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"Circle Dot Chuchwagon"

Photo by Ken Young

State officials present \$303,220 check to Flomot

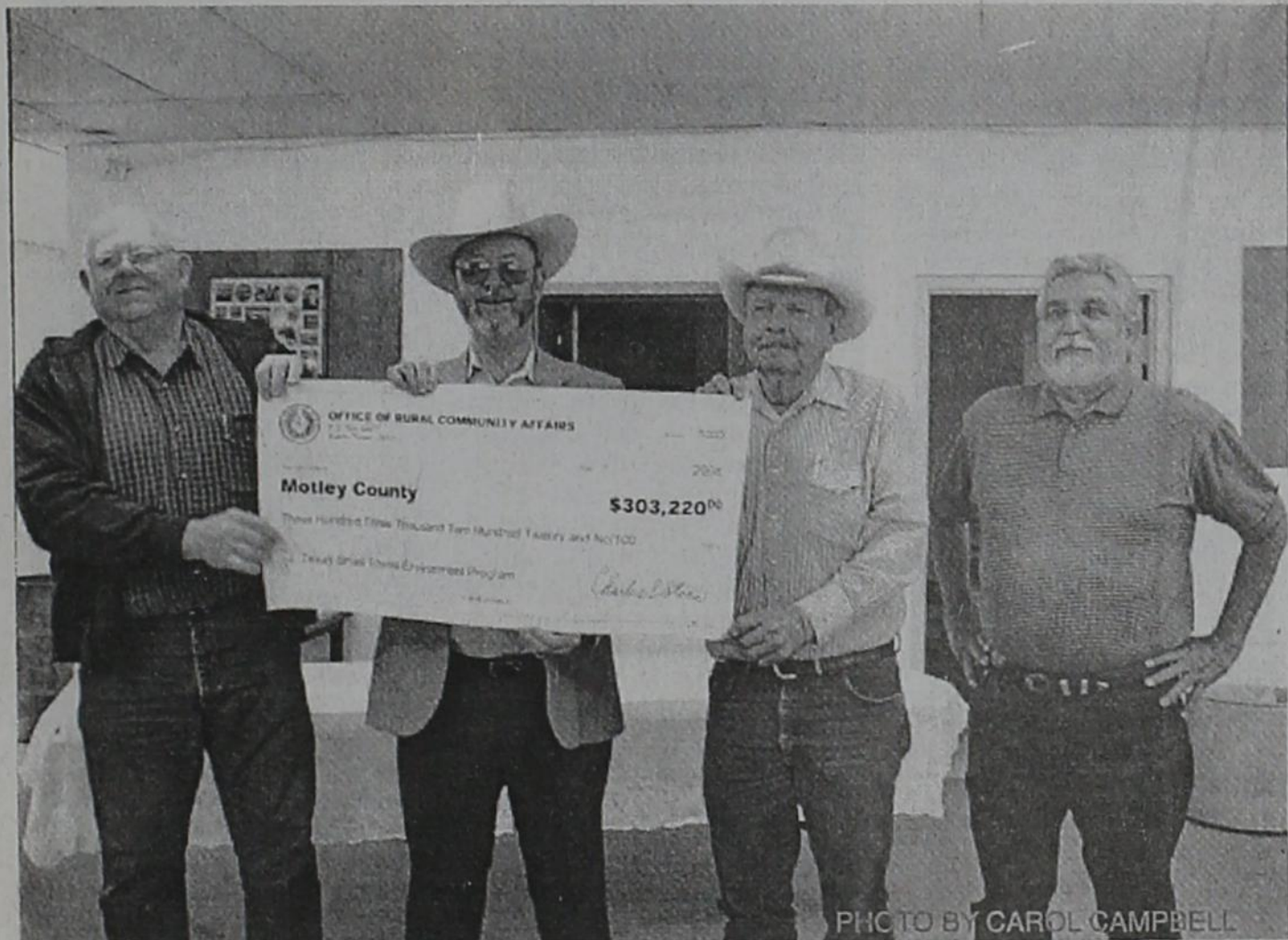


PHOTO BY CAROL CAMPBELL

IN RECOGNITION of Motley County's achievement in submitting one of only ten successful grant applications in the state, an oversized ceremonial check from the state and an Achievement Award from South Plains Association of Government was presented to the Flomot community. (Left to Right) Seab Washington, Judge Ed D. Smith, Commissioner Donnie Turner and Regional Coordinator Alvino Lopez.

The Office of Rural Community Affairs (ORCA) awarded Motley County a \$303,220 grant from the agency's Texas Small Towns Environment Program (STEP) to repair the water system in Flomot.

In recognition of the community's achievement, the agency presented an oversized, ceremonial check to the Flomot community on Friday, February 22, at the Flomot Community Center.

South Plains Association of Governments (SPAG) wrote the grant through the expertise of Elena Quintanilla, Director of Regional Services. SPAG will administer the grant.

"Motley County did a great application," Alvino Lopez said. "There were only 10 applications in the state, and the Flomot application was one of the few funded in the state."

Lopez is the Regional Coordinator for the STEP program. In addition to county officials and Flomot attendees, also attending the ceremony was Ches Carthel, Carthel Engineering Solutions, Lubbock.

"Texas STEP is an innovative approach to solving the water

and wastewater needs in rural Texas," explained ORCA Executive Director, Charles Stone.

"This self-help technique encourages small towns and counties to look within their own communities for resources to bring to the table."

Local volunteers will use the grant funds to correct inadequate water pressure and excessive nitrate contaminants in the Flomot water system, as required by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

"I have known for some time that the Flomot water system was in trouble based upon letters from the state regarding unacceptable levels of nitrates," Judge Ed D. Smith said.

"They tried everything they knew to do," Smith said. Finally, Commissioner Donnie Turner came to me and said, "we need help."

"Through Elena Quintanilla of SPAG, I learned of this program and submitted the proper Letter of Interest," he said. "Everything fell into place rather quickly, he said.

"SPAG and the people of Flomot are to be commended for the way they made this happen. It is

very obvious to me that these folks are thirsty and are more than ready to get on with this project," he said.

Construction will take place at the pumping facilities in the 1800 block of State Highway 599 and on East and Church Avenues. The project will benefit the community of Flomot and alleviate the need for residents to purchase bottled drinking water.

Lopez said that volunteers are the backbone of this 24-month project. Volunteers can consist of not only heavy equipment and operators and well drillers, but other labor volunteers, including baby sitters, meal preparers, and errand runners.

Communities working with Texas STEP grants and its self-help approach are required to show a 40 percent savings on retail construction costs.

There are 72 residents in Flomot; 68 volunteers have agreed to help solve the problem.

The STEP program is part of the Texas Community Development Block Grant program, funded by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development's Community Development Block Grant program.

2008 Motley County Junior Livestock Show awards

It was a beautiful day for the 2008 Motley County Junior Livestock Show last Saturday, February 23. The day began with a hearty breakfast sponsored by Lowe's and cooked by Richard Turner and crew. FFA and 4-H members exhibited swine, lambs, goats, steers, rabbits and bucket calves. The results are as follows:

SWINE SHOW
Light Weight: 1st., Chris Ward; 2nd., Natalie Jameson; 3rd., Catherine Ward; 4th., Natalie Jameson; 5th., Matthew Faulks; 6th., Braden Bigham.

Medium Weight: 1st., Christian Brooks; 2nd., Seth Baxter; 3rd., Britt Simpson; 4th., Matthew Faulks; 5th., Kyla Simpson; 6th., Britt Simpson.

Medium Heavy-Weight: 1st., Braden Bigham; 2nd., Alexis Osborn; 3rd., Leanne Jameson; 4th., Braden Bigham; 5th., Andrew Martin; 6th., Seth Baxter.

Heavy Weight Class: 1st., Austin Taylor; 2nd., Chloe Gleghorn; 3rd., Britt Simpson; 4th., Sage Guerrero; 5th., Jacob Woolsey; 6th., Koryn Simpson.

Grand Champion Hog: Braden Bigham.
Reserve Grand Champion: Alexis Osborn.
Jr. Showmanship: Austin Taylor
Sr. Showmanship: Kyla Simpson.

Lamb Show
Light Weight Lambs: 1st., Seth Baxter; 2nd., Brendan Wiltshire; 3rd., Leanne Jameson; 4th., Mattie Brooks.

Heavy Weight Lambs: 1st., Seth Baxter; 2nd., Haden Davey; 3rd., Hance Davey; 4th., Keyan Kautz; 5th., Brendan Wiltshire; 6th., Keyan Kautz.

Grand Champion Lamb: Seth Baxter.
Reserve Champion Lamb: Haden Davey.
Jr. Showmanship: Seth Baxter.
Sr. Showmanship: Keyan Kautz.

Goat Show
Light Weight Goats: 1st., Shane'a Russell; 2nd., Mattie Brooks; 3rd., Reagan Elliott; 4th., Mickey Clary; 5th., Shelby Elliott; 6th., Caleb Clary.

Medium Weight Goats: 1st., Cassidy Turner; 2nd., Jaci Zingerman; 3rd., Cassidy Turner; 4th., Matthew Faulks; 5th., Gabby Silva; 6th., Braden Mason.

Heavy Weight Goats: 1st., Shane'a Russell; 2nd., Jaci Zingerman; 3rd., Bailee Perryman; 4th., Conner Mason; 5th., Michael Seigler; 6th., Kaitlan Perryman.

Grand Champion Goat: Shane'a Russell.
Reserve Champion Goat: Jaci Zingerman.
Jr. Showmanship: Jaci Zingerman.
Sr. Showmanship: Shane'a Russell.

Rabbit Show
Light Weight Rabbits: 1st., Thalia Quillimaco; 2nd., Braden Pope; 3rd., Thalia Quillimaco; 4th., Dominique Quillimaco; 5th., Colby Cochran.

Heavy Weight Rabbits: 1st., Gabby Silva; 2nd., Sabra Pope; 3rd., Michael Martin; 4th., Gabby Silva; 5th., Joshua Martin.

Grand Champion Rabbit: Thalia Quillimaco.
Reserve Champion Rabbit: Gabby Silva.
Showmanship: Braden Pope.

Steer Show
1st., Courtney Alexander; 2nd., Shane'a Russell; 3rd., Cassidy Turner; 4th., Cassidy Turner.
Grand Champion Steer: Courtney Alexander.

Reserve Champion Steer: Shane'a Russell.
Jr. Showmanship: Cassidy Turner.
Senior Showmanship: Shane'a Russell.

Dusty Burleson Memorial Hereford Show Champion: Courtney Alexander.

Champion Rate of Gain Steer: Cassidy Turner.

Best Steer Bred in Motley County: Steve and Linda Hess.
Breeder of Grand Champion Steer: Marshall McCalliard.

Bucket Calf Show
Dode Gleghorn
Tatum Guerrero
Brody Rankin
Brogan Rankin
Carley Turner



COURTNEY ALEXANDER won Grand Champion Steer, placing First in the Steer Division. She was awarded the Dusty Burleson Memorial Hereford Show Champion ribbon.

