Jim and Mary Ann Potts of Mott Creek Ranch; Mrs. Bridget Brooks of Lubbock; Mrs. Debbie Arrington of Canadian; Mrs. Waydetta Clay and Wilburn Martin of Flomot; Ken and Dinah Young of Roaring Springs; Debbie Favor of Childress; Mrs. Dixie Campbell; Mrs. Judy Renfro and grandchildren, Reagan and Bryer Davis of Matador.

Denver Anderson

Graveside services were held for Denver Anderson, 90, at the Flomot Memorial Cemetary Friday, January 15. He was born November 22, 1919, in Matador and died January 15, 2010. He graduated from Flomot High School in 1937. He had farming operations in Flomot area until entering Nursing Care Center in Can-

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ruth Sandifer Anderson and son, Rex Anderson. He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Ginger Foster and two grandsons of Herford.

Mike Hober of Hunting Beach, California visited from Monday until Thursday with long time friends, Travis and Linda Kendall.

Mrs. Loulla Davis of Childress was a luncheon guest of Mrs. B. Rogers and Donnie Rogers, Sunday.

Those from Flomot attending the Spagetti Dinner Fun Raiser for Justin Rucker Saturday, January 16, held at the Hope Center in Quitaque were Kathy and Clois Shorter; Mrs. B. Rogers, Donnie Rogers; Ronald and Waydetta Clay; Linda and Travis Kendall; Melissa and Tim Kendall, Jere and Jacob.

Joey and Brenda Lee of Clarendon visited Sunday with his parents, Ruth and Orville Lee.

Attends Granddaughter's Graduation.

Aleda Ross met her daughter and husband, Elisa and Stan Wigley, in Lubbock Thursday, December 2009, and they drove to Conroe, Texas to attend the commencement excercises for granddaughter, Aleda Elaine Ross, daughter of Tommy Ross. The group joined other friends and family at the home of Aleda and stayed Friday night, traveling to Sam Houston State University on Saturday morning.

The commencement was held at 10:00 a.m. Aleda graduated with a 3.6 GPA and was recognized at an awards banquet on Friday afternoon for distinguished scholarships. Her major was English. She plans to continue her education and eventually teach. Aleda, Elisa and Stan returned home on Saturday after the ceremonies.

Aleda Ross along with her daughter, Elisa and granddaughter Aleda Elaine Ross, embarked from Galveston on a five-day vacation aboard the Carnival Ecstasy Cruise Line. They traveled to Progresso and Cozumel, Mexico, where you could leave the ship and take several tours if you wished. There was lots of picture-taking both on board

The trip was a gift to Aleda Elaine from Elisa as her graduation gift.

Matador News

Visting in the home of Lucretia and Carol Campbell Monday were Lucretia's grandson Byron Campbell, and great-grandson, Cooper.

The El Carte Bridge Club met in the home of Kay Bailey on Tuesday, January 12. Enjoying Italian Creme Cake, and snacks of cheese and crackers, nuts, dip and chips were: Hostess Kay Bailey, Carol Campbell, Dixie Campbell, Joanie Stephens, Marihelen Wason, Mary Jones, Di-Ann Campbell, and Winifred Darsey.

Trail Exhibit Opening

By Barbara Armstrong

Marisue Powell, Barbara Armstrong and Marie-Louise Leibe-Harkort drove to Quanah on November 24 to attend the opening of the Comanche Chief Quanah Parker Exhibit at the Quanah, Acme and Pacific Railroad Museum. During the open house there were numerous photos to see as well as the Chief's beautiful horse bit brought by the great grandson, Lance Tahmahkera, of Ft Worth to be displayed for the

During the evening program Helen Garrison of Ft Worth did a live portrayal of Cynthia Ann Parker, mother of Quanah. Lance Tahmahkera, spoke of stories of his ances-

tors and different events in the history of the Comanches, as well as stories of interest to the children.

Following the program Marisue and Barbara visited with Lance Tahmahkera, and viewed his family photo album. The ladies left Quanah Texas planning to see if they could get the exhibit to come to Matador. The Motley County Museum has many photos of Chief Quanah that this exhibit did not have. The two-story, sixty-room Quanah Museum was formerly the headquarters of the QA&P Railroad and features many items related to the railroad. They also have a lot of history of the area as well as a good exhibit about Lane Frost, the Champion Bull Rider.

From our Closet to Yours-Neighbors Helping Neighbors Accolade Homecare to distribute goods to seniors in need

Accolade Home Care partners up with Threads of Love, to distribute both new and used clothes, blankets and shoes to community members in need.

Winter is upon us and we want to ensure that everyone in our community stays warm. Accolade Home Care is collecting and distributing clothes, shoes, blankets, personal items and etc. to those in the Jayton

Mitzi Taylor, a member of join us. the Jayton community was touched when a fellow neighbor helped her in a time of need. "My son wanted to participate in a school track meet, but did not have tennis shoes. I asked a fellow neighbor and

they acted like I was asking for a cup of sugar and provided the shoes."

