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Motley County FFA Members Attend District Banquet



Lexi Osborn, Leann Jameson, Jaci Zingerman, and Keyan Kautz (pictured L-R) attended the Greenbelt District FFA Banquet held in Childress on December 6th. Seventeen schools from the District were represented at the banquet which showcased the talents and leadership abilities of FFA members.



Also pictured - District President John Pigg from the Clarendon Chapter and District Treasurer Keyan Kautz from the Motley County Chapter conducting business during the banquet.

USDA Safeguards Prove Successful in Administration of Farm Programs

(COLLEGE STATION, TX), Jan. 7, 2011- Juan M. Garcia, Executive Director of USDA's Farm Service Agency in Texas today used the release of a final rule that targets fraud and abuse of farm programs to join FSA Administrator Jonathan Coppers and state again his unequivocal commitment to accuracy. At issue has been the dispersal of payments to agricultural producers after an individual's death, a situation that is covered in the final rule published in the Federal Register on Dec. 28, 2010.

"It is common and legally required for USDA to pay estates of producers who die, because heirs have legal rights to receive program payments earned during the farmer's lifetime," said Garcia. "Generally, error rates have been small, but an audit in 2007 highlighted areas for improvement. Since then, we at FSA have worked hard to make procedural improvements that have further reduced error rates and are saving taxpayers significantly. We are codifying those improvements with this final regulation."

The U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) audit in 2007 found that the vast majority of farm payments were made properly. Only two percent of payments to estates of deceased farmers were paid when the estate was not entitled to payment. Still, this error rate prompted USDA to implement additional safeguards and to strengthen data reconciliation procedures to ensure that payments made on behalf of deceased persons were not distributed incorrectly. As a result, in 2008, errors dropped to .008 percent, and in 2009, they fell even further to .007 percent.

FSA additional safeguards include:

- Each quarter (double the amount of time required by the law); USDA matches individuals who receive FSA program payments with data provided by the Social Security Administration (SSA) to determine if any program recipient is deceased.

- Under the Direct and Counter-Cyclical Payment Program, counter-cyclical payments may be legally is-

sued up to two years and three months after program enrollment. The same taxpayer identification number must be used for the entire program payment period to properly track the issuance of program benefits.

- Deceased individual listings are investigated through local FSA county offices. FSA would only pay a farmer after death when the farmer applied for the benefit before death and is eligible to receive the benefit, but died before the payment was received. These cases account for payments made by FSA to deceased individuals.

For more information about the Farm Service Agency and Farm Programs please visit your local USDA Service Center or FSA county office or www.fsa.usda.gov.

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Court approves city's street improvement project

Radar equipment lease not renewed

County Road 240 in Northfield changed to CR244

By Carol Campbell
Motley County Tribune

The Motley County Commissioner's Court met January 10, 2010, in regular session, covering a 14-item agenda including approval for a street improvement project and approval of changes to the county road map.

The court met with a full quorum, consisting of Commissioners Roy Gene Stephens, Precinct 1; Donnie Turner, Precinct 2; Franklin Jameson, Precinct 3; and Russell Alexander, Precinct 4 with the newly elected County Judge Jim Meador presiding.

Also in attendance were District and County Clerk Kate Hurt, County Attorney Tom Edwards, Sheriff Chris Spence; and Jennifer Lawler and Larry Vogt, *Motley County Tribune*. Other guests of the court included Ben Kautz and Terry Simpson, TxDot; and Jeannette Brosch, Program Regional 911 Specialist from South Plains Association of Governments.

In the first order of business, Sheriff Chris Spence informed the court that the lease agreement for radar equipment from Stalker Radar, was set to expire. He requested action from the court on a proposal to 1) purchase the unit at 50 percent of what the county has paid for lease (\$1,625.00); or 2) enter into a new rental agreement with total monthly payments of \$90.28 for 36 months.

Spence reported that year end statistics show that fines collected by radar were \$29,333.00. The county has three radar units, including the leased radar with new technology and two older units that need to be recalibrated, he said. Following discussion, the court voted 3-2 to send the leased unit back to the company without renewal,

with Judge Meador and Commissioner Roy Gene Stephens casting the dissenting votes.

In November, 2010, TxDOT announced the allocation of \$6,315.00 for the FY2011 County Assistance Program. The allocation will be satisfied with surplus materials rather than new material purchases. Subsequently, the City of Matador requested the use of an asphalt distributor, a broom and an operator for eight hours at a cost of about \$624.00. The court voted unanimously to approve this request. Mayor Pat Smith called the collaboration between the city and the county, "... the most cost effective and most beneficial for the citizens of Matador."

After a short break, the court reconvened with a presentation by Jeannette Brosch, Program Regional 911 Specialist from SPAG on the need to change a county road number for the purposes of the 911 County Road Map. County Road 240 running east to the gravel pit off of State Highway 70 in the Flomot area, jumps six miles further east, without connecting, to resurface again at Northfield, FM94. It was a concern of SPAG that EMS responders may confuse the two roads with the same county road number in case of an accident at the gravel pit.

The court voted unanimously to leave the CR240 at Flomot and to rename the Northfield CR240 to CR244 to avoid possible confusion for responders. In addition, the court voted unanimously to rename a previously unnamed road located .4 of a mile west of Northfield off of FM656, to CR251.

Further, Brosch asked the court for consideration of adopting a scheme for numbering private roads in the rural areas of the county. "I suggest you use the regular county road numbers, and

add "private road" to those so designated, she said. Following discussion, the court voted unanimously to table this request, "waiting to see how industry goes before naming private roads."

In other business, Judge Meador reported to the court that the county had two credit cards - one for the Sheriff and one for the County Judge. He recommended that generic credit cards be kept in the treasurer's office, and that elected officials sign for the card when traveling or to make reservations for conferences, or to pay per diem for conferences.

"I don't think county employees should front their expenses with their own money to conduct county business," he said. The court voted unanimously to make application for three credit cards, one for the Sheriff's Office, and two cards that will be maintained by the County Treasurer to be used as approved by the treasurer's office.

Judge Meador announced the 82nd Annual West Texas County Judges and Commissioners Conference to be held in Lubbock on April 26-29, 2011. The deadline for registration for this conference must be made before April 11, 2011. Reservations for the host hotel at the Holiday Inn & Suites are often made a year in advance, Meador said. The court asked Judge Meador to arrange registration and to secure rooms at the host hotel or for the overflow hotels, if necessary.