FOOTHILL COUNTRY CONNECTIONS

By Larry Vogt

The reason there is a great amount of familiarity to this place is because it was seen in lots of western movies of the 40's and 50's. Some people around Matador remember when Roy Rogers made a movie titled "MacIntosh and TJ" which was filmed in this area in the middle 1970s. They said Roy was just a friendly fellow like anybody else. If you read about his life you find that he really did know how to ride a horse and learned his cowboy skills on his Dad's place near Cincinnati, Ohio.

Children of that era of post-war movies saw a lot of movie scenery that could have been filmed within 20 miles of this place. Every time one makes a trip in any direction from Matador one can see the ghosts of old western movie sets over every hill. Going West towards Lubbock on Highway 82 just before you get to the flat country, there are places where you can almost see the U S Cavalry coming around a ridge or a lone horseman making his way to an imaginary watering hole, all scenes you saw dozens of times in any number of Tim

Holt or Rex Allen or Roy Rogers movies from that period 1946 through 1960 after which the genre became more adult and violent with genuine curse words sprinkled through the dialogue.

That free use of the vernacular was something Roy would never have done. He also took his role modeling seriously and never smoked on camera or appeared in commercials that he felt did not live up to his standards. That was a pretty clear good guy vs. bad guy era and sometimes we all wish contemporary life could be viewed with such clear distinctions.

The scenery may change as new buildings appear and other modifications come along, but our memory and feelings fill in the spaces or we look beyond to a simpler version of life and scenery, all parts of an existence that might not have been as it appeared but nevertheless left us at the end of the movie with a feeling of resolution to any situation. Those resolutions became as familiar as the scenery and gave us something to carry with us out of the theatre of fantasy on those movie nights.



photo by Larry Vogt

THE LAST OF THE MODULES. To date 16,681 bales have been ginned. Red Ball Gin is getting close to finishing ginning and the cotton "snow" will slowly begin to blow away.

by Laverne Zabielski

Lesson learned.

Last Friday I mentioned to Mom that she might want to make her bed. It was early afternoon. "Bev is coming," I said. "Who?" She asked. "Bev. Your daughter." "Oh," she nodded. "Company," I said. "You know." I added, liked there was a secret message contained in the word *company*. She nodded again, then went back to embroidering pink, yellow and lavender flowers on a white pillow case. Her embroidery is impeccable. It should be by now. She's been doing handwork for at least sixty five years.

Later I began to clean. As I made my way back to Mom's room I saw that not only had she made her bed, she was vacuuming! She was clearly in "clean up for company" mode.

Lesson learned.

Every time we make plans to go somewhere, it's not her clothes she changes. They stay pretty much the same; neutral loose fitting pants with white t-shirts with flowers or a white blouse. What she does to get ready to go out, however, is she always puts on lipstick and several strands of beads and comments that she can't find her rouge.

"Mom," I say, "No onesays rouge anymore. The say blush." She smiles.

Lesson Learned.

Get dressed to go to town. We learned that from my grandmother, Stella. Whenever we came to visit we could never just run into Matador. We always had to dress up.

There was always something beautiful about Mom. She always wore a hat on fine occasions and she never gained a lot of weight. Last night we made marinara sauce and pasta with salad. I grilled some sprouted wheat bread. I put a piece on Mom's plate. She didn't eat it. "I don't need it," she said. As I recall, she was never on a diet. She just didn't eat bread.

Lesson Learned.

"How do you do it?" I asked her once when my kids were young. "How do you clean house, cook dinner, raise kids, garden and everything else?" I was in one of those frantic modes.

"Just clean one room at a time." She said. "Don't worry about the rest. Just take one room and stick to it 'till it's done."

Lesson Learned.

I hear all about my dad now that I've moved back. I always wondered what he did, where he went, when he left in the morning, returned for lunch promptly at noon, then again a six for supper before settling in for TV and popcorn. It was his routine. Now I know, as I hear stories from people who knew him.

Not Mom. She stayed home. Cooking and cleaning, I imagined. Now as I explore her home I find a monument to a creative and industrious life buried in drawers and closets full of fabrics, books, sewing notions, and patterns and designs and handwork displayed on walls and furniture.

Lesson Learned.

Stick to it. I went to my first city council meeting this week and witnessed the hard work of the council and staff attempting to manage a city and balance a budget with limited resources. In a perfect world the tax rate would never have to be raised because tax assessments would automatically take care of increased expenses. That does not appear to be happening. Not only are revenues not increasing, the infrastructure is deteriorating. Be sure to plan to come to the Budget hearing on March 13. And don't forget the wind energy meeting tonight at the Motley County Courthouse at 7pm.

Lesson Learned.

One, go to civic meetings to learn what's going on and, two, shop local. Not only does your money support local businesses, it increases revenue for

WRITING COMMUNITY

Flu

by Dinah Young

My teeth hurt – my head feels like a lead balloon.
My eyes are dull and red and almost can't see.
I'm way too hot, but can't beat this chill.
I've coughed so much my stomach feels like a punching bag,
Ribs feel broken.

Where does all this mucous come from?
To feel OK one day and the next
be immobilized and stuck in bed
With no appetite for even chicken soup.
Almost wishing to die. I feel like such a baby.

Just realized today I had not brushed my teeth in 2 days.
Guess that's why I have this crusty, yucky taste.
Can't wait to go to bed at night,
but then can't sleep for coughing.
My husband hoping for improvement as he improvises meals.
Next winter I will not be so cavalier about getting a flu shot.
Thinking I'm so tough and can fight anything.
Thank God Edmond and Joyce just brought
Chicken and Dumplings and pea salad.

Ken says I'm getting my color back.
What he means is I'm not so grey.

Opinion Editorial

Private Property Owners' Bill of Rights

It is a good bet if something is mentioned twice – if repeated – it is most likely a significant issue, especially when it is referenced twice in the United States Constitution.

"No person shall be... deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation."
- A m e n d m e n t
V, U.S. Constitution
"No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law..."
- A m e n d m e n t
XIV, U.S. Constitution

The right to own and use private property is one of the most important human rights and the cornerstone for economic prosperity. That is why our founders guaranteed it in the Constitution and listed property in the same category and with the same prominence as life...and...liberty.

The framers of our Constitution had the foresight to comprehend there are times when private property is needed for public use, but they went to great lengths to ensure the generations who followed would understand the sanctity of the ownership and protection of private property.

It is critical we never allow an entity or government the ability to trample on this basic right to own what is below our feet. Just as we intuitively defend and protect life and liberty, we must once again prioritize the protection of private property ownership. Nowhere has the need for this elevation been manifested more than in the transportation policies of our great state.

To say Texas is growing is an understatement. We picked up two seats in Congress after the last census, and experts believe Texas will gain three or four more with the 2010 count. More people mean more roads.

As we build new highways, it is vital the needs, rights and priorities of private property owners are at the front of the process, not at the end.

Our policies must be guided by principles that say, "We the people of the State of Texas do reaffirm our commitment to life...and...liberty...and...property, and our policies and procedures will elevate these principles to their rightful status."

In recognition of this core ideology that has led us to prosperity, we hold these truths to be self-evident:

- Taking property from one private owner and giving it to another private owner is wrong.
- Taking private property for commercial purposes is wrong.
- Failing to provide landowners proper access is wrong.
- Failing to connect cities, towns and existing roadways to new routes is wrong.
- Not using every effort to follow the footprint of existing roadways to minimize the disruption of farm, ranch, timber and wildlife habitat is wrong.
- Fragmenting farms, ranches, timberland and wildlife habitat when it could be avoided is wrong.
- Circumventing the input of local citizens and officials is wrong.

- Removing the responsibility to negotiate in good faith is wrong.

- Removing the responsibility to make a bona fide attempt to purchase property is wrong.

Texas farmers and ranchers recognize the importance of an efficient transportation system. They depend on it for their livelihood. But those who work the land know the right to own property is mandatory for the preservation of life and liberty.

After all, the grand patriots who signed the Constitution were farmers too.

Todd Staples
Texas Agriculture
Commissioner

Todd Staples is Texas' 11th Commissioner of Agriculture. He is a former State Senator, State Representative and City Councilmember. Commissioner Staples is from Palestine and is charting a course to bring job creation to rural Texas, further the promotion of Texas products, and help farmers and ranchers face tomorrow's challenges.

READY, SET, QUILT! CALL FOR QUILTERS TO SPOTLIGHT TEXAS WINES

AUSTIN – The Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) announces its 2008 quilt block competition, open to everyone across the state. This year's theme, "Toast a Rising Star," highlights Texas' thriving and popular wine industry. As the nation's fifth-largest wine producing state with more than 220 family-owned vineyards covering 3,700 acres, the Texas wine industry contributes more than \$1 billion annually to the state's economy.

This year, TDA is honored and delighted to have Janet Staples, wife of Commissioner Todd Staples, assisting the agency with the competition.

"This competition provides a great opportunity to work with fabulous, quality Texas materials while incorporating our great Texas creativity and spirit," said Mrs. Staples, an experienced quilter. "I'm very proud to be part of the process and am looking forward to the competition."

Each contest participant will use Texas natural fibers – cotton, wool and leather – to create a quilt block design that will be submitted to TDA. A panel of judges will select the winning entries, which will be pieced together into a quilt and unveiled in TDA's Food and Fiber Pavilion at the 2008 State Fair of Texas in September.

The quilt will become part of TDA's quilt collection and traveling natural fiber exhibition. As the country's leading producer of wool, Texas has earned a global reputation for superior quality and durability among international textile buyers. Texas also leads the nation in cotton production and is a major producer of hides for leather and suede.

This year's contest sponsors include Hobbs Bonded Fibers of Waco, Joy's Fabrics & Quilts in Godley, P & B Textiles of Dallas and the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association. This year's final quilt will once again be designed and constructed by Terri Vogds of Denton and will be quilted by Johanna Iaia of Denton.

To help defray the cost of the material packets, postage and the statewide travel and display of the quilt, a \$12 donation for each participant packet is requested. The packets contain the natural fiber fabrics to be used in the design along with tips and techniques for developing the block and more information about the contest theme. To participate in the 2008 quilt block competition, call (877) 99GO-TEX or download a participant form by visiting our Tips and More page at www.gotexan.org. The deadline for submissions is June 5, 2008.

the city and county and could stave off a tax rate increase.

Larry was in the "field" on Saturday attending part of the Stock Show. I was on the "home front." Many thanks to D'anna Russell for getting us so many fine pictures of the proud participants.

The secret for the future survival of small town newspapers may be collective participation and contributions from citizens. If you have a story, send it to us, we will do our best to publish it. And if you have pictures of current events send them. And for sure, if you have a picture of your child from

the stock show that you'd like printed be sure to send it by next Monday.

Lesson Learned.

