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## Farris Foundation Donates \$15,000 to EMS



EMS volunteers L-R Pat Smith, Tony Rose, D'anna Russell, Debra Scott, LeJeanna Faulks, Student: Nathan Shannon, Lizabeth Estrada, Seven Alexander, Not pictured are Tina Brooks, Cindy Johannes, Sheila Womack.

Thomas Kinder and Martha W. Farris Foundation donated \$15,000 to Motley County EMS to purchase hydraulic cots for the Ambulance Service.

These cots have the mechanical capabilities of lifting up to 700 pounds. A hydraulic device lifts the loaded cot into a load position, requiring fewer personnel to respond to the call and preventing back injuries.

The Farris Foundation frequently gives Motley County help in securing the latest

medical devices to keep updated with the technologies needed to provide the highest standard of care to Motley County Citizens.

"Medical equipment can be very expensive to purchase or replace and we are very appreciative of the assistance provided by the Farris Foundation," EMS Director Tony Rose said.

Motley County Ambulance has two Mobile Intensive Care Ambulances equipped with the latest technologies, cardiac monitors, respiratory care

and trauma care capabilities. These units are manned 24 hours a day by 10 Emergency Medical Technicians, Paramedics: Seven Alexander, Pat Smith and Sheila Womack; Intermediate Technicians Tony Rose, Tina Brooks, D'Anna Russell and Debra Scott; and Basic Technicians Cindy Johannes, LeJeanna Faulks and Lizabeth Estrada.

"Since the oldest technician is 60 and the majority are female, these cots are a much needed addition to our service," Rose said.

## Energy group announces area public meetings

By Carol Campbell

The Commissioner's Court met in regular session on January 11, 2010, at 9:30 a.m., in the Commissioner's Courtroom. A full court was in attendance, consisting of Judge Ed D. Smith, Roy Gene Stephens, Precinct One; Donnie Turner, Precinct Two; Franklin Jameson, Precinct Three; and Russell Alexander, Precinct Four. Also present was County Clerk Kate Hurt, Sheriff Michael Crutchley, and County Attorney Tom Edwards.

Michael Johnston, a project engineer for Cross Texas Transmission, a part of the LS Power Group, distributed a map of proposed alternative routes for transmission lines, one of which crosses the northern quadrant of Motley County. The Public Utility

Commission (PUC) will select an alternative route connecting the Silverton Substation to the TESLA Substation before December, 2010, Johnston said. Three Open Meetings have been set to distribute information and discuss the proposed transmission lines. Construction of the transmission lines will be completed by 2013.

"Detailed maps will be distributed at the meetings, actual aerial maps that show specifically where they (proposed transmission lines) are located," Johnston said. Meetings are set in Turkey at the Bob Wills Center on January 26; Childress, January 27; and Silverton, January 28.

In other business, Sheriff Michael Crutchley presented the court with the annual state-required Racial Profiling Report. The county had

131 traffic stops: 86, White, Non-Hispanic; 14 Black; and 31 Hispanic. This breakdown represents the race demographics of the county, Crutchley said. Overall, there were 578 traffic stops in Motley County, including the Department of Public Safety stops, he said.

Judge Smith announced that the Commissioner's Court will hold a public meeting to discuss the establishment of a County Road Map. Citizens have the right to protest the county's claim of a public interest in a road, and can submit a written protest to the County Judge at any time prior to the public meeting or appear at the meeting to protest. The meeting has been set for February 8, 2010, at 1:15 p.m. in the Commissioner's Courtroom.

## Division II 6-man All State Football Honors



Pictured left to right: Coach Ream, Jonathon Osborn, Andrew Martin, Juan Flores, Dayne Butler, Augustine Chavez, Colby McClesky and Coach Bigham.

The Motley County ISD coaching staff would like to congratulate the following young men who received All State Football Honors. The awards received by these fine athletes reflect a job well done, on a hard fought season.

**1st Team Defense**  
Augustine Chavez, utility player.

**2nd Team offense**  
Dayne Butler, tight end.

**Honorable Mention offense**  
Jonathon Osborn, running back.

Andrew Martin, wide receiver.

**Honorable Mention defense**  
Colby McClesky, nose guard.

Juan Flores, defensive end.

"Congratulations Boys" said Coach Bigham

## The Roaring Springs Lions Club hold January meeting

By Corky Marshall

The Roaring Springs Lions Club met January 7, 2010, at the Windmill Café. Nine members and two guests were present. Lion Mike Crowley brought a guest from Plainview, Charles Ball, a chaplain of the Hospice Program in Plainview.

Lion Mike presented a program on the Twelve Days of Christmas that was enjoyed by all.

Six members went to Hackberry Creek Care Center and played Bingo with 12 residents. The players were given quarters when they had a winning Bingo card. The game continued until all play-

ers had won.

The Lions were able to make an additional donation to the Hope Lodge in Lubbock from the proceeds from the diamond ring raffle. We want to thank everyone who bought a ticket for the ring. You have had a part in providing a place for cancer patients and their families when they are taking treatment at the cancer centers in Lubbock. It is for people who live 50 or more miles from Lubbock to help them continue their treatments. The new Hope Lodge is located just west of the Ronald McDonald House and will be finished in a few months.

### Matador Lions Club

**Alan Bingham  
Memorial  
Pancake  
Supper**

**Tuesday January 19,  
2010  
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vs. Paducah  
Basketball Game**

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## Weather Alert!

With some of the coldest weather in 25 years taking its grip on the lower 48, here are some tips to help protect your chickens from the cold. Be sure your chickens are sheltered from the north wind. If you have an open faced coop this may mean adding a tarp or plastic to one side of the coop. Chickens need good airflow in the coop but not drafts. Good airflow promotes good oxygen levels in the coop which keeps your birds from experiencing frostbite to their combs and wattles. If teens or single digits are predicted for your area, then a heat lamp added near

the roosting area of your coop will help keep your hens warm as well. Chickens have a good layer of down feathers and can handle cold fine as long as they can insulate themselves. If they get wet or are subject to high winds when it is cold then it can suck the heat away from their bodies. If you have one of our northern coops then the addition of a heat lamp may be the only precautions you need to take.

