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**Commissioners to meet with FEMA
Transmission line report by county attorney
Informational briefing on historic jail video project**

By Carol Campbell
Motley County Tribune

The Motley County Commissioner's Court met February 14, 2011, in regular session, covering a 21-item agenda including a report on damages to county roads from Hurricane Alex; acceptance of a grant for feral hog abatement; and an update on transmission lines in Motley County.

The court met with a full quorum, consisting of Commissioners Roy Gene Stephens, Donnie Turner, Franklin Jameson, and Russell Alexander with County Judge Jim Meador presiding.

Also in attendance were District and County Clerk Kate Hurt, County Attorney Tom Edwards, and Sheriff Chris Spence. Other guests of the court included Marisue Powell, Ben Kautz, TxDot, and Marty Altman, consultant and president of SMLA Concepts, Inc., formerly a Branch Chief for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

In the first order of business, Mr. Altman spoke to the court about Motley County damages from June- to -August, 2010,

when Hurricane Alex dumped huge amounts of rain in the county, washing out county roads and culverts. He handed out Project Worksheets for each precinct compiled by his company with photographs and damage descriptions. The worksheets also outlined the Scope of Work and Cost Estimates to repair the damage.

"We have assessed damages to be around \$3.9 million," Altman said. "If you would like us to try and push FEMA for these damages, we will be meeting with them next Wednesday (February 23) to discuss this proposal," he said. The court voted unanimously to submit a request to FEMA for damages and to meet with officials from FEMA. SMLA Concepts, Inc. has recently been successful in obtaining \$236,000 for Foard County. Foard County damages were assessed at \$11.9 million, Altman said.

Commissioners were asked to look over maps and worksheets, and "if an item is not storm related, set it aside," Altman instructed. "If we missed something in your precinct, then make a note and we can

still add it to the worksheet." The Commissioner's all agreed to attend this meeting, held at the courthouse on February 23, 2011, at 10:00 a.m. Notice of the meeting will be posted in compliance with the Open Meetings and Records Act.

Carol Campbell, Chair of the Friends of the Historic Motley County Jail, presented an Informational Briefing to the court on the status of the jail project.

"The purpose of this briefing is to inform the court of the progress of the repair and renovation of the historic jail; and to request permission from the county to proceed with a plan to submit a Humanities Texas grant that will provide funding for a video documentary highlighting the past sheriff's of Motley County and Motley County historical sites.

"The video would be used as a play-back system in the historic jail and our area; and would also be used in promotions and marketing for regional tourism groups," she added.

Campbell acknowledged

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The Red Rover Club of Matador hosted a Valentine Party at Hackberry Creek Care Center on February 14, 2011. They served cupcakes and cookies to the residents. Tables were decorated with red tablecloths and red balloon centerpieces. Pictured (L to R) are: Winifred Darsey, Dorothy Day, Marihelen Wason, Queen Mother Joyce Campbell, and Dorothy Knight.

Photo by Carol Campbell



Queen Martha Adams and King Bud Barton were crowned Valentine King and Queen at the Valentine's Party at Hackberry Creek Care Center on February 14. The party hosted in part by the Red Rovers Club of Matador, served cookies and cupcakes to guests.

Photo by Carol Campbell

2011 Motley County Jr. Livestock Show

The 71st Annual Motley County Jr. Livestock Show and Sale was held Saturday, February 12, 2011. The results are as follows:

Swine Show: Light Weight Hampshire Class:

1st place- Andrew Martin
2nd place- Christian Brooks
3rd place-Emily Jameson
4th place- Brendan Fisk

Heavy Weight Hampshire Class:

1st place-Kyla Simpson
2nd place-Dayne Butler
3rd place-Bryson Elliott
4th place-Dayne Butler

Hampshire Breed Champion:

Kyla Simpson

Hampshire Reserve Breed Champion:

Andrew Martin

Red/White OPB (Other Pure Bred) Class:

1st place-Natalie Jameson
2nd place-Braden Bigham
3rd place-Dereck Fisk
4th place-Andrew Martin
5th place-Brendan Fisk
6th place-Dereck Fisk

Red/White OPB Breed Champion:

Natalie Jameson

Red/White OPB Reserve Breed Champion:

Braden Bigham

Black OPB Class:

1st place-Tate Richards
2nd place-Tate Richards
3rd place - Kyler Degan
4th place-Kyler Degan
Black OPB Breed Champion: Tate Richards

Black OPB Reserve Breed Champion:

Tate Richards

Light Weight Cross Class:

1st place-Reagan Elliott
2nd place- Shelby Elliott
3rd place-Catherine Ward
4th place-Britt Simpson
5th place-Braden Bigham
6th place-Natalie Jameson

Heavy Weight Cross Class:

1st place-Lexi Osborn
2nd place-Braden Bigham
3rd place- Tatum Guerrero
4th place- Koryn Simpson
5th place- Britt Simpson
6th place-Sage Guerrero

Cross Breed Champion:

Reagan Elliott

Cross Reserve Breed Champion:

Shelby Elliott

Grand Champion Hog:

Reagan Elliott

Reserve Grand Champion:

Shelby Elliott

Jr. Showmanship:

