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Motley County Senior Citizen Center serves meals to citizens, delivers meals to those who are homebound and provides opportunity for camaraderie.

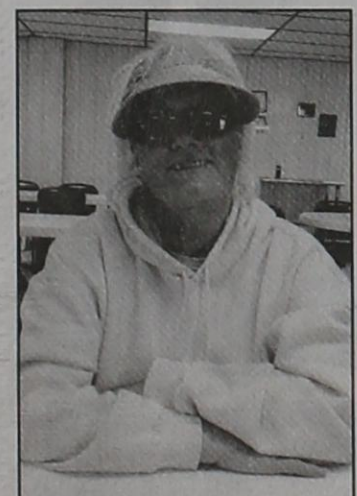
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By Laverne Zabielski
 Motley County Tribune

Every morning at 8, a group of women in workout clothes show up at the Motley County Senior Citizen Center and sweat to the oldies, courtesy of a Richard Simmons DVD. An hour later, a smattering of senior men arrive for coffee and conversation. By lunchtime, the place is really hopping with a packed parking lot and a line out the door.

Five days a week, Motley County seniors - regardless of income - enjoy a hot lunch with friends at the Senior Center. The fact that the meals are government subsidized and served in a building donated by the county has left a bad taste in the mouths of some who believe the Center is unfairly competing with local businesses.

Since state and federal government funding for the Center has been cut, the center must find additional funding from donations programs, grants and other government agencies.



Tommye Keith, Director of the Motley County Senior Citizen Center, believes that the Center is a vital part of the community.

Photo by Laverne Zabielski

MCSC director since 2002, Tommye Keith, states that City funding for the center has been controversial since its incep-

tion. Keith said "In the past the city paid our water and sewer. Then all of a sudden that went away. Some other centers get money from their city, some don't."

Pat Smith, owner of Billie Dean's Restaurant and Mayor of Matador, believes "The City's primary function is to supply water, sewer and sanitation services and maintain its roads for the citizens." He does not think that the City should, or can afford to, fund any businesses or non-profits.

"How could the city draw the line," he asks, "on which ones to provide money to?" At the December 13, 2012 Matador City Council meeting council member Bobby Klodginski asked the council to consider paying for water and sewer for the center. During the discussion he also asked why there were funds for the library and fire department. Smith answered that it was because they provide a specific service for the city. The library and fire department receive money because there are no other for-profit businesses that offer the same services.

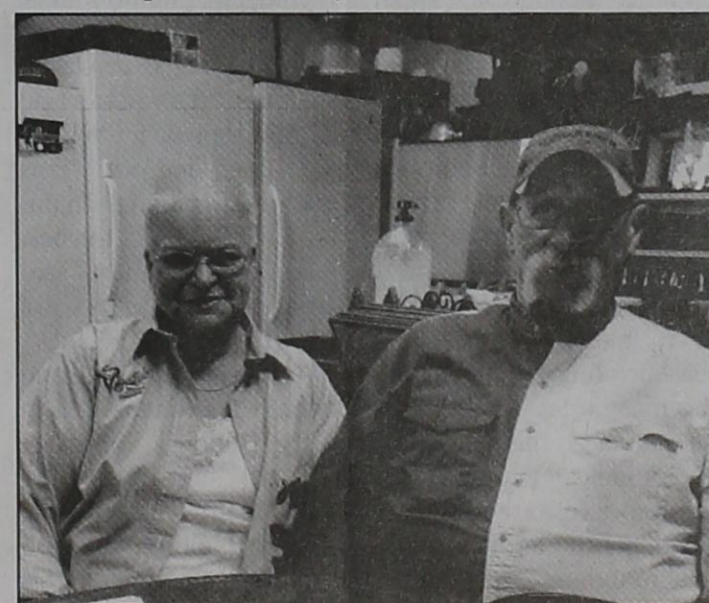
Smith says, "Some non-profit organizations unfairly compete with private, for-profit businesses, by engaging in commercial activities, but they don't pay taxes. This denies the government entities revenue. I feel like potluck dinners from time to time are fine at the Center. Taking food to people who are unable to get out of the house is great. However, the Center has gotten into the commercial business of serving food to the public during lunch hours. That is in direct competition with the other restaurants in town."

When asked how the lunches served by the Center affected his business Smith noted that since he is also Mayor this is a difficult question to answer. Speaking as a business owner, he

said, "Let's say the Senior Citizen Center serves 40 meals a day to customers who come to the Center to eat. If those 40 customers were split up between the three restaurants, then that would be around 13 people for each café. At approximately \$8 per meal that would equal about \$520 a week in lost revenue." Smith acknowledged that \$8 a meal may seem high. "Private businesses don't have their building furnished by the County and the County doesn't give us \$3000 a year. We also have to pay property taxes to the County just to have them turn around and use our tax dollars to subsidize a non-profit restaurant. This preferential treatment between commercial non-profits and for-profit restaurants is unfair."

Bobby Williams, President of the Board of Directors for MCSC, does not feel the center is in competition. He says that many of those who come to the center could not afford to go to other restaurants.