If your hens do get caught in the cold bring them in to a warm environment and use either a heat lamp or hair dryer to warm them back up. They

can be near death and still survive if warmed back up soon. If you don't want to take any chances with your birds then roll your mobile coop into the garage. Tape some cardboard to the floor where you are going to put the coop for easy cleanup when you move them back out. Be sure to drain your auto waterers to prevent freezing. Make sure your chickens have plenty of feed. They will eat more than normal to keep them warm in cold weather. If you have any questions about cold weather protection, feel free to e-mail me at josh@mobilechickencoops.com

## January is School Board Appreciation Month

By Dr. Andrew Seigrist  
For the kids,

January is the month that has been designated by Governor Rick Perry for schools across Texas to honor their board members. All schools across Texas face a variety of challenges that impact the education of our students. Schools face the challenges of student achievement and helping students pass the state tests, meeting the needs of individual students, limited financial resources, ever-increasing state and federal mandates and requirements that are not funded and then fall back to the local district

to finance, and many others.

Motley County ISD appreciates so much the board members who volunteer their time and energy to help our district and students. Dr. Andrew Seigrist, superintendent said "our many successes are a direct result of the leadership and wisdom that our board members have shown. Our board members have done an excellent job at guiding the district. MCISD board members are positively involved in our school and our activities. This is a true labor of love. As advocates for our children, our school board members face difficult challenges. The decisions

our board members make provide valuable opportunities for our children. It is the vision of Motley County ISD to provide each student the education, training and growth that will enable them to be a productive member of society."

Motley County ISD school board members include: Mr. David Stafford-President, Mr. Lewis Drum-Vice President, Mrs. Tina Brooks-Secretary, Mr. J.D. Russell-Member, Mr. Don Baxter-Member and Mr. Gilbert Guerrero-Member. Help us show our appreciation for our school board members by thanking them when you see them.

# Foothill Country

## Connections

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

By Larry Vogt

The Christmas and New Year celebrations have passed by and winter is settling in across the land. Some folks like to keep the holidays lights on to keep the festive mood alive. The children have returned to school with their new gift clothing and sharing excitement about the latest electronic device that was under the tree or conversely, the lack of devices.

The visitors may have returned home and the removal of the holiday decorations has an element of nostalgia and sadness as we put the lights and ornaments away in their respective boxes.

This may be the perfect time to visit someone who may not be expecting a visit from you. Someone that you thought might have been left out of the festivities and needs a little boost to get through the winter doldrums.

I did not make any real new years resolutions this year except that I want to get more

organized so that I might have a little more time to just sit and contemplate the beauty of nature and the gratitude that I have for the people who have crossed my path and brightened my pathway on occasion.

This is also the traditional time to be happy about the neighbors who lend a helping hand when you might be low on firewood or some fences might need mending. Maybe it's old school to have a warm spot in your heart at the thought of working with the neighbors to fix something or bring some much appreciated food during times of loss or trouble, but these occasions are what give us the positive emotions we need to go on with our lives.

When you get a call from someone after a long absence of contact, it does make you feel better to know that the person is alright and coping with whatever life is dishing out at the moment. It makes you resolve to keep up the contact and help in any manner to keep the friendship alive and well.

# WRITING COMMUNITY

## The Weather: From One Extreme to Another

By Marisue Potts from *Motley County Roundup*, c. 1991

Long before the plow unfurled the endless ribbons of sod, billows of dust periodically darkened the prairie skies. Nature's carpet, harvested by an overgrazing abundance of grasshoppers, rabbits, or buffalo, was stressed by the relentless sun, an unceasing wind, and sometimes a rapacious fire.

Throughout its history, Texas has experienced prolonged periods without rain, although short term droughts were more common. Seven out of ten years will usually measure below the average of 22 inches. The natural cycle seems to be influenced by sunspot activity, volcano eruptions, and now in 1991, the greenhouse effect. The timing of rain and snow, not just the amount of moisture, determines when the next drought begins or ends. As one old timer summed it up, "It rains during a drought—just never enough, and seldom at the right time."

Black rain and black snow, so called because of the accompanying sand storms, pelted the land in the drought years between 1850 and 1860. Harsh conditions heralded the return of a severe and prolonged drought in 1873. By the 1880's abundant rainfall returned, covering the prairie with lush grass which cattlemen rushed to stock with vast herds.

The drought beginning in 1885 signalled the end to the heyday of the open range. The "worst calamity to ever hit cattlemen" quickly and viciously killed open range stock by the thousands. That which the drought didn't take care, "The Big Die-up" blizzard of 1886 finished off. Drift fences, built to protect the Canadian River range from encroachment by northern herds, forced the cattle to pile up and freeze in droves.

Up on the Cimmaron River in Kansas, all but about 500 head of Al Barton's large herd was wiped out, forcing him to seek work at Charles Goodnight's Lazy F Ranch on the Quitaque. The cattlemen learned a hard lesson. Never again would the gigantic herds be left to fend for themselves through the long northern winters. Hidesmen skinned the carcasses to salvage something from the wolves and buzzards. Jobless cowboys, ranch hands, and freighters drifted through deserted communities.

The wind "blew and blew and blew, blowed and blowed and blowed." Pebbles and sand pelted the dugout doors while the wind swept the pastures and fields clean. The dirt had blown from around mesquite grubs, leaving the roots exposed and making it easy to gather a load in a hurry.

Many nesters felt that grass would never return to the bare earth. Where the land had been cultivated, the plowed part blew away, exposing a shiny metallic mark made by the plow point from one end of the field to the other.

Only a few hardy settlers remained in the country. Two and one-half years without any substantial rain and the poor condition of the overstocked range starved out the subsistence homesteaders, forcing them to abandon their claims and dugouts to join fleeing caravans. By the spring of 1893, where there had been 25 or 30 children in school, only two little boys, Harry Campbell and Grover Grimmet, remained for schoolmaster Clarence Nugent to instruct.

Campbell recalled that prairie dogs were "blown out of the ground," the hard-packed clay around their dens all that remained of the cozy tunnel homes. When harassed by little boys, the weakened prairie dogs

fell on their backs, then with their remaining strength pitifully tried to defend themselves. In their starved condition the rodents began to eat each other. John Lisenby, along with many others, killed rabbits, prairie dogs, coyotes, catamounts, and other varmints for the bounties placed on them by the newly organized county.

Cowboys cut the fences so that the cattle could drift in search of grass and water. As the animals searched for water, if they found only sand they walked aimlessly on. If they found mudholes, they frequently bogged down in the mire until death or a rider rescued them. Some cows and horses survived on shinnery browse alone. The Matador Ranch shipped stock to north-

1931 was a bumper crop year, low market prices, torrents, and plagues of insects and rodents took its toll on the nation's farmers. By 1932, many tracts of land were vacant except for the tumbleweeds drifting against the fences.