Brendan Fisk

Sr. Showmanship-Kyla

Simpson

Lamb Show

Light Weight Lambs:

1st place- Danielle Gwinn
2nd place- Danielle Gwinn
3rd place- Wyatt Hackler
4th place- Sam Ware
5th place- Sam Ware
6th place-Emma Hackler

Heavy Weight Lambs:

1st place-- Seth Baxter
2nd place-- Danielle Gwinn
3rd place-Seth Baxter
4th place- Danielle Gwinn
5th place- Mattie Brooks
6th place- Wyatt Hackler

Grand Champion Lamb-Danielle Gwinn

Reserve Champion Lamb-Seth Baxter

Jr. Showmanship- Mattie Brooks

Sr. Showmanship-Seth Baxter

Goat Show

Light Weight Goats:

1st-Jaci Zingerman
2nd-Michael Seigler
3rd-Michael Seigler
4th-Keyan Kautz
5th-Keyan Kautz

Medium Light Weight Goats:

1st-Cassidy Turner
2nd-Carley Turner
3rd-Jaci Zingerman
4th- Autumn Perryman
5th- Bryant Taylor
6th- Cameron Stafford

Medium Weight Goats

1st place- Seth Baxter
2nd place-Cassidy Turner
3rd place-Austin Taylor
4th place- Carley Turner
5th place- Mattie Brooks
6th place-Cassidy Turner

Heavy Weight Goats:

1st place- Seth Baxter
2nd place- Seth Baxter
3rd place- Caleb Clary
4th place- Mattie Brooks
5th place-Mickie Clary
6th place-Michael Seigler

Grand Champion Goat-

Seth Baxter

Reserve Champion Goat- Cassidy Turner

Jr. Showmanship- Carley Turner

Sr. Showmanship-Cassidy Turner

Rabbit Show

Doe Class

1st place-Grant Potts
2nd place-Jaci Zingerman
3rd place- Jaci Zingerman

Buck Class

1st-Jaci Zingerman

2nd- Grant Potts

3rd-Grant Potts

Grand Champion Rabbit-Grant Potts

Reserve Champion Rabbit- Jaci Zingerman

Showmanship- Grant Potts

Potts

Steer Show

Light Weight Steers:

1st place- Chloe Gleghorn
2nd place- Carley Turner
3rd place-Autumn Perryman
4th place- Carley Turner

Heavy Weight Steers:

1st place- Chloe Gleghorn
2nd place- Dode Gleghorn
3rd place- Dode Gleghorn
4th place-Brody Rankin
5th place-Autumn Perryman

Dusty Burleson Memorial Hereford Show Winner:

Chloe Gleghorn

Grand Champion Steer- Chloe Gleghorn

Reserve Champion Steer- Chloe Gleghorn

Champion Rate of Gain Steer- Brody Rankin

Showmanship-- Brody Rankin

Best Steer Bred in Motley County- Tommy & Kim Gleghorn

Breeder of Grand

Champion Steer--P & G Cattle--Nazareth, TX

Memorial Herdsman Award: Andrew Martin and Kyla Simpson

Bucket Calf Show

Colton Martin
Cade Martin
Jacelyn Perryman
Wyatt Perryman
Andrew Stafford
Kasen Degan

Pee Wee Showmanship Participants:

Brogan Rankin
Kyler Breshires
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Photos in next week's paper.

Foothill Country Connections

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



By Larry Vogt

I also have been getting pictures from my son in Connecticut that shows lots of snow and stranded cars. I have a picture from South Eastern South Dakota taken during the blizzard of 1936. In the picture my brothers and my Dad are standing on snow banks that reach to the eaves of their business building. Of course everything is relative. A few inches of snow are hard to manage if you aren't expecting it or do not have very much equipment for removal as in the snow storm in Atlanta, Georgia a couple of weeks ago.

About the time we start lamenting the bad weather where we live, a report comes in about conditions much worse. A friend emailed me some pictures from Western South Dakota that showed snow piled up the eaves on a regular ranch type house. It also contained some humor of the grin and bear it variety. Among the pictures were one of a couple dressed in summer clothing seated on their outdoor swing surrounded by snow and another of someone in a hot tub that showed snow drifts around the tub that appeared to be eight or nine feet deep.

For sheer terror and inconvenience I don't think a snow-storm competes with a freezing rain and sleet storm. In situations of ice on the sidewalks and highways, it is dangerous to be out and about whether you drive or try to walk. About all you can do is apply the salt and wait for higher temperatures to get the melting process started. Anyway, the ground hog couldn't see its shadow, which means Spring is just around the corner so keep your shovel handy and hope for the best.

WRITING COMMUNITY

Where The Birds Gather By Arlyce Manney

Mr. Cardinal, Mr. Blue Jay,
Your presence at my window
Brightens the gloomy winter day.
You come to feast on the seeds I lay,
But I feast on your splendid array.

Mr. Dove, symbol of peace,
Your graceful flight
Lifts my soul to a new height.
And when we both see the last light,
Welcome the quiet, restful night.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor

I was very sorry to hear that Hackberry Creek Care Center has let Carla Meador go. I think those responsible for this let the wrong person go. I believe she was doing a very good job of recruiting. Hackberry Creek Care Center needs residents very badly.