Listen and your community will tell you what it needs and wants.

March is Women's History month. Who are the women in your life that have influenced you? What is their story? At writing practice at the library at noon on Fridays, and in Roaring Springs on Saturdays at 10am we will be focusing on developing stories about the women in our life. Come join us or send us your stories.

Lesson Learned.

Everyone has a story. Write yours.

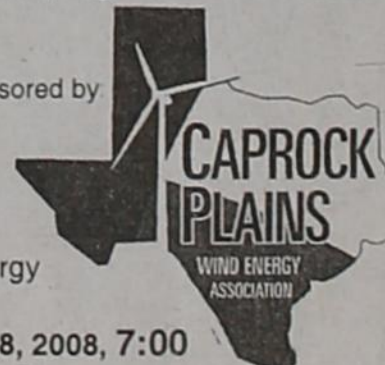
**REMEMBER TO SHOP
AT HOME FIRST!**

If You Don't Have A Wind Turbine...

GET ONE!

Educational Forums will address
Marketing of land for wind energy development
Update on transmission lines and progress of Association
Plan of Work for Association

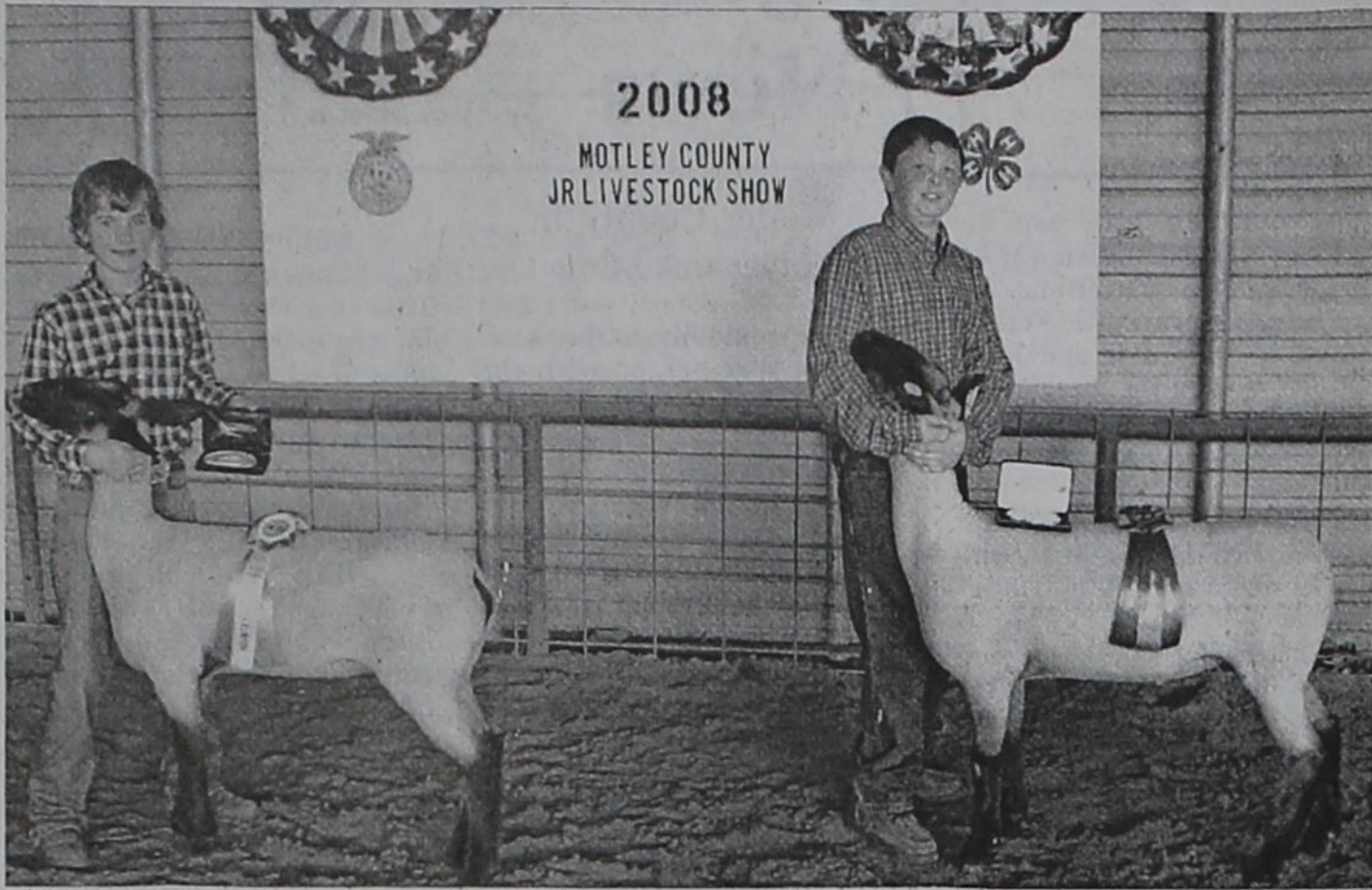
Who Should Attend sponsored by
Land Owners
Farmers & Ranchers
Community Leaders
Elected Officials
Anyone interested in wind energy



Thursday, February 28, 2008, 7:00
Motley County Courthouse

For more information:
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Mike Hackler, 347-2164

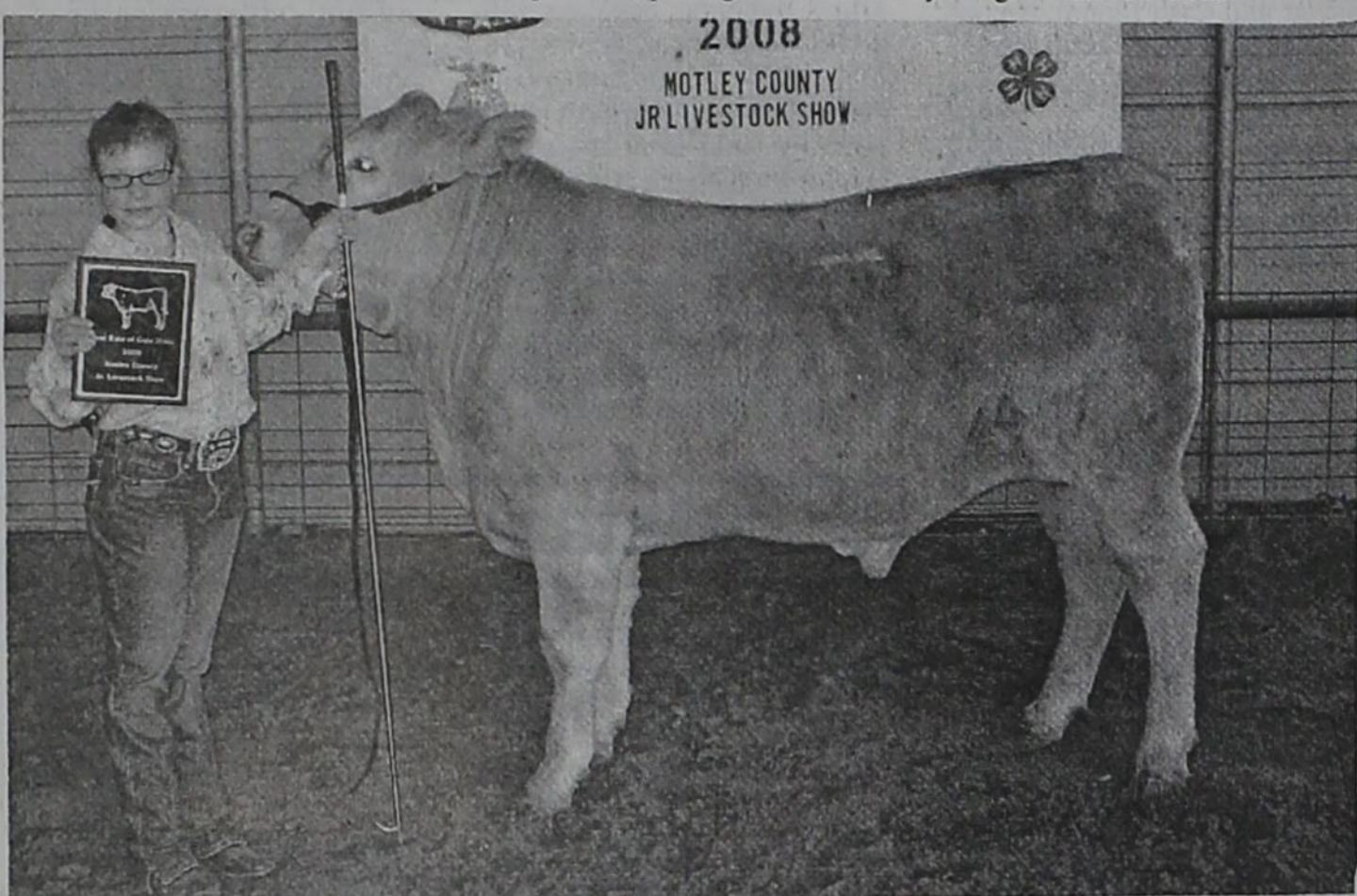
68th Annual Livestock Show participants and winners



SETH BAXTER (Right) wins Grand Champion Lamb and Junior Showmanship overall, placing First in the Light Weight and Heavy Weight Lamb Divisions. **HADEN DAVEY (Left)** won Reserve Grand Champion Lamb, placing Second in the Heavy Weight Lamb Division at the MC Junior Livestock Show on February 23. Not pictured, **KEYAN KAUTZ** won Senior Showmanship overall, placing 4th in the Heavy Weight Lamb Division.