Donations can be dropped off at Accolade Home Care, 240 S. Main Street Jayton, TX 79528 on February 19th from 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. At this time items will both be collected and distributed to those in need. If you are in need or want to contribute to the community, we encourage you to

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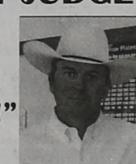


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Dr. C. H. Murphy, Jr. December 4, 1936 - January 16, 2010

Dr. C.H. Murphy, Jr., 73, of Matador, Texas, went to be with his Lord Saturday, January 16, 2010, at W.J. Mangold Memorial Hospital in Lockney. His wife and three sons were together with him to hear his final words, "I fulfilled God's purpose."

Dr. Murphy was born December 4, 1936, in Whiteflat, Texas, to Clovis and Addie Murphy. He married Raynita Dunning on August 31, 1957.

He attended public schools in Whiteflat and Matador, and graduated from West Texas State University in 1961 with a Bachelor of Science in Agronomy. He was licensed to preach in 1960 and ordained to the ministry in 1962. He received a Master of Arts from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1965, a Doctor of Ministry from Luther Rice Seminary in 1978, and was honored by Dallas Baptist University for his pastoral leadership with a Doctor of Divinity degree. Dr. Murphy served on the Board of Trustees for Wayland Baptist University and Dallas Baptist University and in numerous capacities for the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

He loved his Lord and the churches he served as pastor for over forty years: First Baptist Churches of Headley, Silverton, Memphis, Friona, Lamesa and Irving, Texas. During his ministry, Dr. Murphy created West Texas Farm Family Weekends, designed to equip and encourage families during the farm-family crisis of the late '70s and early '80s. His passion for missions and for church planting was recognized by the Baptist General Convention of Texas by awarding First Baptist Irving its Key Church award for missions.

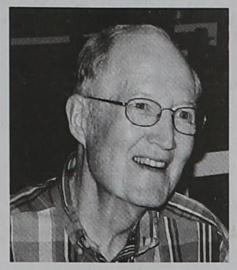
Dr. Murphy had a great love for Pastors. The last 11 years of his ministry he served as Director of Missions for Tryon-Evergreen Baptist Association in Conroe, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his father and mother, Clovis and Addie Murphy, and his

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sister, Laverna Rattan Price

Johnston, all of Matador. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Raynita Kay Dunning Murphy of Matador; his son Michael James Murphy and wife Laura Murphy of Henderson, Nevada; his son Mark Murphy and wife Laura Murphy of Plano, Texas; his son Ken Murphy and wife Kim Murphy of Milton, Georgia; seven grandchildren: Brittany Murphy Sattel and Chris Sattel of Denver, Colorado; Calvin Murphy and Brooke Murphy of Henderson, Nevada; Morgan Murphy and Pamela Murphy of Plano, Texas; Miles Murphy and Millie Murphy of Milton, Georgia; his sister: Mary Murphy Jones of Matador, Texas.

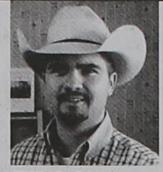
One of the greatest joys of his life was his family's annual vacation to the Texas Hill Country, floating around the "Lazy River" surrounded by the laughter and splashes of his precious grandchildren and children.

Visitation will be Monday, January 18, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Shannon Family Funeral Home in Matador. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m., Tuesday, January 19, at First Baptist Church, Matador, Texas, where Dr. Murphy was baptized, married, licensed and ordained for ministry. Interment will immediately follow at East Mound Cemetery in Matador. Services will be officiated by men who served in churches where Dr. Murphy served as pastor. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Motley County Senior Citizens or First Baptist Church of Matador Missions Fund.

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County Agent's News



by Ryan Martin, Agri LIFE EXTENSION Agent

2010 Sandhills Stock **Show Participants**

Motley 4-H Club members, Gabby Silva, Seth Baxter, Cassidy Turner, Carley Turner and Alycia Silva, traveled to Odessa on Friday, January 8 to participate in the 2010 Sandhills Stock Show with their goats. They were accompanied by their parents, Craig and Cathey Turner, Don and Colleen Baxter, and Louann Silva along with Ryan and Jamie Martin.

These 4-H members did an exceptional job showing their goats and we are very proud of them. Cassidy placed 18th, Carley placed 19th, Alycia placed 16th and Seth placed 12th with a total of 405 goats entered in the 2010 Sandhills Stock Show this year.

Motley County Cotton Premier Program Rolling Plains Cotton Variety Meeting

The Motley County Extension Office and Crop Production Services will sponsor a cotton variety seed meeting on February 9, 2010 starting at 6:00p.m. in the Library Annex Building in Matador. This meeting will focus on new cotton varieties suitable to the rolling plains along with updates from cottonseed companies and updates on chemicals for cotton production. Discussion will also include information on the 2010 Motley County Cotton Variety Trial and chemical and cottonseed prices for 2010.

