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Breed: Shelby Elliott

Championship: Reagan Elliott



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Champion Red-White OPB Natalie Jameson



Champion Breed and Sr. Showmanship Hog Kyla Simpson



Reserve Champion and Senior Showmanship Seth Baxter



Junior Showmanship Lamb Matti Brooks



Grand Champion Lamb Danielle Gwinn

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By Larry Vogt

Just in case you got a bit uneasy when you watched "Jeopardy!" the other night and marveled that a computer (with a name, yet!) out performed a couple of high level human contestants in a game of trivia type questions, don't worry, the computer is not going to take your place, at least, not yet.

The smart guys who developed this computer for a major manufacturer say that humans still have the creative edge and they admit to being a long way from reproducing a human brain. After all, that creation of a human brain can be accomplished in we currently have. nine months and seems to be somewhat routine and preva-

#### lent.

I was not privileged to watch this particular television show but my macabre mind went in a different direction when I read the story of the computer beating the humans in the game. No computer can do what Elvis or the Beatles did. Can you imagine a crowd of teenagers mobbing a computer? How excited would you get if a computer descended onstage at the Grammy Award Ceremony in a fabricated egg?

However, computers certainly play an important role in all the illusions present in the entertainment world. Now, jump to another illusion: politics. Suppose we dispense with congress and simply feed a bunch of numbers into "Ruthless Decider" and bang! The budget is balanced and everybody abides by the decision? Not so fast. Who gets to program the computer? Are you going to trust a "bipartisan commission" to program the computer? I am afraid we would be back to the messy wrangling and debates delegate the choices that we Decider did it!"

# WRITING COMMUNITY More stories from our elders

### By Marisue Potts Powell

A. E. Butterfield, a circuit riding Methodist preacher, was called to help the Reverend J. J. Methvin with his work among the Comanches, Kiowas, and Apaches and served from 1892 to 1899. He wrote, "The thrill of seeing the great valley full of indian tepees, every one toward the rising sun, was more than my power of description can express. A chill came over me when I saw men with only blankets on and barefoot, the women with only shawls and no shoes. Their moccasins were of no use in the snow. More than 4,000 Comanches, Kiowa, and Apaches were in that camp."

Butterfield amassed a collection of photographs taken in later years on what was the reservation and that collection is now in the Motley County Museum. Copies of these photographs were shared with the Quanah Parker Family Society at the National Cowboy Symposium in Lubbock on September 10-11.

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political will to implement.

The choices will be made by

a computer and then when

someone complains that they

are paying too much in taxes

or someone else complains

that their entitlement benefits

While his wife Mary was busy teaching, Butterfield walked from tepee to tepee, talking through an interpreter and praying wherever anyone would listen. When he heard the Big Looking Glass band was without a preacher, he borrowed a wagon and team and moved his family to the modest parsonage on the Little Washita. (Little Washita United Methodist Church is still in the Methodist conference.)

Though the government had contracted by treaty to feed and clothe them for 33 years if they stayed on the reservation, most of the tribes were getting only half enough to eat. Butterfield shared the little he had but was almost as impoverished as they were.

"The change in family life that we required was hard for them to grasp," he wrote. The man must have only one wife and promise to work and support her, instead of having her do all the menial work. A change in housing eventually replaced the tepees with their attendant dirt floors, filth, and vermin with small frame houses.

The missionary made a study of Indian legends and was invited by Chief Looking Glass to attend a peyote ceremony. Lone Wolf, a friend of Quanah's and his fatherin-law for a short time, had a son, Delois K. Lonewolf who became a preacher of the Methodist Church and had a granddaughter who married the Rev. Matthew Botone of the same church.

During their seven years among the Indians, the Butterfields suffered many hardships and setbacks. They experienced poverty right along with those to whom they were ministering. Their small daughter Anna was bitten by a rabid skunk in their tepee; with no medical help available they relied on prayer and faith in God. A young son was not so lucky and died in infancy.

Upon his death in 1945, Butterfield's funeral service included members of the Tahquechi family of the Comanche tribe of Lawton. A young maiden dressed in native apparel gave the Comanche interpretation in sign language as hymns were sung in tribute to the colorful pioneer pastor.

**Between the Lines:** Should we be worried about our school districts?

By Cindi Taylor The Texas Spur

get cuts for education are just lative sessions and hopes to as important to our commu- get it passed in this one. For nity - more now than ever be- Dickens County that would An article on our front page fore. Our very survival could mean losing one of two school The word "consolidation" has floated around for years and is one our school administrators and our communities avoid bringing up in conversations with each other. But the article about Marathon ISD brings up the dreaded idea of consolidation. This time it goes so far as to mention, "Consolidating small districts has not gained traction in the 82nd Legislature - so far - as a solution to the state's education budget woes. That may change as the administrative costs of running the state's schools come under scrutiny."

have been axed, we can say, Maybe someday we will "It's not my fault, Ruthless

able.

#### By Laverne Zabielski

#### If you close the school, you close the town

Cindi Taylor, publisher and editor of The Texas Spur, is putting some tough conversation on the pages of her newspaper. In her editorial, Between the Lines, reprinted on page two, she's addressing real concerns about the schools in her county after she read about what was

happening in Marathon, Texas, and with the Texas state budget. See article on page 3. Neil Harrison, superintendent in Marathon said that "through scrimping and keeping a close watch on spending, the school now has money in the bank."

Sooner or later the scrimping and cutting costs strategy is not going to work anymore. Eventually there will be nothing left to cut. Sooner or later, communities will have to ad-

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dress the question of how to attract more residents and businesses in order to increase revenue and stay vi-

MCISD may not be concerned yet about too few students. It's never to early to get ahead of the curve, however, and notice what's going on in other counties.

Motley County has the perfect setting for people wanting to escape expensive urban environments, live more simply and become more sustainable. Where else in the country can you find so much affordable space with infrastructure?

Go west, young man, just may come back around, again.

this week-"Town's fate tied depend on it. to its school"-caught my eye on a website used by journalists for content and to keep up with state government. Of course I thought the headline and story could be about any of our three school districts covered by The Texas Spur.

Anyone who has followed any of the news coming out of the state legislature since it convened last month knows that Texas is facing a huge budget shortfall. Every agency across the board is facing cutbacks in state financial assistance.