Cattlemen in 1933 faced the lowest cattle prices (as low as 3 cents per pound) since 1899. The cost of shipping the bovines to market in Ft. Worth often exceeded the price received. Relief measures included federal loans for feed, government beef purchases, and emergency reduction of rates by the railroads.

On May 10, 1934, a dust storm rose up to a thousand feet and obscured the sun from the Dakotas to Texas. From the plains the dust and wind rushed

with poisoned bran, sawdust, and cottonseed hulls. June heated up to 110 degrees. Dark clouds of wind, rain, and hail assaulted the area and blew over windmills on several farms between Whiteflat and Flomot.

January of 1943 once again posted near zero or below temps. Spring rain bogged down the advance of drought, but only at the rate of 1 1/2 inches in first 6 months of the year.

A rainy drought occurred in 1944 when showers failed to break the cycle. A meteor startled witnesses with its red ball of fire and white smoke trail visible for an hour.

Four inches of heavy rainfall in two hours left ruin and damage in its wake. Streets of Matador turned into rivers, bridge on North Main submerged up to foot and half above span, bringing water over Tribune's sidewalks and up to door

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ern pastures, but of those that remained, many drifted as far south as the Clear Fork of the Brazos in Fisher County.

Turbulent thunderstorms and a heavy rain broke the dry spell in June of 1894. Soon there was plenty of grass and the cattle were fat. At Whiteflat, E.A. Day recalled he raised one of his best crops ever that year. With the return of the rains, came a new wave of settlers.

Wagon trains and the advancing Quana, Acme, & Pacific railroad with its immigrant cars brought many new settlers. The Roaring Springs Townsite Co. promoted the purchase of 60,000 acres of ranchland. Despite the Drought of 1913 that kept sales down, the newcomers settled down to dry land farming in earnest.

So severe was the drought on the Matador Land & Cattle Co. range that thousands of cattle were sent by rail to the Canada, Montana, Colorado, and Dakota leases. Of over five thousand head sent to Colorado, nearly 2,000 died in 37 inches of snow, the freezes and the thawing chinnooks.

The winter of 1918-19 devastated the cattle industry by starving, smothering, or freezing the cattle along drift fences. "Chickens froze on the roosts, cattle froze on the range, and one man froze at a ranch camp when wood torn from the windmill burned out before the Blizzard of 1918 had spent its fury," recapped *Avalanche Journal* reporter Gerry Burton.

With 18 inches of snow on the ground for 58 days, surviving cattle in Bailey County had to be fed cottonseed cake where they stood or lay since any attempt to walk through the crusty snow painfully removed the hair and skin from their legs. Soon even horses refused to budge to take feed to cattle.

The weather and the low market price of \$5 a head sent several large ranches into bankruptcy and resulted in vast areas of rangeland being broken out for wheat farms. The one-way plow and an increased mechanization of trucks and tractors during the boom produced the Great Plow-up. Cultivating land that never should have been plowed and close grazing of range lands combined with lack of moisture to create dry and powdery conditions, perfect for severe dust storms and soil erosion.

In 1930 when drought and dust storms reduced feed supplies and ruined crops, Motley County and thirty-seven other counties became eligible for state drought relief measures.

The blizzards during the winter of 1930-31 killed people and stock. In Colorado a bus driver and school children stranded in the storm were frozen as they waited for rescue. Although

toward Chicago at a hundred miles an hour and on to the eastern seaboard. Over 300 miles out in the Atlantic, ships reported dust settling on their decks. John Steinbeck wrote in the *Grapes of Wrath*, "The dawn came but there was no day."

The Drought Relief Service offered to buy cattle in drought stricken areas for \$3 to \$6 benefit payment or \$1 to \$14 for purchase payment, depending on the condition of the animals. The rains returned in 1936, but 1937 was another dry year.

The worst sandstorm of 1938-1939 reduced traffic to a standstill as flying sand and gravel scoured automobiles. In contrast, two unusual weeks of no wind shut down the wind chargers and windmills. Gasoline-powered pump jacks provided the energy to pump water.

Drizzling rain, high winds, and drifts of the Blizzard of 1940 stalled the Barton school bus in snow and paralyzed traffic as doctors rode horseback, delivery men harnessed up buggies, teams removed stalled autos, and farm tractors delivered children to school. The QA&P mail train stalled in a drift two miles east of Roaring Springs while a freight train stalled on snow-filled cut between there and Dougherty.

Severe weather continued into 1941. Tornadoic winds at Whiteflat damaged post office and homes, lifting some from their foundations and turning others around or over. The blow turned over trailer house and pushed gas barrels and farm equipment 1/4 mile. Near Northfield, the B.F. Simpson ranch house suffered damaged while hen houses and out buildings were destroyed. A farm rent house turned over with two occupants inside.

Bill Meyers of Folley community reported damaging hail stones nearly as large as goose eggs. R.A. Seay, southeast of Matador, was trapped for a time when he was unable to open door of bedroom due to intense pressure on house. Large trees were uprooted and windows blown out of his farm home.

The rains came with a vengeance. The 1941 yearly total of 47.14 inches was the largest amount in twenty-five years. So much water covered the plains above the Caprock west of Matador that farmers considered digging a five mile long drainage ditch from Onie Martin Burleson's pasture to the edge of the escarpment.

1942 produced more extremes in the weather. Record setting, near-freezing temperatures and a bark-removing wind froze pipes and car radiators and caused much suffering for livestock. In the spring farmers declared war on grasshoppers and slowed their hungry march

jamb. Stacks of tow sacks slow torrent at Skagg's Grocery and White's Auto. Whitestar had 8 to 10 inches of rain. A 30 ft. section of tank dam on the Joe Bloodworth farm near Whiteflat was swept away. 300 of 429 farms reported damage.

"Old man Texas is scraping the mud off his boots and wringing the rainwater out of his shirt-tail," reported the Matador Tribune. General rains soaked the country, flooded fields, rivers and creeks, washed out roads. Flooded south Texas farmers and ranchers were unable to get to town to cash drought relief disaster checks.

Silverton tornado killed 16, injured 70. Besides 25 homes being destroyed, so were a gin, granaries, and businesses.