Roaring Springs Lions Club News

The Roaring Springs Lions met for their monthly meeting at the Windmill Café last week. Nine members were present and two guests.

Barbara Bogart with Cap Rock Telephone in Spur brought us up-to-date on the purchase of CapRock cell phone service by AT&T. She told us there would be some operational changes but better service was promised.

Jerhomie Penrod, the pastor of the Roaring Springs Full Gospel Church was inducted into the Lions Club and a Lions vest presented to him as well as some Lions Club pins.

Sheriff Chris Spence brought a very informative program about his plans for the next two years as Motley County Sheriff.

Five Lions went to the Hackberry Creek Care Center to provide bingo games for the residents. Quarters were given as prizes and all players won quarters.

Fema Region 6 encourages you to be ready

DENTON, Texas - The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is urging you to resolve to be ready in 2011 when it comes to emergency preparedness.

2010 was a record year for presidential disaster declarations; nearly 80 major disasters were declared. Seven of the disasters happened in FEMA Region 6 states: Arkansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas.

That's why FEMA is kicking off Resolve to be Ready in 2011, a nationwide effort to urge individuals, families, businesses and communities to focus on being prepared.

"Emergencies can happen at anytime, anywhere," said FEMA Region 6 Administrator Tony Russell. "They can range

from natural disasters such as flooding, hurricanes and tornadoes to events such as power outages. The key to successful emergency response, regardless of the nature of the event, is personal preparedness. The New Year is a good time to make a resolution to be prepared through a few simple steps: get an emergency supply kit, make an emergency plan and be informed of the hazards in your area."

Resolve to be Ready 2011 is one resolution anyone can keep thanks to the tools and resources available at www.Ready.gov or the Spanish language site www.Listo.gov. These sites include important information such as how to put together a kit, make a plan and stay informed.

Foothill Country

Connections

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



By Laverne Zabielski

I love the *Texas Monthly* magazine. We started getting it while we were in Texas and have kept up the subscription. The ads are intriguing and seductive. Wish I could buy that \$475 silver belt buckle. And the articles are informative, and always relevant to Texas, frequently with an emphasis on west Texas.

In the January, 2011 issue, Megan Giller interviews S. Matt Read after he hiked 3,200 miles along the perimeter of Texas in 2009-2010. He said, "My two favorite areas were the Panhandle and West Texas. Conditions weren't conducive to safe traveling--you might not get water for forty miles--but people in the local communities were more curious about what I was doing."

Most West Texans would say that was true. On the other hand, in the same issue in the column on books, **For The Record**, Douglas Brinkley presents us with another observation which might be up for de-

bate. This time about cowboys. "With out Alan Lomax and his trusty tape recorder," Brinkley wrote, "much of Texas's musical heritage might have been lost to history." True. However, not every one liked Lomax because of his associations with cowboys. He was fired from the University of Texas for recording those "dirty old cowboy songs." Alan Lomax once said that some people thought, "Cowboys were low-down, flea-ridden, and boozing, so a guy who associated with them...was looked down upon."

True or false? From most stories passed down I'd say that was not true. However, I do remember my mother telling stories about



Grace Laverne Tilson Zabielski, 1948

how Grandmother, Stella Tilson, would tell her, "You and your Eugenia do not need to go down to that barn where those boys are." The tone Stella used was as though she was protecting the girls from those wild Tilson cowboys.

WRITING COMMUNITY

CYNTHIA ANN PARKER STORY RETOLD - Part II

By Duane Johnson, Chairman of Foard County Historical Commission

After the raid on Fort Parker, those missing and possibly still alive were Rachel Plummer and her 18 month-old son James Pratt, Elizabeth Kellog, Cynthia Ann Parker, and her younger brother John. As soon as those who escaped the raid had time to recuperate physically and psychologically, efforts began to be made to try and find those missing. James Parker, uncle of Cynthia Ann and father of Rachel Plummer, began to explore all avenues of contact with anyone who might be a source of information. His search led him to influential persons in the governments of Texas and the United States and to anyone out on the plains that might have information or tactics that he could use.

The first to be repatriated was Elizabeth Kellog. The surprising and best account that could be put together was that she was brought in to Nacogdoches by a group of Delaware Indians asking for \$150 in expenses for trading for her. This was some three or four months after her capture.

Next was Rachael Plummer. She was 17 at the time of her capture and she was not heard of from May 19, 1836, until late in the fall of 1837 when an Indian trader turned up with her in Independence, Missouri. She had been traded by the Comanches, somewhere possibly in Texas, New Mexico or Kansas, hundreds of miles from where she was captured, and hauled up the Santa Fe Trail, over 1,000 miles to Missouri.

Her brother-in-law, L. D. Nixon, went all the way to Missouri from Texas to get her and after a bitter, long trip in the

middle of winter, arrived home with her in February 1838. She remained with her family only about a year when a plague of what they called "yellow fever" claimed the lives of several including Rachel, age 20. Her son, little James Pratt Plummer, was never heard of.

John Parker, Cynthia Ann's Younger brother, was ransomed years later but was so assimilated into the Comanche way of life that he either went back to the Comanches or may have been sent back to try and find his lost sister. Cynthia Ann was never heard of again, except for hints of sightings by traders or hunters until the events that happened 24 years later.

The relationship between the Indians and the Texans started out fragile soon after the migration of emigrants (mostly whites from the United States) around 1820. The Indian tribes were able to trade with the settlers and the settlers learned from the Indians ways that made their existence easier. But the tribes from farther west, out on the plains, were an entirely different story. They were nomadic, more warlike, making raids east, west and south, all the way into Old Mexico.

A prime factor in the problems with the Plains Indians was a situation not usually associated with the story of Cynthia Ann Parker. As far back as the early 1700's, the Plains tribes, mostly Comanche and Kiowa, developed a trade with the Spanish speaking people way out west, now present day New Mexico. Their trade early on was hides, robes, and so forth that the Indians could trade for metal tools, blankets, and other useful items that the Spanish could furnish. These Spanish

traders were known as the "Comancheros."

Each year at the first hint of spring, the Comancheros would load their crude caretas and head east to find the Comanches, somewhere on the east edge of the staked plains. They met in places with names such as Quitaque, Tongue River, Canon de Rescate (Ransom Canyon), and other hidden locations. The trade flourished and when the Texas frontier began to have horses, mules, and cattle, the Comanches' raids netted them much more valuable items to trade. Naturally, this illicit commerce intensified the friction between the settlers and the Indians.