Last week we ran an article about our two local libraries and the effect proposed budget cuts would have on them. I feel our public libraries are important to our communities.

I also believe proposed bud-

And we hear now, perhaps for the first time, about a proposal pushed by Rep. Fred Brown, R-Bryan, to combine districts within a county. He pushed it in previous legisdistricts.

While our school districts may not be as strapped financially or as sparse in student population as the one in Marathon, we should be just as concerned. Dickens County's Patton Springs ISD, the smallest school district, has approximately 90 students enrolled, and Spur ISD currently has 312 students. Jayton ISD is the only Kent County school district, and it currently has 147 students.

There are other Fred Browns out there who live in our state's more densely populated areas who would see a "one-size-fits-all" approach for small school districts and towns. We who live here know that could be our demise. Be concerned. Be very concerned.



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## Quanah Parker **Exhibit Travels** to Southlake

#### By Marisue Potts

During a trip to Southlake to visit my new grandson, Ben Potts, age three weeks, I continued my quest for the elusive but fascinating saga of Quanah Parker at what seemed a very unlikely place. A new city hall, one designed to look old and established in a prairie covered with new homes and upscale shopping centers, opened its lobby for a Quanah Parker Photographic Exhibit on February 16.

There to address the wellattended event sponsored by Southlake Historical Society was Ben Tahmahkera, a direct descendent of Quanah from Cache, Oklahoma; Doug Harman, formerly a city manager for Fort Worth; Clara Ruddell, librarian-archivist who the chose the photos for reproduction; and Delphine Nelson, CEO of the Comanche Nation Economic Development Board.

Dressed in a traditional ribbon shirt, Tahmahkera described himself not as an historian but one who knows the stories. He said, "In the Comanche language the stories are powerful, you don't want to move, waiting for the next word.

As an example, he cited the Jack Ryan bronze of Ouanah in the stockyards district that was created through a donation from major ranches.

Representing the convention bureau, Clara Ruddel, directed attention to the exhibit and the only two known photographs of Cvnthia Ann Parker. One was taken with her child, Prairie Flower (Toqusana), when Cynthia Ann's hair was hacked off, possibly in mourning. The other was snapped when she was taken to Austin to the State Legislature. Due to the difficulties presented by the language barrier, she apparently thought she would be executed for living and participating with the Comanches. Actually the Parker family was trying to secure a pension for her welfare.

Ms. Ruddell said, "Pictures tell the story. There is a story here that has not been told. The Whites write the story, the Comanches tell it. 'Read' the photos. Many of the photos you see had not been published until now."

The last speaker was Delphine Nelson who in her position with the Comanche Nation Economic Development Board has faced the "glass ceiling"

# In West Texas, a town's fate tied to its school

#### by Morgan Smith The Texas Tribune

MARATHON - If you close the school, you close the town.

The phrase has the burnish of a truism in this outpost amid the vast, high-desert expanse of far West Texas, about 50 miles north of Big Bend National Park. The 400 or so residents here are closely watching the fate of their tiny public school - and working hard to keep it open.

The senior class at Marathon Independent School District will have a valedictorian this spring - Michelle Campbell, 17. She Now, Harrison said he expects is also the only senior. With a pre-kindergarten through 12th grade enrollment of just 56 students, Marathon ISD is one of the smallest districts in the state.

But for Marathon's ranchers, artists (trendy Marfa is 60 miles away), a growing number of retired baby boomers and the occasional political celebrity (the large family ranch of the state comptroller, Susan Combs, is nearby), the school's fate is critical to the survival of this remote town known for its blend of the frontier and funky.

Now a new initiative, a foundation created by residents to help support the school, offers fresh hope for the area. And if

district had just finished paying off a \$248,000 loan to cover its debt, which left it short on savings. He points out that because of the district's size, \$1,000 is "like talking \$100,000 to somebody else." Harrison scrutinized every line of the budget as the district went into a state of financial exigency last year, which allows the district to eliminate jobs.

Under his supervision, the school did away with four staff positions, reduced stipends for extracurricular activities and travel, and combined grades that had only a few students. the education agency to end its conservatorship by the end of the school year.

The struggle to keep the school doors open in Marathon attracted the attention of Claudia Huntington, a San Antonio resident whose husband is a local landowner. In June, Huntington helped create the Marathon Foundation, and since then, three ranching families in the area, with more to come, she said, have contributed more than \$200,000.

The foundation has developed eight grants intended to help the district compete for teachers and students. They include \$20,000 a year in college

belief that it is the right thing to do.

Having a school helps maintain property values, too, said Marci Roberts, who owns the local grocery store. Marathon's economic vibrancy distinguishes the school from those in other rural areas, she said.

"Marathon is pretty thriving. It's a major tourist town," Roberts said. "You close the school, and now that's at risk."

Harold Cook, an Austin Democratic political strategist with a home in Marathon, agreed.

"For those who lament the decline of small-town America, try being a small town, otherwise vibrant, building on a solid economic development foundation, while attempting to explain to potential business owners why there are no local schools for their children," Cook said. "It just doesn't work."

Harrison said that through scrimping and keeping a close watch on spending, the school now has money in the bank. And even with the impending reduction in state money, he expects it will stay there.

While the district will feel the cuts, Harrison said, it will not be as bad as it would have been a few years ago. "Then, we'd be out of business," he said.

For now, consolidation, not

has not gained traction in the 82nd Legislature - so far - as a solution to the state's education budget woes. That may change as the administrative costs of running the state's schools come under scrutiny. For the past several legislative sessions, Rep. Fred Brown, R-Bryan, has proposed legislation that would combine districts within a county. Passing it this time around is a priority for Brown, a spokesman said.

Marathon could also lose students because it cannot offer the sports and other extracurricular activities or the more varied curriculum that is provided by larger schools. Currently, it shares services like diagnostic testing, speech therapy and support for students with learning disabilities through a network of 11 other districts in the area.

Students at the school are often taught in combined classes; in middle school, fifth and sixth graders and seventh and eighth graders study together. A goal of the Marathon Foundation is to help the school attract enough students to sustain a six-man football team.