Keith agrees. "The Senior Citizen Center is a vital part of this community. To have this kind of Center for seniors to have some place to go to visit and get a meal is important. Home delivery people say, 'I don't know what we'd do without you all.' People who come here say the same thing. We're not in competition with any

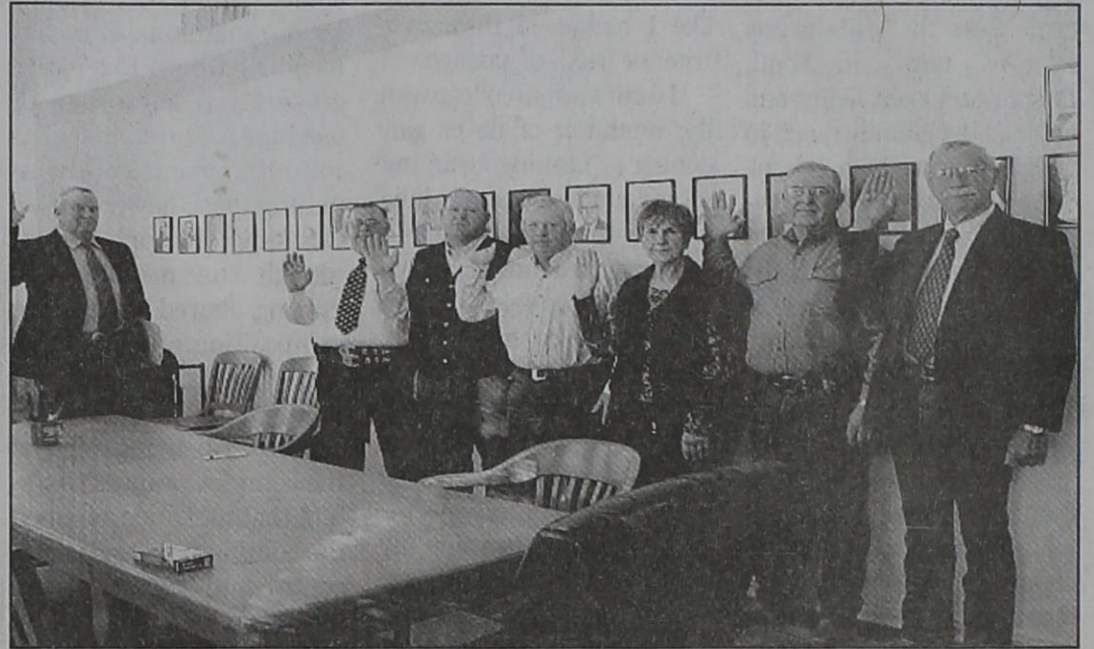


Don and Lou Wittler, owners of Main Street Café, feel that it would be better if the Motley County Senior Citizen Center was not open to the public. Photo by Laverne Zabielski

restaurant in this town."

Smith feels that the restaurants in Matador are pretty modestly priced on their meals. "I don't think the Center should be open to the public at lunchtime because this is when the restaurants have their best opportunity to be busy. And, it seems obvious the Center can't afford to commercially serve low cost meals, either, or they wouldn't be asking for help

Motley County officials take oath of office



County Judge Jim Meador administered the oath of office to county officials on January 1, 2013. Sworn in (L to R) are: Sheriff Chris Spence, Commissioners David Stafford and Franklin Jameson, County Tax Assessor-Collector Elaine Hart, Commissioner Guy Campbell, and County Attorney Tom Edwards. Photo by Carol Campbell

from government entities."

Don and Lou Wittler, owners of Main Street Café, feel that it would be better if the Motley County Center operated more like the senior center in Floydada, and was not open to the public. Mary Lou Grundy, owner of Deli-cious and a former employee of the Motley County Senior Citizen Center, had no comment.

Floydada director, Sylvia Bueno said that in addition to serving those over 60 they serve meals to caretakers who fill out appropriate forms. She also said that the city of Floydada pays for their water and electricity.



GRANNY'S TEA PARTY - These little ladies enjoyed an afternoon of tea at Hotel Matador for the annual Granny's Tea Party library fundraiser. Those pictured are (beginning at top) Emma Hackler, Sydnie McCoy, Cheyenne Mount, Trinity Ward, Reagan Davis, Arianna Sanders, Olivia Fowler and Bailea Lawrence. Photo by Carla Meador

TxDot to hold pre-construction meeting to discuss improvements to FM 94 in Motley County

CHILDRESS - The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will host a preconstruction meeting on Friday, January 11, 2013 to discuss a project to rehabilitate Farm-to-Market (FM) 94 in Motley County. The meeting will begin at 11:00 a.m. and will be located at the TxDOT Motley County Maintenance Office

in Matador. This project is for the full rehabilitation of the existing roadway, beginning at Northfield and continuing south on FM 94 for 7.3 miles. The public is invited to attend.

For more information contact Barbara Seal, TxDOT Public Information Officer (940) 937-7288.

"Anyone can come to the MCSC for lunch," Keith continued on page 3

Foothill Country

Connections

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



By Larry Vogt

Most of what I learned about gardening and farming, including livestock care, came from the visits to my relatives' farms in South Dakota and then living and working on a family ranch in Oregon during high school. Somehow I developed a positive attitude about work and life and have found that the lessons learned served me in good stead as I maneuvered through work and life. One great lesson was to make do with what you have.

I remember being given the task of reshaping a part for a combine when I was about 15. I was not given any instructions, just to make it work. The good feeling that came from that task when the part fit and we got the combine going again stuck with me and even though I never thought of myself as a good mechanic, time after time I was surprised what happened when faced with a situation to "make it work."

I was not so fond of deal-

ing with livestock but learned to like and care for the animals as if they were my best friends in the world. When a horse I was riding out in the brush land on the ranch took off for the barn, I hung on for dear life and stuck with that horse through briar patches and hair pin turns and when we got to the barn I dismounted and took in the smell of my fear and the sweat of the horse and felt like I had been through a "rite" or "ride" of passage.