The fire alarm was used to warn of approaching storm Dutchman River washed out the temporary crossing on State Highway 70 between Matador and Roaring Springs. A Heat Wave shoots the temperature in late June to 108 degrees.

"Snow on the wings of night" kept most crops in the field until well after November. Two months of continued rains slowed progress of harvest, dropped the grade of cotton.

In 1968 youngsters rode sleds down banks of Hackberry and Ballard Creeks as four inches of snow fell.

Three months of near blizzard conditions brought blowing blinding snow to Amarillo in 1971. Low temps in January of 1973 froze the ears, tails, and noses of calves and killed young stock.

The drought of the 1980's, the sixth major one in the last one hundred years, affected by the perils of economics. Everything a farmer/rancher buys cost more so if he sells, there won't be any buying back. Perhaps the only improvement over previous drought situations was air conditioned pickups.

In 1984, the Siberian Express brought extremely low temps, up to 65 below zero in Utah. Young stock here frozen or their tails, feet, and ears damaged as livestock suffered during the prolonged ice and low temperatures.

October flooding in 1986 took out the Quitaque creek bridge as County Commissioner Bill Dean crossed. Daughter Sandra Barclay, rushing to his rescue, plunged into the creek bed before realizing bridge is out.

Twenty-one days above 100 degrees blistered our area (1940 had 17 such days.) The hottest and driest June ever, makes us wonder if this is the "greenhouse effect" caused by the earth's pollution, or just another vagary, flight of fancy of the weather, so common to this particular spot on earth.

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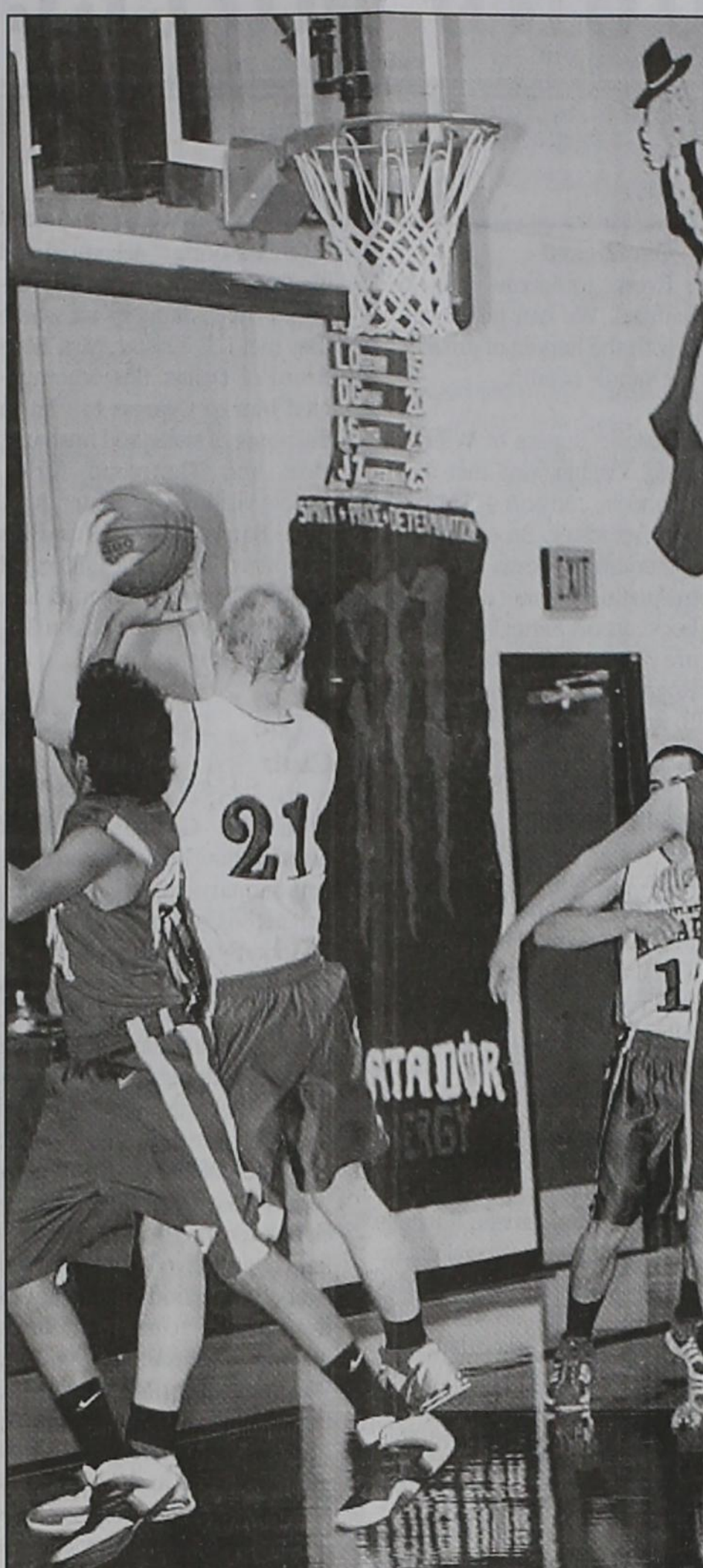
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# Lady Mats and Matadors take on Miami



Junior, Alyx Smith, number 23, reaches for the ball in the game with Miami.



Senior, Justin Newman, number 21, hangs on to the ball with a Miami player trying for a steal. The Matadors one 51 to 49 with a last second shot.

I would like to announce my candidacy for Motley County Judge. I would appreciate your vote and support.

**Ben C. Grundy**

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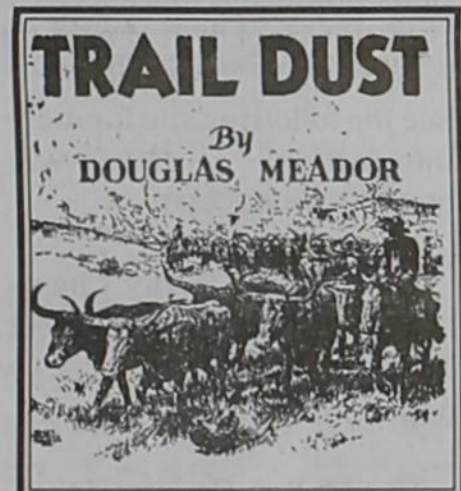
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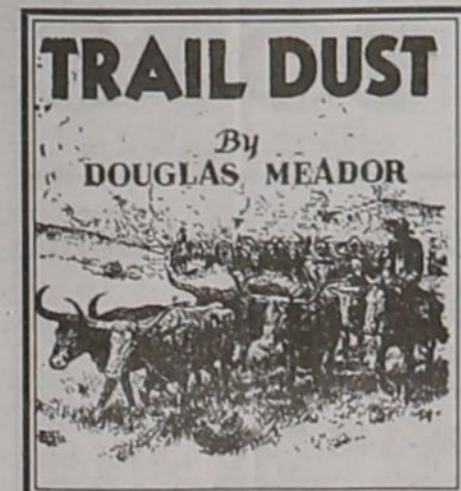
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Having created man, God in his indinite wisdom, has never expected him to be anything else.