But the question remains whether such a tiny school should continue to operate independently. Those who want to see the town survive are adamant that the answer is yes. "If you drive through Texas, you'll see cemeteries," Harrison said. "There used to be a town there. And once they lost their school, it just went away. It would be disastrous for Marathon." [Editor's Note: This story has been updated to clarify that when Harrison came aboard as superintendent in 2009, Marathon ISD had repaid the \$248,000 in debt.]

Being a great-great-grandson of Quanah Parker makes me proud. We are a proud people. I took Native American History at TCU, and I heard a specific story out of Seven Years with the Comanches, teaching that Nocona was killed. The elders knew different. I challenged the teacher and he said, 'I am the historian, are you?' I dropped that course." (The elders always maintained that Cynthia Ann Parker's husband Nocona did not die at her recapture on Mule Creek as Sul Ross claimed.)

"We were always at war," he said. "There were seven or ten different bands of Comanches who lived apart, all over, because we couldn't get along even among ourselves. I learned about Quanah Parker through my family. It was a love story of Quanah and his mother, savagery, and pioneers going against our people. It is a great story." Later he said, "It makes my heart happy to be here with you. I feel safe with you. We are all Americans."

"Growing up I gave little thought about the journey of the Comanches. I never realized the important role my people played, such as open range cattle and the development of Fort Worth." Then with a grin he said, "You know, Fort Worth was built to keep the Comanches away from Dallas."

Doug Harman related that when he was planning events in Fort Worth as a city manager, visitors from all over the world asked to see Comanches. Through his friendship with Ben Tahmahkera, who worked for 30 years with the Tarrant County Sheriff's department in Fort Worth, he was able to reconnect with the Comanches and bring about reconciliation that brought them in for special anced. This traveling exhibit is a events in the historic cowtown. great start.

that many women face in their careers, but as a Comanche she faced a double "glass ceiling," competing with males and her culture that considered women as second-class and property. She shared an experience when she was told by an elder, "I remember the time when women sat in back and men made the decisions."

Despite that, she created the arm of the Comanche Nation that develops jobs for tribal members. To date seven businesses employ 92 people, 90% Comanche, 5% other Native Americans, and 5% non-Native. Besides a convenience store and other small businesses, a Comanche Nation funeral home now serves all Native Americans, sensitive to the cultural practices of each tribe. The Comanche Nation Museum is active in preserving oral histories and promoting "Native Journeys" and "Southwest Tours" for tourism of the Oklahoma Kiowa Comanche Apache reservation. For the last three years, the Comanche language has been taught, a positive sign that the culture will not be lost if the language is preserved.

Two elderly men in the audience were recognized as descendants of a white woman captive who is buried in the Lonesome Dove Cemetery near Southlake. For this session, that story remained untold. The power struggle between a nomadic people made fearsome by the adoption of the horse culture and other Native Americans and whites encroaching into their domain will continue to fascinate and engage one's imagination of how it was. As we learn more from the Comanches and other Native Americans, our history will become more balwhat is happening here is successful, it could serve as a model for rural towns scattered across Texas looking to shield their way of life from the death knell of school closings.

Long before the state Legislature convened this month and presented initial budgets that would cut \$10 billion in financing to public schools, Marathon ISD was in severe-enough trouble that the Texas Education Agency appointed a monitor to watch its finances.

When Neal Harrison became superintendent in 2009, the scholarships for students who have attended Marathon for at least four years, and \$4,000 signing bonuses for teachers.

"We want Marathon to stay healthy," Huntington said. "We are very aware that without a school that isn't going to happen."

For the town's major employers and property holders - like the historic Gage Hotel - a school is vital to keeping families, and therefore customers and employees, living in the town. But Huntington also said their work is motivated by the

money or low test scores, is Harrison's biggest worry. What weighs on him is a suspicion that neighboring Alpine, with a population of 6,400 and the seat of Brewster County, would not mind absorbing those 56 students and the property values that come with them. If that happened, students in Marathon would be bused 30 miles up the road.

"I don't want any of my 5- and 6-year-olds to ride a bus to Alpine," he said. "That's just not right."

Consolidating small districts

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## **Matador City Council meets**

#### Matador City Council met at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall on Thursday, February 10, 2011. Present were Councilmen Alvin Alexander, Chuck Ream, Shane Jones, and Kay Bailey; Mayor Pat Smith, Water Superintendent Steve Barton and City Secretary Debra Scott. Absent was Councilman Nathan Shannon. Also attending were Dianne Washington, CPA, and Carol Campbell.

Mayor Pat Smith called the meeting to order and gave the invocation.

Carol Campbell extended an invitation to City Council to attend a function at the Hotel Matador to bring awareness of a project to produce a documentary on Motley County

Water Superintendent Steve Barton reported we were fortunate to not have any major water leaks during the recent extremely cold weather.

Mayor Smith introduced the Ordinance limiting the use of land within a 500-foot radius of two city wells owned by the City of Matador and operated for the purpose of furnishing a part of the Municipal water supply for the City. Alvin Alexander made the motion to accept the ordinance, seconded by Kay Bailey; the motion carried by unanimous vote. presented the City with the

in total assets of \$11,945.

Alvin Alexander made the motion to pass the resolution calling for an Order of Election to be held in May, seconded by Chuck Ream and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

The motion to appoint Debra Scott as Municipal Investment Officer was made by Kay Bailey, seconded by Alvin Alexander. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

In other action, Brenda Osborn and Pete Gonzalez were reappointed to the Matador Housing Authority Board by a motion made by Chuck Ream, seconded by Alvin Alexander.

Chuck Ream made a motion of confirm the dates of March 19-20, 2011, proposed by the Boondocker's Association to hold the motorcycle races in Matador. The motion was seconded by Kay Bailey and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

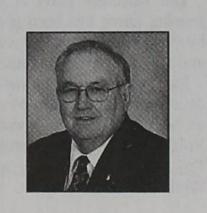
City Secretary Debra Scott then presented council with proposed budgets on five ac-

split equally between the four fulltime employees. The motion was seconded by Chuck Ream and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

Chuck Ream made a motion to accept the 2009-2010 audit as presented, seconded by Kay

Bailey and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

The motion to adjourn was made by Alvin Alexander, seconded by Kay Bailey to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.