My feeling is that having local residents on the staff make Hackberry a more caring place. Carla loved the residents there and their best interest was on her heart. How much better one who has known all the residents likely

all their life, knows them individually and knows their history can relate to them. Daphne Meredith was another person who had personal ties to the residents.

I commend Hackberry for having many local people on the staff and for the involvement of the community in the Care Center. I believe it really makes a difference.

Carla's newspaper columns let us know a little of what was going on there. Now, I guess we will know nothing.

Sincerely,

Corky Marshall
Roaring Springs

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Matador Ranch for their contribution to fund a video trailer. The trailer is three minutes long and touches on the importance of historical preservation. "The trailer, completed in December, 2010, will be used as a "springboard to raise additional funds for the jail project," she said.

Additionally, Campbell recognized Marisue Powell for her considerable assistance to the video documentary project; and reminded the court that Mrs. Powell has been the Motley County Chair of the Texas Historical Commission on preservation projects for 27 years. "She placed seven historical markers in Motley County, received many Distinguished Service Awards from THC; is a charter member of the Texas Plains Trails Region board; and most recently recognized by the Texas Parks and Wildlife for her conservation efforts at Mott Creek Ranch.

"She is the author of two books and has been published at the state and national levels, writing various articles for *The New Handbook of Texas*.

Campbell also acknowledged Dr. Joanne Stevens of Dallas who is providing her expertise in the humanities themes and perspectives of the grant. Joanne is the daughter of Winifred Darsey of Matador. Also recognized were Dr. Tom Alvis, Interim Superintendent of Motley County ISD; and Marianne Leviton of

Whistling Productions, Inc., Boulder, CO, an award-winning filmmaker, who has agreed to film the documentary, if funded.

The court voted unanimously to submit a Resolution of Support to Humanities Texas in support of the grant application.

In other business, County Attorney Tom Edwards addressed the court regarding the Sharyland Report on transmission lines in Motley County.

"The good news is that a few weeks ago the Public Utility Commission (PUC) gave final approval to the Sharyland route with approximately 9.5 miles of lines in Motley County at an estimated cost of \$1.5 million per mile," Edwards said. "I am comfortable with stating that I believe this is a done deal."

As to the Electric Transmission Texas (ETT) "preferred" route (endorsed by the PUC staff) running east and paralleling the existing SPS 345 Kv line from the Roaring Springs highway into Cottle County, "This is not a done deal," Edwards cautioned.

"There was a "stipulated settlement" route filed with an Administrative Law Judge that would move the line entirely out of Motley County to the South," he said. "While the "stipulated" route was filed with PUC, neither the staff nor ETT approved or objected to it," he said.

PUC is required by law to

make a decision before March 7, 2011. "If it goes against the Administrative Law Judge, then it most likely will go to litigation," Edwards said.

Edwards gave the commissioners and judge a PUC website that will educate the court on public comment by "individuals and entities" on the "preferred" or "stipulated" transmission lines. The website is: www.puc.state.tx.us. Edwards referred the Commissioner's to PUC Docket Number 38562 and Item Number 330, which is the Administrative Law Judges' recommendation to the PUC.

Bids for the Flomot Water Project were accepted by the court by unanimous vote. "These are all the bids for the fencing, booster pumps, and tank removal," Commissioner Turner said. The court voted unanimously to approve bids for the pump station and fencing to Anderson Fence Company for \$6,893; booster pumps to Gicon Pumps and Equipment for \$2,930.00; rehabilitation of the existing tank for \$39,400.00 to Dowtech Specialty Contract; and pressure tank components and level gauges for \$1,410 to Grainger's.

Judge Meador announced the receipt of a grant from the Texas Department of Agriculture in the amount of \$10,000 for "having the highest cumulative score among all participating coun-

ties in "Hog Out Month," an initiative to help reduce the destructive feral hog population," Meador said.

According to the TDA, feral hogs cause an estimated \$400 million in property damage.

"I appreciate your participation in this effort and again congratulate Motley County on its successful participation," TDA Commissioner Todd Staples said in a letter to the judge.

Further, the West Texas Regional Public Defender for Capital Cases, Jack Stoffregen, Chief Public Defender, sent a packet to the county outlining the progress and status of capital cases in this region. This program provides indigent defense for defendants in capital murder cases. "This is something we should really consider," Judge Meador said. "It would cost the county \$1,000 a year, but if we had a capital case here, it could run into the millions," he added.

The court voted unanimously to participate in this program. Because the county did not sign up when offered this service in 2009, they would be responsible for years 2009-2011 at \$3,000.

Following a discussion on the hourly rate for county equipment, the court voted unanimously to increase the hourly rate for maintainer service to \$100 per hour; and \$100 per hour for use of the front-end loader and dump truck.