I went away to college with the intention of never gardening or farming again but soon found myself working my way through college as a gardener on a fancy estate in suburban Portland, Oregon and loving every minute of it. When the owners of the various estates I worked at found that I had been on a ranch for four years they expected more of me in every way.

This lead me to value my upbringing more and more as years went by, and I found myself loving the outdoors and working to produce meat and produce in several different situations. Next time you see the stock show coming up, have a look at those young folks with their animals and think about the good opportunities they have and how it will affect their future lives.

WRITING COMMUNITY

Part 3: The Prairie in the 20th Century

A Vanishing Ecosystem

Although overgrazing and cultivation were the most dramatic disruptions of the natural prairie ecosystem, there have been a number of simultaneously occurring phenomena which have contributed to the destruction of all but a few isolated prairie relicts, and to the degeneration of many of these surviving remnants.

In the early days of cultivation of the Blackland Prairie, mules were the source of power. Many farms maintained a hay meadow where the native grasses were cut for hay or used for pasture. As late as 1930 the practice of maintaining these hay meadows was still common. And although the mowing and grazing altered the species composition of these small "prairies," their root systems and seed banks still contained a living map of the complex prairie ecosystem that had once spanned the continent from north to south, and covered more than 13 million hectares in Texas alone. However, with the advent of tractors most of these meadows and pastures were plowed.

Another very significant early disturbance was the settlers' natural desire to

eliminate fires. Periodic prairie fires had for centuries kept woody species to a minimum and had cleared the ground of dead vegetation, enabling the tall grasses to thrive and creating new opportunities for secondary and tertiary grasses and forbs to establish themselves. Once the fires were eliminated, a rapid invasion of woody plants followed.

Most of the prairie remnants found today are those in out-of-the-way places, difficult to cultivate. These too are often invaded by woody species, along with exotic non-native plants which have been cultivated or allowed to spread on nearby land, and then introduced by wildlife or carried on the winds to these otherwise native areas. The Kachina Prairie in Ennis is a typical example of these surviving remnants, and is in the process of being managed back to health through controlled burning and selective weed control in the hope that it can serve as a seed source for prairie restoration efforts on land acquired for the Superconducting Super Collider Laboratory.

The Texas Blackland Prairie:

Situation Critical

Before the European settlers arrived, the moist eastern prairies of Texas were dominated by the tall grasses such as big bluestem, Indian grass, little bluestem, eastern gamagrass and switch grass. The short grasses such as buffalograss, blue grama and common curly mesquite were dominant in the drier western regions. And in between, mid-grasses such as sideoats grama, little bluestem, silver bluestem and Texas cupgrass were abundant. Running through these belts of grasslands were the Post Oak Belt to the East, and the East and West Cross Timbers to the west of the Blackland Prairie. Throughout the Blacklands, as well, could be found rivers, streams, and bottomland hardwoods.

Today, more than 90% of the area of the main belt of the Blackland Prairie of Texas has been plowed. Many areas, because of exhaustion of the soil or soil erosion, have been returned to permanent grass. But in most cases these lands have been planted to exotic pasture species such

as African bermuda grass and lovegrass, Eurasian "King Ranch bluestem," and Mediterranean Johnsongrass.

In 1970, a survey was conducted by graduate students of Texas A&M University, across the main belt of the Blackland Prairie. Approximately 100 ungrazed, excellent condition prairie relicts were located, totaling nearly 5000 acres in all. Most of the sites were small, but a few were as large as 700 acres.

In 1980 the area was surveyed. The number of sites had decreased from 100 to 35, and the area from 5000 to 2000 acres.

The Blackland and associated prairies and woodlands in Texas contain four out of the ten most threatened or endangered plant community series in the United States, as recognized by the Natural Heritage Commission. The total area of fair or better condition plant communities is lowest for the Blackland Prairie, at 0.004% of the area originally covered by this complex ecosystem.

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Phyllis Mills retires from TxDOT



Darwin Lankford, TxDOT Director of Operations presents Phyllis Mills with her retirement plaque.

CHILDRESS - Phyllis Mills, Maintenance Support Technician for the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) in Childress retired on December 31, 2012, with 28 years of service.

Phyllis began her career at TxDOT on October 25, 1984 and throughout the years served as office manager for several maintenance sections including, Dickens, Motley, Cottle and Childress Counties.

"Phyllis will be missed at TxDOT," said Brent Foad, Childress TxDOT Maintenance Supervisor. "With

her many years of employment, a vast amount of experience will be leaving with her."

Her plans for retirement are to travel to visit her family and friends. She also plans to spend as much time outdoors as possible and pursue something that deals with animals. She was honored with a retirement reception on December 20, 2012 by her many friends and colleagues.

For more information contact Barbara Seal, TxDOT Public Information Officer (940) 937-7288 or Barbara.Seal@txdot.gov.

Matador Voluntary Fire Department receives \$5000



First National Bank of Floydada has contributed \$5,000 to the Matador Voluntary Fire Department. Presenting the check is President Monte Williams and accepting for the Matador VFD is James Gillespie Secretary/Treasurer.

Texas Tech's Raider Red Wins National Championship in Mascot Voting Contest

Raider Red, Texas Tech University's costumed mascot, is the new Capital One 2012 National Mascot of the Year.

The win nets a \$20,000 scholarship to help fund Texas Tech's mascot program.

Red took second place out of 16 mascots in regular-season voting to contend for the most votes nationwide; he then faced the first-place and undefeated Cocky the Gamecock from the University of South Carolina in the final round.