The other important reason for friction was that by the mid-1800's, the encroachment of the frontier into territory the Indians called their own. Right and wrong is still a hard call in the on-going conflict. The Indian had always been here and had a right to claim it as their own. The settlers kept pushing farther out trying to better their way of life, but those poor souls who got caught in the middle, like the Parkers, paid a bitter price.

This was the situation in 1860 and somewhere out there on the plains was a young woman who in 1836 was an 8 year-old child known as Cynthia Ann Parker. Now she was a 32 year-old mother of at least three children, probably content with her way of life. But events soon to occur would reverse her life situation again. The third part of this account will tell of the events that complete the Cynthia Ann Parker saga. December 19, 2010, marked the 150th anniversary of the Pease River Battle.

Ed Russell, The Lawman's Lawman

By Ron Bailey



The tenth Sheriff of Motley County, Texas was John Edward "Ed" Russell. Russell was born in Hill County, Texas, December 18, 1872. He came to Motley County with his father, John J. Russell in 1891.

According to the payroll records of the Matador Land and Cattle Company, Russell went to work for the Matador Ranch July 25, 1894. He worked for the Ranch for about twelve years. The Matador Ranch "Russellville Camp" in the southeast part of Motley County carries his name.

Mr. Russell married Ella Parilee Cornett, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Cornett on December 19, 1895 in Motley County. Mr. Cornett was one of the builders of the present Motley County Jail in 1891. Married the same day in Motley County was Amanda "Mandie" Cornett, Parilee's sister, to Wood Martin. Martin was a brother to Motley County settlers I. E. "Van" Martin and Wade Martin.

Ed Russell entered law enforcement about 1905, serving as a deputy sheriff under Motley County Sheriff Henry R. Black. Russell was elected Sheriff of Motley County in 1910 and served six consecutive terms.

In Henry H. Campbell's History of Motley County, he had this to say about Ed Russell: "He possessed a natural instinct for ferreting out the criminal that defied explanation. On a number of occasions during his tenure in office he solved crimes without a single clue. He seemed to rely on an inbred sense of suspicion".

Campbell also related that they had a break-in of a drug store in Matador. Russell suspected two boys and let them know he was watching them. They became so restless that one of the boys left his house and went to where they had buried the loot. Russell, watching from the courthouse cupola with a pair of field glasses, noted the departure. He followed the boy and came upon him as he was digging up the jewelry prior to moving it to a new location.

In the 1940's, everyone came to town on Saturday afternoon. The kids went to the

Rogue Theater to watch the "shoot-em ups" and the adults visited. The downtown area of Matador looked like a county fair. I remember seeing Mr. Russell. As I recall, he stood about six-two or six-three in height and wore a high-crowned Stetson hat. Even though he was over seventy years of age at this time, he was still an imposing figure. When we saw him, someone said, "He was a Texas Ranger." Technically, he was a Field or Brand Inspector for the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers' Association. However, he worked closely with the Texas Rangers and other law enforcement officials on special cases.

It seems as if Ed Russell was always in the right place at the right time. He was in Paducah, Texas, on May 23, 1912, when Burk Burnett, the owner of the Four Sixes Ranch, shot rancher Farley Sayers in the washroom of the Goodwin Hotel. There was some question as to whether or not Sayers was armed at the time. Russell searched the body of Sayers and found an un-fired 25 caliber pistol in his pocket. Burnett and Sayers had had a running feud for years. Burnett had said that Sayers was stealing 6666 cattle and Sayers had said he was going to kill Burnett when he had the chance. Burnett was brought to trial and found "Not Guilty," even though everyone knew he had murdered Sayers. It better explained by author Bill Neal in his book, *From Guns to Gavels*, when he said, "West Texas law was applied because Sayers was so sorry that he needed killing."

Russell assisted legendary Texas Ranger, M. T. "Lone Wolf" Gonzales when they investigated a bootlegging operation on the Motley and Hall County line in the 1930's. They went out at night and located the "still" and destroyed many gallons of whiskey. According to Russell, the hogs and chickens that cleaned up the moonshine mash had never drawn a sober breath since.

OFF TO COLLEGE - Ed Russell

was death on cattle thieves. Tom Bean wrote an article for "Livestock Weekly" about twenty years ago and he related how Russell caught a cattle thief. Ed suspected a man, who Mr. Bean simply called "George" to protect his family, of stealing cattle from the Matador Ranch. "George" ran a few cows and farmed cotton to make a living. A man came to Matador to get a job picking cotton. Ed became acquainted with the man and talked him into applying for a job with "George." To make a long story short, the man got the job and they caught "George" stealing a calf. "George" was sent to the pen for a while. When "George" got out of the pen, he got off the train at Childress. An acquaintance saw "George" and said, "Where have you been? I haven't seen you in a long time." "George" replied, "I been off to college."

Ed was not the only one in the Russell family to be in law enforcement. Ed was a brother to the legendary "Uncle Bud" Russell who was the chief transfer agent for the Texas Prison System. He was the man responsible for delivering 115,000 men and women to justice in Huntsville. In the 1920's and 1930's, everyone in Texas knew who "Uncle Bud" was. If a kid was misbehaving, their parents would say, "We are going to send you down to visit "Uncle Bud."

Ed Russell was a member of the Matador Methodist Church and served as steward for many years. He was a charter member of the Matador Masonic Lodge. He died February 23, 1952, and is buried beside his wife in Matador's East Mound Cemetery.



THE COURTHOUSE WITH THE CUPOLA - Sheriff Ed Russell hid in the Motley County Courthouse cupola and solved a jewelry theft by looking through field glasses and seeing one of the thieves digging up the "loot". This courthouse was destroyed by fire in 1944. Motley County's historic Jail can be seen in the background.

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A new look at Parker story

- MYTH, MEMORY AND MAS-SACRE: THE PEASE RIVER CAPTURE OF CYNTHIA ANN PARKER by Paul H. Carlson and Tom Crum (Texas Tech University Press, \$29.95) Wichita Falls Times Record News (TX) - Sunday, December 26, 2010

Author: HANABA WELCH; Special to the Times Record News

"Myth, Memory and Massacre: The Pease River Capture of Cynthia Ann Parker" is more than the latest retelling of the recapture of the Comanche captive and mother of Chief Quanah Parker 150 years ago. The just-published book takes a critical look at how stories of the so-called battle turned so quickly to legend. Not only how, but why.