Back of the high ridge that became a part of the horizon at sunset is the shabby shack and delapidated corrals where the red-eyed old man lived. He was small and stooped and wore a dirty silver ring on the second finger of his right hand. His face was like an old saddle skirt twisted by the sun and there was something cruel in his face that years had not been able to soften. High sunflowers his most of the corrals where he kept a black jersey cow and a sorrel horse. The animals always seemed afraid of something that crouched in noonday shadows. Long after he left the place without taking his departure from anyone, there was an eerie and furtive atmosphere that remained. One stormy night lightning struck the shell of a house and it burned. After that the ground seemed clean and wholesome and within a few months blue morning -- glories wrapped their arms about the lot fences.



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## REMAINING STEADFAST



It is evidenced by our Lord's discussion in John 15: 1-11 that He is not only concerned in people coming to Him, but also "abiding in Him." Yes, Our God earnestly desires for us to be saved, and yet there are also things which accompany a Christian's salvation. It is

not enough for one to seek salvation and have no plans or desire to live a life for God.

Jesus tells us, "If you keep my commandments, you will abide in My love: just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His Love." Our Lord was specific in what is required to abide in the love of God. We keep His commandments and find in Him our reward from steadfastness.

Notice what the writer of Hebrews tells us in chapter 6:9, 11, "But, beloved, we are convinced of better things concerning you, and things that accompany salvation, though we are speaking in this way...And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence so as to realize the full assurance of hope until the end..." Here is the point. We are to be a people who bear fruit for God. Thereby proving that we are abiding in Him. In other words, remaining steadfast and in so doing, being productive.

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# NEWS AROUND MOTLEY COUNTY

## Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

I suppose the 'green house warming' bunch were feeling like we were warming the planet too much during these last few days. We may be cycling back into colder winters. The Northeast and Midwest winter sounds like winters of years long ago.

My friend called from Austin yesterday, he said they had had the coldest temperatures ever recorded in early January there. I would like some warmer weather but I am glad to think about all the insects that may not be so plentiful next year because their eggs froze. There are always benefits of whatever kind of weather we have. I've had a hard time finding that in the sandstorms but perhaps they have to blow to clear out the previous season's leftovers.

I know God had a wonderful plan for everything and every creature and they are all have a part to play in the grand scheme of things. Really, just add more layers of clothes and sit tight in another sixty days and spring will be rushing in. It's a time to have long naps and read good books and wait. Of course meals must be cattle fed, ice broken on water troughs, meals cooked and laundry done but yard work, most farming and dirty windows can wait.

Pat and Kathy Groves have been in Roaring Springs visiting

friends and relatives. They are traveling around Texas and will be attending a wedding in Tyler while they are in Texas. They reside in Menlo Park, California. They stayed at the Travelers Inn while here.

Dr. Kelly Warren of Plainview has accepted the post to serve as interim pastor at the First Baptist Church here in Roaring Springs. Dr. Warren is on staff at Wayland Baptist University and will begin his work here next Sunday.

Mark and Gingham Milnes in Big Pine Key, Florida, have been visiting Ken and Dinah Young recently. Gingham is Dinah's twin sister.

Peter and Grace Nance and their son Lucas have spent part of the holidays in their home here. They own the home that Joey Thacker built here.

Walter Trammell is at home keeping off his feet. He fell at the church building last Tuesday and injured his ankle and foot.

Don Stuckey has been home this weekend but will return to southwest Texas to his job of training hunting dogs. I expect he will enjoy some warmer weather there.

Beverly Shorter and her sister, Bunni Zeilinger were here this week to help move their mother, Grace Zabielski, to Hackberry Creek Care Center.

## Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

### Overheard

Every tomorrow has two handles. We can take hold of it with the handle of anxiety or the handle of faith.

Natalie Rogers of Williamsburg, Virginia, was met at the Lubbock airport Thursday and her sister, Brooke Rogers, a student at Texas University in Austin, was met at the Lubbock airport Saturday and they are visiting their father, Donnie Rogers and grandmother, Mrs. B. Rogers until Wednesday.

Joining them Saturday at the home of Mrs. Rogers for a belated Christmas were Donna Sue and Stanley Degan of Kalgary; Mr. and Mrs. Dane Degan, Ronnie and Lou Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Roberts, Tori, Paul Jr. and Haley of Lubbock; Mrs. Shawna Abernathy, Allie and Jake of Abilene; Shay and Jimmy McDaniel, Seth, Luke and Kolt of Sundown.

### Birthday Celebration

Mrs. Janice Hughes of Flomot and Mrs. Janelle Rochelle of Paducah were special guests at a party in Lubbock, Saturday celebrating the seventh birthday of their granddaughter, Kendal Hughes. Her parents, Tasha and Ricky Hughes of Floydada hosted the party that was held at Main Event bowling center in Lubbock.

Those enjoying pizza, birthday cake, bowling and video games were her brother Kason Hughes, Tiffany and Brodie Hughes of Floydada, Baylee Hughes of Lubbock and friends of Floydada.

Cody and Amanda Barclay, Lane Ashton of Borger visited this weekend with parents, Sandra and Jerry Barclay.

Jack and Nada Starkey's weekend visitors were Mrs. Jackie Lynn Davis of Fritch and Jack Davis of Amarillo.

Mrs. Teresa Heck and daughter, Kacee of Turkey visited her parents, Ruth and Orville Lee, Monday.

Mrs. Laverne Tiffin who had recent leg and nose surgery at the Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock following an accident in her home, was transferred this weekend to the Mangold Hospital in Lockney. She is having rehabilitation treatments. Her husband, Glen D. was with her during her hospital stay in Lubbock.