The Capital One National Mascot of the Year is determined by Internet voting. The championship round voting ended Dec. 17, and the winner was announced during the 2013 Capital One Bowl today (Jan. 1). Each of the 2012 participants also received \$5,000 for their university mascot program.

Raider Red's only regular-season loss came in week one against the University of Delaware's YoUDee, who was eliminated in the quarter-finals. Red competed against Sebastian the Ibis of the University of Miami in the semi-final round.

"Thanks to the thousands

of students, alumni, fans, and Texas Tech faculty and staff who voted tirelessly over the past 15 weeks and also to the media for helping us get the word out, Texas Tech has a National Champion in Raider Red, the best mascot in the country," said Stephanie Rhode, director of Texas Tech's Spirit Squads.

"We are so very proud and honored for Raider Red to be the National Mascot of the Year," said Bruce Bills, Texas Tech's cheer coach. "Thanks to all the fans and supporters that made this possible. We appreciate all who supported our effort and spent long hours voting for Raider Red throughout the Mascot Challenge.

"Raider Red is such a great representation of the true Texas Tech Spirit. We are so excited to celebrate this accomplishment with all the Red Raider Nation," Bills said.

The original 16 contestants were selected by a panel of judges from Capital One from among the mascot entries received from all eligible NCAA Football Bowl Subdivision and Football Championship Subdivision schools.

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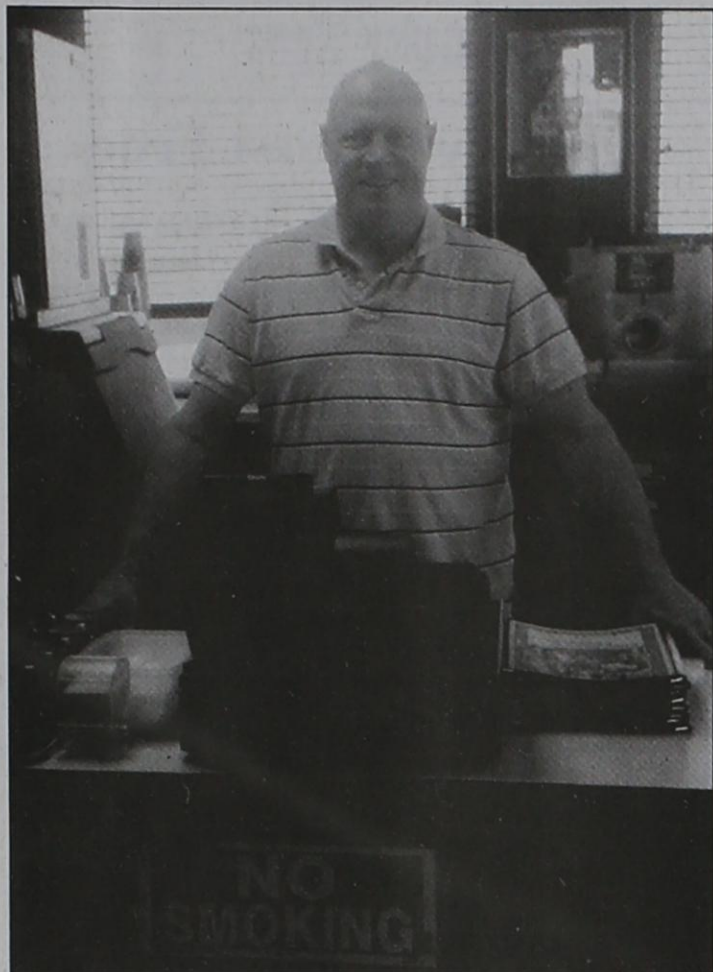
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Pat Smith, Mayor of Matador and owner of Billie Dean's Restaurant, believes that preferential treatment between commercial non-profits and for-profit restaurants is unfair.

Photo by Jennifer Lawler

said. "If they're under 60, for instance, if someone brings their grandkids with them, they are required to pay \$6. The board set the price and we pay sales tax on those meals served."

According to Keith, from October 2011 through September 2012 the center delivered 4792 meals and served 8697. If you're over 60 the voluntary donation set by the MCSC board is \$4. Keith said that the average cost to prepare those meals is \$5.09 to \$6.19. Cost variation depends on the number of volunteers and a menu that is set by The South Plains Association of Governments. SPAG, the primary funding agency for MCSC, is a Council of Governments that serves a fifteen county region in North West Texas. Funding from SPAG has recently decreased.

When asked about raising the prices for meals served,

Keith said, "Well when you try to raise the prices on some of these people you can't do it. We make up the difference in fundraisers, donations, and memorial donations, but you never know how much is going to roll in and when we don't know we will throw some fundraisers to keep this place going."

Donations and volunteers have become more important. Keith said that those who can, will donate for the meals delivered. "All the volunteers that take food to people are really super people that care about other people. The homebound have to fit in a certain category. Not just every one can have meals delivered. They have to fill out a form 2060 to see if they qualify."

Keith said that she does not "man the money box," nor count the money to determine the average

amount donated. "Two seniors count the money and take it to the bank."

Local businesses are vital to a small community. Government funding for non-profits is not just a local concern, it is also a national issue. "Being in the restaurant business is tough," Smith said. "Just ask anyone who has ever done it before." He quoted James T. Bennett and Thomas H. DiLorenzo, who state in their book, *Unfair Competition: The Profits of Nonprofits*, that "unfair competition impedes the development of small businesses by making it hard for them to enter markets and compete." The authors point out that this is significant because two-thirds of all new jobs are created by businesses with fewer than 20 employees.

Some citizens feel that there are those who could pay more and might be taking advantage of the center. Others expressed concern that tax dollars should not be used in this way.

