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Winners shine at 2010 Motley County Junior Livestock show



Bucket calf Project Kids: Emma Hackler, Brazos Washinton, Andrew Stafford, Emma cagle, Jacie Perryman, Autumn Perryman, Colton Martin, Emily Jameson, and Wyatt Perryman. More photos and results on page 6 and 7. photo by D'anna Russell

Matador City Council reviews proposed budget for 2010-11

By Carol Campbell

City Council met in regular session on February 11, 2010, taking council action on several items including approval of the minutes and expenditures for January; discussion and action on a new Site Operating Plan for the landfill; approval of a new Letter of Credit; approval of an order for the General Election; the designation of early voting days; and a review of the proposed budgets for 2010-2011, passing a motion to raise utility and landfill rates.

Attending the meeting were Councilmen Pat Seigler, Alvin Alexander, Chuck Ream, and Shane Jones; and Mayor Pat Smith, City Secretary Debra Scott, and Assistant Water Superintendent Joel Guerrero. Absent were City Superintendent Steve Barton and Councilman Kay Bailey.

Assistant Water Superintendent Joel Guerrero reported that the work on repairing the Jetter will be completed when new nozzles arrive. In addition, work is still being done on the new well located on Buffalo street, Guerrero said. "This is a very good well," Mayor Pat Smith said, adding, "It is capable of pumping 180 to 200 gallons per minute."

In the City Secretary's report, Debra Scott reported to Council that the insurance claim on fire loss at the Gonzalez property had been issued by Texas Municipal League for \$4,181.08, covering the loss of the carport, small storage building and contents.

Additionally, she said, she had contacted OJD Engineering and South Plains Association of Governments (SPAG)

concerning the condition of the sidewalk in front of City Hall. "Kelli McElhone with SPAG said the Certificate of Completion on the sidewalk construction was dated January 19, 2009, so the one year (warranty) period was past," Scott said. According to Scott, SPAG suggested the city contact Morton Irrigation directly to see if any action could be taken on the deterioration.

Following approval of the minutes and the payment of the bills for January, the council received an update from Scott on the need for a new Site Operating Plan for the landfill. Joan Hillman with OJD Engineering was unable to attend the meeting as planned due to the weather. She emailed the information explaining the need for the update and verified the hours spent on the project. While this requirement from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) is not a yearly expense, the last time the plan was updated was in 1999, Scott said. The cost of the final product was \$9,000. The Council voted to pay \$4,000 of this bill out of this year's budget and budget the remaining \$5,000 in the 2010-2011 budgets.

In other business, the Council voted to request a Letter of Credit with Matador Branch of First National Bank of Seymour, at a cost of \$2,059.42. This motion passed by unanimous vote.

The Council approved an Order for the May 10, 2010, General Election to fill the mayoral position and two council positions. Councilman Pat Seigler will not seek re-election; incumbents Pat Smith and Alvin Alexander will seek re-election.

The Order for the General Election (April 26-May 4,

2010) passed by unanimous vote, approving the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and for two 12-hour early voting days to be set for April 28 and May 3, 2010.

Council then addressed the 2010-2011 General Fund Budget, voting to include in the budget an increase in the Ad Valorem income; and to increase expenses to include \$15,000 for street repair; \$2,000 for house demolition; and \$1,500 for the Emergency Management Coordinator position.

Mayor Pat Smith asked Council to be aware that "we need to address the issue of the 30 percent water line loss occurring in the lines from Roaring Springs, as we review the proposed 2010-11 Water Works budget." Council discussed loans, bonds, and grant monies available to finance the line replacement. "Obtaining grant money is hampered by our low utility rates," City Secretary Debra Scott said. "State grantors said we would be in better shape to help ourselves or meet grant matches if our rates were comparable to other cities of our population." Council passed a motion to raise utility rates \$2.00 per service in the proposed budget, raising the total bill by \$6.00 a month. Additionally, landfill rates were increased by \$1.00 per ton.

Council went into Executive Session at 8:05 p.m. to discuss personnel, reconvening at 8:30 p.m. Pat Seigler made a motion to cut the line item for extra labor of \$13,000 down to \$4,000, and move \$5,000 to fulltime salaries; and \$4,000 to Capital Outlay. After these adjustments to the Water Works budget, the budget will be presented at a Public Hearing at City Hall on March 11, 2010, at 6:15 p.m.

Public Hearing targets four county roads for closure

By Carol Campbell

Motley County Commissioner's called a Special Session on Monday, February 8, 2010, at 1:15 p.m. in the Commissioner's Courtroom for the purpose of receiving protests of roads on the County Road Map.

In addition to Commissioners Roy Gene Stephens, Franklin Jameson, and Russell Alexander, Donnie Turner, County Judge Ed D. Smith, and County Attorney Tom Edwards, the following residents were in attendance: Tom Hamilton, Bob Kilmer, Jim McMahon, Harry Hamilton, Billy Meyer, Greg Bishop, Si Causey, and Nancy and Raymond Lawson.

Judge Smith began the meeting with a historical background and overview of the process of resolving road disputes. On September 1, 1981, the legislature passed a law that a county could only acquire a county road by purchase, condemnation, dedication, or court order. In 2003, the Legislature created Chapter 258 of the Transportation Code to deal with roads in existence before 1981. The remedy expired September 1, 2009, but the 2009 Legislature extended the deadline to September 1, 2011.

Counties were also instructed that a County Road Map

could only designate roads where the county claims the existence of a public interest along with the authority to maintain the road with public tax dollars.

"This past year, the legislature extended the process for adoption of a County Road Map for counties with a population under 50,000," Judge Smith said. "About 120 counties in the state have adopted County Road Maps, and about 80 have not."

The purpose of this process is to streamline disputes regarding county roads, establishing an administrative procedure based on historical presumption, Smith said.

There were three protests submitted to the court: 1) Harry Hamilton submitted a protest to County Roads 411 and 415, located in southeast Motley County involving landowners Jim McMahon, and Nancy and Raymond Lawson; 2) Si Causey submitted a protest to County Road 110, located in the northern part of Motley County, west of State Highway 70; and 3) Bob Kilmer submitted a protest in behalf of Matador Ranch to close County Road 247 "from our cattle guard, 3.5 miles to the former Tee Pee City Landmark," he said.

By law, if a protest is lodged by a person asserting a private right to the road in question,

the Commissioners Court will appoint a Jury of View of five property owners who have no interest in the outcome, to determine by a majority vote if the road should be closed. The county must establish by written records or other information continuous maintenance of the road beginning before September 1, 1981. The Jury of View findings are binding on the Commissioners Court.

"The Jury of View should be individuals who have no ax to grind, -- no vested interest in how it turns out -- with continuous maintenance beginning before September 1, 1981, until the date of the public hearing," Judge Smith said.

Commissioners will meet on Friday, February 19, at 9:00 a.m. in the courtroom to appoint the Jury of View. "The Jury of View will conduct their own hearings, take testimony, look at the roads in question, and then vote yes or no," Smith said. "The county will adopt a County Road Map on April 12, 2010, at 1:15 p.m. in the Commissioner's Courtroom."

The law provides a 2-year period of limitation, during which time a person wishing to contest the inclusion of the road on the County Road Map must bring suit in district court in the County.

Matador Market set for May 1

The first *Matador Market Day* featuring live music and vendors offering food, arts, crafts, antiques and collectables is planned for Saturday, May 1, in conjunction with the annual craftsmen and entrepreneurs, to enhance at-

tendance at the Highway 70 event, and to provide an entertaining event in downtown Matador.

If you are planning a garage sale and do not live along Highway 70, consider moving it to the Matador town square

for maximum exposure.

Applications for vendor booth space are now being accepted. Please contact Linda Roy at 806-347-2939 or Barbara Armstrong at 806-347-2968.

Foothill Country Connections

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By Laverne Zabielski

Found on Facebook

A posting by my daughter, Dana Wittler Logsdon about a conversation between her and Chuck, her six year old son.

"Well Chuck, I don't have all the usual stuff to add to the hot chocolate."

"That's okay Mom, you have LOVE."

"But I put the love in the french toast."

"Mom, parents are like an invincible love machine. They NEVER run out of love!"

"True!"

Its amazing the wisdom our children contain. Like I said last week regarding the wonderful pictures of the Valentine children. Let the children in your life brighten our day.

My father Algie Groves graduated from Matador High School in 1927. His report card shows that, among other things, he took a course in Latin during his senior year. I wonder when they quit offering that course at MHS?

My mother Rita Nichols graduated from Roaring Springs High School in 1930. She went to Texas Tech for two years with the help and support of her best friends, Lois and Elaine Goodwin, who had lived on the farm next door. But Mother had to drop out of Tech and return home to help farm in 1932 due to the financial problems of the Depression.

A couple years after he graduated, my father married Nina Mae Long who then died of pneumonia in February 1932, after my brother James Truman Groves was born in October 1931. I think Nina Mae was a month past her 21st birthday when she died.

I believe that father and mother met in late 1932; he and my brother Jim were living with father's parents, A. B. and Myrtle Groves, on a farm in Darden Canyon. So, Rita and Algie were both working on farms near Roaring Springs at that time. They married in November 1935, after father's

parents had moved to Matador a year or so earlier. They kept their marriage a secret for several months because they couldn't afford to live together.

During the subsequent seven years after their marriage, mother and father lived in many towns in the area as they sought work of any kind during the Depression. I was born in 1940 when they lived in Childress. Brother Mike was born in 1942 when they lived in Knox City. I know they also lived in Silverton, Turkey, Floydada, Shamrock, Memphis, Paducah, Knox City, Munday, and Abernathy.