The meeting will feature 2 CEU's for private applicators and a chicken fried steak cathe mone to the

tered meal. All private applicator licenses holders are encouraged to attend. Please RSVP by February 1, 2010 by contacting the Motley County Extension

Office at (806) 347-2733.

AgriLife Extension economist: Crop insurance and risk management decisions affect profits Short course scheduled Jan. 29 in Amarillo

AMARILLO – Choosing the appropriate crop insurance product, as well as the level of coverage, is not easy, according to a Texas AgriLife Extension Service specialist.

The volatility of the current environment along with the opportunity to enroll in some new risk management programs are making these decisions even more complicated, said Dr. Steve Amosson, AgriLife Extension economist.

To help sort through these important decisions, AgriLife Extension is offering a one-day short course on Jan. 29. It will be taught by one of the leading crop insurance authorities, Dr. Art Barnaby from Kansas State University, who will speak on "Profit Maximizing: Crop Insurance and Risk Management Decisions," Amosson said.

"This is a rare opportunity to review and optimize your crop insurance decisions with the help of an expert," he said. "In this course, Art will discuss crop insurance options and the most cost-effective levels of participation."

In addition, time will be

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By Ace Reid

spent discussing the new risk management programs SURE (Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program) and ACRE (Average Crop Revenue Election), and explaining the tradeoffs and interactions between these and crop insurance, he said.

8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and will be held at the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center-Amarillo, 6500 W. Ama- at 806-677-5600 or JAPlanrillo Blvd. The registration fee chon@ag.tamu.edu. is \$75 and includes the cost of instruction, materials, lunch and breaks. Registration is limited to 50 participants on a first-come basis, so pre-registration is required.

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.

For more information and The course will run from the registration brochure, go to the Master Marketer Web site, http://mastermarketer. tamu.edu or contact Planchon

News By Amy Hackler

Livestock Forage Program (LFP) deadline is January 30, 2010. Please call the office to set an appointment and to ensure producer eligibility

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Panhandle Professional Writers announced 2010 Youth Writing Contest

The competition is open to any student in grades three through twelve. Entries must be postmarked no later than April 1, 2010. Complete rules and entry forms can be found online at www.panhandleprowriters. org. Anyone wanting additional information can email Vicki Schoen at PPWYouthcontest@ gamil.com.



2010 Sandhills Stock Show Participants Pictured L to R: Gabby Silva, Seth Baxter, Cassidy Turner, Carley Turner and Alycia Silva

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LEARNING APPLIED



It is true! Spiritual development comes as a result of knowing God's Word and then applying the principles found therein to our lives. Personal Bible study time is often difficult to find. But when found this time can be a period of re-learning and of refreshing ourselves in

some elementary areas of Christian growth.

A good way to prepare our selves for the opportunities and challenges of this life is to get into the Gospels. It is in the four gospel accounts that we find our Lord Jesus. If we are to do as He did, then we of necessity must find out how He did it. In the reading of the gospel accounts we find how our Lord felt, acted, reacted and taught. We need to feel His compassion for others and to see people through His eyes. This will be an eye-opening experience for many

Our emphasis is not only a reading of the life of Jesus, but also to acquaint our selves with the Master's lifestyle. Let me suggest the book of Luke as an excellent starting point. Also we remind ourselves that it is "application time," for the Bible says in James 1:22, "But be ye doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding your own selves."

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

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18 - Rolling Plains Chemical Conference in Spur

- 18 MCISD School Board, 7:30pm
- 19 Matador Lions
- 19 Chamber of Commerce, 5:30 p.m. in the Library.
- 21 Matador Masonic Lodge, 6:30 pm
- 25 American Legion Post #337, 7 PM, Motley County Senior Center.

28-31 – Fort Worth Stock show (goats and lambs)

- **February**
- 2 Matador Lions 3 Kids Praise

Public Auction Friday, January 29th, 2010 10:00 a.m. **MCISD School Building**

Motley County ISD will hold a public auction to sell to the

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- following items: 1) 12 burner, propane stove with double oven in working con-
- 1) Convection oven in working condition.
- 1) Fryalator deep fryer in working condition.
- All items available for inspection by appointment. All items will be sold in
- public auction on Friday, January 29th at 10:00 a.m. at the MCISD school

building.

BID NOTICE

Reroofing project. Motley County ISD is seeking bids to reroof three homes, one office building and the front metal work of the MCISD school. Bid packets will be available in the superintendent's office at Motley County ISD. Buildings will be available for inspection prior to Feb. 4th by appointment. Sealed bids will be opened in the superintendent's office on February 12, 2010 at 11:00 a.m.

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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 pubic 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

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