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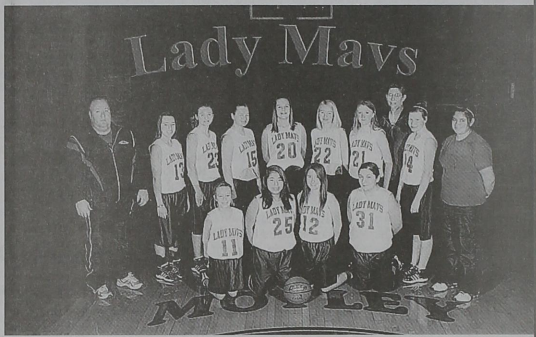
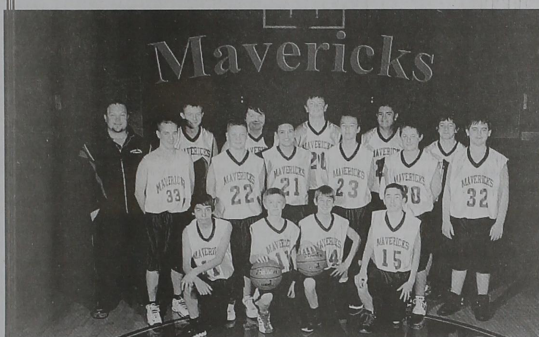
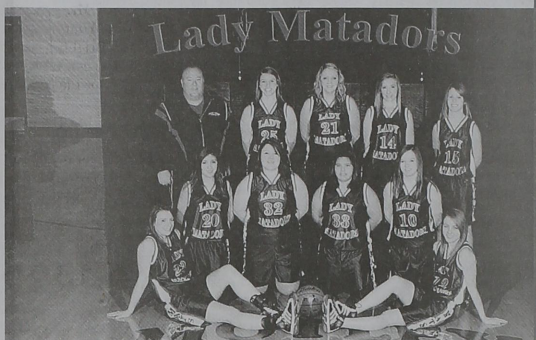
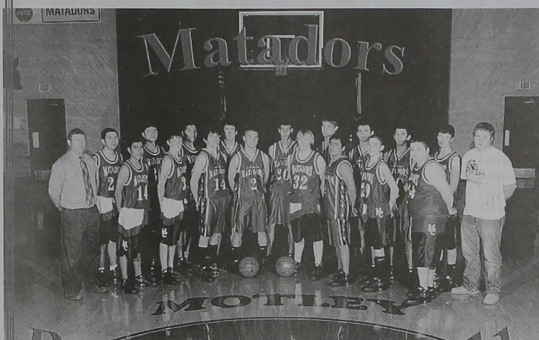
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High School Seniors featured in last week's paper were, left to right, Tammy Simpson, Kyla Simpson and David Taylor; Alvin Martin, Andrew Martin and Colby McCleskey; Rosanna Vargas, Cody Boyd and Nicky Vargas; Mitzi Christopher, Ky Christopher and John Christopher; Shonda Elliott and Dayne Butler; Alyx Smith and Pat Smith; and Eloisa Reyes and Feliciano Reyes Jr.

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NEWS AROUND MOTLEY COUNTY

Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

On a personal note

Happy Valentine's Day! It will have come and gone before you receive the paper. All of us likely have a fond memory of Valentine's Day. I believe I still have a few valentines from grade school when the anticipation of seeing who might send you a card made you so antsy it was hard to concentrate on the 3-R's. Waiting until the end of the school day was hard when the room mothers would come with heart shaped, iced cookies, kool-aid, and a few hugs. As teens the suspense really escalated because you hoped you would get a valentine from the boy that had stolen your heart.

My first husband and I met at an area wide youth rally that happened on Valentine's. The girls were to bring cards and the boys were to draw them so that we would get to know other teens from around the area. I remember that I took a silly one. We were to eat with the one who drew our card. Mother had taken me and some of my friends to Idalou to the rally which began at the church and then she went back home. Well, a long tall boy from Idalou drew my card. After the devotional we were to go to the school gymnasium for refreshments and games. The boy who drew your valentine was responsible for seeing that you had a ride to the gym and got acquainted.

One of my brother's buddies asked to take us home after I had told the boy who drew my card that my mother was coming after me and my friends. He saw me leave but not with my mother. I knew she would be okay with one of Marlin's friends taking me home but not a boy I had just met!

Later, Jerry learned where I lived after showing up for after church at Acuff a few times and attempting to follow us home. He always wore tinted glasses and it gave him an air of mystery. One night Mother and I were alone and someone was following us the seven miles home from church. Dad was away and we were a little concerned. I remember that the dust on the road was thick (this was the '50s) and mother knew the road well so she turned off her lights and turned on a section line and he drove on by. After we got home I remembered that the car looked like the one he was driving when he drove me to the gym. I wouldn't tell Mother because she would have thought he was a stalker or something. (We really didn't have stalkers I knew about in those days but someone following us was spooky.) The next week, I was at my grandmother's on Sunday afternoon, a mile and a half from my home. Our house was 1/2-mile from the county road. Grandmother's

was on the main road. I saw him driving slowly by but he didn't see me. Later he got brave enough to come to the church service and meet my mother. He was very shy; a senior and I was a junior in high school.

My present Valentine, Corky, never forgets Valentine's Day and remembers me with a card and gift. He also sees that all his great grandchildren have a valentine from Pop with jelly beans.