In reading Luke 9:57-62, Jesus is approached by three individuals as He was about cross the Sea of Galilee. These three wanted to follow Jesus. But they wanted the following on their own terms.

The first man was a Scribe. He said anywhere you go I going too. Jesus responded

by saying, "The Son of man has nowhere to lay His head.' The Scribe got the message. No earthly securities when following Jesus.

The second man wanted to go and bury his father. "Let the dead bury the dead." What Jesus told him was, in effect, that the affairs of this life can and would be handled by those of

I will follow...But...

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counts. After much discussion the council asked that the extra labor, fuel and supplies columns all be raised; and made changes shifting some expenses from the General Fund to the Municipal Find Account and the Hotel/Motel Tax Account. Council then went into Executive Session at Dianne Washington, CPA, 8:13 p.m. to discuss employee raises. Council reconvened at 2009-2010 audit. The City 8:45 p.m. Alvin made the motion to increase the Full Time received a "Good Commendation" and showed as increase Labor expense by \$2,000 for the year and the increase to be this life not called to the ministry of Jesus.

The third man wanted to say goodbye to those back home. Jesus said to him, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the Kingdom of God."

Another excuse. Excuses are not new to Jesus. Even during His days on the earth, face to face with the people, there were those who sought to be excused from following Him.

Our Lord understood events and happenings in our lives. But these are no excuse for not finding and following the essence of Life itself. That is "Fear God, keep His commandments, for this is the whole duty of man." (Ecclesiastes 12:13).

**Roaring Springs Church of Christ** Michael G. Crowley, Sr. BIBLE STUDY 10:00 a.m. Worship 9:00 a.m. Page 4 Motley County Tribune, Thursday, February 24, 2011

# NEWS AROUND MOTLEY COUNTY

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

### **Roaring Springs News** By Monta Marshall

#### On a personal note

Remember the late '50s, '60s and '70s when people didn't have remote controls for their TVs? The television was across the room and the man of the house in his easy chair wasn't too anxious to leave his comfort zone and go change channels. There were only five channels at our house anyway. Ah, the days before cable and satellites. Usually you could see a whole show and the commercials too because no one wanted to get up to change channels.

Programs made more sense. They were more family oriented. We didn't have to worry about coarse language and those embarrassing commercials. I hate being in a room of mixed adults and maybe children and seeing ads for very personal things. Just think if a station had showed an advertisement for say Viagra how shocked we would have been in the '50s and '60s and how loud the outcry. Today anything goes, disgusting or not. I wouldn't think of buying Mucinex because the dressed up partying snot personified is so gross! I guess we have gotten so numb and blasé, ads must get more and more distasteful to grab our attention. Oh, for the good old days, a lament becoming more and more of my conversation during my senior years! The flu bug is alive and busy in Roaring Springs. Several have been ill, even those who took their flu shots. Those in the medical field tell us that even so, if you have had a flu immunization, your case will be lighter. I think some would argue that point! Several have expressed they would hate to see what it was like if you hadn't had the shot. Some folks had frozen pipes and didn't know it until early last week when things thawed. Vickie Swam of Stephenville was here to check on her mother, Jeannie Adam's little house after the cold weather and found that a pipe had burst but fortunately the water had run down the shower drain.

#### In the community

Ralph Roming visited with Gerald McCatheren in Hereford last week. He and Ralph got to be good friends during the American Ag movement during the '70s. Gerald is now writing and has written a dozen or more books. They are varied from experiences in Washington, western historical novels and he is now writing some murder mysteries as well. Ralph said he really enjoyed his visit with Gerald and his family.

Flags were put out this morning in honor of President's Day by the Roaring Springs Lions Club.

Bill Leonard was at home for a short stay between trucking trips.

Margie Payne is doing better. She has been able to attend church services two Sundays. Yesterday, her daughter and son-in-law, Susan and Franklin Jameson attended church services with her.

Pearl Patten's son and daughter-in-law, Willie and Shelley Palmer of Lovington, NM, have been here visiting and helping Pearl over the weekend.

Zella Palmer spent Friday night with her son's family, the Johnny Palmers in Lubbock. She returned home on

#### Overheard

EDETA

Dr. Jim Moore: When Tex Evans first started out in the ministry, he served a church in a small town in Texas. One of his neighbors was a man named Mr. Gentry. Tex Evans noticed that Mr. Gentry worked in his yard a lot and that he always whistled as he worked. He would work with the roses in the front yard whistling away. Then, he would move to the side yard and work with his tulips, still whistling. When he went to back yard to work in the vegetable garden, he would whistle even louder.

One day at the country store in the middle of the little town, Tex Evans mentioned something about the whistling Mr. Gentry. One of the old-timers asked, "Do you know why Mr. Gentry always whistles when he is outside in the yard?" Tex replied he had no idea. The old -timer said quietly, "His wife is blind!" Now, Tex understood why Mr. Gentry always whistled. His whistling was a way of saying to Mrs. Gentry, "I am out here dear .... Now I'm back here. If you need me, call me I will hear

ket included glistening rock jewelry, petrified rock and sterling silver jewelry emblazoned with decorative rock. The center was filled to capacity for this artistic show.

Tim and Melissa Kendall and sons, Jere and Jacob, visited the weekend in Fort Worth with her mother, Mrs. Marsha Gray.

Visiting Saturday with Janice and Butch Hughes were son and children, Rickey Hughes, Kendal and Kason of Floydada. Butch will be having chemotherapy treatment in Lubbock every two weeks. May God bless him.

Mrs. Marilee Cooper of Borger visited Thursday and Friday with her father, Wilburn Martin. Wilburn had an optical appointment in Plainview Wednesday.

Nada and Jack Starkey were in Amarillo, Monday attending to business. They visited daughter and husband, Bessie and Clifton Reid of Amarillo and son and wife, Michael and Lori Starkey of Canyon.

Christie and Dwain Milam, Emily and Haley of Lake Kiowa visited Friday until Sunday with her parents, Kathy and Clois Shorter. Kathy, Christi,

## **Matador** News

#### **Family Addition**

We have a new family member. Linda and Tom Roy are first time grandparents with the arrival of Malosi Jo Roy on Wednesday. Malosi's parents, Matthew and Kelly Roy, live in Fort Worth. Be sure and ask Linda about the baby's name.