The authors are Paul H. Carlson and Tom Crum, a professor emeritus of history at Texas Tech University and a retired Texas district judge, respectively.

The two historians examine several accounts of the Texas Ranger-U.S. Cavalry raid on a Comanche encampment on the Pease River near present-day Crowell, 80 miles west of Wichita Falls. Book jacket notes rightly credit Carlson and Crum with the exposure of "errors, falsifications and mys-

teries that have contributed to a skewed understanding of the facts" of the Dec. 19, 1860, event.

First, Carlson and Crum would characterize the encounter as more of a massacre than a battle, with the Indians - mostly women and children - outnumbered and outmatched by the superior force of attacking Rangers and cavalymen.

Their take on what happened doesn't break new ground, but they dig deeper and analyze why accounts of the fight traded fact for fiction, seemingly more and more as years went by. They cite in particular the political motivations of Sul Ross, Ranger commander, who, not in his initial accounts but in later reports, claimed to have killed Comanche warrior Peta Nocona, father of Quanah Parker and the husband of Cynthia Ann, in the battle - a claim refuted by Quanah Parker.

Regarding factual errors, even one day's difference in the date comes into play. The authors cite an error in some accounts that resulted in the date being reported as Dec. 18 - the date carved in stone on the 1936 Texas Centennial marker that stands northeast of Crowell near Margaret, marking the site of the "Pease River Battlefield."


Carlson and Crum lament credence given to various erroneous accounts by authors who have written about the Pease River scenario without questioning the validity of their sources.

A statement midway through the book captures their sentiments: "There is a great deal of history in myth and folklore, which is good. But sometimes there is too much folklore and myth in history."

The spinners of yarns and embellishes of the truth don't catch all the blame for errors in the accounts of what happened on Pease River on a cold day in December 1860.

"Scholars are not immune from the mythmaking," Carlson and Crum say in their final chapter, noting that the repetition of misstatements over time, whether intentional or inadvertent, builds a myth.

The publisher's description of the book: Investigates the social led 'Battle of Pease River' and December 1860 capture of Cynthia Ann Parker, contending that what became, in Texans' collective memory, a battle that broke Comanche military power was actually a massacre, mainly of women. Questions traditional knowledge and historiographic interpretations of the history of Texas.



HACKBERRYHAPPENINGS

BY CARLA MEADOR, MARKETING DIRECTOR

The second week of January brought a cold chill to the air. With very warm temperatures this winter, it takes some adjustment for the cold, 30 degree temperatures, and to actually have to wear a coat. But, never fear, the Residents at Hackberry are warm and toasty and very comfortable with the home-like atmosphere of our Center. And, of course, the comfort of our Residents is our number one priority.

January also brought sadness to the staff at Hackberry with the loss of three of our beloved Residents, Max Hill, Lucille Kerr and Bonnie Edmondson. Each one of these precious people will be missed greatly at Hackberry.

Mr. Hill came to live at Hackberry in August of 2009. "Max" was very loved by everyone here. He most always had a warm smile for everyone and spoke with love and generosity. He was born January 18, 1921, in Bowie, Texas, and passed from this life January 3, 2011. He was a proud WWII veteran, serving in the Army overseas. He married Janie Long December 14, 1946, in Dallas. He retired from Certified Laboratories as one of their top salesmen. He enjoyed traveling abroad with his wife and was an avid bowler and fisherman.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 55 years, two brothers and a sister. He is survived by his daughters, Margo Green and Ginger Wilbanks of Lubbock; a son, Ronald Hill of Murphey, a sister, five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Kerr came to live at Hackberry in June of 2009. Lucille was a sweet and beautiful lady and was adored by everyone here. She loved to sing and would sometimes sing for hours. She was born October 2, 1922, in Roaring Springs. She passed away January 8, 2011. Lucille graduated from Texas Tech University in Food and Nutrition. She and her husband, Roy Kerr, owned and operated the Colonial Kitchen Restaurant in the 60's and 70's. She was known for her cooking, especially her Mexican Food. In 1977, with their son Phil, Roy and Lucille established Kerr Plumbing, Heating and Air Conditioning. "The business is still family owned and operated." She was a Baptist and was an active church member. She felt that her greatest achievement in live

was calling on the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and asking Him to come into her life and live through her.

Mrs. Kerr is survived by one son, Phil and wife Carol of Afton; four grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and two sisters.

Mrs. Edmondson came to live at Hackberry in July of 2008. Ms. Bonnie, as she was referred to by all those who loved her at Hackberry, was a very special lady. Bonnie was born in TeePee Flat, near Roaring Springs. She graduated from Roaring Springs High School and lived in Motley County most of her life. She married Howard Edmondson in 1939 and she and her husband owned and operated a service station in Matador for many years. Before coming to live at Hackberry, Bonnie was very active in the Motley County Arts and Crafts Club and the Methodist Church.

Mrs. Edmondson was preceded in death by her husband in 1996, and her son, Tom, in 2006. She is survived by one granddaughter, Kristen Haverland of Dallas; two great-grandsons and one great-granddaughter.

The staff and Residents of Hackberry will miss these three special people very much. Our sympathy and prayers are extended to their families.

SR. HEALTH TIPS

Hoarding:
From Cluttered to Clinical

It's human nature to collect and save possessions we care about and use. But the mark of a person with a true hoarding disorder is the unchecked collection of possessions. This is accompanied by great difficulty discarding or letting go of these items, even articles of little or no apparent value, such as old magazines worn-out clothes and even expired foodstuffs.

Many people who hoard have an extreme sentimental attachment to such items or hold the notion that they might need these things at a later date. Some report difficulty in parting with possessions because of memories they associate with the objects. Some hoarders even collect large numbers of live animals, living with literally dozens of cats, for example.

Eventually, many people who hoard find that their behavior causes living spaces in the home to become exceptionally disordered; the mess often disrupts normal activities, such as using the stove for cooking or the kitchen table for eating, sitting on the sofa, or get-

ting into bed. People who hoard - as well as people living with them - often find the level of clutter in the home distressing, according to Jack Samuels, Ph.D., a psychologist specializing in personality disorders and an assistant professor at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

Hoarders tend to lack awareness of the severity of their behavior. In one study, published in the journal *Health and Social Work*, elder service caseworkers reported that 85 percent of their hoarding clients didn't acknowledge the irrationality of their behavior, even though the majority of clients had underlying cognitive deficits, such as dementia. And many who hoard become angry and defensive when their overzealous collecting is criticized.