Clois Shorter accompanied his father, L.E. Shorter to Vernon, Friday, January 1st where they met L.E.'s sister, Mrs. Elsie Beard of Dallas. She accompanied him to Cypress to visit in the home of sister and husband, Opal and Thurmond Kirley. Others visiting were sister, Mrs. Aline Barnes of Terrell and his daughter, Mrs. Judy Cox of Spring. Clois accompanied L.E. home from Wichita Falls on Saturday.

### The Do Gooders' Club

The Do Gooders' Club of 2009, is now history as of Tuesday, January 5, 2010, when they met at the Community Center in Flomot. By another year memories will fade into nostalgia. A new slate of officers will be preparing for another interesting and entertaining year.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Connie Franks, president of the club this past year, who expressed her appreciation for the good support and help she received. She presided over the election of officers of the club for 2010. The following were elected to serve: Mrs. Waydette Clay, President; Mrs. Doris Vinson, Vice President; Mrs. Anna Beth Clay, Secretary and Treasurer and Mrs. Kathy Shorter, Reporter.

Hostesses, Mrs. Mary Jo Calvert and Mrs. Brenda Browning served holiday delicacies from snowflake milk glass plates of ham and creamed cheese roll ups secured by an olive on a toothpick, dips and chips, chocolate peanuts, cheese squares and spiced tea. The table was laid with a blue and white plaid cloth that was complimented with snowflakes and silver threads. The centerpiece was a Cupie Doll depicting the New Year.

Hostess gifts of a crystal beaded necklace was won by Mrs. Anna Beth Clay and a crocheted doily by Mrs. Connie Franks. Members attending were Mesdames Erma Washington, Brenda Browning, Anna Beth Clay, Connie Franks, Doris Vinson, Waydette Clay and Mary Jo Calvert.

## Matador News

In case you missed it, Ray Sasser, outdoors editor for the *Dallas Morning-News*, hunted quail at the Matador Ranch recently and wrote about his experience for the *Texas Sporting Journal*. Read the story here: [http://www.mataadorranch.com/newsroom/news\\_detail.aspx?id=154](http://www.mataadorranch.com/newsroom/news_detail.aspx?id=154)

Become a friend of the Motley County Library, the Matador Ranch, and Hotel Matador on Facebook.

Wyatt and Kathy Birkner of Lamesa were in town recently hunting on their lease at the Bishop place in Roaring Springs.

Among those visiting Larry and Donna Hoyle the weekend after Christmas were Myrtle Neal, Brad and Nicole Bell of Dallas, Larry and Sandra Bell of Odessa, and Bud and Carolyn Hicks of North Richland Hills.

Mike Caruthers of Richardson, along with Brandon Head, Garland Head, and Bruce Klingman, all of Dallas, were in the county hunting on the Cook lease.

Gary Chesnutt and his son Chase of Lubbock were here hunting the last weekend of deer season. Gary owns Chesnutt Cotton, Inc.

Gerald and Penny Pipkin of Lubbock joined family here for a Christmas celebration.

Laurie Davis of Afton was in town visiting her mom, who is a resident at Hackberry Creek.

Shane'a Russell will be moving to Amarillo next week to attend Amarillo College. She will be taking course to become a sonogram technician. She will be living with her aunt, Devonna Smith, formerly of Quitaque.

Wesley and Tammi Stafford of Sweetwater, along with their sons Collin and Connor, visited Wesley's mom, Lindy Stafford last weekend. They also visited Wesley's brother and his family, David and Cynthia Stafford and their sons Andrew and Cameron.

Dorothy Russell is the proud great-grandmother of another little girl, Audrey Jane Per-

kins. Audrey is the daughter of Dana and Jeremy Perkins of Waxahachie. She has a sister, Emma, who is three.

Hotel Matador Bed and Breakfast passed a rigorous inspection by a team from the Texas Bed and Breakfast Association recently. They are now officially sanctioned by that organization and are featured on the TBBA web site (<http://www.texasbb.org>), one of only three in the Panhandle and Lubbock area.

Some Matador birthdays during the month of January (and the day of the month) include: Shelley Cox (1); Donna Hoyle and Marisue Powell (3); Bob Davis (4); Roy Gene Stephens and Gilbert Guerrero (6); Olivia Barton and Macie Marshall (7); Opal Johnson (8); Nova Dell Turner (12); Sandra Pope (10); Shane'a Russell (14); Tim Shannon (15); Meagan Ford (16); Gabby Silva (19); Pat Smith (20); Colton Russell (21); Tyne Marshall and Joe E. Campbell (24); Carter Lockett (26); Shonda Elliott (29); Cole Grundy (30). Anniversaries include Andrea and Russ Henzler (19) and Ramona and Tony Gonzalez (22). Judy Cooper creates the annual *Motley County Community Calendar*, sponsored by the Junior Class, which lists community birthdays and anniversaries.

The Matador Ranch has started raising Akaushi beef and has recently purchased several bulls to service their herd. The Matadors are one of only a few ranching operations producing this specialty beef, developed in Japan to be especially "heart healthy." See the following site for more information: <http://www.heartbrandbeef.com/>.

The Motley County Chamber of Commerce will meet Tuesday, January 19, at 5:30 p.m. in the Library.

The Motley County Hospital District Board of Directors met Wednesday, January 13.

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I would like to encourage the voters of Motley County to exercise your privilege of voting in the upcoming election. Consideration and support would be appreciated.

Paid for by Bobby Whitaker

## RETRO NEWS

Matador Tribune  
July 19, 1945

### Matador drug is being remodeled.

Matador Drug Store has temporarily suspended business operations while extensive remodeling is in progress. Due to the changes to be made, Kenneth Jeffers, owner is unable at this time to make an announcement concerning his re-opening date.

Changes will include installation of booths, new show cases, and extension of the front toward the back, to include space now used as prescription department will be moved further into the rear of the building.

"We believe these improvements will make possible, better service to our customer", Mr. Jeffers declared, "We invite you to watch for announcement of our re-opening, which will be in the near future."

By Buffy Crutchley

Now is the time for landowners to consider ordering seedlings for planting in spring 2010, and the Upper Pease Soil and Water Conservation District has many species available for purchase.

Planting trees and shrubs on your property is a great way to improve the wildlife habitat, increase the land's value,

reduce soil erosion, produce future wood products, and improve the overall aesthetics of their property. Planting seedlings can also be a great family activity that provides a learning opportunity for the young. It's something that will leave everyone involved with the feeling of having made a positive impact on the land.