Community News

Don't forget the annual chili and cracker supper at the Lula Swim Memorial Fellowship Hall at the First Methodist Church on Monday night, February 21, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. Come enjoy the fellowship and fun. Remember you have a chance to wrest the traveling trophy for the best story in the 'Can You Top This?' contest from Jane and O.K. Neal. If you would like to bring a dessert, it would be welcome.

Jerry Collins is finished with his re-habilitation and came home Friday afternoon. He was very happy to be back at home. Jerry was able to attend church on Sunday. He plans to visit his mother in Stamford, Texas, soon.

Lorene Jordan is taking radium treatments in Lubbock. She will begin her chemo treatments after finishing the radium treatments.

The Full Gospel Church is having a guest speaker on February 20, 2011, at the 6:00 p.m. evening service. Danny Jaymes of Globe-Link Ministries who is serving in the mission field overseas will be the speaker.

Karmen McCullough was in town for Don Baxter's funeral and visited her sons, Jeff Braselton and family and Steve Braselton here in Roaring Springs. Karmen is retired and sings with 'The Sunshine Chorus' in Levelland. The group has traveled quite a bit and Karmen enjoys being a part of the singing group.

J. T. Swim fell last Friday; he was able to summon help as he wears a lifeline alert. He was bruised up but nothing was broken. He was able to go to see Imogene on her 92nd birthday. Sheriff, Chris Spence was the first responder followed by Tina Brooks who checked him and determined he likely had not broken any bones.

Corky is in Lubbock today (Monday) to attend the funeral of Nita Scott. Nita was an aunt of the late Margaret Scott Slover.

Don and Billie Stuckey returned home on Sunday after visiting their daughter and family in Flower Mound, Texas. From there they went to Oklahoma City where they were joined by friends from Canadian, Texas, to watch the PBR at the Ford Center.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

Overheard

Beth Pratt: "Better than the best antidepressant or cosmetic technology that promises to make facial wrinkles disappear is a simple thing, smile. Smiling puts those wrinkles into the context of a life well lived and appreciated and it doesn't cost a thing."

Community News

Jerry and Sandra Barclay were in Lockney Wednesday and again Saturday to be with his mother, Mrs. Geneva Barclay, a patient at Mangold Hospital under treatment for pneumonia. She returned to her home in Lockney Sunday and reported to be recovering just fine.

Donna Sue and Stanley Deagan of Kalgary visited Sunday with her mother, Mrs. B. Rogers and brother, Donnie Rogers.

Mrs. Laverne Tiffin was accompanied to Lockney Friday by her husband, Glen D. Tiffin for medical treatment. She is still under Hospice Care, but pleased with her improvement. Among the visitors in their home during the past weeks were Mr. and Mrs. Richard Payne of Fort Worth, Rex Tiffin of Plainview, Jackie

Tiffin of Earth, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Tiffin and son, Chris and Kevin of Weatherford.

Visitors of Janice and Butch Hughes Sunday were sons and children, Roger Hughes, Reagan and Brody, Rickey Hughes, Kendal and Kason of Floydada. Being a beautiful day, they enjoyed outdoor activities.

Justin Calvert of Dumas was a weekend visitor of grandmother, Mrs. Mary Jo Calvert and uncle, Glen Calvert.

Nada and Jack Starkey were in Amarillo Monday for her a medical appointment.

Sandra and Jerry Barclay were pleased their granddaughter, Kayla Barclay of Meadow when attending the San Angelo Stock Show this weekend and her pig placed 4th in the swine division. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lance Barclay of Meadow.

During the first week in February, Flomot residents reported frozen and broken water lines with new pipes being installed to their electric water pumps and homes.

Anna Beth and Joe Ike Clay enjoyed the basketball game held in Claude Friday night in which grandson, Tanner Clay and Panhandle teammates competed.

Valentine's Day Celebration at Do Gooders' Club

Sunny blue skies and temperature in the mid-50s greeted members of the Do Gooders' Club Tuesday afternoon; February 8th at the Community Center in Flomot after their monthly meeting was postponed from February 1st because of frigid cold weather.

Anna Beth Clay, hostess had a lovely display in observance of Valentine's Day and presided at a Valentine designed service. The table was laid with a white cloth centered with a candle in a heart shaped crystal dish with glittering hearts placed intermittently on the table. An elegant antique bowl of pink and white that has been in the Clay family for more than 100 years was filled with chips served with assorted dips. Adding to the refreshments were Valentine decorated cookies and chocolate heart shaped pretzels with spiced tea, coffee and cranberry punch.

The name of Mrs. Kathy Shorter was drawn for the hostess gift, an unusual Singer Sewing Machine painted can holding a variety of lotions. Something needed in the weather we have had!

Mrs. Kathy Shorter conducted the short business session. Mrs. Anna Beth Clay read the minutes of the previous meeting and gave an enlightening financial report that was approved. They decided not to put the quilt in a

frame as the temperature had dipped 20 degrees within an hour. They agreed to leave the meeting at 4:30 p.m. for respective homes.

Due to previous appointments and sick list, only six of 12 members attending were: Mesdames Suzie Shannon, Mary Jo Calvert, Kathy Shorter, Anna Beth Clay, Erma Washington and Cora Gail Johnson.