#### Visitors

Tracie Bruning, coming in from Robert Lee, spent the week on a routine auditing of the FSA office files. Her husband joined her for a visit on Thursday evening.

Henk Vorster and Marika Von Wyk spent the week in Matador soaking up culture and enjoying a break. They are from the Free State of South Africa and are in the United States for a month marketing Big Game and Photo Safaris for his company, Makhulu Game Farms. Marika is the marketing director for the farm. In Africa, the areas where animals are raised and hunted are called farms instead of ranches. Makhulu has breeding stock, specializing in lions of which they have around 400. Con-

Terry Smith from San Saba, who is a friend of Carl and Jan Hamilton Carter, was present for the South African feast prepared by Henk and Marika at the hotel on Thursday. He is a salesman for agriculture supplies and periodically comes through. He is one of the guests who takes advantage of staying in bed and breakfasts around the state and then getting a fourth night free. He is going with a group in September for a train trip through several African countries, so he really had an interesting talk with the guests from South Africa.

The North Groesbeck Church of Christ from Childress had a couple's retreat at the hotel last Friday night. Six couples enjoyed a dinner and games. A late brunch was served before they returned home on Saturday morning. Attending were Pam and Kenneth Horton, Richard and Martha Hammond, Johnny and Cheryl Horton, Seth and Pam Bursey, Allen and Janice Perry, and Mike and Vickie Bryant.

Cameron and Brian Welter of Denton, Texas, granddaughter of Lucretia Camp-

Saturday. Julian Zabielski was here

over the weekend checking on his mother's home here in Roaring Springs. He too had pipes to repair even though the water had been cut off. He said he had not properly drained the water that was in the pipes.

Don Stuckey has been ill with the flu several days. He is feeling better but not well vet.

Kenneth Ashley is leading a Bible study on the Book of Revelation on Sunday evenings at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall of the First Baptist Church. Anyone interested in an indepth study of that book is welcome to attend. The study for next Sunday evening begins with chapter two of Revelation. This is a class where questions and discussion are welcome.

### **Red Rovers host Valentine Party**

By Winifred Darsey Motley County Tribune

The Red Rovers of Motley County Red Hat Society favored the residents of Hackberry Creek Care Center on Monday, February 14, 2011, with a Valentine Party. It was a jovial time for everyone.

The decorations of hearts, balloons, and many beautiful Valentines enhanced the lovely dining room. The table was attractive with holiday charm, featuring napkins and other décor of Valentine motif. The refreshments of cookies, punch, and candies were a joy to all.

It was a fun and enjoyable time. The view from the dining room windows is superb -- all bright and shiny.

It was a pleasure to visit old and new residents and good to see them so well cared for in a very pleasant and lovely home.

The Valentine Party at the nursing home has been given by the Red Rovers several years and enjoyed more every time.

Members present were: Joyce Campbell, Queen Mother, Norma Nell Marrs, Dorothy Knight, Joan Patton, Dorothy Day, Marihelen Wason, and Winifred Darsey.

you, I'm not far away. I'm not going to leave you."

#### In Hospital

Everett Shorter, a patient since Wednesday at Mangold Hospital in Lockney, is under treatment for pneumonia. His son and wife, Clois and Kathy Shorter have been with him during his hospitalization. At news time he is reported to be improving.

#### **Community News**

Mrs. Mary Jo Calvert and son, Glen Calvert enjoyed the Annual Rock Show Saturday held at the Ollie Liner Center in Plainview. The many exhibits on public display and mar-

> **Challenge** match update

A graduate of Matador High School has issued a "challenge" to classmates who graduated from 1961 to 1965. For every dollar donated to the jail video documentary project, he will match 3-to-1 - that means your \$25 contribution equals \$75 total. All other donations will be matched one-to-one, so every dollar you give still counts twice -give \$25, the jail video project gets \$50.

To donate, mail your check to: Friends of the Historic MC Jail, P.O. Box 582, Matador, TX 79244. Be sure and designate "video documentary." On behalf of the board of

Emily and Haley visited Saturday in Wolfforth with Mrs. Keri Sehon and son, Brian.

Donnie Rogers met daughter, Natalie Rogers of Williamsburg, Virginia, at Amarillo Airport Friday and accompanied her here for an indefinite visit with him and her grandmother, Mrs. B. Rogers. Donnie was host of a hamburger cookout Friday night at his home. Those enjoying the good food and visiting were Kyle McWilliams, Lonnie and Larry Payne of Quitaque, Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse of Turkey, Jack and Nada Starkey, Roegan Cruse, Mrs. B. Rogers of Flomot and his daughter, Natalie Rogers.

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bell, were house guests of Carol and Lucretia February 18-20, 2011.

### First Baptist Church to host luncheon on Saturday

All women of the area are reminded about the upcoming Loving God Ladies' Salad Luncheon to be held at First Baptist Church, Matador, this Saturday, February 26, at 12:00 noon.

Special guest Deirdre LaNoue will share a presentation 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.

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).

## **Matador Lions Discuss Food Bank**

#### By Larry Vogt Motley County Tribune

The Lions Club of Matador met February 15, 2011. The speaker for the program was Ms Trine Jackson from the South Plains Food Bank based in Lubbock, Texas. The SPFB is a non-profit organization that gathers and stores food for the purposes of distribution to a 20 county area. Ms Jackson encouraged the Lions Club members to help with distribution on a monthly distribution day for Matador and also help with a monetary donation. The Motley County Se-

nior Citizens Center is going to handle the processing of eligible recipients for the food boxes. Anyone can apply to receive the boxes, which will consist of one dry/canned goods box, and one frozen food box, with a limit of one set of boxes per household.

The members of the club held a discussion concerning the donation of time and money to help with the distribution of the boxes. It was decided to come up with a plan and vote on it at the next Lions Club meeting on March 1, 2011. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

This Week's Local Forecast



### **RS** Community Center scene of Valentine Party

The Roaring Springs Community Volunteers hosted a "donation only" Valentine Party at the Community Center on Monday, February 14, with an all-you-can-eat spaghetti supper with all the trimmings.