We moved to Matador for the last time early 1942. We lived first in the Jeffers house next to Opal and Bill Pipkin, and then across the street in the Seay house. (Pearl and Kenneth Jeffers ran the drug store next to the bank.)

During most of 1943 and early 1944 when we were living in the Seay house, my father was working away from Matador -- mainly on the construction of Army Air Fields. Dozens of fields were constructed during the war. He came home on weekends. Mother's sister Madge Renfro and her son Rob Renfro also lived with

us while uncle Sparky Renfro was serving in the Navy in the Pacific on a Landing Ship Tank. (Sparky was the brother of Red Renfro who had a farm east of Matador).


In the summer of 1944, mother moved to Canyon with me and Mike to enroll in West Texas State College "to finish her education." Brother Jim lived for a year with father's parents in Matador and then for a year with us in Canyon. Mother graduated in June of 1946 after the war with a bachelor's degree in business administration (BBA). That summer, mother and father moved from Canyon to live with her parents, A. B. and Eunice Nichols, at their farm a mile north of Roaring Springs.

To establish a home for themselves, mother and father bought two lots in northwest Matador and two "cotton picker" shacks from the Goodwins next door to the Nichols farm. One shack was dismantled for the lumber; the other was moved to Matador and placed over a concrete block basement which my parents -- with the help of Grant Carlsen, Clinton Hobbs and Jack Green -- built. The house that I grew up in (now occupied by Judy and Garland Cartwright) was

constructed there by adding on to that two-room "cotton picker" shack over a period of 10 years.

While the "new" house was being readied for occupancy, I started first grade in Roaring Springs in September 1946, and then transferred to Mrs. Gilbreath's first grade in Matador in November 1946, at the time we all moved to Matador from the Nichols farm.

The following year, within a month after school started, mother got a job teaching in Dickens, so I went to school there that year. Part of the agreement between the school and my mother was that they would allow brother Mike to start school even though he was only five years old at the time (there was no kindergarten or day care available). The first and second grades at Dickens were both in the same room; the teacher was Ms. English. Apparently, there was some concern that Mike was leaning on me too much, so I was transferred into the adjoining room to be in Mrs. Bachman's third grade. That's how Mike came to be in the same grade as Gerald Pipkin (Class of 1959); and I was two years ahead although Gerald and I were closer in age.



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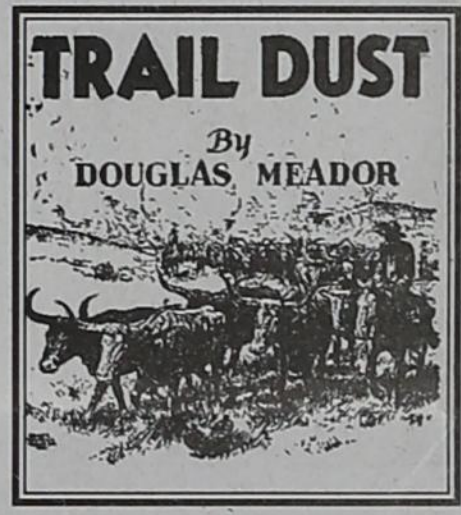


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Matador Tribune
January 23, 1936

Snow comes gently as a peaceful death to ugliness and levels with uncompromising uniformity to the most exacting standards of majestic splendor. Beauty is not isolated to become inflamed by contrast, but instead, assumes a spiritual position as monarch

over the wide empire of creation and to whom the lesser powers of nature willingly pay homage. The faults of both men and the earth are hidden beneath the same regal robes, lavishly studded with glittering gems of purity. Only the sun, moon and stars are permitted entrance into the sanctuary without change, except when the blundering hand of man opens sacred doors as a drunken wanderer staggering upon a vesper service.

Pain will come with spring and the purple blossoms of the Lilac bush in the yard at home. The kind hands of my mother who tended the first blooming and the heart which loved the delicate beauty are stilled. Winters to a soul are longer than those in which a flower waits to bloom again. The divine fragrance will

be wafted against the closing curtain of twilight and beyond the reach of my tears and all the wretchedness of my heart, to perfume the garden she tends in paradise. I can not hear her voice and laughter when the Lilac blooms in the yard at home this spring.



Matador Tribune
January 23, 1936


Cage Tourney Opens Friday

The sixth annual basketball tournament to be sponsored by the Matador Lions Club will open tomorrow morning at the Matador school gymnasium. The contests will last two days.

Twelve to fifteen teams have arranged to participate in the tournament including some of the strongest clubs in this section.

While interest is not concentrated to the extent manifested in former contests due to the fact that many schools, especially those located at a distance, have gymnasiums equipped recently, large attendance is expected Friday and Saturday.


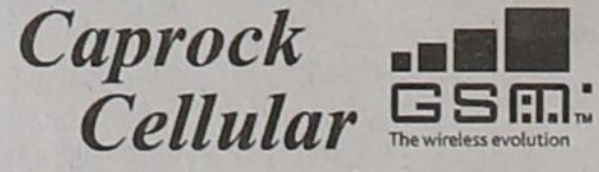
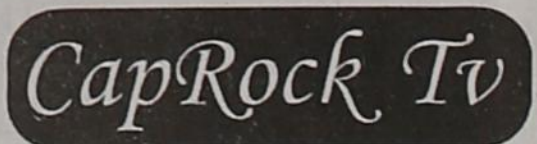
Motley County Shining Stars



HOT OFF THE PRESS!!

Pictured are members of the Motley County English IV class holding copies of their Valentine Newspaper Edition. Recently, when given the option of taking one of Mrs. Bingham's dreaded Six Weeks Tests over grammar, they opted instead to write and publish a special Valentine edition newspaper for the school. The students were responsible for designing, artwork, collecting data, writing, typing and proof reading the articles, copying, collating, and distribution of the final product to the student body.

Members of the class handed out surveys and tallied the results, wrote articles, interviewed mystery students, and gained first-hand knowledge of the pressures involved in producing a newspaper under a deadline. Mrs. Bingham was very pleased with the effort put forth by the class, as well as the finished product, and deemed the project a success.

Back Row: Lupe Placio, Utah Falcon, Eric Simpson, Justin Newman
Front Row: Melissa Flores, Jessica Reyes, Karyn White

Bingo is the name of the game at Hackberry Creek Care Center

By Carol Campbell

"B-2; I-8, N-13; G-7; O-14 - BINGO!" - Boss Lion Corky Marshall sings - and the winner is: Hackberry Creek Care Center.

The Roaring Springs Lions Club has been calling the numbers once a month, the first Thursday of every month, for about a year now, donating \$30 to \$40 in quarters overall to lucky winners. On February 4, eight Lions met for the monthly ritual, with 15 residents in attendance. The money comes from dues, projects, and 'Tail Twister' fines, Marshall said.

Providing monthly fun and fellowship, this dedicated group hovers over the cards, helping individuals and new players keep up with two Bingo cards at a time. "We have a great time," Marshall said. "When we see the resident's

enjoyment, we are glad to donate this time." Lions and helpers on February 4 were: Corky and Monta Marshall, Buzz and Tince Thacker, Chris Spence, Wes Campbell, Alvin Alexander, and Mozelle Hand.

"The residents prefer the quarters," Marshall said, and who wouldn't feel rich with \$5.00 worth of quarters in your pocket? "We tried furnishing prizes, but the residents love the money," he said, adding, "and everybody wins."

Activity Director Mellane Parson has been creating activity opportunities for the residents since she came on board last September. "They absolutely love Bingo," she said. "Even the new residents that have never played a game before, are hooked after the first game."

The residents have the opportunity to play Bingo more than once a month. In addition to the Lions Club on 1st

Thursday, Parson calls Bingo at least twice a month. While money is not exchanged, tokens worth 50 cents apiece are the coveted prize.

"I have a 'store closet' with donated toiletries, gift items, sugar-free candy, and other sweet treats and chips," she said. "Some residents can't wait to 'cash in' with their tokens, while others hoard and wait for the big one," Parsons said.

"We have one resident that has more than \$20 in tokens," she said. "I asked her what she was waiting to buy - a car?" Parsons said with a smile.

Volunteers are the heartbeat of Hackberry Creek Care Center, and the Roaring Springs Lions Club provides an hour of respite in an otherwise uneventful day for most residents.

To learn more about volunteer opportunities at Hackberry Creek, call the Activity Director Mellane Parson at 806-347-2942.



Motley County PIP Group traveled to Wayland Baptist University on January 23. The 35 PIPs performed during the Wayland Pioneer's half-time. PIP's stands for Players in Progress. There are 15 first time PIP's this year learning ball-handling and hand-eye-coordination through drills, and many hours of practice at the gym and at home.



BINGO! and the winner is HCCC resident Grace Zabielski (right) shown with Roaring Springs Lions Club volunteer Monta Marshall. The Club hosts Bingo the 1st Thursday of every month at Hackberry Creek Care Center.



Residents at Hackberry Creek Care Center enjoy an afternoon of Bingo with the Roaring Springs Lions Club. Pictured (L to R) are Ida Farley, Buzz Thacker (standing), Lorene Lancaster, Virgie Bannister, and Tince Thacker (standing).

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on a compass always points to the north, and from that we know which way is south, east, and west. The compass is constant and unchanging, and thus it helps us put things in proper perspective.

All of us need a "compass" - not just when we get lost in the woods - but something stable and unchanging which serves as a reference point for ordering our lives morally and spiritually.

In answer to this need for a "compass," the Bible says, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." Order your life around Christ, the one stable, unchanging thing in our changing world.

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NEWS AROUND MOTLEY COUNTY

Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

On a personal note . . .