Matador News

Members and friends of the Matador and Roaring Springs Methodist Churches enjoyed dinner immediately after church services at the Methodist parsonage in Matador on Sunday February 13. A valentine theme including red velvet hearts, valentine candy and cut-out heart cookies highlighted the valentines day theme.

All women of the area are invited to attend and bring their friends to the upcoming Loving God Ladies' Salad Luncheon

on Saturday, February 26, at 12:00 noon at First Baptist Church, Matador.

Special guest Deirdre LaNoue will share a presen-

tation on Loving God: Heart, Mind, Soul & Strength.

Deirdre, a member of Valley Ranch Baptist Church in Coppell, has been on church ministry staffs and on the teaching faculty of two universities. Presently, she is working with a parachurch organization, training missionary staff, and she also assists her own church in the area of discipleship.

The meal, hosted by Women on Mission of the church's WMU, will be a salad luncheon. Guests who would like to bring a salad are encouraged to do so, but this is not required. Also, women attending as a group are asked to bring one salad for every two or three women in the group.

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

Motley/ Dickens Relay For Life Committee Meeting

There will be a Relay For Life committee meeting on February 22, 2011, at 5:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall at the First Baptist Church in Roaring Springs. Motley and Dickens counties are again joining forces to make this the best Relay ever. The team captains are asked to join the committee at 6:00 p.m.

Team captains and team members are still needed; volunteers can participate as a tribute to a loved one who has

had cancer.

The committee plans to purchase a big ticket item to raffle off for Relay For Life. If anyone would like to donate money toward this effort or help choose the item, please contact Monta Marshall at 348-7000 or come to the committee meeting. "I believe that if we could do this on President's Day, February 21, we would be able to get more for our money," Marshall said.

Thank You

A big Thank You to Chuck Ream for giving his time and energy to shovel the snow from the sidewalk at the post office. He definitely deserves a "most thoughtful award" for generosity and good will for this week.

From Carol Taylor and the postal employees

Public Meeting Notice 2012 Unified Transportation Program and 2011-2014 Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan Revision

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will host an open-house style public meeting to solicit public comments and input on the development of the 2012 Unified Transportation Program (UTP), which covers fiscal years (FY) 2012 through 2021 and the FY 2011 January out-of-cycle revision to the 2011-2014 Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP).

The public meeting will be held from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 22, 2011 at the TxDOT – El Paso Metropolitan Planning Organization Office, 10767 Gateway Boulevard West, El Paso, Texas

Unified Transportation Program

The 2012 UTP is a comprehensive ten-year plan for the development and construction of State of Texas transportation projects including roadways, aviation, public transportation, waterways and coastal waters, and rail projects and includes specific funding levels for each fiscal year.

Beginning promptly at 6:00 p.m., TxDOT staff will conduct a brief presentation on the purpose and development of the UTP. Additional information and exhibits will be available for public viewing and TxDOT representatives will be on-hand to discuss the development process and answer questions. Forms will be provided in order to receive written comments. All interested parties are encouraged to attend.

For additional information, please go to www.txdot.gov/public_involvement/utp.htm or call the toll-free information line at (800) 687-8108.

Written comments may be submitted on the UTP website at: www.txdot.gov, using search engine keyword: 2012 UTP; by email at: FIN_UTP@txdot.gov; or by mail to: David Plutowski, P.E., UTP Engineer, 150 E. Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas, 78704. Public comments will be received until March 3, 2011.

Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan

The STIP is a mechanism used by TxDOT and the Federal Highway Administration to fund projects for the next four years and includes all federally funded projects. This public meeting pertains specifically to the FY 2011 January out-of-cycle STIP revision for a single project in the San Antonio area. TxDOT representatives will be on-hand to answer STIP related questions.

The FY 2011 STIP Amendment for January 2011 may be viewed online at <http://www.txdot.gov/business/governments/stips/htm> or visit any TxDOT District Office prior to the meeting. Locations of these offices can be found at: http://www.dot.state.tx.us/local_information/. Written comments may be submitted to Lori Morel, 118 E. Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas 78704.

Persons with special communication or accommodation needs may call Marty Boyd at (915) 790-4326 for assistance. Requests should be made no later than three days prior to the meeting. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate needs.

This Week's Local Forecast

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Does cold air hold more or less moisture than warm air?
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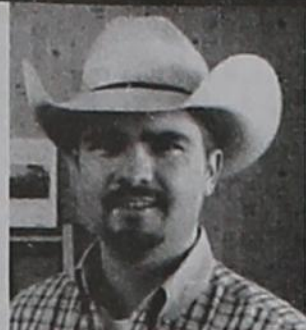
By Mary Ann Potts

Our new books have been delayed this week but are on the way as I write this column. However, the library received a shipment of 13 new Audio Books for your listening pleasure. First off are 2 thrillers by Lee Child, *Killing Floor* and *Tripwire*. Then there are 2 by Harlan Coben, *Deal Breaker* and *Play Dead*. Vince Flynn also has 2 thrillers to get absorbed in, *Consent to Kill* and *Term Limits*. And Lisa Gardner's *The Neighbor*, Kristin Hannah's *Firefly Lane*, and Fern Michaels'

Déjà Vu will stir things up for you. *Southern Lights* by Danielle Steel and *The Apothecary's Daughter* by Julie Klassen will immerse you in romance. For all the Elizabeth Edward fans are her reflections in *Resilience*, which she narrates herself. And for the home stretch there's *Seabiscuit: An American Legend* by Laura Hillenbrand.