In addition to salad, garlic bread, spaghetti and Red Velvet Cake, the crowd enjoyed

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music by local western artist, Kevin Rainwater. A few of the guests managed to dance a two-step and waltz. The tables were decorated with hearts and balloons. Drawings were held throughout the evening for cookies and candy and other decorated baggies of treats.

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Great, Great News Everyone! The library will receive its new carpet this week! Thu., Feb. 24 and Fri., Feb. 25, 2011 the library will be closed. I am asking for your understanding during this short disruption of service. We plan on opening as usual on Mon., Feb. 28, 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. should everything go as planned. Please continue to return books in the blue drop box in front of the library. I will check the box each day to insure no late fees accrue on returned books. Once again, Thank You to the Thomas Kinder and Martha W. Farris Foundation for making this wonderful and much needed improvement possible for our library.

I also want to update everyone on the library's computer



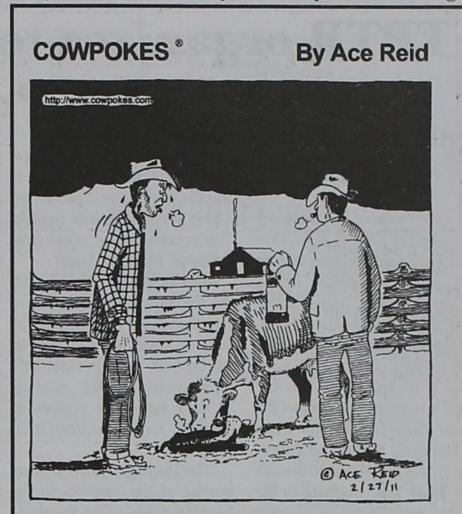
USDA Releases Status of 2010 Counter-Cyclical Payments for Certain Commodities and Peanuts Affected by Marketing Losses

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9, 2011 - Farm Service Agency Administrator Jonathan Coppess announced today that USDA will not issue partial 2010-crop counter-cyclical payments to producers of certain covered commodities. Payments will not be made to producers of wheat, corn, grain sorghum, barley, oats, upland cotton, long grain rice, medium grain rice, soybeans, sunflower seed, rapeseed, canola, safflower, flaxseed, mustard seed, crambe, sesame seed, dry peas, lentils, small chickpeas, large chickpeas, and peanuts. For all covered commodities and peanuts, market price projections exceed levels that would trigger these payments.

"Counter-cyclical payments are authorized by the 2008 Farm Bill to provide producers with a safety net during periods of low crop prices; but I know our farmers overwhelmingly prefer to receive compensation for their efforts from the marketplace," said Coppess.

In addition to the 2010 crop information, USDA announced it will not issue final 2009-crop counter-cyclical payments for long grain rice and medium grain (including short grain) rice because their average market prices exceeded levels that would trigger these payments.

For more information on the direct and counter-cyclical payment programs, including a table displaying the target price, projected average market price, loan rate, direct payment rate, effective price and projected counter-cyclical rates, visit your local FSA office or the FSA DCP website: http://www.fsa.usda.gov/ dcp.



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## Hackberry Creek Care Center Board Meets

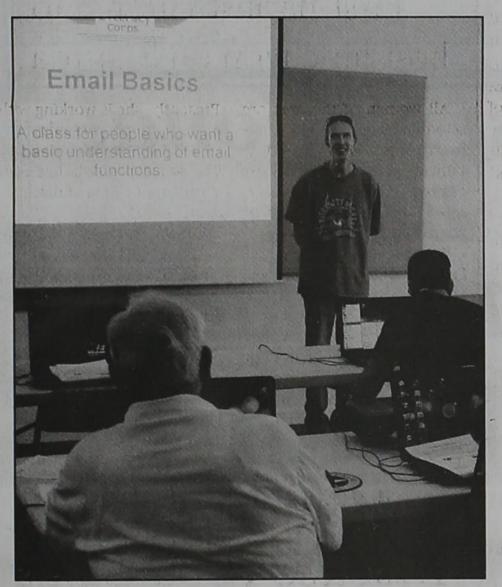
#### By Marisue Potts Powell

In a regularly scheduled monthly meeting, the Hackberry Care Center Board met on February 14, 2011 in the conference room of the facility. Seab Washington, president, called the meeting to order with the following in attendance: Larry Hoyle, Pam Thacker, Ronald Bailey, Regina Sheffield, Sammie Phillips, and Marisue Powell. Administrator Sandra Seago reported that the resident census is currently 22 with one in the hospital. Billing has been a problem since October and a change has been made in billers, utilizing the expertise of Jacquelyn Reed of Wheeler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Reed of the Flomot community. Mrs. Seago then presented the board with her resignation due to continuing health problems, effective immediately. Her resignation was accepted with regret. Traveling Administrator Jan Schow of Abilene, who has been filling in for Mrs. Seago during her medical leave, agreed to remain at Hackberry for the time being. A search will begin for a new administrator, but Mrs. Schow is very upbeat in her attitude of the care facility.

pick up and help out where needed. They are doing a fantastic job with the activities. It's been a great lift for me to work in this building. I find so much here that is tremendous," she said. "I look forward to having Mildred Busby (certified dietician) on board in dietary." Mrs. Schow believes in team work but takes a hard line on the budget. Departments will be held to their budgetary restraints. Citing the Friday morning beauty shop volunteers as the ideal helpers, she also sees a real need for volunteers to read to residents in their rooms, to write letters, play dominoes, do nails or other personal items. Perhaps this is the perfect job for college bound students who need community service credit for scholarship applications. Until the number of residents increase, it has been necessary to adjust the hours for some employees. However, there are positions open. A certified activity director who can work 20 hours a week is needed. Another position available is one day a week Social Worker. Anyone with interest in these or other positions may call Administrator Schow. With the recruitment of more residents, more staff will be added.



Front Row: Raymond McMahon. Middle Row: Joyce Williams. Back Row (L to R): Zella Palmer, Jeanne Williams, Sammie Phillips and Betty Moore.



Larry Walden, DLC Trainer for West Texas Library System (WTLS). 1st Row: Raymond McMahon. Back Row: Herb Smallwood



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### Lonnie Ray Doran

Lonnie Ray Doran, 69, of Matador passed away February 16, 2011, in Plainview, Texas. Graveside services were held at 1:00 p.m. Saturday February 19, 2011, at East Mound Cemetery under the direction of Shannon Funeral Home of Matador. Officiating was Oscar Chavez from Area Community Hospice of Plainview.