Out of the mouth of babes: My little granddaughter is in the first grade. She attends a Christian school. She is to memorize a verse from the Bible each week. This past week the verse was I John 4:20. *If someone says, "I love God but hates his brother, he is a liar. He can see his brother, but hates him. So he cannot love God, whom he has never seen".* She was rehearsing her verse on the way to school and trying to get it right and understand it. Suddenly she asked her dad, "Just who is God's brother?" My son tried very hard not to laugh and explain the verse to her. Can't kids come up with some really hilarious observations?

Family Circus in today's *Avalanche Journal* was cute. Billy asks, "If George Washington was the father of our country, was Uncle Sam his brother?"

Can you remember things you figured out for yourself when you were a kid and how some things seemed so strange? I can sure remember that the words to the hymns were really foreign to me. I always wondered what it meant and how we could "raise our Ebenezer" in "O, Thou Fount of Every Blessing!"

One of the funniest things I ever saw a child do in church was to sing joyfully at the top of his lungs. He was sitting in front of us sitting with his parents; he was about two and a half with big brown eyes that sparkled with life. The congregation sang so loudly that I could not hear him but could tell he was really enjoying the song service. After the service I commented to his mother how much little Tommy liked to sing. She asked if I could hear what he was singing. I couldn't and she told me *Pop-eye the Sailorman*. She said if I listened closely I would have heard the toot! toot! at the end of the song!

News in the community

Monday, a week ago, Lupe Morales was taken by ambulance to Crosbyton Hospital where she was treated and released for a severe nosebleed.

On Thursday of last week, Bill Hand was taken by ambulance to the Heart Hospital in Lubbock. His daughter and granddaughter, Kim and Abby Watson brought him home on Saturday and stayed for lunch. Mozelle accompanied him to the hospital. She came home on Friday.

K. J. Clifton died on Saturday, February 6. He was buried at Ft. Bliss in El Paso on February 12. He grew up in the Teepee Flat community and went to school in Roaring Springs.

Former resident of Motley County, Stanley Martin, will be bringing his group the West Texas Watchmen to the First Baptist Church for a concert on Sunday Morning, March 20 at 10:45 a.m. They will be performing in Quitaque on March 20. The group is a trio. Other singers are Randy Irving and Bennett Kimbell.

Funeral services for Lou Dean Douthitt were held last Wednesday afternoon at Wheeler, Texas. Mrs. Douthitt was Billie Stuckey's mother. She was affectionately known as MamMaw by her family. Donna Kennedy, Ellie Baliff and Pearl Patten attended the funeral of Billie Stuckey's mother on Thursday in Wheeler.

Many activities were called off last week because of the weather. On Tuesday evening the Roaring Springs Community Volunteers Meeting was canceled. On Thursday evening the Relay For Life Kick Off Birthday Party was canceled.

The Relay For Life Kick Off was postponed until Tuesday evening at the Matador Hotel at 7:00 p.m.

Last week Buzz Thacker recorded .20 inches rain and .21 inches moisture from the beautiful snow we had.

The 'old' Lions Club Committee decided that this morning's chill factor of 19 degrees was too cold for them to be out putting up flags for President's Day. They plan to leave them out an extra day the next time they are put out. (Note: 'Old' was added by Corky!)

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

Overheard

While driving with friend, my grandmother stopped at a rest area and saw a man trimming bushes.

Grandmother's friend watched for a while before remarking, "You are doing a fine job. You ought to come to my house and trim my bushes."

The man looked at her and said, "Ma'am, I'd love to." It was only on their way back to the car that they noticed the lettering on the man's uniform. "Illinois Dept. of Corrections."

Correction

Mrs. Janice Hughes and daughter-in-law, Mrs. Roger (Tiffany) Hughes of Floydada were in Fort Worth from Wednesday until Friday of last week. They met Roger Hughes and daughter, Reagan at the Fort Worth Stock Show. Reagan had a calf steer entry.

Wilburn Martin was in Lubbock last Thursday and enjoyed the movie, "Wolves" at the IMAX Theatre.

Mrs. Gwen Mandrell and daughter, Peyton and Mrs. Elise Reed and baby daughter, Hayleigh of Lubbock, visited overnight Friday with their family, Mrs. Mary Jo Calvert and Glen Calvert.

Attending the birthday of Tylee Barclay Saturday afternoon held in the home of her parents, Brittany and Ty Barclay in Matador were her grandparents, Sandra and Jerry Barclay and great-grandmother, Mrs. Erma Washing-

ton. Tylee blew out her five candles on a beautifully decorated Princess birthday cake. Punch and cake were served and she received many gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. James Gwinn and daughter, Danielle were in Fort Worth from January 29-31 and attended the Fort Worth Livestock Show. She had a lamb entry.

Ruth and Orville Lee attended to business in Childress Saturday.

L.T. Starkey of Ralls visited Saturday with his brother, Johnie Starkey.

Wilburn enjoyed entertainment in Plainview, Wednesday.

Anna Beth and Joe Ike Clay, daughter and children, Mrs. Julie Edwards, Jaxon and Laney of Turkey, were in Panhandle Thursday night and visited Mr. and Mrs. Larry Clay, Turner Kelsey and Sarah. They enjoyed Sarah's basketball game.

Kathy and Clois Shorter visited at Kiowa Lake from Monday until Wednesday with daughter and family, Christi and Dwain Milam, Emily and Haley.

Brenda and Darrell Cruse and her mother, Mrs. Marihelen Wason of Matador visited in Snyder Saturday with Charla and Bennie Marricle. They celebrated the birthday of Bennie. Other guests were his father, Tommy Marricle, daughters and families, Kacey and Ian Shafer and Kason of Snyder and Mrs. Shahala Holsher and Kinly of Sweetwater.

Matador News

Gary Winsett of Atlanta, GA, was in the county last week working with Red Ball Gin. He is a contract engineer with Cotton, Inc.

Lisa Guerrero and Juliana Koelbl traveled to Giddings last weekend to attend a gathering at the *Camp Tejas Christian Retreat Center*. Lisa had attended this annual event with her church while living in Corpus Christi, and she especially enjoyed renewing friendships with friends from Corpus. It is not known if she braved the climbing tower again.

Brandon Massey of Plano, Howard Britain, A.D. Clark, Sam George, and LaDonna Speier, all of Tyler, have been in town working on their hunting lease. LaDonna is a trauma-center nurse and left Monday to volunteer in Haiti.

Jane Murrell, Tonya Garcia, Darene Mitchell, Rosa Vargas, and Cindy Comer, all of Silverton, enjoyed a birthday breakfast at Hotel Matador Saturday morning.

Don Cox, formerly of Matador and now of Amarillo, retired February 1 from his long time job managing land for the University of Texas System.

Steve Bostick recently fell from his trailer and broke his hip. He is home recuperating.

John and Ann Wade of Vernon stayed a night last weekend at Hotel Matador, compliments of a church member. John is pastor of the First United Methodist Church in Paducah and in Vernon.

Rose and Rick Moyer of Sarasota, FL, have visited with friends Minnie and Rick Collett recently.

After being married in Floydada, Carmel and Mary Eastman, now of Lubbock, spent their honeymoon at Hotel Matador Sunday night.

Producers and hosts of *Predator Pursuit*, which creates DVDs and television shows about hunting varmints, were in Motley County filming last week. The group hunted several area ranches along with local hunter Randy Hicks and his friend Billy Simpson of Colorado City. Todd Woodall of Sunset and Cal Ferguson of Pampa reported that they were able to record a lot of good action while in the county.

Their show started airing this year and is scheduled five times per week on the Sportsman Channel. *Predator Pursuit* (www.predatorpursuit.tv) have been creating and selling DVDs for seven years, and Hicks has been featured of the three of these videos.

Woodall said that hunting predators is a "fast-paced, exciting type of hunting in which more things are involved, and the prey is smaller, faster, and smarter." Also, most of the hunting is done at night, which adds to the intrigue.

Ferguson, Woodall, and Jeff Thomason, a partner who was not able to attend the Motley County hunt, have hunted and filmed across the United States, in Canada, and in Africa.

Kaci Risser of Columbia, South Carolina, visited last month in the homes of her parents, Fred and Elaine Risser, and her grandmother, Frances Dixon.

Kaci traveled to Texas from Orlando, Florida, where she walked in the Walt Disney World Half Marathon. This was her first half marathon, and she was pleased to finish within the time limit. At the time, Florida was having record cold weather, and the participants endured sleet and drizzle throughout the event.

MCISD Testing on March 3

The majority of the students at MCISD will be taking a TAKS test on Wednesday, March 3, 2010. Students in grades 4, 7, 9, 10, and 11 will test on this date.

"We are asking that parents and guardians be aware of this important test and help by preparing your student for it. The students need to go to bed early the night before and need to have a good breakfast the morning of the test. We are also asking that parents refrain from making doctor or dental appointments on this date. The assistance of parents and guardians is greatly appreciated," said Kay Bingham.

Grades 4 and 7 will be taking the writing portion of the TAKS test. Grades 10 and 11 will be taking the ELA portion. Grade 9 will be taking the reading portion. Students who are absent on Tuesday will be given a make-up test, for tests determined by TEA.