When you stop by the library to check out our new audio book selections, don't forget to pay your Friends of the Library membership dues!

County Agent's News



by Ryan Martin, Agri LIFE EXTENSION Agent

Good reasons abound for delaying income tax preparations

COLLEGE STATION – Large numbers of tax payers may have to delay preparing their returns this year, and the usual April 15 filing deadline has even been extended, according to a Texas AgriLife Extension Service expert.

The Internal Revenue Service needed some time to update their system's regulations after late action by the U.S. Congress in December, said Dr. Joyce Cavanagh, AgriLife Extension personal finance specialist, so returns with certain deductions can not be submitted until Feb. 14.

And since April 15 falls on a Washington, D.C. holiday this year, taxpayers will be given until the following Monday, April 18, to postmark their returns, she said.

The IRS is updating its system primarily to meet three deductions, Cavanagh said.

"Anyone who itemizes their deductions and files a Schedule A will not be able to file until late," she said. "Other deductions that will result in delayed filing are one for educator expenses up to \$250 and one for certain taxpayers who have higher education expenses such as tuition and fees that are not eligible for other credits."

The reason for the need for later filing for the Schedule A is that Congress extended the sales tax deduction, Cavanagh said.

"Particularly in Texas that's important because we do not have a state tax," she explained, noting that in states that re-

quire state tax reporting, people may choose between that and sales tax.

The educator tax is for teachers in kindergarten through 12th grade for classroom materials they purchase up to \$250, she said. The higher education tuition and fees deductions are for people who are not eligible for either the Lifetime Learning Credit or the American Opportunity Credit.

"People who will be taking any or all of these deductions on their returns need to know that the IRS estimates it will not be able to accept these until Feb. 14," Cavanagh said.

She said IRS estimates that only about 30 percent of the U.S. taxpayers itemize on their returns. And though processing will not be ready for a few weeks, Cavanagh said, all taxpayers will have an extra three days to file.

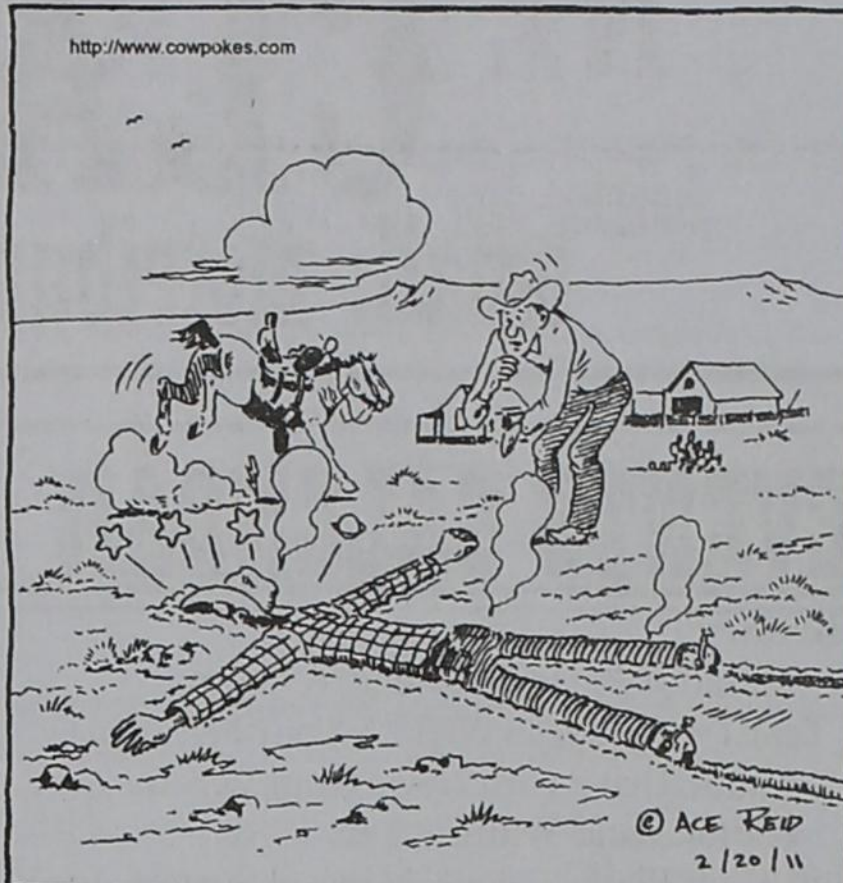
Washington, D.C. will observe Emancipation Day on April 15 because April 16 – the date that commemorates the signing in 1862 of the Compensated Emancipation Act – falls on a Saturday this year.

"While that may just give some a few more days to procrastinate, I'd like to encourage those who need help preparing their taxes to look for some of the free tax assistance programs and on the IRS website at www.irs.gov in advance of the filing date," Cavanagh said.