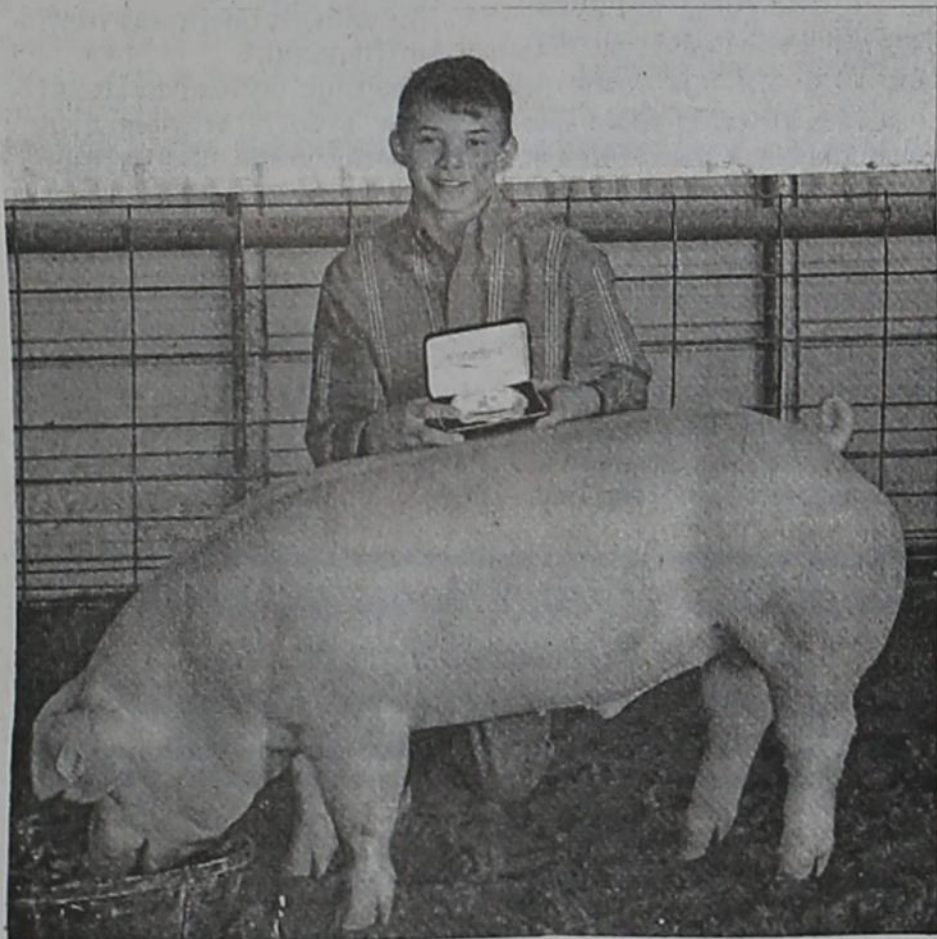
SHANE'A RUSSELL (Left) won Grand Champion Goat and Senior Showmanship overall, placing First in the Light Weight Goat Division. **JACI ZINGERMAN (Right)** won Reserve Champion Goat and Junior Showmanship overall, placing Second in Medium and Heavy Weight Goats in the Motley County Junior Livestock Show on February 23.



CASSIDY TURNER was awarded Junior Showmanship in the Steer Show, placing 3rd and 4th. She also earned the Rate-of-Gain Championship award.



THE EVER POPULAR BUCKET CALF category at the Motley County Livestock Show on February 23 had five winners, each receiving a plaque to honor their effort. Shown is **BROGAN RANKIN**, son of Ryan and Lacey Rankin, Roaring Springs. Other participants in the Bucket Calf Show were: Dode Gleghorn, Tatum Guerrero, Brody Rankin, and Carley Turner.

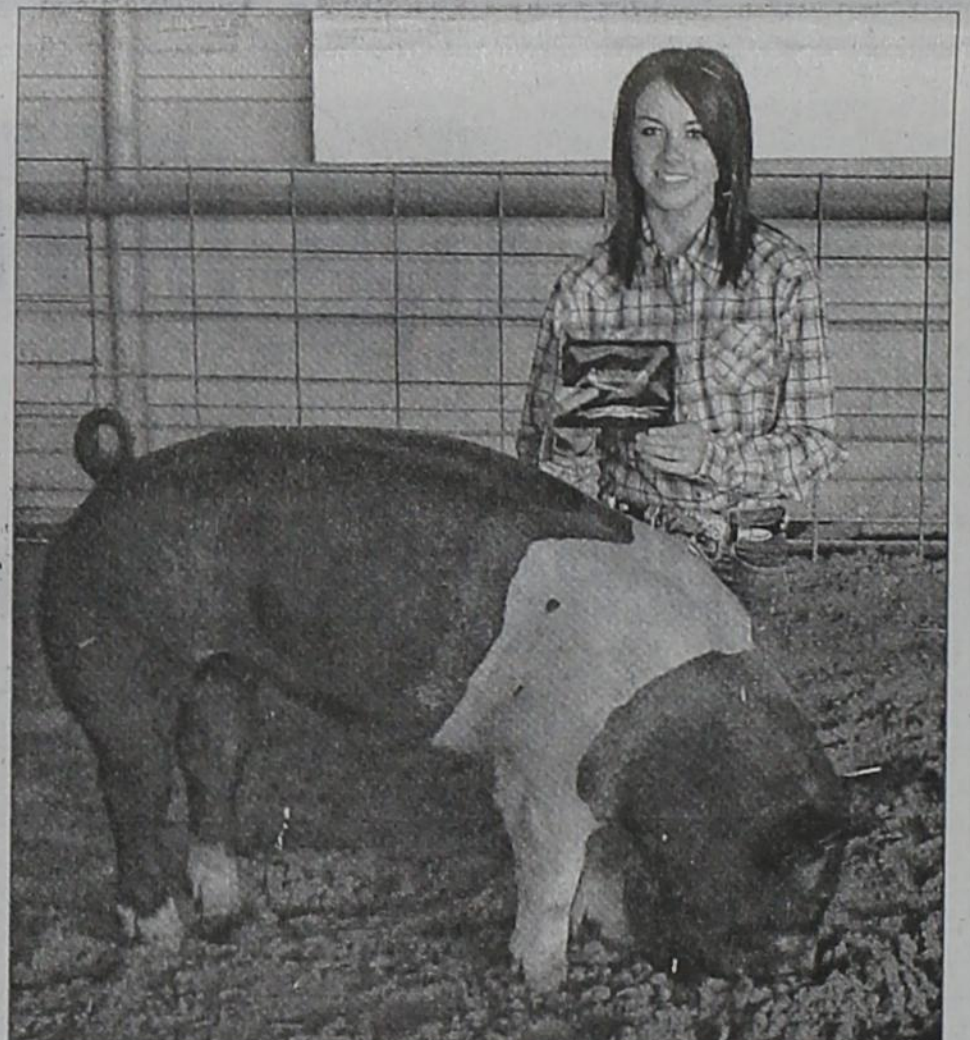


AUSTIN TAYLOR wins Junior Showmanship in the Swine Division and First Place in the Heavy Weight Class, Motley County Junior Livestock Show.

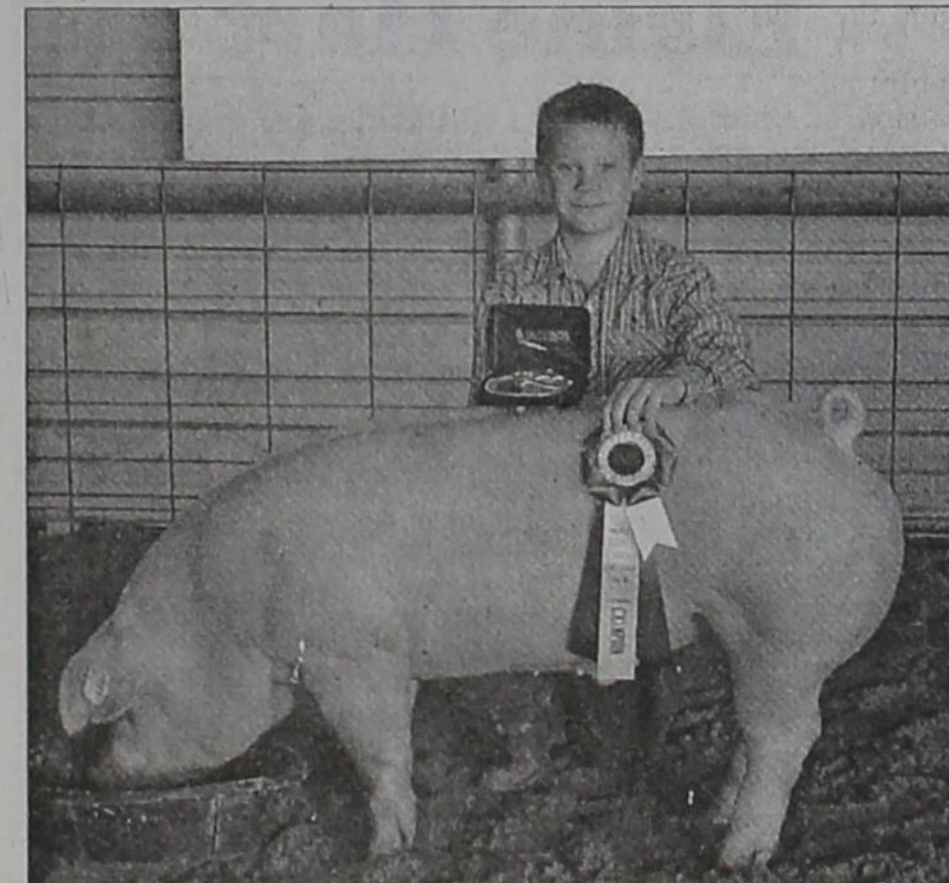
GIVE SOMEONE A SURPRISE GIFT



ALEXIS OSBORN wins Reserve Grand Champion hog, placing second in the Medium Heavy Weight Class at the 2008 Motley County Junior Livestock Show.



KYLA SIMPSON wins Senior Showmanship overall, placing 5th place in the Medium Weight Class Division at the Swine Show on February 23.



BRADEN BIGHAM wins Grand Champion Hog, placing first in the Medium Heavy Weight Class at the 2008 Motley County Junior Livestock Show.

COUNTY GARDEN FORUM

A few days of sunshine and 65 to 70 degree temperatures and some gardeners might want to jump the gun and start planting. Anything, just any reason to turn the soil and get into the act of doing something in the garden. Thinning and transplanting late spring/early summer blooming perennials such as phlox is one gardening chore that can be accomplished. There are those folks who are putting in onions and other cool weather tolerant crops such as shell peas and edible pod peas.

There are some yards that are beginning to show some color with daffodils in bloom. To lengthen the blooming period of the bulbs in your garden you can experiment with planting them in varied locations such as open areas with southern exposure for early blooms and shaded areas for later blooming. The irises that were transplanted last week look healthy with plenty of green leaves showing. We have to nurse some things along through dry weather with some watering to make sure that the transplant is successful.

Call the Tribune (or email) with your gardening tips and bits of wisdom.

GO FOR A HIKE IN PALO DURO CANYON



LINDA AND STEVE HESS won the Best Steer Bred in Motley County award. Showing the steer, **SHANE'A RUSSELL** won Reserve Champion Steer and Senior Showmanship at the Motley County Junior Livestock Show on February 23.



GABBY SILVA (Left) won Reserve Champion Rabbit. **THAILA QUILLIMACO (Right)** won Grand Champion Rabbit in the Motley County Junior Livestock Show on February 23.

CONGRATULATIONS

News Around the County

Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

County Agent's News

by Ryan Martin, Extension Agent



Winds, winds! I know that there is a purpose for the winds, but they are an aggravation that must be endured. The dust that comes winds makes it most unpleasant. I have read recently about the winds in the Gobi Desert in Asia. That puts our winds in a different perspective altogether. The winds in desert regions make our sand storms seem a breeze. It seems high plateaus and winds just go together. The only solution is to leave! I am sure I would complain if I were in a hot humid jungle with no wind. I think I'll settle for the wind.