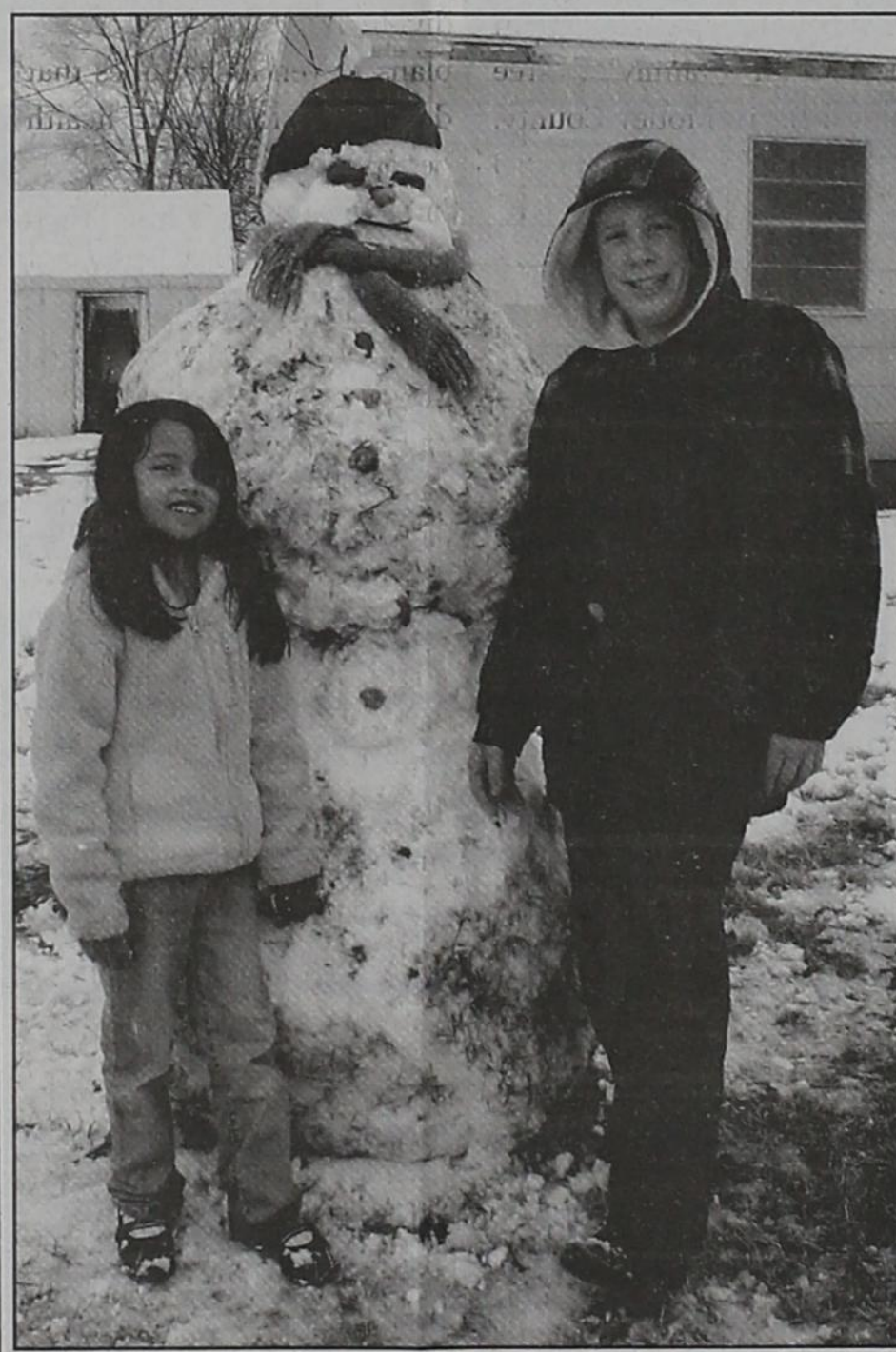
Sixth grade students and eighth grade students will be in

the Ag Room on this date completing work that has been given to them by their classroom teachers. Students in grades PK through 3 and in grade 5 will be in their regular classroom.

Students will not be allowed to have cell phones or other electronic devices in their possession during the testing period. Please help us maintain test integrity by requesting that your student not bring any electronic device or cell phone to school on the testing day.

Senior students will take the ASVAB test on March 3. This test is administered by the Army and is a tool that the students can use to assess their occupational strengths and weaknesses.

"Once again, all assistance by parents and guardians is truly appreciated by the staff at MCISD. It takes all of us (parents/guardians, staff, and students) working together to insure student success on these state mandated tests," Bingham said.



Sam and Sophia Charette of Roaring Springs stand proudly in front of their snowman. photo by Jen Charette

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Notes from the Library

By Buffy Crutchley

I ran out of room last week, and didn't get to tell you about our wonderful Friends of the Library meeting that was held last Thursday. There was so much to discuss! The first order of business was to elect new officers for the upcoming year. Ronnie Vandiver will become the new President, with Lyn Montgomery becoming the new Vice-President. Deanie Edwards will remain the Secretary, and DA McGuire will remain as Treasurer.

Next item of business was much discussion on the upcoming Gardening seminar. Mark your calendars for March 4th at 2:00p.m. Ryan Martin will be on hand to discuss getting your garden ready for spring. I'll have more details about this as the time gets closer.

Our new VP came up with a wonderful idea as we talked

about what to read for our next book discussion. We're going to try something new, as a way to get more folks to participate. I've put a ballot box at the front of the library. We need you to come in, and write down the name of the book you think we should read. Out of all the entries, we'll choose one to be the next book discussion. Come in today to cast your vote!

I'm saving the best item for last! The Friends of the Library voted to purchase a new copy machine for the library! If you've been in and made a copy in the last few months, you know it's time for us to upgrade. Thanks to the Friends of the library, and a matching grant from the Four Winds Resource Conservation and Development, we should have our new machine by the time you read this!

The state of Texas and Motley County Children 2009-10

Decades of being stingy has left us with more poor, uninsured, hungry children than almost any other state

Austin, Texas— On February 12, the Center for Public Policy Priorities will release the annual Texas KIDS COUNT data book: The State of Texas Children 2009-2010, a resource that offers an updated look at the well-being of children in Texas, and complete online data snapshots for every county in Texas. The data shows Texas' approach is not strengthening families or helping children.

Assessing the Texas Approach

For decades, state leaders have told us that spending little on public services for children to keep taxes low leads to prosperity, making things better for children in the long run. But the data show this to be a failed approach: Texas spends less per person than any other state, but things aren't getting better for kids.

"Decades of belt tightening have left us with more poor, uninsured, and hungry children than almost every other state," said Frances Deviney, Texas KIDS COUNT Director.

Child Poverty Much Too High in Texas

With nearly 1 in 4 Texas children living in poverty (23 percent), Texas' child poverty rate exceeds most other states' (U.S. = 18 percent). That means nearly 1.5 million Texas children live in families making less than the federal poverty level (e.g., less than \$17,600 for a family of three in 2008). In Motley County, 76 children (or 28.7 percent) live below the poverty level. High unemployment is a consistent indicator of high child poverty rates, and during past recessions, child poverty rates continued to increase for a year or more after the rest of the economy made an initial recovery. Given that Texas' unemployment numbers doubled in the last two years (from 4.4 percent in January 2008 to 8.3 percent in December 2009, seasonally adjusted), we will likely see an

increase in child poverty as the data catches up with the economic downturn. In Motley County, the unemployment rate went from 5.5 percent in January 2008 to 4.8 percent in December 2009, not seasonally adjusted). Compared to their peers, children living in poverty are more likely to drop out of high school, have worse health outcomes in adolescence and adulthood, and have worse employment outcomes, undermining our future prosperity.

Rate of Uninsured Children on the Rise for Most Income Levels

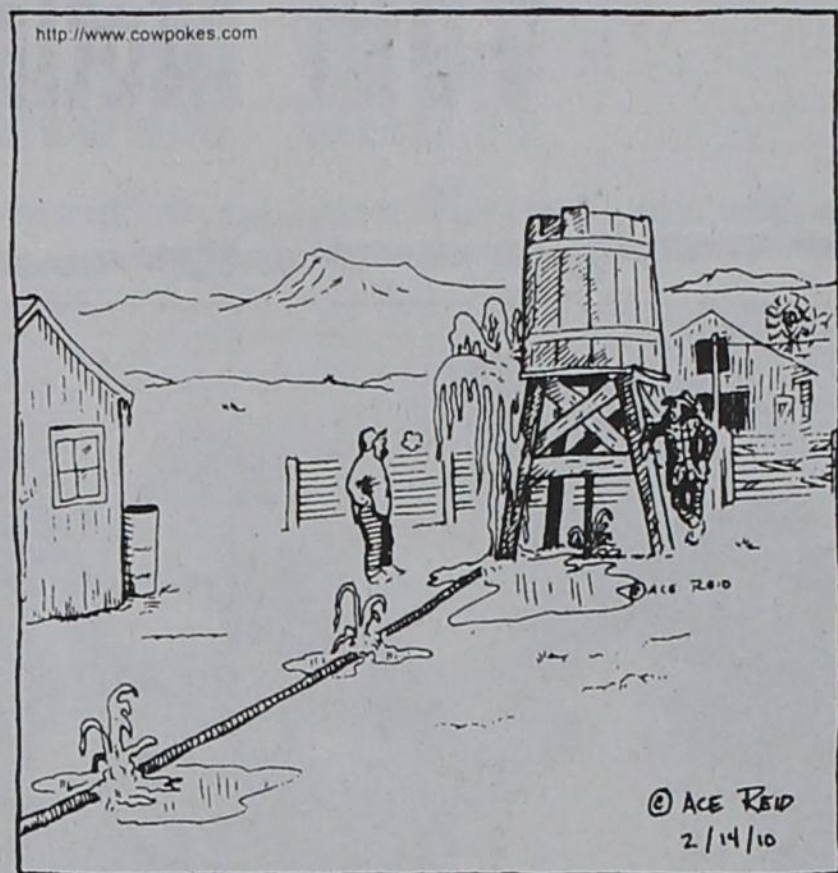
For the 10th consecutive year, Texas has the highest rate of uninsured children in the nation, with 20 percent of Texas children uninsured—nearly twice the national average. This rate is predicted to rise to 24 percent in 2010. In Motley County, 45 children (or 17.4 percent) are predicted to be uninsured in 2010. Children are falling through the cracks of both the private and the public health insurance markets. Fewer children are covered through their parent's employer (50 percent in 2003 to 46 percent in 2008). Increases in the rate of uninsured in 2008 were the largest for children whose families made too much to qualify them for public coverage but not enough to purchase individual private insurance plans. Even for families that do qualify for public health benefits—half of Texas' 1.4 million uninsured children do—lack of education about available programs, intimidating enrollment procedures, and a broken eligibility and enrollment system that has improperly denied benefits to hundreds of thousands of Texans.