Lonnie was born on March 14, 1941, in Matador, Texas, to Tommie Ray Doran and Edna Francis Martin. He worked as a Night Watchman for the City of Matador for many years and he drove a truck.

He is survived by his children, Donnie R. Doran and wife Bonnie of Caldwell, Sherry N. Harris and husband Dale of Kress, Rodney L. Doran and wife Shara of Plainview, and Dale D. Doran and wife Christi of Hale Center; and his sister, Debbie L. Requa and husband Floyd of Plainview;

And nine grandchildren, Trey Holmes of Floydada, Heather Doran of Lubbock, Nicole Harris of Lubbock, Tana Holmes of Plainview, Shawn Harris of Lubbock, Kayla Doran of Amarillo, Dalton Doran of Seminole, Megan Doran of Hale Center, and Hailey Doran of Hale Center.

He is also survived by four great grandchildren and two nephews, Scott Buckelew and Bryan Buckelew.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

The family requests that memorials be made to Area Community Hospice of Plainview.

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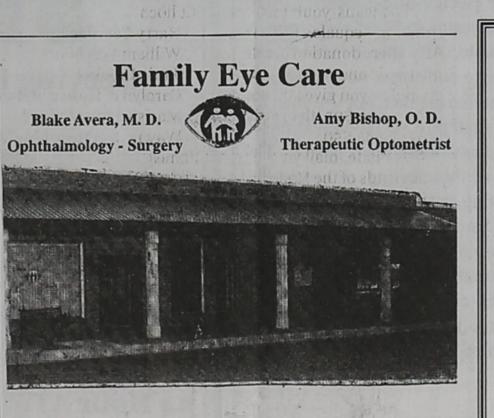
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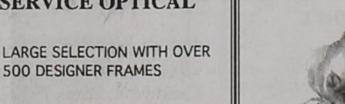


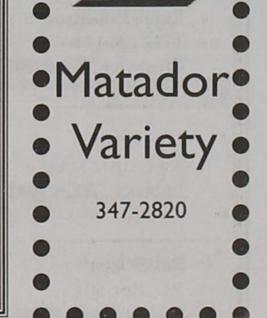
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### **TPTR organizes to save the Texas Heritage Programs**

By Carol Campbell Motley County tribune

In the State of the State address on February 8, 2011, Gov. Rick Perry outlined priorities for the legislative session, calling for suspension of "non-missioncritical entities like the Historical Commission or the Commission on the Arts."

In a packed agenda at the regular quarterly meeting of the Texas Plains Trail Region Board of Director's in Ralls on February 17, the board met to discuss the "huge THC elephant in the room," said Executive Director Deborah Sue McDonald.

McDonald compared her roller-coaster ride since the speech to the Kübler-Ross five stages of grief model, which describes, in five discrete stages, a process by which people deal with tragedy. "We've come too far to just close up shop," McDonald said.

McDonald announced that the Executive Directors of all 10 Heritage Trails Programs in the state of Texas will converge on Austin next week to meet with representatives and senators of their respective regions to advocate for the heritage trails programs.

"The Heritage Trails Program is part of the solution to the financial crisis - not the problem," McDonald said. "We give a voice to those rural communities who cannot afford it alone

by offering partnerships in marketing their towns, distributing brochures, and promoting tourism income."

McDonald referred to Beth Nobles, Executive Director for the Texas Mountain Trail Region, which covers a 26-county region in the Big Bend area. She recently posted a video online promoting the heritage trails programs in the state. According to Nobles, "the State Comptroller's office has shown that for every \$1.00 spent on heritage tourism, we get \$7.00 back.' The TPTR is supported by 52 counties in this vast region, covering more than 50,000 square miles.

### Video trailer screening held at Hotel Matador

The Board of Directors of the Friends of the Historic Motley County Jail and Hotel Matador hosted a Tapas Party at Hotel Matador on Febru-ary 19, 2011, to showcase the newly completed video trailer on the historic jail.

The 3-minute video trailer funded through a grant by Matador Ranch was com-pleted in December, 2010, by Mariof the Whistling Boulder Pro-ductions, Inc. The trailer will be used to leverage funding for a video documentary.

guests from the Chamber of Commerce, 4-B Tax Board, and Market Matador to a "tapas bar," courtesy of Hotel Matador. Tapas is an old tra-dition in Spain where families meet to eat and socialize. The food and drink are served in small portions with great va¬riety.

Carol Campbell, Chair of anne Leviton, President, the Friends Care group, gave a brief description of the proposed video project to be filmed during Old Settlers Re-union in August, 2011.

The Tapas Party hosted The video project will be used as an educational tool for visitors to the historic 1891 Motley County Jail, consisting of multiple, short chapters in a self-guided video format.

> Marisue Potts Powell then gave a brief "script treatment" presentation, outlin-ing five transitions in Motley County history. Following the presenta-tions, the video trailer was shown in the comfortable lob-by area of the hotel. It was so well received, the group asked for a second viewing.

#### **Official Notice of Nominating Committee Meeting** 10:00 a.m. February 28, 2011 Lighthouse Electric Cooperative, Inc. Headquarters East U.S. Highway 70 Floydada, Texas

In accordance with Article IV, Section 4.06 of the Bylaws of Lighthouse Electric Cooperative, Inc., the Board of Directors has appointed a Committee on Nominations to prepare a list of nominations for Directors to be elected at the annual membership meeting of the Cooperative on April 28, 2011. Three (3) Directors, one each from District 1, District 3, and District 4, will be elected in 2011. Although Directors are nominated from the District they represent, all members in attendance at the annual meeting vote on all candidates who may be properly nominated.