Carolyn Brooks Fletcher is seriously ill in the Cardiac Care Unit at UMC. She has had a heart attack and also has pneumonia. Please pray for Carolyn. The Roaring Springs Congregation of the Church of Christ will be joining with the Matador Church of Christ in a Spring Gospel Meeting. The theme of the lessons will be "The Impartial God". The meeting will begin March 2nd and continue through March 6th. Carroll Sites, Evangelist from Higdon Arkansas will be the speaker. The public is invited. On Sunday March 2nd there will be a potluck meal following the morning service.

Margaret Leonard's brother, Larry Hamilton is in the V. A. Hospital in Tennessee in a critical condition. Margaret has gone to be with her brother. Jenny LaDue, Dinah's daughter is to be released from UMC hospital today after a two week stay stemming from the flu and pneumonia. Dinah will go and take care of her daughter and granddaughter, Jenna for a few days.

Charlie Long is recuperating at home. He is able to go to the office for a few hours each morning. Rodney Long is still in ICU at UMC. He is im-

proving and will likely be out of ICU in a day or two.

I talked with Tommie Jo Cruse this morning. They are still ginning but getting close to being finished. To date they have ginned 16,681 bales.

Billy Hand is doing well. He is enjoying visits. Last week, his daughter, Trudy Hand of Amarillo visited as well as a Marine friend, Bob Sheeter from Shreve, Ohio. Bob and his son, Dan Sheeter of Houston flew to Lubbock and rented a car and came to visit Bill and Mozelle. On Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Mody Smith of Afton visited and Harold and Barbara Parks.

Newcomers, Sha Knox and Jalayne Williams were united in marriage, Sunday morning after church services at the First Baptist Church with Johnny Morris officiating. Sha works with the electrical crew on the wind turbine project at McAdoo. They live near Afton. Jalayne's family from Rising Star, TX were in attendance. Sha's parents live in Kansas, they were unable to come because Sha's grandmother is ill. A brisket lunch was served and a reception followed. Jalayne's sister baked a beautiful wedding cake. Punch and cake were enjoyed at the reception.

Don and Billie Stuckey spent the weekend with their daughter; Leandra Whittenberg and grandchildren, Matt and Kenna in Flower Mound over the weekend. Dana Graham attended church services at Hackberry Care Center with her brother, Don Dillard on Sunday afternoon.

Several in Roaring Springs are still having the flu virus that is going around.

Carrie Tomlinson visited with friends on Sunday and attended the morning worship service with Corky and Monta Marshall.

OVERHEARD

The call for stimulus packages by Congress is like taking a bucket of water from the deep end of a pool and dumping it into the shallow end. Funny thing, the water in the shallow end doesn't get any deeper!

Lance and Sherrill Barclay and Colton of Lubbock visited Friday and Saturday with his parents, Jerry and Sandra Barclay.

Jack and Nada Starkey were in Amarillo Tuesday for her a medical appointment. Meeting them there was her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Moon of Fritch. En route home, they visited in Canyon with son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Starkey.

Janice and Butch Hughes visited in Floydada, Saturday with son and family, Roger and Tiffany Hughes, Reagan and Tara. They enjoyed Reagan's basketball game.

Visiting Mrs. Erma Washington Saturday, were Connie and Coy Franks and their houseguests, Mr. and Mrs. Cory Franks, Hudson and Madison and Anissa Kert of Lubbock, Cary Franks of Idalou Clint Cowart of Post and Cara Franks of Flomot. Visiting Erma Sunday was grandson, Matt Washington of Roaring Springs.

Anna Beth and Joe Ike Clay and Ronald and Waydette Clay enjoyed the Panhandle Varsity girls' basketball game in Canyon Tuesday night in which Kelsey

Clay competed. PHS team defeated the Abernathy team 42-33 in the regional quarterfinals.

Mr. and Mrs. Travis Kendall and grandsons, Jere and Jacob Kendall visited the weekend in Midland with son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Cory Kendall, Chancey and Connor.

Mrs. Marisue Powell of Mott Creek Ranch visited Sunday with her aunt, Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton.

Visiting during the weekend with Wilburn Martin was daughter, Mrs. Marilee Cooper of Borger and J.C. Moss of Anson.

Cally and Will Sperry and children, Cash and Gage were in Lubbock, Saturday and celebrated the birthday of his sister, Scarlett Sperry.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnney Turner and grandchildren,

Skylar and Cash Blount of Lubbock visited the weekend at their home in Flomot.

Ruth and Orville Lee were in Plainview, Thursday for her a medical appointment and attended to business before returning home.

Anna Beth and Joe Ike Clay and Julie and Neal Edwards were joined by Mrs. Tina Carson, Walker, Ryleigh and Parker of Turkey in Midland Saturday night for the regional basketball tournament in which Kelsey Clay played on the Panhandle team. PHS was defeated by the Walls team by two points in the last minute of the exciting game!

Mrs. Aleda Ross was in Plainview, Wednesday for an optical medical appointment.

Thank You

I would like to thank all the citizens of Roaring Springs and Matador for their support during the loss of my mother. Chris Spence

School Menu



Thursday, February 28
Breakfast: Cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch: Ham chef salad, baked potato, crackers, sherbet, milk.
Friday, February 29
Breakfast: Waffle, sausage, or cereal, toast, sliced pears, milk.
Lunch: Pizza, salad, pineapple chunks, vanilla wafers, milk.

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

Thursday, February 28
 Ham & noodle casserole, Black eyed peas, tossed salad, whole wheat rolls, brownies.
Friday, February 29
 Oven roasted brisket, potato salad, summer squash, pickles, wheat rolls, peach apple crisp.

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Motley County Jr. Livestock Show

I would like to thank everyone that helped with the 2008 Motley County Jr. Livestock Show and congratulate all participants on a job well done. Thanks again to everyone that donated to the stock show. Without your contributions the stock show would not have been a success.

Again, congratulations to all participants and I hope each one of you enjoyed your livestock project and learned something from it. Cotton Variety and Technology Seminar United Agri Products and Texas AgriLife Extension will be hosting a Cotton Seed Variety and Technology meeting March 7 in the Library Annex Building. Speakers will include area representatives from Bayer Crop Science (FiberMax), Delta and Pine Land Company and UAP - Dyna Grow.

The Program will start at 11:00am. A barbecue lunch will be served sponsored by UAP and catered by Main Street Café. 3 continued education units will be offered. Make plans to attend this meeting to discuss new cottonseed varieties and technology.

BEEF 706 will take place in Lubbock on April 10-11. This is an excellent program for any beef cattle producer as well as county extension agents. This hands-on, interactive program takes fed cattle from live to boxed beef, discussing carcass value and factors affecting this value.

BEEF 706 will be held at Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas. For registration - Email jhdgkins@txbeef.org or call the Texas Beef Council at 800-846-4113.

The program has no cost for Texas Cattle Producers and Educators. Deadline is Mar. 21, 2008.

Hotel arrangements can be made at Ashmore Inn & Suites, 4019 South Loop 289 at Quaker, Lubbock, Texas 79423. Call 800-785-0061 or email reservations@ashmoreinn.com to reserve a room in the "Beef 706" room block at the special workshop rate of \$65 per night, plus applicable taxes.

This Beef 706 will also be taught through the cooperative efforts of Texas Tech University and Texas AgriLife Extension Faculty. The sponsor of the workshop is the Texas Beef Council.

Matador News

Those at Covenant Lakeside Hospital in Lubbock, Friday, February 22, to be with Pete Williams for his scheduled surgery were Rodney and Glenda Williams, Mrs. Ronda Miller, Britany Moore, minister Winfield Davenport, the Rev. Matt Crawford and former Matador Methodist pastor, the Rev. Ron Kelly and wife, Dirindi of Clyde. Pete's surgery was postponed due to pulmonary complications, so his surgery is still pending.

Deanie Edwards spent last week in Dalhart, staying with her granddaughter, Haley, while her parents, Stephen and Lori Davis went to Las Vegas to celebrate their 8th wedding anniversary. Due to bad weather, Stephen and Lori were delayed in Amarillo airport for seven hours before they could fly out. They returned late Friday evening. Saturday at an awards ceremony for the Jun-

ior High girls basketball, Haley was selected to be on the All-Star team.

The Red Hat Club met on February 21, at the Library Annex.

Attending were Dorothy Knight, Beverly Vinson, Winifred Darsey, Joan Patton, Ray Baxter, Norma Marrs, Marihelen Wason and Joyce Campbell.

An unusual poem was read: "I Am Thankful."

The Club decided to attend the play "Proof" at Wayland Baptist College on February 29, leaving the Library at 5:15 p.m. The group plans to have dinner in Plainview then attend the play.

The Group has attended two other plays at Wayland previously and are looking forward to attending this play.

Anyone interested in becoming a Red Hatter please contact Joyce Campbell at 347-2793.

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 Wednesday Evening 7pm "God's Impartial Way for Everyone"
 Thursday Evening 7pm "God's Impartiality At The Judgement"

A Warm Welcome Awaits You!

Senior Notes

by Tommye Keith, Director

The Center received a memorial donation from Marge Edwards, Billy Paul and Betty Simpson, and Mr. and Mrs. Danny Davis in memory of Pat Day Engle.

Leona and Ellis also gave a memorial donation in memory of Bama Nell Oliver. Memorials received in memory of Wade (Mutt) Berryman have been from Leona and Ellis Terry, Leo and Joyce Archer, Norma Marrs,

John Brisco, Pat Warren, June Moss, Joyce Campbell, Kerr Feed and Grain Company, Floyd and Janie Hardin, George and June Gollieher, Kathy Gollieher, Opal Johnson and Dick and Marlene Hamm.

Dick and Marlene Hamm also gave memorial donations in memory of C.D. Garrison and Eugenia Barton. Norma Marrs gave the Center a memorial in memory of Iris Blevins.

We thank everyone for their donations and memorial donations. I would like to thank the ones who stayed and helped clean up after dinner on Friday.

The Ladies Exercise Group is getting in shape again. They get together at 8:00 a.m., then visit and have coffee. Every Thursday evening at 6:00 p.m. we have game night. Come and enjoy the activities.

The Senior Citizen's Center is open Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Y'all come see us.



Notes from the Library

by Buffy Crutchley

After watching the Academy Awards, I was inspired to begin reading "No Country For Old Men" by Cormac McCarthy. It's a very interesting story about a small Texas town on the border that is changing due to the drug traffic, and a Sheriff who is stuck in the middle. I haven't finished reading it yet, but I've gotten far enough along that I can safely recommend this book.

The library has a copy in the Large Print section that you should definitely come check out. Mainly because I love it when a movie adapted from a book walks away with so many awards.

New this week are two books that are great additions to our Texas Collection. First off, we got "One Ranger Returns" by H. Joaquin Jackson, the former Texas Ranger who wrote the hit book "One Ranger." You may have met this amazing man when he visited the craft show in Flomot this past Christmas.