Hunger and Nutrition Support

Texas faces the second-highest rate of child food insecurity in the nation, with 16.3

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percent (1.4 million) Texas households unsure where their next meal will come from, or how they will afford it in 2006-2008. In 2007, one of every five children (1.3 million) received Food Stamps (now know as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP). In Motley County, 36 (or 12.8 percent) of children received SNAP. As further evidence of the impact of the recession, that number grew to 1.8 million in February 2010. For Motley County, children receiving SNAP increased to 43 in February 2010. Even with these large participation numbers, 38 percent of all SNAP applications across Texas are not processed on time, leaving hungry families and children waiting.

What Can You Do?

You can insist that Texas help kids today to ensure prosperity tomorrow by:

1. Ensuring access to quality, affordable public and private health coverage for all kids.
2. Reforming the eligibility system through policy simplification, better business processes, more staff, and improved technology.

3. Support revenue reform, making our tax system fair and adequate to ensure we can invest in the essentials—such as education—for our kids.

Additional State and County Data, Rankings, Maps, and Graphs Available Online:

- Child Abuse and Neglect
- Death and Violence
- Maternal and Infant Health
- Early Care and Education
- Completion Rates and TAKS scores

An online version of the book is available for press purposes only at: www.cppp.org/factbook09/tkc_2009_10.pdf

For more county data, visit our Web site at: www.cppp.org/factbook09/county_select.php

 The Center for Public Policy Priorities (CPPP) is a non-profit, non-partisan policy institute dedicated to improving the economic and social conditions of low- and moderate-income Texans. You can learn more about CPPP at <http://www.cppp.org>.

FBCM to host Ladies' Salad Luncheon on Saturday

All women of the area are invited to attend and bring their friends to the upcoming annual Ladies' Salad Luncheon on Saturday, February 20, at 12:00 noon at First Baptist Church, Matador (FBCM).

Special guest Jeanne Brown will share a presentation on Really Bad Girls of the Bible: Lessons from Less-Than-Perfect Women, a book by Liz Curtis Higgs.

Brown, who is director of Choices Alternative School of Seagraves ISD, says she is "a lifetime missionary currently posing as a teacher at Seagraves High School." She and her husband, Johnny Mac, were instrumental in launching the B.U.S.T. (Buckle Up and Stop Texting) campaign last year.

Known for presenting hard-

hitting truths with humorous flair, Brown will be remembered by many women in the area from her Born to Be Wild presentation at FBCM two years ago.

This Saturday's event, hosted by Women on Mission of the church's WMU, will begin with a salad luncheon served in the Fellowship Hall downstairs, and the program will follow immediately in the church sanctuary upstairs.

Guests who would like to bring a salad are encouraged to do so, but this is not required. However, women attending as a group are asked to bring one salad for every two or three women in the group.

For more information, call Doris Moore (347-2875).

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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.

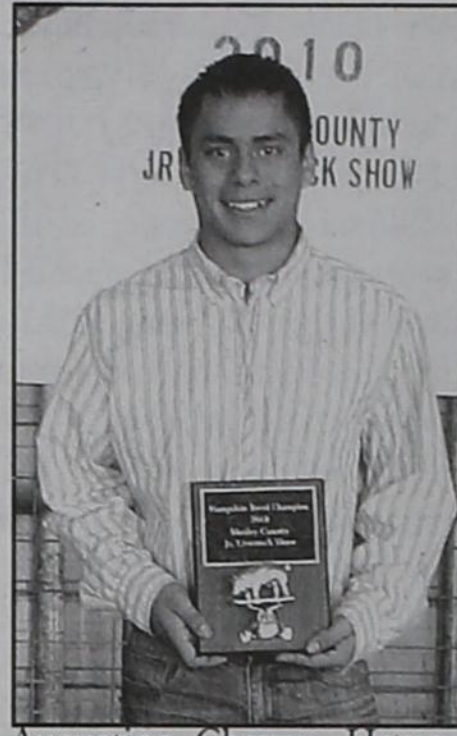
I am trying to visit each and every one of you, but if I do not see you please know that I will still appreciate your support in the election and will do my best to benefit Motley County in the role as your County Judge.

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70th Motley County Junior Livestock Show



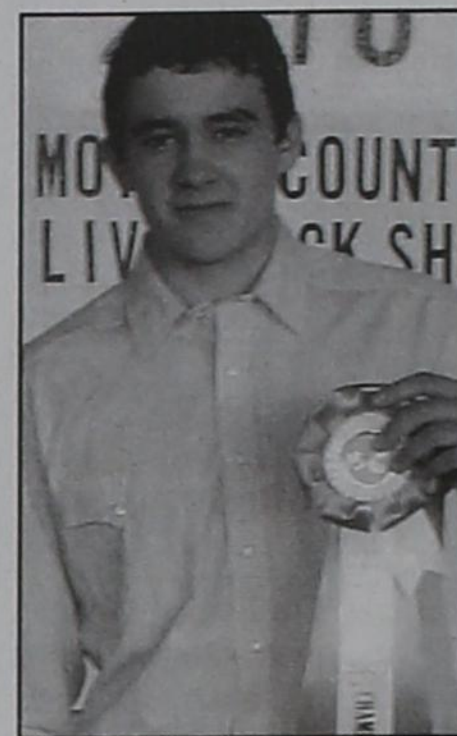
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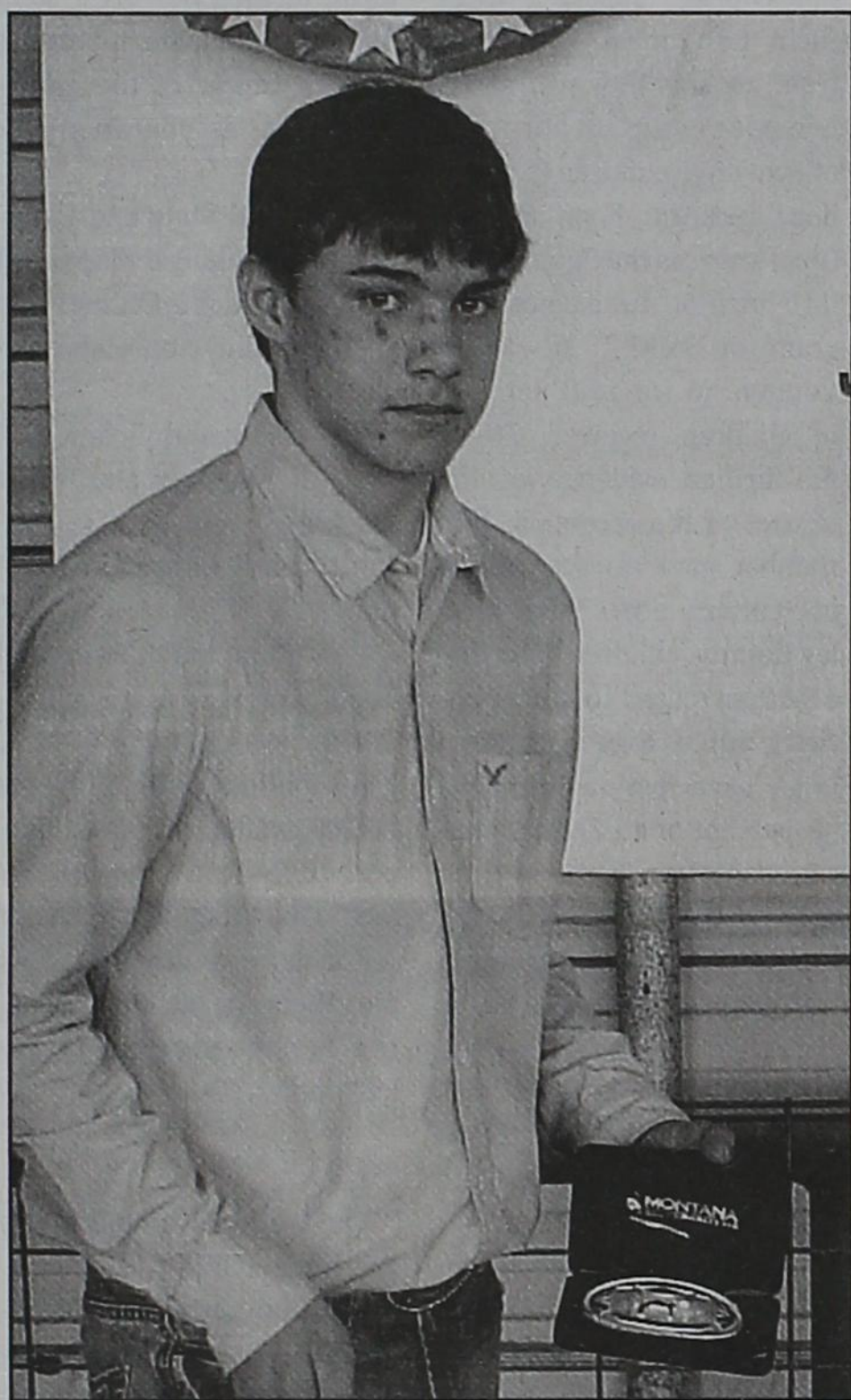
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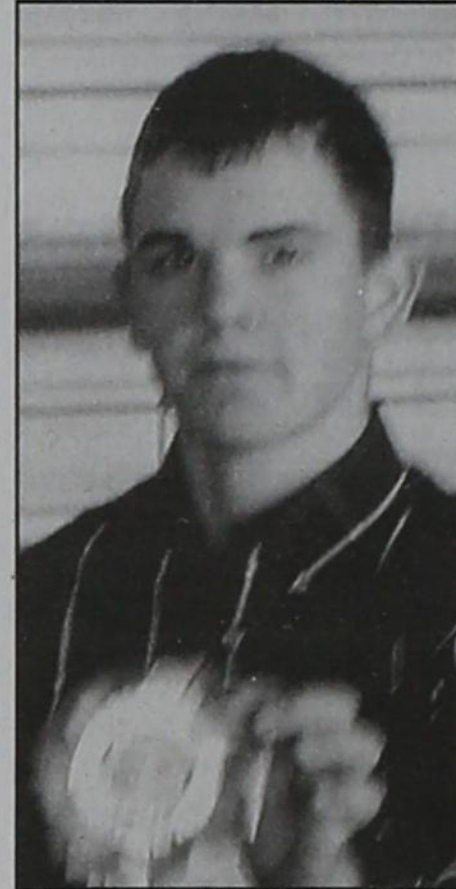
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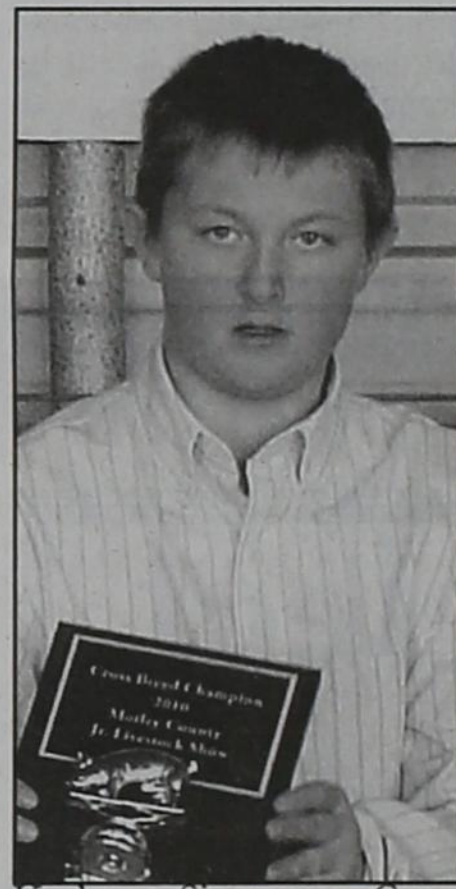
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Seth Baxter, Reserve Champion Lamb and Danielle Gwinn, Grand Champion Lamb and Sr Showmanship photo by D'anna Russell