She recommends:
 * Wait until all documents are in hand before beginning tax return preparation.
 * Get help as needed.
 * Participate in electronic filing and direct deposit if money back is expected, in order to get the speediest refund.

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By Ace Reid



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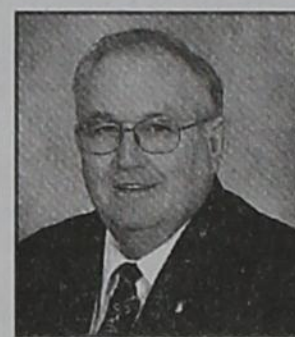
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MOTION FOR OTHER SUBSTITUTED SERVICE

This Motion for Other Substituted Service is brought by Georgia Witcher, Petitioner, who shows in support:

- Attached is the affidavit of Charla Lenz, stating facts showing that service of citation by publication on David Seward is authorized.
- A method of service as likely as publication to give David Seward actual notice is publication, pursuant to Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 116, in the Motley County newspaper: Motley County Tribune.

Georgia Witcher prays that the Court grant this Motion for Other Substituted Service.

Respectfully submitted,

Georgia Witcher

By:
 Charla Lenz
 State Bar No. 24072205
 Attorney for Georgia Witcher

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Ray Baxter and family wish to express our deepest appreciation to all friends and neighbors for your generous kindness extended during Don's hospital stay and during our time of grieving. Your outpouring of love and support with meals, flowers, donations, funeral attendance, cards, uplifting words, and especially your prayers have been comforting.

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ORDER ON MOTION FOR OTHER SUBSTITUTED SERVICE

On February 7, 2011, the Court considered the Motion for Other Substituted Service of Georgia Witcher. The Court finds that service of citation by publication on David Seward is authorized and that the following method of service would be as likely as publication to give David Seward actual notice.

IT IS ORDERED that service on David Seward be effected by publication in in the Motley County newspaper, Motley County Tribune, pursuant to Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 116. The officer executing the citation shall state on the return the manner in which service is accomplished and shall attach any evidence showing the result of the service.

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EVENTS CALENDAR

February
 17 Matador Masonic Lodge, 6:30 pm
 18 Tear Down These WALLS Tour Featuring Manic Drive with News from Verona & Blood and Water, 7 pm
 19-20 High Plains Gem & Mineral Society Annual Rock Show, 10 - 6 pm, Ollie Liner Center South I-27 Plainview, Tx, Adults \$2.00, Children \$1.00, Demonstrations, Fossil preservation display, Crystals
 21 MCISD School Board, 7:30pm
 26 Ladies' Salad Luncheon, First Baptist Church, Matador, Saturday, 2-26-11, noon.

March
 1 Matador Lions
 2 Kids Praise
 3 Roaring Springs Lions
 9 Hospital Bd meets in EMS building, 7am
 10 Matador City Council
 10 Matador Chapter of the Eastern Star, Floydada, Meal at 6:30pm, meeting at 7:30 pm

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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 Polices. The Hearing will be held in the District Office located at 109 West 11th Street in Quanah, Texas at 9:00 am March 4th 2011. ct7

Notice of City Council Election

The City of Roaring Springs will hold a general election of city officers on May 14, 2011. Applications will be accepted to fill (3) 2 year terms for council member. February 12, 2011 will be the first day to accept applications for a place on the ballot. March 14, 2011 is the last day for accepting applications for a place on the ballot. Applications may be obtained and filled out at Roaring Springs City Hall during regular business hours, 8 o'clock AM to 12 o'clock noon, Monday through Friday. Ballot position drawing will be conducted at Roaring Springs City Hall, at 10 o'clock AM on Thursday March 17, 2011. ct7

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The Motley County Hospital District will hold an election on May 14, 2011. Applications will be accepted for two members of the board of directors for a two-year term. Applications for director position may be obtained and filed between February 12, 2011 and March 14, 2011 from Dianne Washington, CPA at 710 Bailey, Matador, Texas 79244, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The signup period will end March 14, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. Ballot position drawing will be at 10:00 a.m. at Motley County EMS building on March 22, 2011. ct7

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF DORA ELIZABETH TURNER, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Dora Elizabeth Turner, Deceased, were issued on the 8th of February, 2011, in Cause No. 2603 pending in the County Court of Motley County, Texas, to:

Jesse Wilson Turner

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law to such Independent Executor in care of the attorney of said Independent Executor:

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MOTLEY COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE OF ELECTION

APPLICATIONS FOR A PLACE ON THE BALLOT OF THE MOTLEY COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEE ELECTION MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE MOTLEY COUNTY ISD SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE LOCATED AT 1600 BUNDY STREET, MATADOR, TEXAS.

THE ELECTION WILL BE HELD ON MAY 14, 2011. TWO POSITIONS OF THREE YEAR TERMS ARE TO BE FILLED ON THE MOTLEY COUNTY ISD SCHOOL BOARD.

THE FILING PERIOD WILL BEGIN FEBRUARY 12, 2011 AT 8:00 A.M. AND END ON MARCH 14, 2011 AT 5:00 P.M. DURING THE FILING PERIOD THE SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE WILL BE OPEN FROM 8:00 A.M. UNTIL 4:00 P.M. MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY.

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