Board member Judy Renfro said that while she understands Smith's point of view regarding competition, "It is the camaraderie that many are seeking."

Smith agreed. "I believe seniors go to the Center so they can spend time with their friends and hang out. However, I feel those who may easily afford to pay a little more elsewhere, might contribute more to the Center, instead of asking the City to force taxpayers to fund it."

Elaine Hart, President of the MCSC Site Committee which organizes fundraisers such as Bingo, a Pre-Thanksgiving Dinner and Ice Cream Social, said, "It's a community working together." Citizens donate food, ice cream, cake and music for these events. Hart added, "It's a work in progress. You never get

finished." She eats at the center regularly because of its "good nutritious food, and you get to see your friends." While fundraising is important, Hart said it can be stressful organizing events. "Try pushing around 700 pounds of tur-

pay for all their operating expenses and maintenance. The County also contributes \$3000 per year.

As Mayor, Smith is concerned about the legality of local government funding the Center. Matador City Council faced a simi-

zens and the general public five days per week. (2) The food used to prepare the meals is federally subsidized food. And (3) Employees are hired by the Organization to prepare the meals furnished to the Senior Citizens and the general public.

As a businessman, Smith realizes that speaking about this issue could cause people to unfairly and incorrectly label him as being unconcerned about the welfare of senior citizens. He said, "People will recognize that government handouts are not the answer to everything. After all, this county voted overwhelmingly conservative in the last election and that tells me that most of our citizens individually want to support all the non-profit and charitable organizations they can, but they don't want to try to force all citizens to support certain non-profits."

While some local businesses consider meals being served by the Center as competition there are no other businesses delivering food to the homebound. At the December meeting, city council member, Shane Jones, suggested funding a portion of the meals for the homebound delivery part of the Senior Citizen Center's services.

In order for the city council to better understand the Center's situation, council member Alvin Alexander suggested that the Center provide more information regarding their financial status and needs. Currently the council is researching the legality of the matter as a result of a motion made by council member, Betty Roberts, at the December 13, 2012 meeting.

Research for this story was also provided by Larry Vogt and Kazmyn Ortiz



Pictured above L-R, Loretta Thompson has worked at the Center for six years. Tanya Prieci has worked at the Center for one year.

Photo by Laverne Zabielski

keys in a grocery cart."

In addition to serving meals and delivering food to those who are home bound, and the camaraderie, the Center provides jobs for several citizens. According to MCSC's 990 form filed with the IRS in 2007 MCSC's total revenue was \$113,312. Total salaries paid were \$49,101. The director's compensation for 40 hours per week was listed as \$19063. In 2009 total revenue was \$122,913. Total salaries paid were \$55,324. The director's salary was not listed separately.

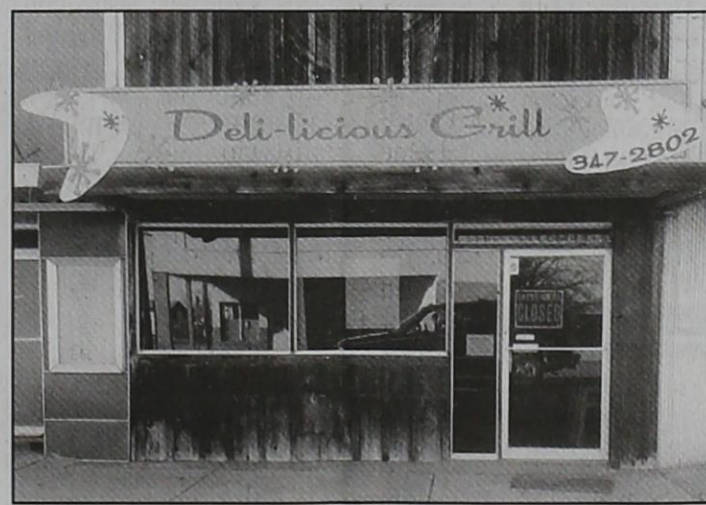
According to Keith in 2012 total revenue was \$122,691. While total revenue has remained steady due to fundraisers and memorial donations, state and federal funding has been cut causing the center to seek other dependable sources for funds.

Motley County provided the building to the MCSC however, the Center must

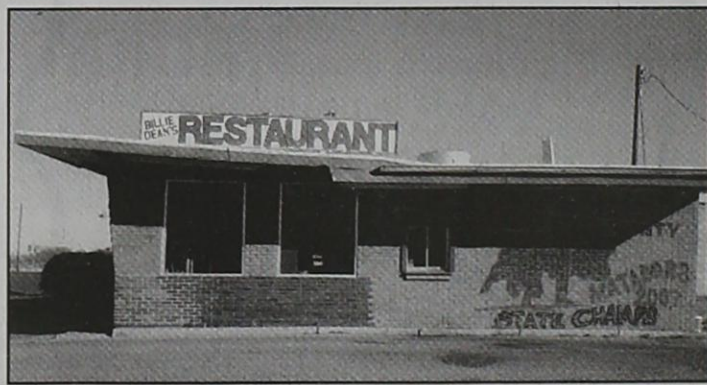
pay for all their operating expenses and maintenance. The County also contributes \$3000 per year. As Mayor, Smith is concerned about the legality of local government funding the Center. Matador City Council faced a similar situation of potential competition with other local businesses when it attempted to renovate an apartment above city hall for the purpose of renting it to hunters. A local owner of a hunting lodge considered it unfair competition and threatened to sue the City. At the October 11, 2012 Matador City Council meeting Smith reminded the council of this past incident concerning the renovation of City property

In a letter presented at the December 13, 2012 City Council meeting, City Attorney, Tom Hamilton stated, "The City cannot use tax revenue to pay the Senior Citizen Organization funds to furnish noon meals to the general public. The City's use of tax revenue for this purpose would not be legal."