Knowing when a friend or relative crosses the line from pack rat to compulsive hoarder isn't always clear. "Characterizing hoarding is more complicated than diagnosing a disease such as hypertension, where the diagnosis is based on a simple number. Severity and symptoms of hoarding are different for everyone," says Dr. Samuels, who notes that if areas of the home, such as the bedroom or kitchen, are no longer usable for their original purpose, it's probably time to seek help.

What's behind hoarding? Hoarders are likely to display symptoms of anxiety, depression, and/or social phobia. But are these conditions what drive them to hoard? Traditionally, hoarding has been classified as a symptom of obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD). This anxiety disorder is marked by frequent, intrusive thoughts and repetitive behaviors - such as endlessly checking that the stove is off.

As many as 30 percent of those with OCD show signs of hoarding behavior. But, increasingly, studies show that collecting various items is the only symptom hoarders share with OCD sufferers. For instance, hoarders don't engage in compulsive rituals involving counting or checking. Preliminary brain imaging studies also show that different paths of the brain are at work in OCD than in hoarding, suggesting that it is a distinct disorder, separate from OCD.

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I would be forever remiss if I did not take this means to thank all those who came to my aid and did so many thoughtful things for me during my recent illness.

First there were Tina and Timmy Brooks who came to my aid immediately when I could not get my oxygen system to work. Tina was outstanding and knew that I must go to the hospital. She took over and called the ambulance, packed my clothes, medications and called the hospital and my daughter in Lubbock. She took care of all the arrangements. Tina is truly an asset to this area and a Godsend to all of us. This happened on December 16th in the late evening.

To all those with the Motley County EMS: Tony Rose, Seven Alexander, and D'anna Russell who transported me to Lubbock. They did a fine job and the trip went smoothly.

A special thanks to Corky and Monta Marshall for all the things they did including go-

ing to Spur to get Buddy (my little dog). I had taken him to the veterinary hospital early that morning to have a large kidney stone removed. They cared for Buddy as though he was their own during his recovery until I returned home on December 22nd.

To Don Stuckey who came after me in Lubbock to bring me home. His willingness to go out of his way to Floydada to get my dismissal prescriptions filled, I owe a big Thank You. Again on December 24th he made a trip to Lockney to get emergency medications.

To all who were involved with the Christmas Day Dinner for shut-ins; the meal you sent was outstanding; it was delivered by Corky Marshall. To all those who helped with this project, I want to extend a very special Thank You. I hope to be able to help with this project in the future.

A very special Thanks to my neighbors, Gary and Lisa Simpson. I cannot begin to enumerate the many things they have done for me since becoming their neighbor in

June. These are some of the finest people I have ever met. I love them dearly and cannot thank them enough. Their constant checking on me and Buddy, the food they have brought and the many other deeds of kindness they exhibited is deeply appreciated.

I wish to also thank all those who sent food (I can't remember how many), called to check on me; or came by to see about me, a heartfelt appreciation. To all at the First Baptist Church who signed a get well card and for their thoughts and prayers was deeply appreciated.

These recent experiences just amplifies and affirms my decision to move back to West Texas where I had lived most of my life and getting around good people found only to this extent in West Texas. Although I am not from Roaring Springs, I have been made to feel welcome and at home here. I pray that I will be able to assist others in deeds of kindness in the near future.

Ralph Roming
Roaring Springs

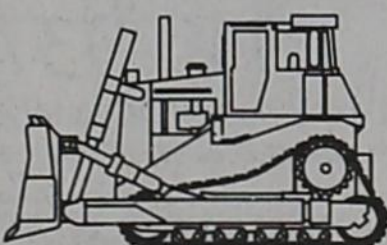
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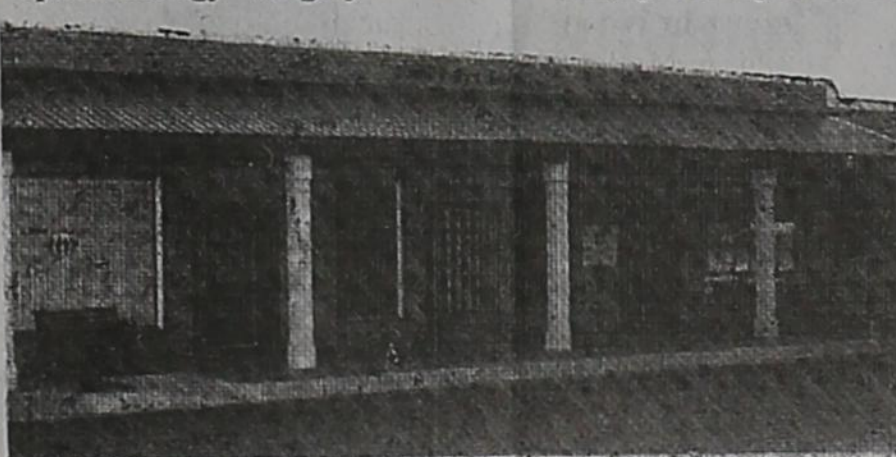
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But when we are asked to follow Jesus Christ, that becomes different from following any one else. Christ bids us to come and be like Him. Our Lord has left us an abundance of information to work with in our seeking to be like Him. We have so many of His words in the Gospels, and we read about Him from those who knew Him, throughout the New Testament. He set such a great example for us to imitate. It is enough for us to become like Him.

When we become Christians, we have embarked on a journey. That journey involves the struggle to overcome the world in order to be like Jesus. "A disciple is not above his teacher...It is enough for the disciple that he become like his teacher..."(Matthew 10:24-25).

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

NEWS AROUND MOTLEY COUNTY

Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

On a personal note

My son built a bird feeder for my Christmas present; it even has a copper roof. Corky set it in concrete on Saturday. The birds are enjoying the treats; so far I have seen sparrows, blue jays, wrens and an unidentified bird. I have had my bird book out but if it is what I think it is, it should be already down south for the winter. Maybe this bird is as slow getting started as I am and just running behind! Birds are fun to watch. I think they are some of God's most beautiful creatures.