UNKNOWN EXES ADDRESSES NEEDED

The following Matador/Motley County Exes addresses are unknown. If you know of their whereabouts, please let us know. Thanking you in advance, Ron & Kay Bailey, P.O. Box 256, Matador, TX 79244, Email address is kayron@caprock-spur.com

James Allen, Jim Barnhill, Norman Beauchamp, Jack Bivins, Dr. Ann Curlee Blum, Robert Brandon, Jim Bridge, Nell Virginia Bridges, Charlie Campbell, Clede Campbell, Loys Cox Campbell, Dicky Cloyd, Wanda Matney Crawley, Lowell Cunningham, Mariann Damron, Frances Carpenter Dugan, Lewis Fair, Ellen Pitts Foster, L. C. Giesecke, Chris Gwinn, Stephen Gwinn, Sidney Head, Gilbert Hernandez, David Holt, Becky Palmer Jewkes, Loren Jones, LaVerne Keele Marrow, Bennie Wayne Marshall, Todd McCandless, Marcel Elliott Mullins, Michael Odell, Jerry Pitts, Frances Stearns Shaw, Glouris Sims, Jesse Spencer, Betty Smalley Spray, Roy Thompson, Frank Thrasher, Betty Higginbotham Waits, Joe Warren

Well, this book is filled with even more amazing stories that he didn't fit into the first book.

We also got "Twelve Mighty Orphans: The inspiring true story of the Mighty Orphans who ruled Texas Football" by Jim Dent. It takes place in the '30s and '40s in Fort Worth, and follows a group of young orphans who start with barely a football, and in a few short years become a contender for the state championship. Suzanne tells me it's a great book, and will be loved by any follower of Texas football, or any football enthusiast in general.

Just a reminder, this Monday the 3rd at 7:00pm is the moment we've been waiting for! Our book discussion of "The Lovely Bones" by Alice Sebold. I'm looking forward to my first ever book discussion. And remember, you don't have to love the book to be able to hold a good discussion!!

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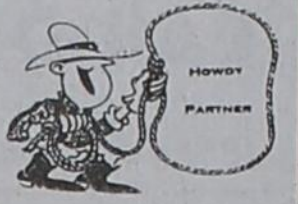
The Junior Class is sponsoring a fund raising activity to raise money for the Junior-Senior Prom. Class members are selling Little Ceasars pizza kits and cookie dough.

The pizza kits come frozen and will keep almost indefinitely if kept frozen. They are a high quality cost effective alternative to Pizza Hut.

Contact any Junior class member to order yours today! Sale ends March 24th.

Chamber News & Views

By Marie-Louise Liebe-Harkort



Consider:

I went to the park and saw this kid flying a kite. The kid was really excited. I don't know why, that's what they're supposed to do. Now if he had had a chair on the other end of that string, I would have been impressed.

--Mitch Hedberg

Well, maybe it takes a chair on the end of the string to excite Mitch Hedberg, but experience shows that almost everyone else, kids, grownups, everyone, can get excited when a kite flies up and up and up.

Last year, when the Chamber of Commerce sponsored a kite-flying fest, one of the kites went up and up and up, and another spool of string was tied on, and still up and up it went, so another spool of string was tied on, and another and another. That kite appeared to fly over Flomot.

The event was a lot of fun, fun for the kids, fun for the parents, and fun for the residents of Hackberry, since it took place in their front yard.

The day had started out gray and windless, but by the time the event got under way, the sun was out, the wind came up, and everything was perfect.

So, since April is Kite Flying Month, the Chamber of Commerce is again sponsoring a Kite Flying Fest.

The date has not been set yet, since it needs to be coordinated with the school events during the month, but the general framework will be the same as last year.

Everyone will gather on the appointed day at the appointed hour, with kites in hand (though some kites will be available at the event, courtesy of the Variety Store), and the kite flying can begin. There will be prizes in a number of categories, and free hot-dogs, chips and drinks will be provided.

The reason for letting you know so far in advance is to give you an opportunity to make your own kite for the event. There are lots of people around who remember flying kites in their youth, and still know how to take sticks and paper (or nowadays, perhaps, plastic), and fashion something that flies in the wind. And don't forget the tail.

Everyone is invited. Adults can have fun flying kites, too, so don't think you have to have your own kids or borrow some to come. Maybe you can fashion a really impressive kite to try out on the day. Maybe even one that at least looks like a chair....

So start making your kite, or buy one, and get it out for a trial run before the big day. Time and date of this Chamber sponsored event will be announced, but it will be in April. There is no time like the present to start getting ready.

From the desk of the Sheriff

Michael K. Crutchley



In this week's column, I want to discuss serial numbers.

Most of the high dollar items, such as electronics, power tools, and firearms all have serial numbers on them. Do you know your serial numbers? If not, and one of them comes up missing, then all the Sheriff's Department can do is write a report. We cannot put the item into the TCIC/NCIC system (the national and state-wide computer system for wanted people and stolen property).

If you are the unfortunate victim of a theft, and you know the serial number to the item that was stolen, then I can add that item to the TCIC/NCIC system. Therefore, if a police officer in New Jersey finds a gun on someone, and he runs the serial number through TCIC/NCIC and finds that the gun was stolen out of Motley County, then not only can the officer make an arrest for Possession of Stolen Property but there is a great chance that you will get your gun back.

What if some of your items do not have serial numbers? Take a permanent marker or an engraving pen and write your driver's license number somewhere hidden on the item so that only you know where it is. I can then tell the dispatcher that the serial number is your DL number.

Take a few minutes to find and write down all your serial numbers along with a brief description of the items. For instance, I have a list of every firearm I own (make, model, and serial number) that I keep hidden in several different places in my home. That way, if any of my guns come up missing I can put them in the system.

If you need help finding the serial numbers on your valuables, then don't hesitate to call the Sheriff's Office and we can help you find them.

One last thing: I need to make a correction to my last column. The fine listed for No Insurance was including the court costs. Sorry for my mistake.

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INVITATION TO BID AND INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

PROJECT: Phase 1: Restoration of the 1891 Motley County Jail, Main St. and FM 94, Matador, TX

CONSTRUCTION MANAGER: Ed. D. Smith, County Judge, Motley County Courthouse, Matador, Texas 79244, 806-347-2334.

ARCHITECT: Hubert Welch Jr., Architect, 402 Cedar St., suite 210, Abilene, TX 79601, 325-677-2528.

GENERAL SCOPE OF WORK: The Bid Packages for the Phase I Restoration of the 1891 Motley County Jail are as follows: Package 1: **ROOFING**. Package 2: **MASONRY RESTORATION**. Package 3: **WINDOW RESTORATION**. Package 4: **GENERAL CONSTRUCTION**.

TYPES OF PROPOSALS: Bids on each of the individual Bid Packages shall be submitted on the Bid Form found in the Project Manual. Bidders submitting bids on more than one of the packages shall submit a separate Bid Form for each package on which they are bidding.

EXAMINING AND OBTAINING BID DOCUMENTS: Bidding Documents may be examined at the County Judge's Office or the Office of the Architect during normal business hours. Sets of the Bidding Documents may be obtained from the office of the County Judge for the non-refundable sum of \$25.00 per set. No partial sets will be issued.

PLACE AND TIME FOR RECEIPT OF BIDS: Sealed Bid Forms will be received at the County Judge's Office, Motley County Courthouse, 701 Main and Dundee, Matador, Texas, until 5:00 p.m. Thursday, March 20, 2008. Bids will be opened and read aloud at that time. Consideration of Bids and Award of Contracts will be made by the Motley County Judge. Telephone and FAX bids WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

MODIFICATION AND WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS: Bids may be withdrawn or changed any time prior to the bid opening. Bids may not be withdrawn or changed any time after the Bid Opening.

TAX EXEMPTION: The owner is exempt from State and City Sales Taxes, and such taxes shall not be included in the Bid.

AGREEMENT FORM: Owner/Contractor agreements will be written on AIA Document, A107-1997, Abbreviated Standard Form of Agreement between Owner and Contractor for Construction Projects of Limited Scope and where the basis of payment is a Stipulated Sum.

BID SECURITY: None required.

BONDS: For contract amounts exceeding \$25,000, Performance Bond and Payment Bond in an amount equal to 100% of the contract Sum in accordance with the General and Supplementary Conditions will be required.

INSURANCE: Shall be furnished in accordance with the General and Supplementary Conditions.

QUALIFICATIONS OF BIDDERS: All Bids shall be accompanied by a fully completed Qualifications Statement as found in the Bid Packages. Owner may conduct such investigations as deemed necessary to establish the responsibility, qualifications, and financial ability of the Bidder, proposed sub-contractors, and other persons and organizations to do the work. Owner reserves the right to reject the Bid and/or Bidder who does not meet any such evaluation to Owners satisfaction.

REJECTION OF BIDS & AWARD OF CONTRACTS: The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids. The Owner also reserves the right to award a contract within thirty (30) days following the opening of bids. No bids may be withdrawn during this time. The Owner reserves the option of deferring acceptance of any Alternate Bid item for 30 days from the date contracts are signed.

STATEMENT ON TIME OF COMPLETION: Time of Completion is of prime importance to the Contract. The Contractor and his various Sub-Contractors shall be responsible to full staff the work as required to complete the work with the time identified by the Bidder on the Bid Form.

END OF INVITATION TO BID

Grants purchase special equipment for Care Center

By Marisue Potts Powell

The Meadows Foundation of Dallas has awarded the Hackberry Creek Care Center \$21,000 in a matching grant. Most of that challenge was met when the James A. "Buddy" Davidson Charitable Foundation of Midland donated \$20,000 to the facility. Local contributions brought in a total of \$2,207.57.

Darleen Fletcher, grant writer for Hackberry Creek Care Center, was recently notified of two very important grants awarded to the facility for the specific purchase of physical therapy equipment, a bariatric bed for a very large person, and four wound-care beds with special air therapy mattresses. Mrs. Fletcher has worked tirelessly for several months with Kathy Smith, program officer, to facilitate this improvement in care for the care center residents.

Although their primary focus is on the Dallas area, the Meadows Foundation is noted for its challenge grants to enrich the lives of the people of Texas. The family members of founder Algor Meadows award grants to qualified public entities that are 501 (c) (3) charities to benefit the arts and culture, civic and public affairs, education, health, and human services.

The Meadows Foundation recently awarded Southern Methodist University \$33 million, the single largest donation for SMU and the foundation, for the Meadows Museum and school of art, but also considers smaller grants to communities across Texas. Mrs. Fletcher offered convincing reasons for the foundation to once again invest in the projects of Motley County. The county library and the historical museum have both benefited from previous grants.

The James A. "Buddy" Davidson Charitable Foundation has more local ties. Mr. Davidson owned the Buckle D Ranch and was the previous owner of the Red Lake Ranch,

located in Motley and Dickens Counties. He loved spending time at his ranch near Roaring Springs and became good friends of the Ben E. Dillard family. He was especially fond of Don Dillard who now makes his home at Hackberry Creek Care Center due to a head injury suffered in a hit-and-run accident.