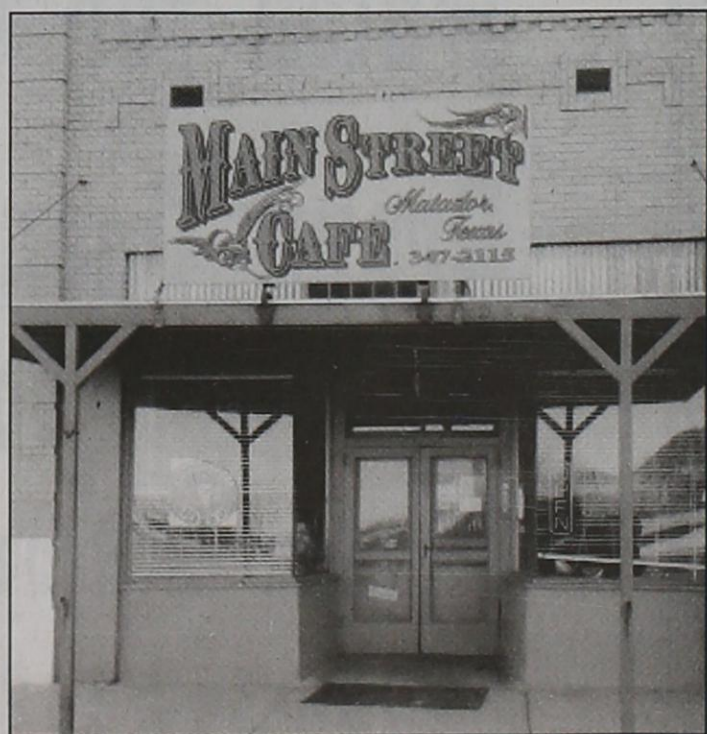
It is his understanding that the Senior Citizen Organization is currently providing (1) Noon meals furnished to Senior Citi-



Deli-cious Grill is located on Main St between Matador Variety and Hotel Matador. It is owned by Mary Lou Grundy and opened in 2011. Photo by Anthony Hernandez



Billie Dean's Restaurant, a family owned business in Motley County for over 50 years, is located at the corner of US 70 and State Hwy 70. Photo by Anthony Hernandez



Main Street Cafe is located on Main St. next to the bank. It is owned by Don and Lou Wittler and opened in 2010. Photo by Anthony Hernandez

White Christmas missed Motley County

By Earlyne Jameson

Though it snowed in the Northern Panhandle, Motley County just received a dusting of snow at Christmas. No measurable moisture was received until the last day of the month, Monday, December 31, and very little then! High winds and below freezing nighttime temperatures prevailed during the month.

Wheat, pastureland and cultivated land are in need of rain. The burn ban is in effect for county. There is supplemental

feeding of livestock.

Motley County National Weather Service Volunteers report December moisture and total rainfall for 2012 with another year of drought: Buzz Thacker, Roaring Springs 0.37, year total 16.95 inches; Ronnie Bailey, Matador 0.25, year total 13.33 inches; Betty Simpson, Northfield 0.33, year total 11.73 inches; Lawrence Allen, Whiteflat 0.30 total for year 11.26 inches and Clois Shorter, Flomott 0.04 total for year 16.56 inches.

"PRACTICING THE PROMISES"



In the short time Jesus lived upon this earth, He as Lord, made us several promises and one of them was: "I have come that you may have life and have it more abundantly. (John 10:10). That is a promise. Yes, I know that we are alive, but are we living the abundant life? Remember, it is promised to us. To help answer the question here are some suggestions that might help.

Let's begin by putting the Beatitudes to work in our lives. In Matthew 5:1-12 we find successful living principles for all ages.

From God's Word learn about our Savior and His will for our lives.

We have been created for a purpose. Our purpose is revealed to us in the Bible.

Let's admit that this life has its burdens. Job 14:1 tells us of shortage of days and filled with troubles.

Acknowledge that God is faithful when He has promised that "all things work together for the good of them who love the Lord," Romans 8: 28.

Why not just accept what Jesus promised? The abundant life in John 10:10.

There are many promises in the Bible. We have touched only one of them. Let's begin in the early days of this New Year to practice the promises. In doing so, we will find ourselves living for Jesus.

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

Don't you love nice surprises even when the surprise comes from an anonymous source? The members of the First United Methodist Church received such a surprise when they found that a delicious meal had been sent to the members to enjoy after services. Suzanne Abbott announced a couple of weeks ago that someone had sent money for a fellowship meal at the church on January 5, 2013. They do not know who the donor was but the Stafford family prepared the meal. How nice someone was to treat them unexpectedly.

In the community

Mildred Parr, one of the Underwood sisters of Roaring Springs, died on Christmas Eve. Graveside services were held at the Roaring Springs Cemetery on Thursday, December 27, 2012.

Angelica Meredith of San Angelo came to visit her grandparents, Joe Glenn and Joyce Meredith for several days. Jonah Meredith returned with her to San Angelo to spend time with his parents, Cody and Leah Meredith. He will return here for the spring semester at Motley County ISD.