In the community

On January 14-15, The Relay For Life 2011 Relay University will be held in Lubbock at the Overton Hotel and Conference Center, 2320 Mac Davis Lane. All committee members are invited to attend. Relay University is a great opportunity for committee members to learn all about Relay For Life and how you can be a more effective committee member. You'll learn all about your committee position and get to network with and learn from Relayers from all over the Texas and Oklahoma Panhandles. Although it is too late to make reservations for staying in the hotel, it is not too late to attend the sessions. Registration for the sessions is Friday evening at the Overton Hotel; a dinner is planned for Friday evening.

If you have any questions, please call one of the committee members for more information. Also you can log on to <http://www.seeuthere.com?ASC/RelayUpanhandle2011> for more information.

Annette Hollinsworth has announced that she will cut 10 inches from her hair to donate to Locks of Love that furnish wigs to cancer patients if she gets \$500.00 in donations. Look for donation cans around town or call Annette at 347-2377. You can also contact her at newtoyoutx@yahoo.com.

J. N. Fletcher and Corky Marshall attended the 100th birthday celebration for Jennie Lou Murphy of Abilene. Jennie Lou lives at Royal Estates of Abilene at 6565 Central Park Blvd., Abilene, TX 79606. Jennie Lou

was once postmistress in Roaring Springs; after her retirement and a move to Lubbock, Jennie was a Pink Lady at Methodist Hospital which later became Covenant Hospital in Lubbock. Jennie was often working the desk in the surgical waiting room on the second floor of the hospital. Jennie Lou moved to Abilene to be near family members several years ago. Jennie Lou was always an encourager and helpful to families during their long wait while their family member was in surgery.

Jerry Collins has been moved to Lakeside Rehabilitation and Care Center at 4306 24th Street, Lubbock, TX 79410. He is able to walk and talk in a whisper. He is progressing nicely. He appreciates cards and visits from his friends in Motley County.

Two cousins from Paducah visited Mozelle Hand at her home Loetta near Paducah. They were Loetta Sossman and Dale Harrison. Joining them to celebrate her birthday was another cousin, Dorothy McKeen of La Grange, GA. Mozelle's daughter and family also came from Grandview, TX. They are Ken and Missy Davis and children, Joy, Jay, Laura, Jett and Cade. Rita Hughes of Paducah also attended.

R.C. Geisecke, Donnie Joe Jackson and his mother, Evelyn Jackson, visited the Hands last Wednesday. Also his daughter, Kim Watson of Lubbock has visited him recently as have Lewis and Barry Bostick of Matador. Bill and Mozelle enjoy company.

Suzanne Abbott was feted with cake and ice cream for her birthday, Friday afternoon, January 7th at the Travelers Inn during the usual coffee drinker's hour. Attending were: Ralph Roming, Jo Crowder, Corky Marshall, Don and Billie Stuckey, J. N. Fletcher, Buzz and Tince Thacker, Edith Daniell and Glennard Daniell, Ken and the birthday girl, Suzanne.

J. T. Swim was taken by ambulance to Mangold Hospital in Lockney on Friday. I was unable to get an update today.

Tom Jordan returned to the hospital Friday or Saturday following complications from surgery and an upper respiratory infection. At this time, I have not been able to locate anyone to find out which hospital.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

Overheard

My two granddaughters, 4-year-old Robyn and 7-year-old Rhonda, were spending the day at my house. Unfortunately, their grandfather had a severe kidney stone attack. After we got him settled, I overheard Robyn say to Rhonda, "We have to be very quiet, because PaPa is sick."

In a serious hushed voice, Rhonda being the big sister said to Robyn, "Yes, I know. He has Flinstones."

Community News

Tim and Melissa Kendall, Jere and Jacob and friends, Todd and DeAnna Oberheu, Grant and Ty of Wallingsburg, Colorado, enjoyed the New Year holidays snow skiing at Wolf Creek, Colorado.

Visiting the New Year holidays with Jerry and Sandra Barclay, were son and family, Lance and Sherryl Barclay, Kayla and Colton of Meadow and grandchildren, Tylee, Trent, and Trevor Barclay of Matador.

Visitors of Connie and Coy Franks during the New Year holidays were children and families, Cary and Mary

Franks, Cory and Amy Franks, Hudson, Madison and Heston of Idalou and Cara and Clint Cowart of Big Spring. They were guests New Year's Eve of Mrs. Erma Washington.

Visiting during the New Year holidays with Wilburn Martin was his daughter, Mrs. Marilee Cooper of Berger. Visiting them Sunday was Mrs. Wanda Lane of Lockney.

Kellan Roberts and daughter, Abbie of Clarendon visited Friday with his grandparents, Ruth and Orville Lee.

Mrs. Donna Sue Degan of Calgary visited Saturday with her mother, Mrs. B. Rogers and brother, Donnie Rogers.

Jack and Nada Starkey were in Amarillo, Thursday for Nada's medical appointment. They visited in Amarillo with daughter, Mrs. Bessie Reid and in Canyon with son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Starkey.

Anna Beth and Joe Ike Clay were in Panhandle, Thursday. They enjoyed the basketball game in which granddaughter, Sara Clay competed. They visited her family, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Clay, Kelsey and Tanner.

Flomot Do Gooders Begin New Year with Enthusiasm

"The best way to achieve something worthwhile is with enthusiasm" was the logo at the Do Gooders' Club when they began the New Year Tuesday afternoon, January 4, 2011, at the Community Center in Flomot.

Mrs. Waydetta Clay, president of club the past year, presided at the elections of officers for 2011. The following were re-elected to serve, Mrs. Waydetta Clay, president; Mrs. Doris Vinson, vice president; Mrs. Anna Beth Clay, secretary and treasurer and Mrs. Kathy Shorter, reporter.

They discussed future improvements for the Commu-

nity Center. Mrs. Anna Beth Clay gave a very informative treasurer report. They made a \$1,800.00 profit on the 2010 Bazaar quilt on which raffle tickets will be sold for the 2011 Flomot Homecoming.

Mrs. Mary Jo Calvert had a "help yourself" table of holiday delicacies. They sang Happy Birthday to Connie Franks.

Those attending and enjoying visiting were Mesdames Tommie Jo Cruse, Kathy Shorter, Mary Jo Calvert, Connie Franks, Doris Vinson, Waydetta Clay, Cora Gail Johnson, Anna Beth Clay and Erma Washington.