The District has many species of oak, cedar and pines available, as well several

other varieties. The last day to order seedlings, which will be delivered the second week of February, is February 3rd. Anyone thinking about buying seedlings is strongly encouraged to place an order early because some species sell out quickly.

To place an order, stop in the SWCD office at 1103 Eubank, in Matador. For more information, please call Buffy at 347-2263x3.

### This Week's Local Forecast

						
<b>Thursday</b> Mostly Cloudy 50/30	<b>Friday</b> Cloudy 40/30	<b>Saturday</b> Partly Cloudy 49/28	<b>Sunday</b> Mostly Sunny 55/31	<b>Monday</b> Mostly Sunny 57/35	<b>Tuesday</b> Sunny 55/34	<b>Wednesday</b> Partly Cloudy 50/32

### Weather Trivia

What is brontophobia?



ANSWER: It is the fear of thunder.

### Weather History

Jan. 14, 1989 - A winter storm spread snow and sleet and freezing rain from the Middle Mississippi Valley to the north-eastern U.S. Freezing rain in West Virginia caused fifteen traffic accidents in just a few minutes west of Charleston.

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# Notes from the Library

By Buffy Crutchley

A new year means new books at the library. We've got new books coming out our ears! First off, I have to tell you that we now have TWO copies of Sara Palin's biography "Going Rogue". I've had several people tell me "Every American should read this!". So I'm passing that info on to you! The first patron to read the book was so enthusiastic about it, he bought a second copy for us to have available. Come check one out today.

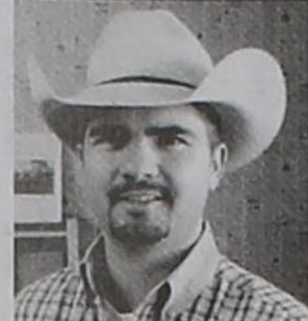
We also have the long awaited "Other Men's Horses" by Elmer Kelton. Since Mr. Kelton's death in August,

his books have been flying off the shelf. I think this one is destined to be a hit as well.

Another new book that I'm anxious to read is "Where Armadillos Go to Die" by James Hime. He's a new author I wanted to try. This work of fiction features Retired Texas Ranger turned rancher Jeremiah Spur as the main character. Jeremiah investigates the disappearance of this friend in this latest mystery.

We also have new books by J.A. Jance, David Baldacci, W.E.B. Griffin, and Richard North Patterson to name a few!

# County Agent's News



by Ryan Martin, Agri LIFE EXTENSION Agent

## Western Rolling Plains Chemical Conference Slated for January 18 in Spur

The annual Western Rolling Plains Chemical Conference is scheduled for Monday, January 18, 2010 at the Spur Community Center, Spur Texas. The conference will feature 5 TDA approved CEU's and a catered lunch. The session will provide 2 general credits, 2 credits in IPM and 1 credit of laws and regulations. All TDA pesticide applicator license holders are encouraged to attend and receive these credits. The cost of registration will be \$10, which includes training materials, CEU's and lunch. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. with a hospitality table. Please RSVP your local Extension office by January 14, 2010. Dickens County producers call (806)623-5552.

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

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## Central Texas Beef Cattle Clinic set Jan. 19 in Glen Rose

GLEN ROSE - The Texas AgriLife Extension Service will host the 11th annual Central Texas Beef Cattle Clinic Jan. 19 at the Somervell County Expo Center, Glen Rose.

The center is located at the corner of U.S. Hwy. 67 and Bo Gibbs Blvd., next to the Best Western motel. Registration will begin at 5:30 p.m. with dinner to be served at 6 p.m. The program will start at 6:30 p.m., said Joshua Blanek, AgriLife Extension agent for Somervell County.

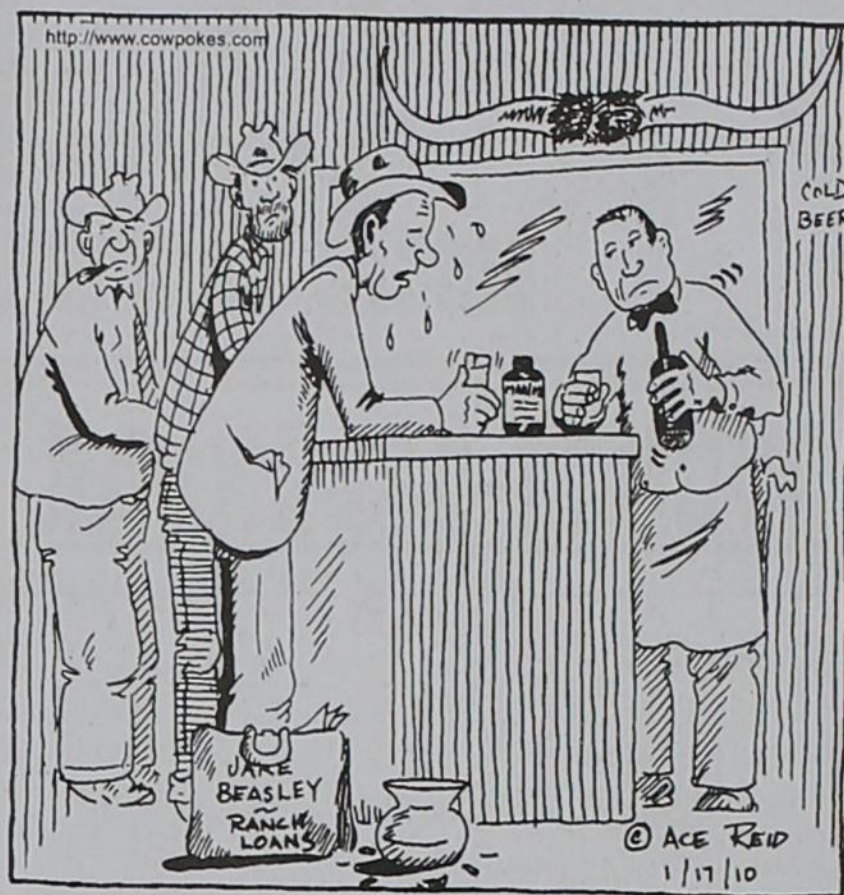
Speakers and topics will include: "Cattle Vaccinations: Choosing the Right Vaccines at the Right Time," Dr. Floron C. Faries, AgriLife Extension program leader for veterinary medicine at College Station; "Market and Economic Outlook," Dr. Jason Johnson, AgriLife Extension economist, Stephenville; "Internal Parasite Control: Which Deworming Program Fits My Operation?" Dr. Tom Craig, professor of Veterinary Medical Science, Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine.