Korbyn Simpson, Cross Breed Champion and Grand Champion Hog photo by D'anna Russell



Braden Bigham, Duroc Breed Champion and Jr. Showmanship photo by D'anna Russell

2010 Motley County Jr. Livestock Show Results

On a beautiful, sunny, Saturday, February 13th, the 70th Annual Motley County Jr. Livestock Show and Sale was held. The results are as follows:

Swine Show: Light Weight Hampshire Class:

- 1st place-Augustine Chavez
- 2nd place-Sage Guerrero
- 3rd place-Dayne Butler
- 4th place-Jonathon Osborn
- 5th place-Sage Guerrero
- 6th place--Andrew Martin
- 7th place--Mattie Brooks

Heavy Weight Hampshire Class:

- 1st place-Kyla Simpson
- 2nd place-Eric Simpson
- 3rd place-Reagon Elliott
- 4th place-Lexi Osborn
- 5th place-Brendan Fisk
- 6th place-Matthew Faulks

Hampshire Breed Champion: Augustine Chavez
Hampshire Reserve Breed Champion: Kyla Simpson

Chester Class:

- 1st place-Brendan Fisk
- 2nd place-Chase Buckner
- 3rd place-Weston Griswold

Chester Breed Champion: Brendan Fisk
Chester Reserve Breed Champion: Chase Buckner

Duroc Class:

- 1st place-Braden Bigham
- 2nd place-Christian Brooks
- 3rd place - Natalie Jameson
- 4th place-Brendan Fisk
- 5th place-Matthew Faulks
- 6th place-Brendan Fisk

Duroc Breed Champion: Braden Bigham
Duroc Reserve Breed Champion: Christian Brooks

Light Weight Cross Class:

- 1st place-Britt Simpson
- 2nd place- Bryson Elliott
- 3rd place-Korbyn Simpson
- 4th place-Sage Guerrero
- 5th place-Kyla Simpson
- 6th place-Brendan Fisk

Heavy Weight Cross Class:

- 1st place-Korbyn Simpson
- 2nd place-Shleby Elliott
- 3rd place- Sage Guerrero
- 4th place-Reagon Elliott
- 5th place- Britt Simpson
- 6th place-Natalie Jameson

Cross Breed Champion: Korbyn Simpson

Cross Reserve Breed Champion: Britt Simpson

Grand Champion Hog- Korbyn Simpson
Reserve Grand Champion- Augustine Chavez
Jr. Showmanship- Braden Bigham
Sr. Showmanship- Kyla Simpson

Lamb Show

Light Weight Lambs:
1st place- Wyatt Hackler
2nd place- Wyatt Hackler
3rd place- Seth Baxter
4th place- Leanne Jameson
5th place- Catherine Ward

Heavy Weight Lambs:
1st place- Danielle Gwinn
2nd place- Seth Baxter
3rd place- Seth Baxter
4th place- Danielle Gwinn
5th place- Danielle Gwinn
6th place- Danielle Gwinn
7th place- Mattie Brooks

Grand Lamb- Danielle Gwinn
Reserve Lamb- Seth Baxter
Jr. Showmanship- Catherine Ward
Sr. Showmanship- Danielle Gwinn

Goat Show

Light Weight Goats:

- 1st-Bryant Taylor
- 2nd-Alycia Silva
- 3rd- Caleb Clary
- 4th- Jaci Taylor
- 5th- Caleb Clary
- 6th-Michael Siegler
- 7th-Mickie Clary
- 8th- Mickie Clary

Medium Light Weight Goats:

- 1st-Austin Taylor
- 2nd-Carley Turner
- 3rd- Michael Silva
- 4th- Michael Silva
- 5th- Michael Siegler
- 6th- Michael Siegler

Medium Weight Goats
1st place-Cassidy Turner
2nd place-Carley Turner
3rd place-Cameron Stafford
4th place-Gabby Silva
5th place-Carley Turner

Medium Heavy Weight Goats:

- 1st place-Seth Baxter
- 2nd place-Seth Baxter
- 3rd place- Cassidy Turner
- 4th place-Cameron Stafford
- 5th place-Mattie Brooks
- 6th place- Jaci Zingerman

Heavy Weight Goats:

- 1st place- Cassidy Turner
- 2nd place- Jaci Zingerman
- 3rd place- Keyan Kautz
- 4th place- Keyan Kautz

Grand Champion Goat-

Cassidy Turner
Reserve Champion Goat- Seth Baxter
Jr. Showmanship- Mattie Brooks
Sr. Showmanship- Austin Taylor

Rabbit Show

- 1st place-Gage Baker
- 2nd place- Caitlyn Siegrist
- 3rd place- Caitlyn Siegrist
- 4th place- Gage Baker
- 5th place- Grant Potts

Grand Champion Rabbit-

Gage Baker
Reserve Champion Rabbit- Caitlyn Siegrist
Showmanship- Caitlyn Siegrist

Steer Show

Light Weight Steers:
1st place- Dode Gleghorn

2nd place- Chloe Gleghorn
3rd place- Danielle Gwinn

Heavy Weight Steers:

- 1st place- Cassidy Turner
- 2nd place-Carley Turner
- 3rd place-Cassidy Turner

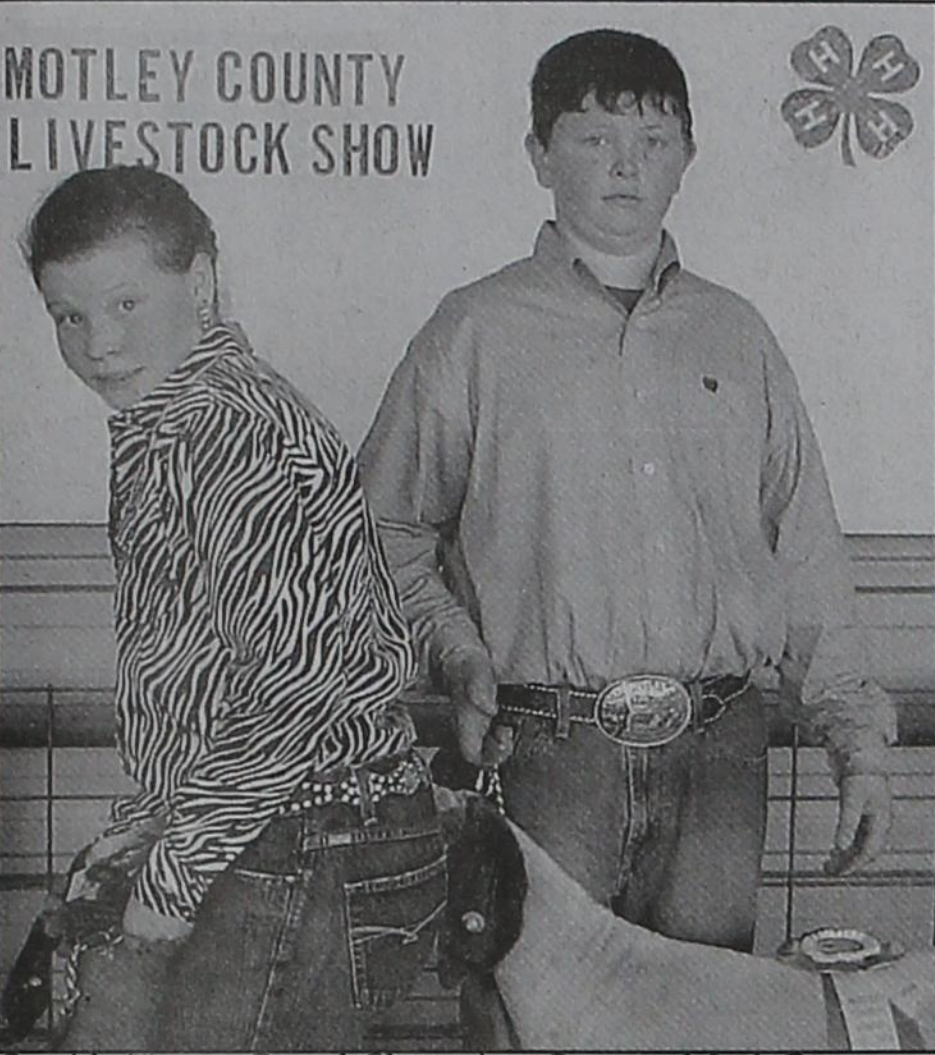
Grand Champion Steer-

Dode Gleghorn
Reserve Champion Steer- Cassidy Turner
Champion Rate of Gain Steer- Cassidy Turner
Jr. Showmanship- Cassidy Turner
Senior Showmanship- Danielle Gwinn
Best Steer Bred in Motley County- Steve and Linda Hess
Breeder of Grand Champion Steer- Mike Mimms, DVM.

Bucket Calf Show

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Andrew Stafford
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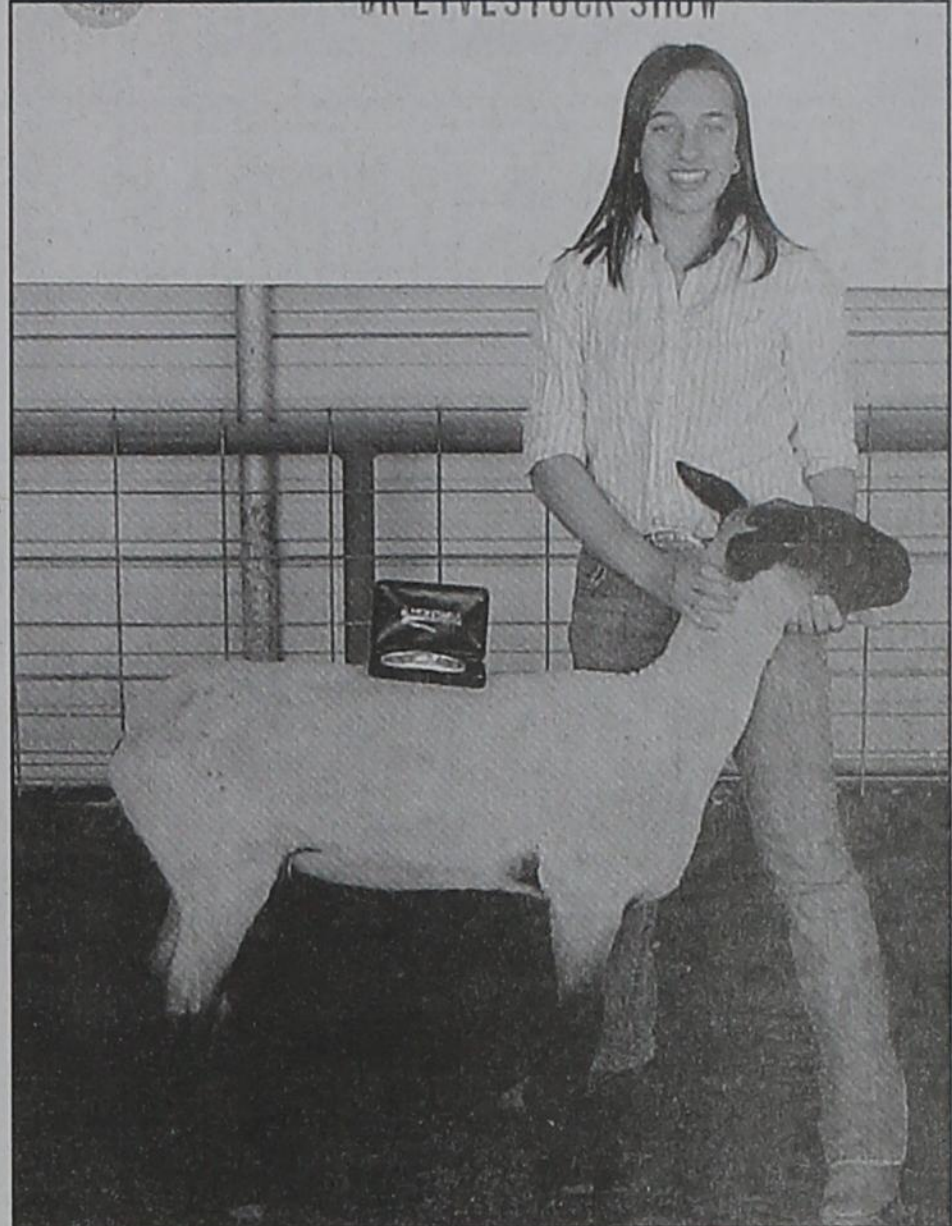
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Cassidy Tuner, Grand Champion Goat and Seth Baxter, Reserve Champion Goat. photo by D'anna Russell