Matador News

Thank You

The Motley County ISD Student Council would like to thank everyone who participated in the Canned Food Drive this year. We would like to also thank John and Jana Thacker of Abilene for their very generous donation of a free tank of gasoline.

Names of those who donated five items of food through the school were placed into a raffle with the prize to be collected at the local Chillerz. The winner was 2nd grader Gabriel Rivera.

Thank You

Thank you for all the cards, phone calls, food, flowers, donations and all the help given to our family at a sad time. John grew up in Matador and lived here all his life. He couldn't have lived in a better place. We appreciate all the kindness and love we have received and a special thank you to Jim Meador, Richard Turner and Donnie Jackson.

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Dates (all times are Noon to 1:00 pm Central Time)

January 20 - Wildlife Tax Valuation, Jim Cathy

February 17 - Nutrition: The Pros and Cons of Supplemental Feed, Dave Hewitt

March 24 - Waterfowl Management, Jim Cathy

April 21 - Aquatic Weed Control, Billy Higginbotham

May 19 - Dove Management, Dale Rollins

June 16 - Texas Deer Lease, Judon Fambrough

July 21 - Riparian Management, Sky Lewey

August 18 - Conducting a Deer Survey, Jim Gallagher

September 22 - Scoring Deer Using Computer Software, Bronson Strickland

October 20 - Aging Deer on the Hoof, David Brimager

November 17 - Factors Affecting the Efficiency of Intensive Deer Management, Randy DeYoung

December 15 - Managing Wildlife & Nature Tourism Enterprises, Miles Phillips

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Notes from the Library

By Mary Ann Potts

I just can't believe how great 2011 is starting out for the Motley County Library. The Thomas Kinder and Martha W. Farris Foundation generously donated \$10,000 to our library! This money will be used to replace the oil stained carpet in the main library and back room and purchase any needed library equipment should any funds remain. Being a continued supporter of the library, The Thomas Kinder and Martha W. Farris Foundation also donated much need funds to help complete the restoration of the annex building. The Motley County Library Board Members and patrons thank Mrs. Martha Farris for her continued support of our rural library.

To move on, the new books on our shelves this week are: Glen Beck's, *Broke*, in which Beck explains how, in order for our country to move forward, we must first understand how we got here. For a little lighter reading there's *Texas Sage* by Sandra Brown. With the intense heat of a Lone Star summer, this final chapter of Brown's popu-

lar Texas! Trilogy is sure to be worth the read. Then there's *The Border Lords* by T. Jefferson Parker. This crime novel of unprecedented scope and unrivaled storytelling confronts the unexplored depths of humanity's dark soul.

Also, one more new DVD has arrived to grace our shelf this week, *How to Train your Dragon*, courtesy of Granny's Tea Party, is now available for checkout. Don't worry, there are still several more books on order to complete Granny's Tea Party donation. I'll let you know when they come in. Also, DVDs now have a *checkout time of 1 week* instead of the 2 week checkout period. This was implemented to allow more patrons the opportunity to view our new selections.

Finally, the library still has many photos submitted for the Photography contest. I will keep the photos until February 11, 2011. If there are any left after this date they will be discarded. I will also e-mail all those who have provided their e-mail address as a reminder of the deadline date.

TEXAS BY NATURE Invasive Species Watch: Red Imported Fire Ants

By Buddy Gough

Residents of East Texas didn't have to know anything about invasive species to recognize red imported fire ants as bad news when they began showing up in the 1950s.

Country kids running barefoot and carefree were among the first to suffer from the invasion of aggressive South American ants whose stinging bites brought pain followed by infected pustules.

Farmers and ranchers were also soon contending with fire ant mounds appearing in profusion on fields and pastures, and it wasn't long before wildlife agencies and conservation organizations like The Nature Conservancy became aware of the ecological threat posed to native vertebrates and invertebrates by the unwelcome invaders.

The ants are especially known for killing and consuming the hatchlings of ground-nesting birds like bobwhite quail. This is particularly problematic for the Conservancy's efforts to save the endangered Attwater's prairie chicken in the Refugio-Goliad prairie region.

Red imported fire ants are also known destroying the hatchlings of alligators, snakes, turtles and tortoises, as well as killing off many native insects important to the survival of young birds.

The earliest attempts at controlling the pestilence involved treating fire with fire—mounds were soaked in kerosene and lit ablaze. However, all it took was seeing great wads of fire ants floating on flood waters after tropical storms and hurricanes to appreciate how tough they were to kill and how easily they could spread.

Believed to have arrived

in Alabama in the 1930s, red imported fire ants have now infested 300 million acres in 12 southern states and have spread as far west as California. In Texas, nearly two thirds of the state is either infested with fire ants or under quarantines to help prevent their spread.

Given the damage done by ants in the Lone Star State—Texas A&M University estimates cost at \$1.2 billion annually—chemical companies soon developed a host of pesticides to eradicate the colonies and control their spread. The Texas Agricultural Extension Service, for example, recommends a two-step process of broadcasting bait granules in the vicinity of mounds followed by direct treatment of the mounds.

More promising has been research and experiments in fire ant eradication using an alien to kill an alien.

One potential candidate is the South American parasitic fly, which preys on fire ants. When a female of the tiny species of fly lays its egg in the neck of a fire ant, the egg hatches into a maggot that enters and feeds inside the head of its host and literally decapitates it.

Fire ants have such a fear of its ancient nemesis that they run and hide to the point of allowing entire colonies to die off. Other candidates include several micro-organisms of South American origin that cause disease in colonies to slowly eliminate them.

Bio-control experiments with phorid flies and micro-organisms in various states are ongoing, and offer promise to weary—and ant-bit—Texans.

To learn more about The Nature Conservancy's work in Texas, including other invasive species they help control, visit nature.org/texas.

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Obituaries

Lucille Matterson (Dawson) Kerr

Lucille Matterson (Dawson) Kerr, 88, passed away on January 8, 2011, at 12:30 a.m. She was born on October 2, 1922, in Roaring Springs, Texas, to Matt and Mini Elizabeth Dawson. Lucille was one of nine siblings. She is preceded in death by sisters Estell Stokes of Afton, Willita Houston of Afton, Louise Willingham of Afton, Barbra Joe of Afton, Audrie Hill of Georgia and brother Carlton Dawson of Afton.