"There is no question that the beef cattle business has undergone some trying times the past few years," Blanek said. "Significant changes within the beef industry combined with increased production costs, drought, national and world economic woes and a softening cattle market have affected the entire beef production chain. It is now more important than ever to stay current and up to date on new technologies and practices."

AgriLife Extension offices in Somervell, Bosque, Hood and Johnson counties are hosting the event. The meeting and supper will be provided free, Blanek said. Beef producers planning to attend are being asked to RSVP to the AgriLife Extension office in Somervell at 254-897-2809 by Jan. 12.

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By Ace Reid



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# Obituary

## Donald Wayne Paschal

Funeral services were held for Donald Wayne Paschal of Paducah, Texas 2 p.m., Wednesday Dec. 30, 2009 at McBee Family Funeral Home in Paducah, Texas.

Donald was born Sept 18, 1937 in Cottle County to Oscar and Maggie Paschal. He married Lorene Votaw on September 13, 1955 in Paducah. He is survived by one son Keith and wife Sherry Paschal of Tahoka and one daughter Rita and husband Larry Evans of Paducah, 2 brothers Bill and

Jackie Dale Paschal both of Paducah, 2 sisters Viola Loller of Desoto. & Rita Kay Judah of Paducah, 1 grandson Brad Paschal of Lubbock, 1 granddaughter Amber Evans of Durant, OK and his best friend Tripper. He was preceded in death by his parents Oscar and Maggie Paschal, wife Lorene Paschal. Three brothers Paul(Son), James(Toby), Larry Keith(Pena). Two sisters Mary Frances(Cee), and Wenaona Cox.

## Feed grain marketing plan seminar scheduled for Jan. 19-20

AMARILLO - A two-day short course, Developing This Year's Marketing Plan for Feed grains, will be taught Jan. 19-20 by two Texas AgriLife Extension Service economists at the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center in Amarillo, located at 6500 W. Amarillo Blvd.

Dr. Mark Welch, AgriLife Extension economist from College Station, and Dr. Steve Amosson, AgriLife Extension economist in Amarillo, will talk to producers about how price volatility in grain markets puts an even greater emphasis on a producer's marketing skills.

The course runs from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. both days. The registration fee is \$125 and includes the cost of instruction, materials, lunch and breaks. Registration is limited to 50 participants on a first-come basis, so pre-registration is required. The objective of this workshop is to gain a better understanding of the fundamentals affecting the feed-grains market for the upcoming year, Amosson said.

Specific topics include: developing a marketing plan, cost of production, current fundamentals including ethanol, feed use and exchange rates for exports, basis, technical analysis tools, cash and contract seasonality, and marketing strategies. The ultimate goal of the workshop is to develop a written marketing plan for the 2010 crop, he said.

If you just pick up one or two pieces of information that allows you to add a dime to your sales price it will add \$10,000 to \$15,000 per section of corn depending on your yield, Amosson said. You spend a lot of time planning and growing

# EarthTalk®

## From the Editors of E/The Environmental Magazine

Dear EarthTalk:

Years ago I read that children should be kept at least two feet from the television because of harmful electronic emissions. Is this still relevant? Is there a difference regarding this between older and new flat-screen models? -- Horst E. Mehring, Oconomowoc, WI

Luckily for many of us and our kids, sitting "too" close to the TV isn't known to cause any human health issues. This myth prevails because back in the 1960s General Electric (GE) sold some new-fangled color TV sets that emitted excessive amounts of radiation—as much as 100,000 times more than federal health officials considered safe. GE quickly recalled and repaired the faulty TVs, but the stigma lingers to this day.

But even though electronic emissions aren't an issue with TVs made any time after 1968 (including today's LCD and plasma flat screens), what about causing harm to one's vision? Dr. Lee Duffner of the American Academy of Ophthalmology isn't concerned, maintaining that watching television screens—close-up or otherwise—"won't cause any physical damage to your eyes." He adds, however, that a lot of TV watching can surely cause eye strain and fatigue, particularly for those sitting very close and/or watching from odd angles. But there is an easy cure for eye strain and fatigue: turning off the TV and getting some rest. With a good night's sleep, tired eyes should quickly return to normal.

Debra Ronca, a contributor to the How Stuff Works website, argues that some parents might be putting the cart before the horse in blaming close-up TV watching for their child's vision issues. "Sitting close to the television may not make a child nearsighted,

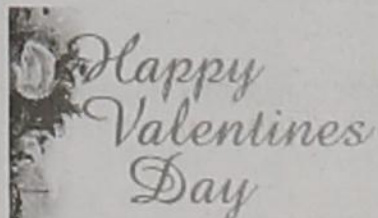
but a child may sit close to the television because he or she is nearsighted and undiagnosed," she reports. "If your child habitually sits too close to the television for comfort, get his or her eyes tested."

Of course, excessive TV viewing by kids can cause health problems indirectly. According to the Nemours Foundation's KidsHealth website, children who consistently watch TV more than four hours a day are more likely to be overweight, which in and of itself can bring about health problems later. Also, kids who watch a lot of TV are more likely to copy bad behavior they see on-screen and tend to "fear that the world is scary and that something bad will happen to them." Nemours also finds that TV characters often depict risky behaviors (like smoking and drinking) and also tend to reinforce gender-role and racial stereotypes.

There has also been much debate in recent years on the effects of TV viewing on infants. A 2007 Seattle Children's Research Institute study found that for every hour per day infants spent watching baby DVDs and videos they learned six to eight fewer new vocabulary words than babies who never watched the videos. But a 2009 study by the Center on Media & Child Health at Children's Hospital Boston found no negative cognitive or other impacts whatsoever on those infants exposed to more television than less.

While it may be inevitable that your kids will watch TV, the key, experts say, is moderation. Limit kids' exposure to screens of any kind, and monitor what they are allowed to watch. As KidsHealth points out, parents should teach their kids that the TV is "for occasional entertainment, not for constant escapism."

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#### January

- 13 Kids Praise
- 13 Hospital Bd 7am
- 14 M City Council
- 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)

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

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

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

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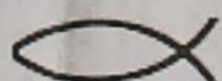
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