Buddy Davidson was a lawyer and a landsman, a hard, dedicated worker with one goal in mind. His goal included succeeding in life and in turn being able to share with those in need. With this in mind, in 2002 he created the foundation to support the works provided for by various charities in the areas that he so strongly believed in and supported throughout his life. His areas of interest were wildlife and animals, the environment, nursing and medical, children and families, and communities.

"Our care center is so fortunate to have this wonderful equipment to help care for the residents, and we would not ever had the chance to purchase it without the help of these two fine foundations," Mrs. Fletcher said.

Not to be forgotten are the following donors who contributed to the goal for the matching grant: Hospice Hands of West Texas, Alex & Jo Crowder, Joe M. Thacker, Pete Williams, Carolyn Fletcher, Sammie Phillips, Bob & Jimmie Jameson, Craig and Cathy Turner, Dorothy Day, Doug & Janie Campbell, Barbara Renken, the Lynn family, Charley & Opal Johnson, June Moss, Seab & Diane Washington, the Steve Hess family, Tex & Eva Barkley, Lindy Stafford, Betty Campbell, and Edna Ruth Green.

Memorials for Dena Medador have been received from Crockett County Abstract, Deacons of First Baptist Church in Ozona, Crockett County EMS, Motley County Courthouse Friends, Lindy Stafford, Bob & Jimmie Jameson, and Charlie & Opal Johnson.

Other memorials include: Mutt Berryman by Ronnie & Karen Davis, Sammie Phillips, and Pete & Bessie Williams; Vicki Pierce by Sammie Phillips; Pat Day Engle by Butch and Judy Renfro. Modean Brooks was honored by a donation from Carolyn Fletcher for beauty salon supplies.

Some who missed the annual meeting but have mailed in their memberships with donations include the following: Geneva Wilson, Wilburn Martin, Blake Barton, P.K. Green, Craig and Cathy Turner, Jim and Carla Meador, Mary Helen Wason, Leo & Joyce Archer, Ronda & Terry Miller, Bobby & Jeanne Williams.

The involvement and participation by the community has been essential to the success of Hackberry Creek Care Center. A group of residents' family members met on February 21 with Activity Director Doris Vinson to discuss the benefits of forming a Family Council. Some of the reasons were support of new families, provide family input into decisions and changes affecting residents, organize to raise funds for special items needed, and promote two-way communication between the facility and families.

Dahl Clower was appointed as chairman with Joan Patton, Dwight Clower and Max Barton assisting him as board members. Others attending were Myrna Stephens, Tommie Cruse, Wayland Moore, Betty Farley, Glenda Smith, Carol Martin, Billy Shannon, Cheri Karr, and Marisue Powell. All family members of residents are invited to the next meeting and the information will be published in the newspaper.

Don't forget to come to the Kite Flying in April. If you are building one, you might consider an anchor to keep it in Motley County if the 50 mph winds continue. You don't have to be a kid to go fly a kite!

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TRAIL DUST

By DOUGLAS MEADOR



Matador Tribune, February 28, 1946

Alone and bewildered, the cowboy advanced toward the tall piles of steel and brick that rose in the bright morning sky. The street was like a chute in which he was being prodded; in which victim of necessity. Coarse, blue trousers were tight about his bowed legs and pushed deep into the tops of his worn boots. The close-fitting blue jacket was open at the throat and the brim of his wind-washed hat was folded for convenience in pulling it low over his eyes. Stopping for an instant, he surveyed the strange and perplexing city that had taken root and grown on the prairie. There were many fog-smothered memories of the previous night climbing over each other in his thoughts; the lunging cattle train cabooses and the frequent appearance of the brown bottle. He watched a changing traffic light and remembered that hunger was driving him down the street and that he was broke. Time thumbed back through the years and he saw the wood shacks that faced the same street, lumbering chuck-wagons freighted with provisions and cowboy bed rolls;

RETRO NEWS

February 28, 1946

Official Burning of Bonds for Courthouse Disclosed

Rumor, the rich food of politics, is not rationed. It is never scarce. This being election year, it is possible that you have heard whispered words to the effect that county officials are pulling a rabbit out of the hat and that the first courthouse bond issue of \$80,000 is still to be paid... that they have spent the money or are going to add it to the \$175,000 courthouse bond issue approved by tax-payers in November.

Worse than that! The rascals burned them bonds. What is a little thing like \$80,000? Well, that is the sad fact, folks, they burned up that \$80,000. Truth is this: The bond burning was official. The commissioners court was ordered to destroy the bonds and burning is matter of official record. The bond issue of \$80,000 voted in 1938, was too late to receive a WPA grant. The bonds were never sold and no levy was placed on property for their retirement. They were ordered destroyed so that no chance would remain that they might confront some future generation. They did not cost the county a single penny and so is another election-year rumor.

AGRICULTURE ECONOMY REMAINS STRONG

AMARILLO, Texas— Panhandle-Plains Land Bank CEO Robert R. Williams, Jr. issued the association's 2007 report following delivery of the Farm Credit System financial reports this week.

Williams' report includes end of year volume numbers which were again significantly above projections for the year. He explained, "2007 has been another very strong year for the association as we close the books at \$353.7 million in total volume. The driving force this past year has been retail volume, or real estate loans we make in the panhandle and south plains. Our participation portfolio continues to be a good income source and provides portfolio diversity; however, retail growth is a better indicator of how our local agriculture economy is doing." Williams said, "Each of our offices enjoyed an excellent year reflecting a good crop and overall strong commodity prices. These factors are pushing up land values and keeping credit quality very good."

As is the nature of West Texas agriculture, Williams recognized that some areas had to deal with late season hail and lack of moisture; however, the area overall enjoyed a very good year. "Good quality, productive land is in high demand, and that drives up values," explained Williams. "Even at these higher prices, agriculture land is a good investment providing an acceptable return."

Our rural analysis finds that rural recreation tracts are holding in value as well."

Reflecting the good year, the board of directors announced the 2008 patronage at their January meeting. This year's cash payment to stockholders will total \$2.835 million. Checks will be available at regional customer appreciation meetings being held the week of March 3rd through the 7th at the 4 credit office locations of the association. Customers should contact their loan officer for meeting details.

The association also announced the hiring of an additional loan officer at the Amarillo office. Blain Eubank joined the Amarillo team this past summer. He returned to the association having worked in the Pampa office some years ago.

Panhandle-Plains Land Bank provides long-term credit to farmers, ranchers, and agribusiness in 17 counties of the Panhandle and South Plains. Offices are located in Amarillo, Pampa, Perryton, and Plainview. It is under the direction of a stockholder-elected board of directors. Members include Larry E. Fairchild of Adrian; Dennis Babcock of Groom; Randy Darnell of Amarillo; Ronnie N. Popper of Petersburg; Don James of Plainview; Rusty Henson of Quitaque; Steve Rader of Canadian; Daniel Krienke of Perryton; Wayne Garrett of Gruver; and Steve Barret of Floydada.

OBITUARIES

Bessie B. Lebow



Bessie B. Lebow age 94 of Clovis passed away Wednesday, February 13, 2008 at Plains Regional Medical Center in Clovis. She was born March 27, 1913 in Dickens County, Texas to George Earl and Elizabeth Chloe Blair Briscoe. She lived on the Matador Ranch near Matador, Texas as a child and married Elvis Lebow September 1, 1928 in Matador. They moved to Maple, Texas where they farmed until Elvis went to work for the railroad. They came to Clovis in 1930 where they lived off and on being transferred from Vaughn and Belen over the years. Bessie was a member of Parkland Baptist Church and loved to paint, crochet, and was active with the senior citizens centers and the senior meal site in Clovis.

She is survived by her son Harry Lebow and his wife Ann of Clovis; one brother John Briscoe and one sister Betty June Bearden both of Matador, Texas; five granddaughters; eight great grandchildren; and nine great-great grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her husband, a son Marvin Ray Lebow, a daughter Wanda Kraft, her parents and two brothers James Meador and William Earl Briscoe.

Funeral services are scheduled for Saturday, Febru-

ary 16, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. at Steed-Todd chapel with Wayne Boydston officiating. Burial will follow at Mission Garden of Memories in Clovis. A visitation will be held on Friday, February 15, 2008 from 4 to 6 at the funeral home. Pallbearers will be R.E. Wilkens, G.C. Holguin, Tim Westall, Michael Wells, Harry Lebow, R.D. Russell. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society in Clovis, the New Mexico Boys Ranch, or the Cal Farley's Boys Ranch. Arrangements are under the direction of Steed-Todd funeral home 800 E. Manana Blvd, Clovis, New Mexico 88101 (575) 763-5541 www.steedtodd.com

M.C. "Salty" Jones

Graveside Services for M.C. "Salty" Jones age 78 of Santa Anna and Flomot, Texas were held at 2:30 P.M. Sunday, February 24, 2008 at Flomot Memorial Park Cemetery in Flomot with Rev. Salt Jones and Wilburn Martin officiating. Mr. Jones passed away Wednesday February 20, 2008 at his residence south of Santa Anna. Arrangements were under the direction of Henderson Funeral Home of Santa Anna and local arrangements by Seigler Funeral Home of Matador.

M. C. was born June 7, 1929 in Motley County, Texas to the late Crabill C. and Eliza J. Barton Jones. He was a lifetime resident of Motley County graduating from Flomot High School in 1947. He continued his education at Tarelton State University and received his BS and MS from Sul Ross University. On November 26, 1997 M. C. married Barbara Sue Bruce Kingsberry in Santa Anna, Texas and they have celebrated ten years of marriage. Salty was a member of the Methodist Church and Masonic Lodge.

He was a coach and teacher at Roscoe High School and Flomot ISD during the 1950's and ranched on the family ranch owned by his family for over 100 years.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara Kingsberry Jones of Santa Anna, Texas; daughter, Candy and husband Michael Kern and their children, Holly, Steven and Ben of Plano, Texas; two sons, Salt and wife Susan Jones of Calgary, Canada, and Pepper Jones of Austin, Texas; two step daughters, Sue and husband John Porter of Austin, Texas, and Carol and Bob Otto of Lago Vista, Texas; three grandchildren; and two step granddaughters.

Pallbearers were; Perry Brunson, Don Burton, Jim Bob Nall, Ricky Nall, Donnie Turner, and Johnny Turner.

Honorary Pallbearers were; Lewis Bostick, S.C. "Teed" Burleson, Roncho Grady, Terry McIver, Mike Mitchell, J.C. Moss, and Wilburn Martin.

The family suggest Memorials be made to the Hackberry Creek Care Center in Matador.