Survivors include one son, Phil and Carol Kerr of Afton; four grandchildren, Rusty and Sandie Geistweidt of Lubbock, Tully and Natasha Kerr of Lubbock, Mark and Elizabeth Jordan of Fredericksburg, and Jimmy and Angela Ragan of Lubbock; eight great grandchildren; two sisters, Willma Davis of Lubbock and Effi Hicks of Friona.

Lucille graduated from Texas Tech in Food and Nutrition. She was married to Roy Kerr. In the late 1960's to 1970's, Roy and Lucille owned and operated the Colonial Kitchen Restaurant. Lucille was known for her cooking, especially her Mexican food. In 1977, with their son, Phil, Roy and Lucille established Kerr Plumbing, Heating and Air Conditioning Company. The company is still family owned and operated as Phil Kerr's Plumbing, Heating and Air Conditioning by Rusty and Sandie Geistweidt, as well as Tully Kerr owning and oper-

ating Mr. Rooter of Lubbock, and Phil owning and operating Phil Kerr's Plumbing, Heating and Air Conditioning in Afton, where he lives today. Lucille was always an active church member at whatever Baptist church she attended, but she felt that above all of these accomplishments, her greatest achievement in life was calling on the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ and asking Him to come into her life and live through her. Because of this decision, she continues to live for eternity with her Blessed Lord. We know that we will see her again in eternity! See you later, Mom. Be talking to you soon.

Services were held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan 11, 2010, in Resthaven's Abbey Chapel with Reverend Jim Brown of Monterey Baptist Church officiating. Condolences may be offered at www.resthavenfuneralhome.com.

Bonnie Lee (Webb) Edmondson

Bonnie Lee (Webb) Edmondson died on January 9, 2011. She was the 8th child of William Edgar and Talula Pearl (Simmons) Webb. She was born on July, 1917, in the Teepee Flat Community near Roaring Springs, Texas.



She married Howard Edmondson on October 9, 1937. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Matador, Texas, and a lifetime member of the Motley County Arts and Crafts Club.

Bonnie was preceded in death by her parents, seven brothers and sisters, her husband Howard (on March 8th, 1997), and her beloved son Thomas Lee Edmondson. She is survived by her granddaughter Kristen Haverland and her husband Jason, great-grandchildren Jack Bascom, Tyler James, and Natalee Ann Haverland.

Memorials may be made to: East Mound Cemetery,

Hackberry Creek Care Center; Motley County Library; Senior Citizens; or Motley County Arts and Crafts.

Funeral Services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, January 15, 2011, at the First United Methodist Church in Matador with the Rev. Bill Manney officiating. Interment will follow in the East Mound Cemetery in Matador under the direction of Shannon Funeral Home of Matador.

Obituary

Asencion Zambrano

Asencion Zambrano was born on August 15, 1932, in Cameron, Texas, to Adolfo Trevino and Bernalda Jaramillo Trevino. She passed from this life on December 18, 2010, in Lubbock, Texas, after attaining the age of 78 years.

Ascencion was a homemaker and a Catholic. She had been a resident of Matador for the past 14 years. Mrs. Zambrano was preceded in death by one son, Roberto Zambrano; and by two grandchildren, Alveia Nevaeh Malone and Alfinso Ortiz, Jr. She is survived by her Husband, Ray Vela of Matador,

Texas; three sons, Juan, Junior, Jose, and Dimongo Zambrano; six daughters, Esperanza Medina, Mary Ortiz, Josefina Reyes, Lucy Sifuentes, Martha Martinez, and Rosa Zambrano; 40 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

Funeral Services were held on Tuesday, December 21, 2010, at the Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Matador. Interment followed in the East Mound Cemetery at Matador under the direction of Shannon Funeral Home of Matador.

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"Natural disasters can turn

what would be a profitable crop year into a year of hardship and financial loss," said Hackler. "The SURE program is part of the 'safety net' that provides assistance to farmers and ranchers when disaster strikes," she said.

For information on the 2009 SURE program eligibility requirements visit your local FSA office or <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/sure>.

The Motley County Sheriff's Office received 462 calls for 2010, opening 104 cases. Miles driven on patrol for the year was 44,332 miles.

CASES: 63 (60%) cases solved; amount lost to theft or burglary, \$43,371.00; Amount recovered, \$13,760.00; Motor vehicle accidents investigated, 16; Assaults, 6; Thefts, 15; Burglary, 5; Criminal Mischief, 12; Disorderly Conduct, 3; Livestock Calls, 133; Assist Citizens, 96; Assist outside agency, 53; Civil Standby, 5; Suspicious Person, 20; Harassment, 2; Burglary Alarm's, 5; Minor in Possession, 1; Family Disturbance, 6; Dog Bite, 2; Reckless Conduct, 1; Civil Matters, 6; Attempted Arson, 1;

Found Property, 2; Missing Person, 1; Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle, 1; Other, 70

ARRESTS: Misdemeanor, 21; Felony, 1

PAPER SERVED District Court, 6; County Court, 0; JP Court, 1; Out of County Court Papers, 3; Bailiff for Court, 2

TRAFFIC: Traffic Citations, 143; Traffic Warnings, 147; Funeral escorts, 18

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 - 13 M City Council
 - 13 Matador Chapter of the Eastern Star, consolidated with Floydada, Meal at 6:30pm meeting at 7:30 pm
 - 17 MCISD School Board, 7:30pm
 - 18 Matador Lions
 - 20 Matador Masonic Lodge, 6:30 pm
 - 22 Kick-off party for the Motley-Dickens Relay for Life at the Hotel Matador, 6:00 p.m.
- February**
- 1 Matador Lions
 - 2 Kids Praise

Notice of Public Meeting

Pursuant to Section 36.1072 of Chapter 36 of the Texas Water Code, a Public Hearing is scheduled by the Board of Directors of the Gateway Groundwater Conservation District concerning the Adoption of their new Management Plan. The Hearing will be held in the District Office located at 109 West 11th Street in Quanah, Texas at 8:00am January 25, 2011. ct2

Notice of Public Meeting

Pursuant to Section 36.061 of Chapter 36 of the Texas Water Code, a Public Hearing is scheduled by the Board of Directors of the Gateway Groundwater Conservation District concerning Development, Documentation, and Implementation, of District Policies. The Hearing will be held in the District Office located at 109 West 11th Street in Quanah, Texas at 9:00am January 25, 2011. ct2

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