The Meredith family gathered at Sherry and Tony Rose's home for Christmas Eve and Christmas day. Those attending were Joe Glenn, Joyce, Jonah, Angelica, Randy, and Holley Meredith, John and Wyley Hodges, Yancey, Daphne and Parker Meredith; Carla and Jim Meador; Jeremy, Whitney, Morgan and

Justin Jones of Lubbock; Shawn Rose and his fiancé Heidi and her children, Madison and Nick of Dickens and LaShay Rose. They enjoyed being together and good fun and food. On Sunday, Joe Glenn and Joyce met their son, Cody Meredith in Rotan to pick up grandson, Jonah Meredith and bring him back to Roaring Springs.

The food boxes from the Food Bank will be distributed on January 16, 2013. The truck from the food bank parks at the Roaring Springs Community center at 10:00 a.m. They plan to bring the boxes each month on the third Wednesday of the month at 10:00 a.m.

Ralph Roming's daughter, Dian Allen, was here most of last week taking care of getting Ralph's personal effects and getting a memorial service arranged. The memorial service will be held at the Roaring Springs First United Methodist Church this coming Saturday at 11:00 a.m. with lunch following for family and friends. Some of you have met Ralph and his little dog, Buddy. Buddy has gone to Amarillo to live with Ralph's daughter, Dian. Buddy was a much loved faithful companion for Ralph.

Mozelle Hand was taken by ambulance last Wednesday morning to the Heart Hospital. She was treated and released that evening. She is doing well except for a cold now.

Word was received that former resident Carl Pierce died. His service was held Monday, January 7, in Matador. We extend our sympathy to the family.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

Overheard

In trying times, don't quit trying.

Community News

Visiting during the holidays with Mrs. Aleda Ross and son, Tommy Ross, were Tara Buresh of Deming, N.M., his daughters, Ciara, Anjoli and Elisa Ann Ross of Castroville and Mrs. Elisa Wigley of Lubbock.

Holiday visitors of Clois and Kathy Shorter were Christi and Dwain Milam, Haley and Emily of Lake Kiowa, Keri and Kevin Sehon, Brian and Brooke of Wolfforth and L.E. Shorter of Flomot.

Donna Sue and Stanley Deagan of Calgary, Ronnie and Lou Rogers of Lubbock visited during the holidays with Mrs. B. Rogers and Donnie Rogers.

Wilburn Martin had a family dinner Sunday, December 23 in his home. Guests were Marilee and Fred Cooper of Borger, Cole Martin of Falaquah, OK. Mrs. Wanda Lane and grandson, Stetson Lane of Lockney and Dr. David Martin of Flomot.

Mrs. Nada Starkey visited from Sunday until Wednesday in Fritch with Mrs. Jackie Lynn Davis and family. She also visited Jack and Thema Moon. Visiting Nada Wednesday were Mrs. Besie Reid of Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Starkey, John Kemp, Megan and Dustin and Mr. and Mrs. Michael Jaramillo of Canyon.

Mr. and Mrs. Cory Kendall, Chancey and Connor of Midland visited during the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Travis Kendall and Mr. and Mrs. Tim Kendall, Jere and Jacob.

Bengie, J.J. and Katie Hughes of Royce City visited from Friday until Wednesday with his mother, Mrs. Janice Hughes. On December 23 they were guests in the home of Roger and Tiffany Hughes, Reagan and Brody of Floydada. Other guests were Billy Don Hughes, Bailey and Brennan of Lubbock and Rickey and Tasha Hughes, Kason and Kendall of Floydada.

Visiting during the holidays with Ruth and Orville Lee were Brenda and Joey Lee of Clarendon, Jason Lee of Amarillo, Teresa and Tom Heck, Cody and Kacee of Turkey.

Brenda and Darrell Cruse

enjoyed a Christmas Eve family dinner in the home of her mother, Mrs. Marihelen Wason of Matador. Other guests were Charla and Bennie Marracle, Kaycee and Ian Shafer and Kason, Derrick and Christina Cruse, Cash and Paisley of Snyder; Shahala and Allen Holscher, Kenley and Braxton of Roscoe, Mark and Kathleen Wason, Dalton and Deleena of Argile, Keane and Lacy Cruse, Reese, Brighton and Case of Turkey, Leah Cruse, Brian Meyers, Gracie and Evon of Amarillo.

Holiday visitors of Jerry and Sandra Barclay were Mr. and Mrs. Lance Barclay and Kayla of Meadow, son, Colton Barclay stationed at U.S. Airforce Base in California; Mr. and Mrs. Cody Barclay, Lane and Ashton of Turkey and Mr. and Mrs. Ty Barclay, Tylee, Trent and Trevor of Matador.

Visiting during the holidays with Anna Beth and Joe Ike Clay were Lori and Kevon Kleibrink, Karlee and Kyler of Clifton; Larry Clay, Tanner, Kelsey and Sarah of Panhandle, Pat and Tina Carson, Walker, Parker and Ryleigh, Julie and Neal Edwards, Jaxon and Laney of Turkey, Mrs. Pat Rice and Roger Brown of Lubbock.

Holiday visitors of Connie and Coy Franks were Cory and Amy Franks, Madison, Hudson and Heston, Cary and Mary Franks and Cal of Idalou, Cara and Clint Cowart of Southland, Tim and Dena Washington of Roaring Springs, Mr. and Mrs. Lance Barclay and Kayla of Meadow, Colton Barclay of California and Mrs. Erma Washington of Flomot.

Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse was hostess at a family celebration Christmas night in her home. Those attending were Deidra and Larry Clifton of Elk City, Okla. Skylar Clifton of Denver, Colorado. Monica and Tanner Smith, Cutter and Jaxon of Floydada, Derinda and Mark Patton, Thor, Tally, Teah and Tory of Silverton, Darla and James Gwinn and Danielle, Fannin and Ashley Gwinn and Adalee of Matador; Derrick and Christina Cruse, Cash and Paisley of Snyder, Keane and Lacy Cruse, Reese, Brighton and Cade of Turkey, Roegan Cruse, Brand and Jodi Cruse, Branson, Baylor and Bryson of Turkey, Talon and Christi Cruse, Audry and Colton of Cedar Hill and Brenda and Darrell Cruse and Mrs. Judy Cruse of Flomot.

In Appreciation

With humble gratification we thank you for your many acts of kindness, concern, love and encouragement in this difficult time of our lives. The flowers, food, cards, calls, visits and most of all your prayers are truly appreciated. May God Bless you and we wish you the best in 2013! H.R. "Skeet" and Earlyne Jameson

Matador News

Library to host Free Computer Classes

The Motley County Library will host a Computer Lab Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 11 and 12. All classes are FREE! Everyone is welcome to attend.

Classes will be taught by Connie Hutchison from the Texas State Library Commission. Ms. Hutchison taught computer application courses at the high school level for 16 years prior to moving to Austin in June of 2011. She has also been providing formal and informal computer training to adults for the past 20 years. She thoroughly enjoys teaching and learning from her students. Connie strives to "demystify" the computer and create a casual, fun and productive learning environment. She is most proud of the fact that her students always tell her that she doesn't make them feel stupid!

The first class will be held on Monday, Feb. 11, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. - Computer Basics. On Tuesday, three 2-hour classes will be held. Beginning at 10:00 a.m. until noon, Internet and Cyber-Safety; 1:00 - 3:00 p.m., Microsoft Word and 4:00 - 6:00 p.m., Microsoft Excel.

Computer Basics is a two hour course designed to familiarize students new to computers with basic computer terminology, hardware,

software, input (mouse and keyboard) and output (printer and external storage) devices, as well as the Microsoft Windows file structure.

Internet & Cyber-Safety is a two hour course designed to familiarize students with web browser basics, search engines, and search strategies. Ethical and safety concerns will also be considered.

Introduction to Microsoft Word is a two hour course designed to familiarize students with the common terminology, screen components and functions of Microsoft Word. Emphasis will be placed on proper document formatting techniques, file naming and file management conventions.

Introduction to Microsoft Excel is a two hour course designed to familiarize students with the common terminology, screen components and functions of Microsoft Excel. Emphasis will be placed on file naming and file management conventions. Students will create a working budget that they can save and use in their personal lives.

Computers will be furnished for those attending. If you would like to attend one or all of these classes, please contact Carla at the Library, 347-2717, or stop by for a registration form.

First responders for the M C Ambulance Service speak at RS Lions meeting

By Corky Marshall
Motley County Tribune

The Roaring Springs Lions Club met January 3, 2013, at the Roaring Springs Community Center. Boss Lion Lynn opened the meeting at 11:30 a.m. There were 10 members and two guests present.

Guest speakers were Seven Alexander and Tina Brooks, trained first responders for the Motley County Ambulance Service. Both are certified emergency medical technicians. They gave information the public should be aware of to help them help you. As first responders part of their job is to get pertinent medical information for their patient. This is very important. Every Motley County resident should keep information needed ready in case of an emergency.

Information needed is: complete name, age, birth date, medical and or Medicare insurance information

and who should be notified if you should need to be taken to the hospital. All medications you currently take, allergies, any pre-existing medical conditions should be listed also.

Some keep this information handy in a visible place so that should it be needed it can be found quickly. The list should be updated when there are any changes in medications, or treatments. These tips could make a difference in how quickly your condition can be assessed and treated. Seven and Tina took time to answer questions from the club members.

Secretary Corky Marshall reported the club sold \$1160.00 raffle tickets for the diamond necklace. The money will be used to help those who are in need. Twenty four food boxes were distributed last month. A donation was also given to the First Responders. Lion Chris Spence prepared a delicious pork chop dinner.

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Weather Trivia	Weather History	Moon Phases			
What meteorological instrument was invented by Samuel F.B. Morse?	Jan. 10, 1942 - Snow was reported at San Diego for the first and only time since 1882. Snow was noted even on some of the beaches in parts of the Los Angeles metropolitan area. Burbank reported 4.7 inches, and Long Beach and Laguna Beach received one inch of snow.	New 1/11	First 1/18	Full 1/26	Last 2/3



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EVENTS CALENDAR

January

- 10 Matador City Council
- 10 Matador Chapter of the Eastern Star, Flo-y dada, Meal at 6:30pm, meeting at 7:30 pm
- 11 AA Meeting, 7p.m. The building behind the First Baptist Church in Matador.
- 14 Commissioners' Court
- 14 Roaring Springs City Council
- 14 MCISD School Board, 7:30pm
- 15 Matador Lions
- 17 Matador Masonic Lodge, 6:30 pm
- 18 AA Meeting, 7p.m. The building behind the First Baptist Church in Matador.
- 25 AA Meeting, 7p.m. Prayer Chapel behind First Baptist Church, Matador

February

- 1 AA Meeting, 7p.m. The building behind the First Baptist Church in Matador.
- 4 Motley County Arts and Crafts Club, Motley County Senior Citizen Center in Matador from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm.

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Motley County ISD is taking applications for a Bus Driver/Building Maintenance/Custodial Person. Applicants must have bus driver certification or be willing to be certified. Some heavy lifting may be required. Applications can be picked up in the Superintendent's Office, 1600 Bundy Street, Matador, Texas. ct2

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