THE MIGHTY MOTLEY COUNTY MATADORS show off their State Championship rings. The team won the 2007 Six-Man Football Region 2, Division II, racking up post-season all-state honors. Football players and cheerleaders sold tee-shirts, caps, and served barbeque at the celebration banquet to earn money for the rings. (Back row from left to right) Jacob Wiederstein, Randy Brown, Andrew Martin, Casey Carnes, Steven Webb, Justin Newman, Will Butler, Jacob Blanco and Mike Bigham. (Front row from left to right) Stacey Perryman, Bradley Brown, Isiah Archer, Eric Simpson, Colby McCleskey, and Dayne Butler.

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FUNERAL NOTICE

Funeral Services for James 'Butch' Renfro, 66, of Matador will be held at 2:00 P.M. on Thursday February 28, 2008, at the First Baptist Church in Matador. Mr. Renfro passed away February 26, 2008 in Amarillo. Arrangements are under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home of Matador. A full obituary will be published when it becomes available.

FUNERAL NOTICE

Arrangements are pending for Carolyn Fletcher, 69, of Roaring Springs, Texas. Mrs. Fletcher passed away February 26, 2008 in Lubbock. Seigler Funeral Home of Matador.

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Iris Blevins

Funeral services for Iris Blevins, 102, of Matador were at 2:00 P. M. Wednesday February 20, 2008, at Matador Church of Christ with Michael G. Crowley officiating. Interment followed in East Mound Cemetery at Matador under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home of Matador. Mrs. Blevins died Monday, February 18.

She was born June 19, 1905, in Comanche County, Texas, and had been a resident of Motley County since 1939. She had worked in the Matador ISD cafeteria for a number of

years, was a homemaker, and a member of the Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harvie Blevins; a son, Ray Blevins; and by two daughters, Pauline Ray and Lois Cook.

She is survived by; one son, Lewis, of Matador; son-in-law Walter and wife Jane; nine grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were; Rooster Rainbolt, Terry Rainbolt, George Helm, Rusty Rainbolt, Hal Ray, and Phil Driggers.

Guadalupe R. Saldana

Graveside Services for Guadalupe R. Saldana, 74, of Miles, Texas were held at 1:30 P.M. Tuesday February 26, 2008 at the Roaring Springs Cemetery. Arrangements were by Johnson's Funeral Home of San Angelo and interment was

under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home of Matador. Mr. Saldana was born November 15, 1933 in Lulalia, Texas he passed from this life on February 23, 2008. He was a farmer.

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LUBBOCK, TEXAS - FEBRUARY 21, 2008 - Texas Dispute Resolution System™ is hosting a Continuing Legal Education opportunity March 29, 2008, in Lubbock, Texas. The class takes an in-depth look at the mental, physical, and legal aspects of aging and how the aging process can legally affect clients and their families. The first of almost 80 million Baby Boomers turned 60 years old last year, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. The Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services estimates that 5.6 million Baby Boomers live in Texas and that this elderly population will grow from 13% to 22% in the next 30 years.

In order to effectively serve this growing age group, professionals must diversify their skills and meet the changing needs of seniors in their area. This growing population will need a variety of services, ranging from estate planning to health directives, in order to prepare for and live out their golden years. This CLE course will provide practitioners with the practical skills and knowledge needed to handle the issues involved in elder law.

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said Tom Keyes, RN, BSN, MSN and Gaines County Judge.

Dr. Glen Provost, J.D., M.P.H., takes the participants on a journey through various stages of Alzheimer's Disease, which has been proclaimed the disease of the 21st Century. Dementia, lucidity, and mental capacity will also be presented. Finally, Provost discusses the specific challenges faced when advocating for elderly clients so that when these issues arise, practitioners will be well prepared to competently handle the situation.

The CLE will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at 1:15 p.m. at the Science Spectrum - Science Education Center, located at 2579 S. Loop 289. The State Bar of Texas has approved the course for 4 hours of participatory continuing legal education credit, including 1 hour of ethics. Reciprocal continuing education approval is available for many other professions as well.

The registration fee is \$75, but class size is limited, so advance registration is recommended. Registration price includes CLE credits, light refreshments and program materials.

For more information or to register for the class, please visit www.co.lubbock.tx.us and choose the Dispute Resolution Center (from the drop down menu) or call (toll-free) 1-866-329-3522.

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Cap Rock will award a total of eight \$1,000 scholarships to graduating seniors in 2008.

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If you know an interested, qualifying student and would like a scholarship application, contact your school counselor or call Cap Rock Telephone at 800-692-4242 or 806-271-3336. Applications may also be found at www.caprock-spur.com.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

The new regional coordinator of the Texas Plains Trail will meet with public officials and interested public on the benefits of joining the Texas Heritage Trails Program.

The meeting is set for 10:00 a.m. March 19 at the Motley County Library Annex.

Motley County is one of 52 counties in the Texas Plains Trails Region, an award-winning tourism initiative recognized by the Texas Historical Commission as a leader in implementing and promoting heritage tourism in Texas.

Tourism in Texas Only Natural to be Inventoried

COLLEGE STATION - A list of nature tourism operations in Texas is being compiled in order to help develop assistance for owners and awareness programs for users.

"This is being done in order to assess the growth and demand of the industry," said Miles Phillips, Texas AgriLife Extension Service nature tourism leader. "It will also help the traveling public find nature tourism businesses to enjoy."

The list will be an ongoing effort, he said, so that businesses can add information at any time.

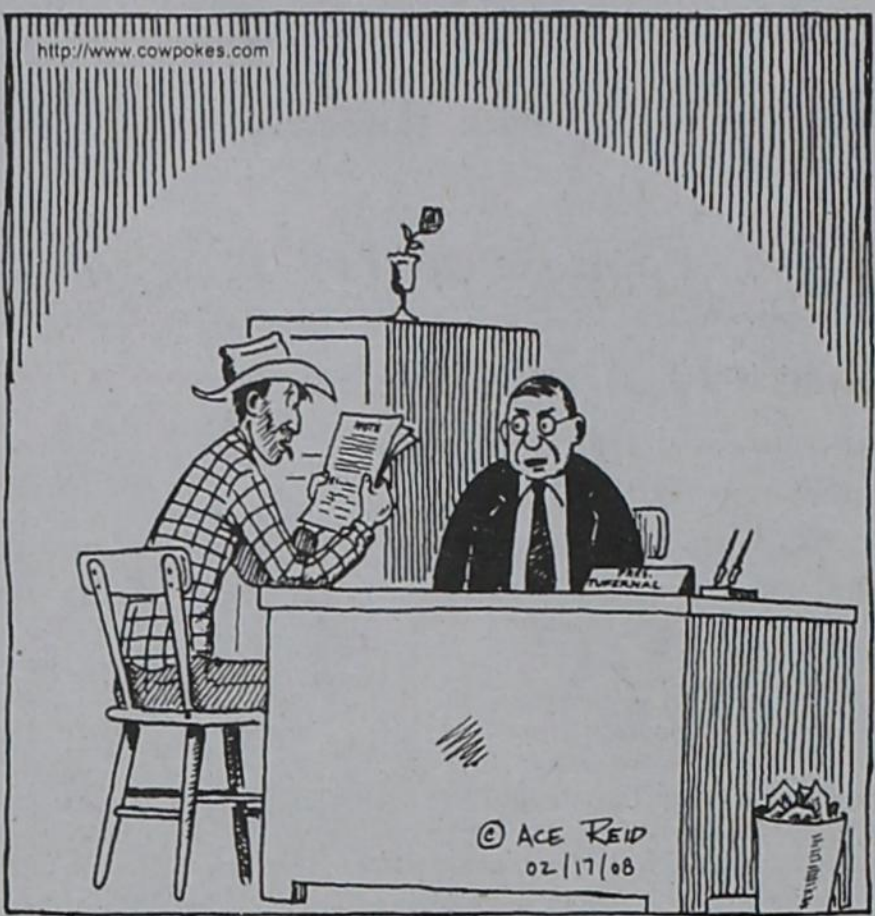
An online form is available to encourage all nature tourism business operators to get their companies listed. The form is at <http://naturetourism.tamu.edu>.

"In addition to the traditional hunting and fishing places," Phillips said, "nature tourism businesses might include agricultural tours such as hayrides and pick-your-own produce, or adventure tour operations, including biking, paddling, canoeing, ATV trails and lodging facilities that cater to these markets."

For more information, contact Phillips, mdphillips@ag.tamu.edu, 979-845-1023, or Dr. Michael Schuett, AgriLife Extension specialist, mschuett@tamu.edu, 979-845-0872.

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NOTICE

Floodplains and Wetlands Notice of Explanation

The City of Roaring Springs, Texas, has a Water & Sewer System Improvements project in the community of Roaring Springs. The project construction zone is partially located in the 100-year flood plain. The City of Roaring Springs considered relocating the construction zone or no action. However, proposed water and sewer system implementation cannot be undertaken in any other location as relocation costs would exceed available program resources. Failure to provide the water and sewer service would result in potentially unsafe and unhealthy living conditions for the community. Mitigation measures are not required for this project. The negative impacts are virtually non-existent while the positive impacts are much more considerable. The short-term problems of construction (e.g., related noise, air pollution, and erosion) will be addressed through proper construction techniques overseen by a professional engineer and mitigating measures will be employed if necessary. It is City of Roaring Springs' judgment that the installation of public water and sewer services outweighs consideration of Executive Order 11988 and 11990. A more detailed description of the project and the FEMA flood maps are available for citizen review at the Roaring Springs City Hall, P.O. Box 247, City of, Roaring Springs, TX 79256-0247. Comments will be received until March 6, 2008.

Events Calendar

February

- 28 MC Appraisal Board, Courthouse, 6:30
- 28 Matador Eastern Star, 6:30pm
- 28 Caprock Plains Wind Energy Asso Mtg, Motley County Courtroom, 7pm
- 29 Writing Practice, Library, noon

March

- 1 Writing Practice, Roaring Springs, 10am
- 3 MC Girls & Boys Golf, Clarendon
- 3 Library Book Discussion 7pm
- 4 MC Oversight Committee, 4pm
- 4 Matador Lions, Methodist Church, 12:30
- 5 Kids Praise, First Baptist Church, 5pm
- 6 RS Lions, Hitchin' Post, 11:30
- 7 MC Track, Silvertown, 3:30
- 10 Commissioners' Court, 9:30am Courthouse
- 10 RS City Council, City Hall, 6:30pm
- 10 MCHS Boys Golf, Tahoka
- 11 RS Volunteers, Community Center, 7pm
- 13 Matador City Council Public Hearing, 6:30
- 14 MC Track, Jayton, 12pm
- 15-22 MCISD Spring Break
- 24 MCHS Girls Golf, Tahoka
- 24 MCISD School Board Meeting, 6pm
- 24 MCHS Track, Lorenzo, TBA
- 25 MCHS Girls Golf, Roaring Springs
- 26 MCHS Boys Golf, Roaring Springs

April- National Kite Flying Month

- 1 Matador Lions, Methodist Church, 12:30
- 2 Kids Praise, First Baptist Church, 5pm
- 3 RS Lions, Hitchin' Post, 11:30

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