#### **SECTION 4.02 QUALIFICATIONS:**

No person shall be eligible to become or remain a director of the Cooperative who is a close relative of an incumbent director or an employee of the Cooperative, or is not a member in good standing of the Cooperative and receiving service within the District he/she represents; PROVIDED, that the operating or chief executive of any member which is not a natural person, such as a corporation, church, etc., or his/ her designee, shall be eligible to become a director, from the Directorate District in which such member is located, if he/she or such designee (1) is in substantial permanent occupancy, direction or use of the premises served by the Cooperative, and (2) is a permanent and year-round resident within or in close proximity to an area served by the Cooperative; BUT PROVIDED FURTHER, that no more than one (1) such person may serve on the Board of Directors at the same time. No person shall be eligible to become or remain a director of, or to hold any other position of trust in, the Cooperative who does not have the legal capacity to enter into a binding contract or is in any way employed by or financially interested in a competing enterprise, or a business selling electric energy or supplies to the Cooperative, or a business primarily engaged in selling electrical or plumbing appliances, fixtures or supplies to, among others, the members of the Cooperative. No person shall take or hold office as a Director who is the incumbent of or candidate for an elective public office in connection with which a salary is paid.

#### SOUTH PLAINS COMMUNITY ACTION ASSOCIATION, INC. **NEWS RELEASE / BULLETIN** AVAILABILITY OF COMPREHENSIVE ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

South Plains Community Action Association, Inc. (SPCAA) has received additional funding from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs to operate the Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program (CEAP) January 2011 - December 2011

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

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

For additional information concerning this program, please contact:	
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#### SECTION 4.05 DIRECTORATE DISTRICTS

The territory served by the Cooperative shall be divided into nine (9) Directorate Districts. Each District shall be represented by one director and the Districts are described upon the map of the territory served by the Cooperative attached to the Bylaws and made a part hereof.

#### SECTION 4.06 NOMINATIONS

It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to appoint, not less than thirty (30) days nor more than one hundred eighty (180) days prior to the date of the meeting of the members at which directors are to be elected, a Committee on Nominations, consisting of not less than five (5) nor more than eleven (11) members. The Committee shall prepare and post at the principal office of the Cooperative at least twenty (20) days prior to the meeting a list of nominations for directors to be elected, listing separately the nominee(s) for each Directorate District from or with respect to which a director must, pursuant to this Article, be elected at the meeting. The Committee may include as many nominees for any director to be elected from or with respect to a Directorate District as it deems desirable. Any fifteen (15) or more members of the Cooperative, acting together, may make additional nominations in writing over their signatures, listing their nominee(s) in like manner, not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting, and the Secretary shall post such nominations at the same place where the list of nominations made by the Committee is posted. The Secretary shall mail to the members with the notice of the meeting, or separately, but at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the meeting, a statement of the names and addresses of all nominee(s) for each Directorate District from or with respect to which a director must be elected, showing clearly those nominated by the Committee and those nominated by petition, if any. The chairman at such meeting, after all nominations so made have been duly announced, shall call for additional nominations from the floor and shall ascertain and announce, after any nominations made from the floor, the particular Directorate District from or with respect to which any additional candidates have been nominated.

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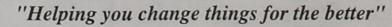
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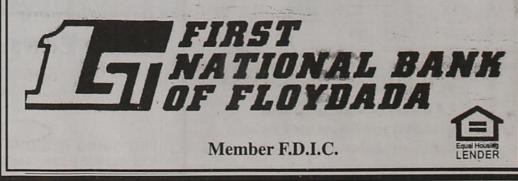
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- **Roaring Springs Lions** 3
- Hospital Bd meets in EMS building, 7am 9
- Matador City Council 10
- Matador Chapter of the Eastern Star, Floy-10 dada, Meal at 6:30pm, meeting at 7:30 pm
- **Commissioners'** Court 14
- **Roaring Springs City Council** 14
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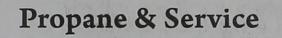
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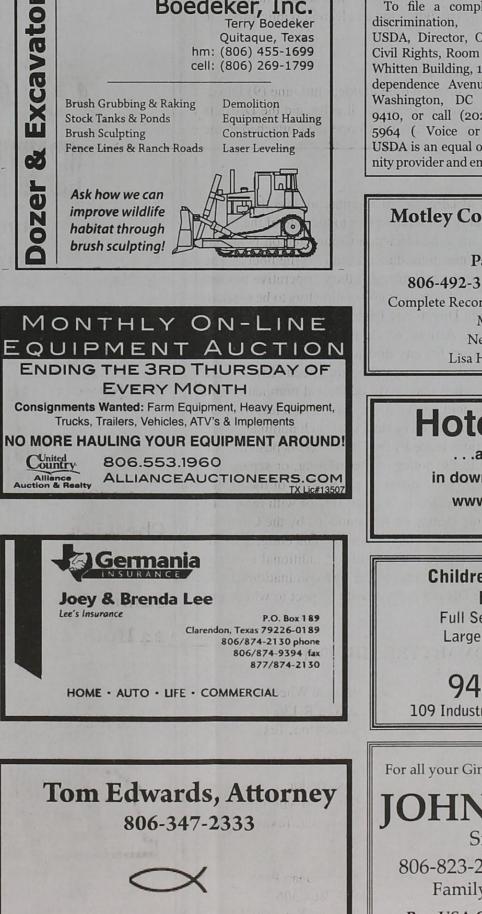
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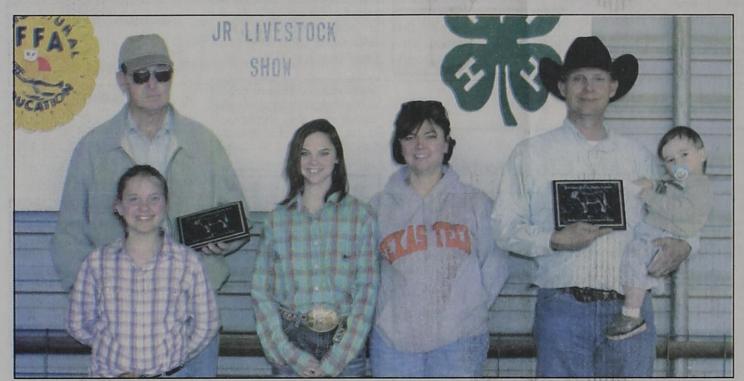




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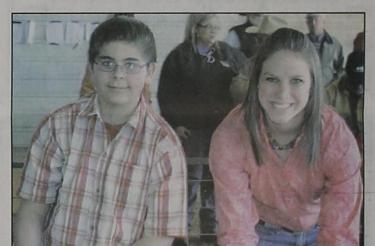
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