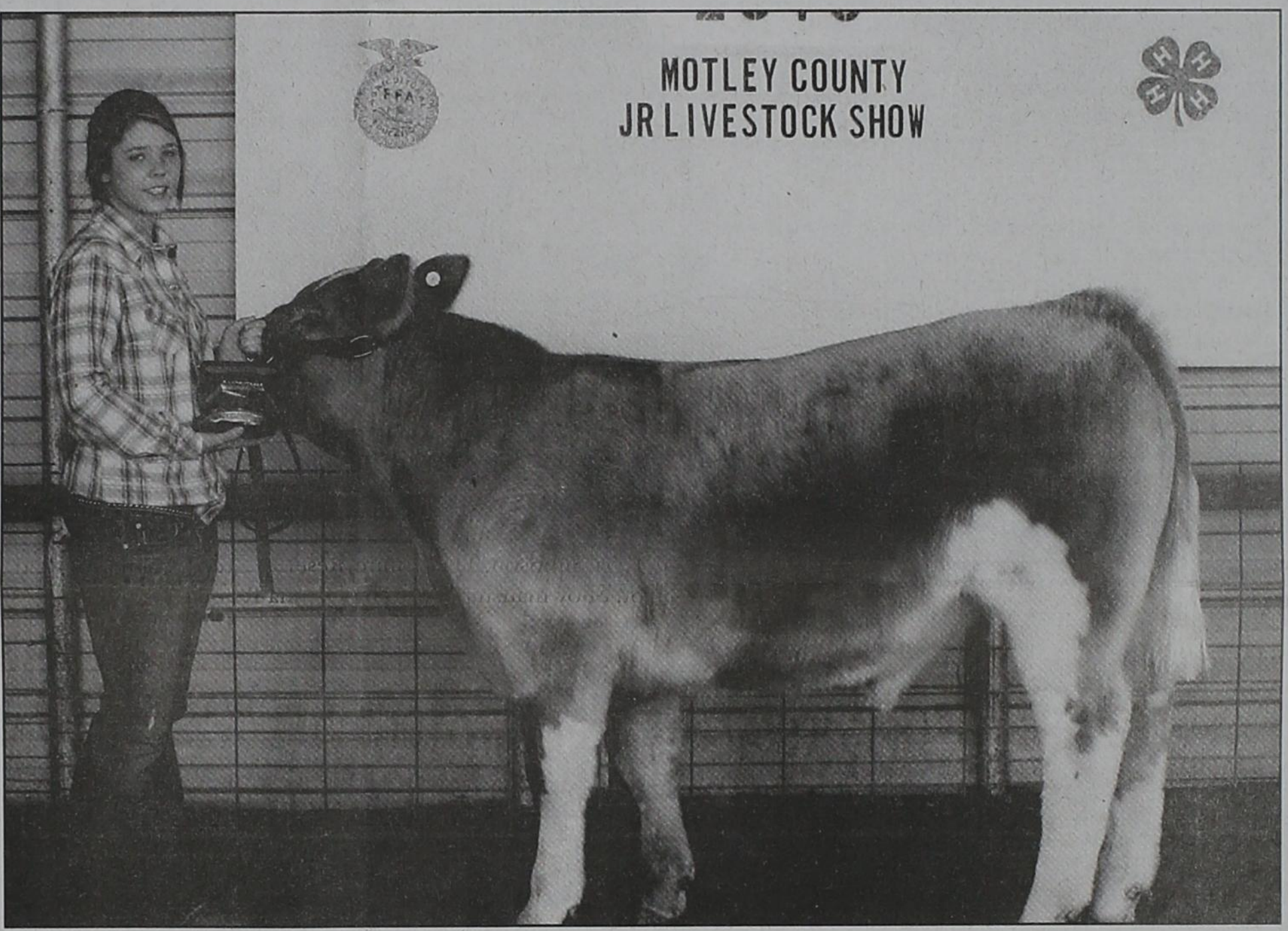
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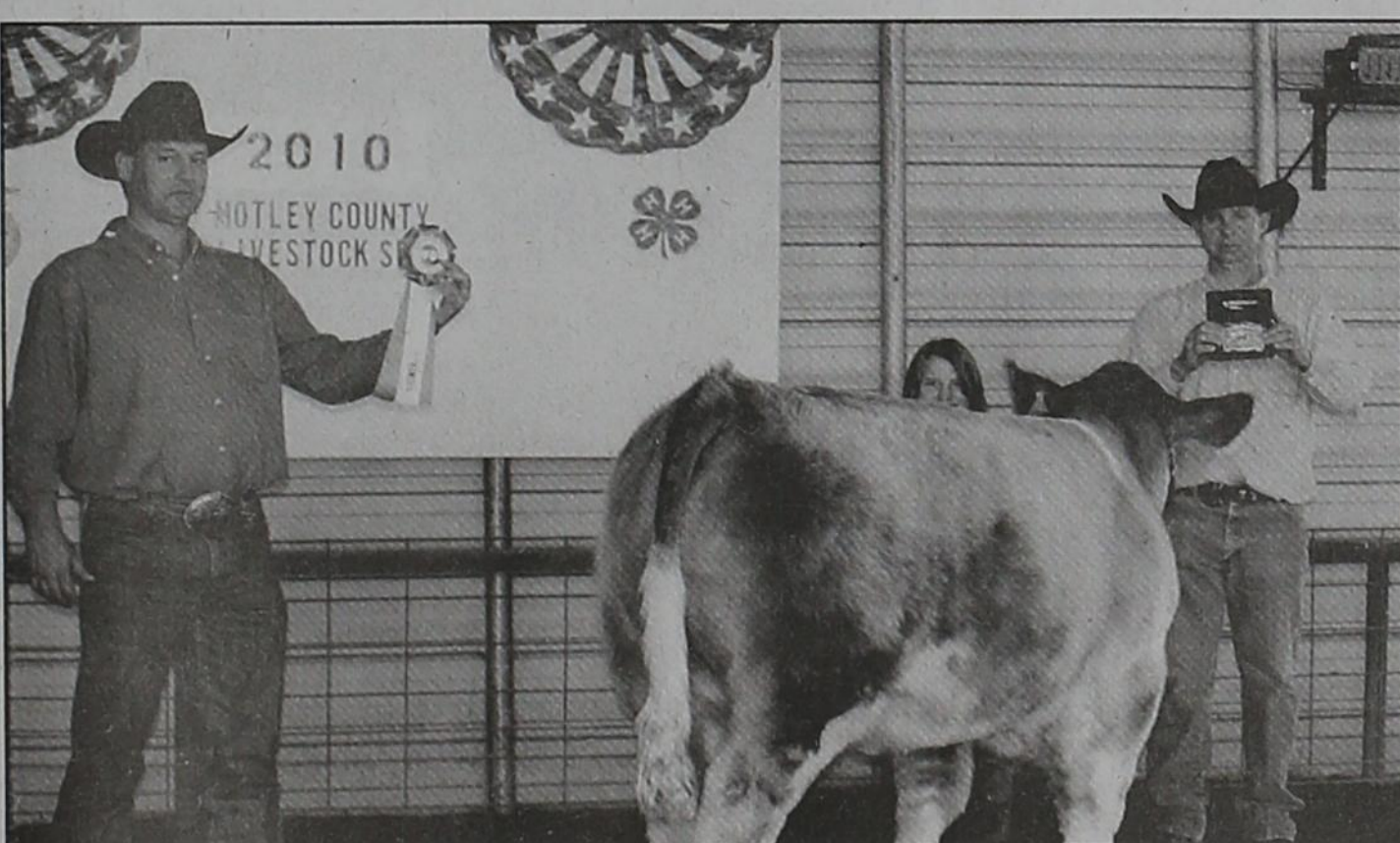
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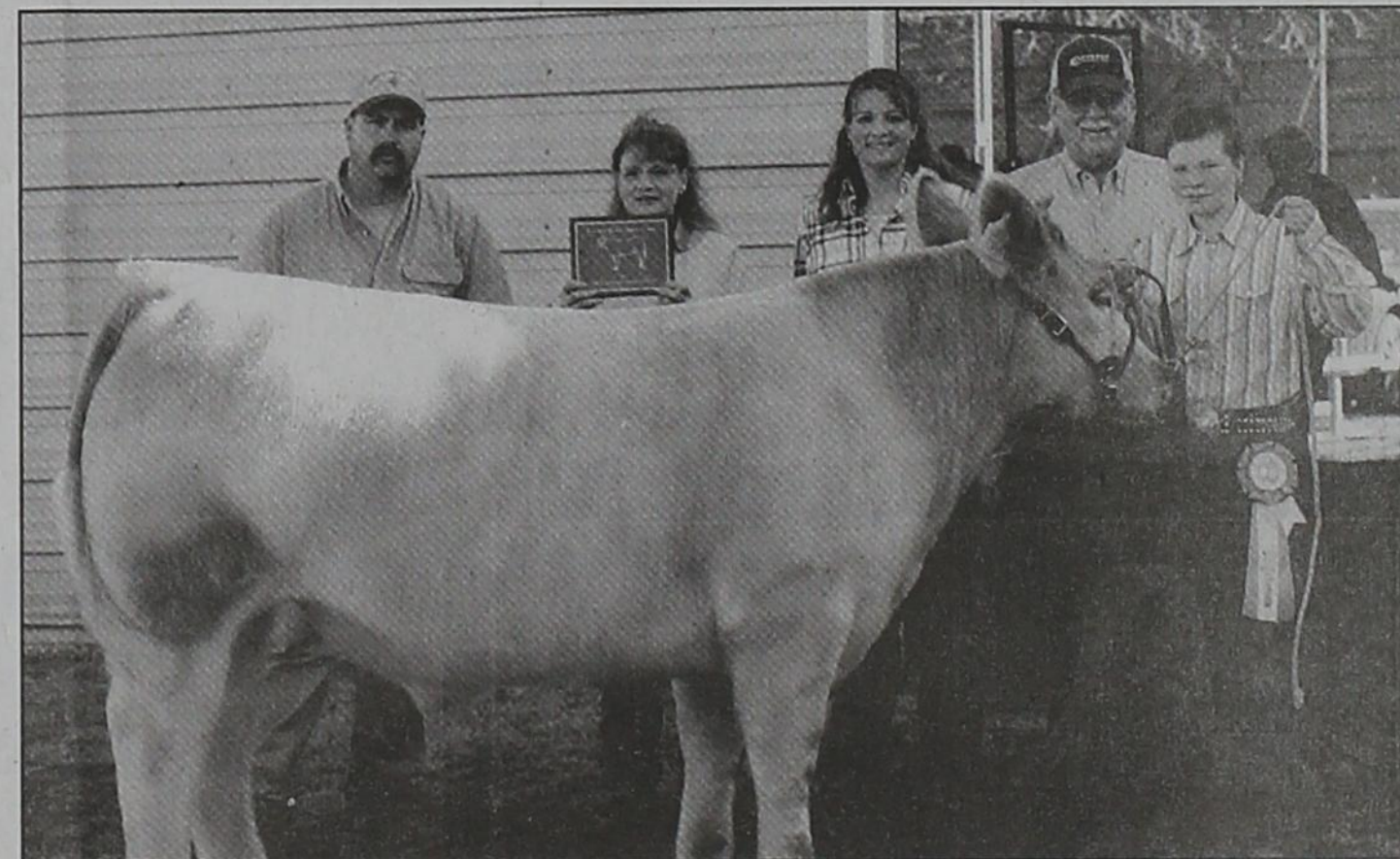
Mattie Brooks Jr Goat Showmanship



Danielle Gwinn, Sr. Showmanship



Dode Gleghorn, Grand Champion Steer



Cassidy Turner, Reserve Grand Champion Steer. Pictured with her are her Uncle Darryn Perryman, Linda Hess, Mom, Cathey Turner, and Steve Hess.



Cassidy Turner, Reserve Grand Champion Steer, Champion Rate of Gain Steer and Jr. Showmanship photo by D'anna Russell

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 16 Early voting starts
 20 Ladies' Salad Luncheon 12:00 noon at FBCM
 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
 2 Matador Lions
 3 Kids Praise
 4 Get your garden started, 2:00 pm. Library
 4 RS Lions

Availability of Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program

South Plains Community Action Association, Inc. (SPCAA) has received additional funding from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs to operate the Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program (CEAP) January 2010-December 2010.

The primary intent of this is to make funds available to enable SPCAA to respond to energy needs affecting low-income households. Priority will be given to eligible households containing one or more persons age 60 or above, a handicapped individual and families with young children under age of six.

The basic philosophy of energy self-sufficiency will be the central theme in the CEAP. The program is designed to offer flexibility to allow for creative implementation and innovation. Service delivery not only entails utility payments on behalf of the client, but also a system that addresses the underlying contributing causes of energy-induced hardship.

For additional information concerning this program, please contact: SPCAA Worker: Cindy Johannes
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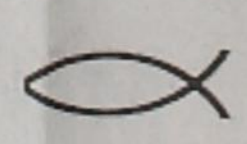
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