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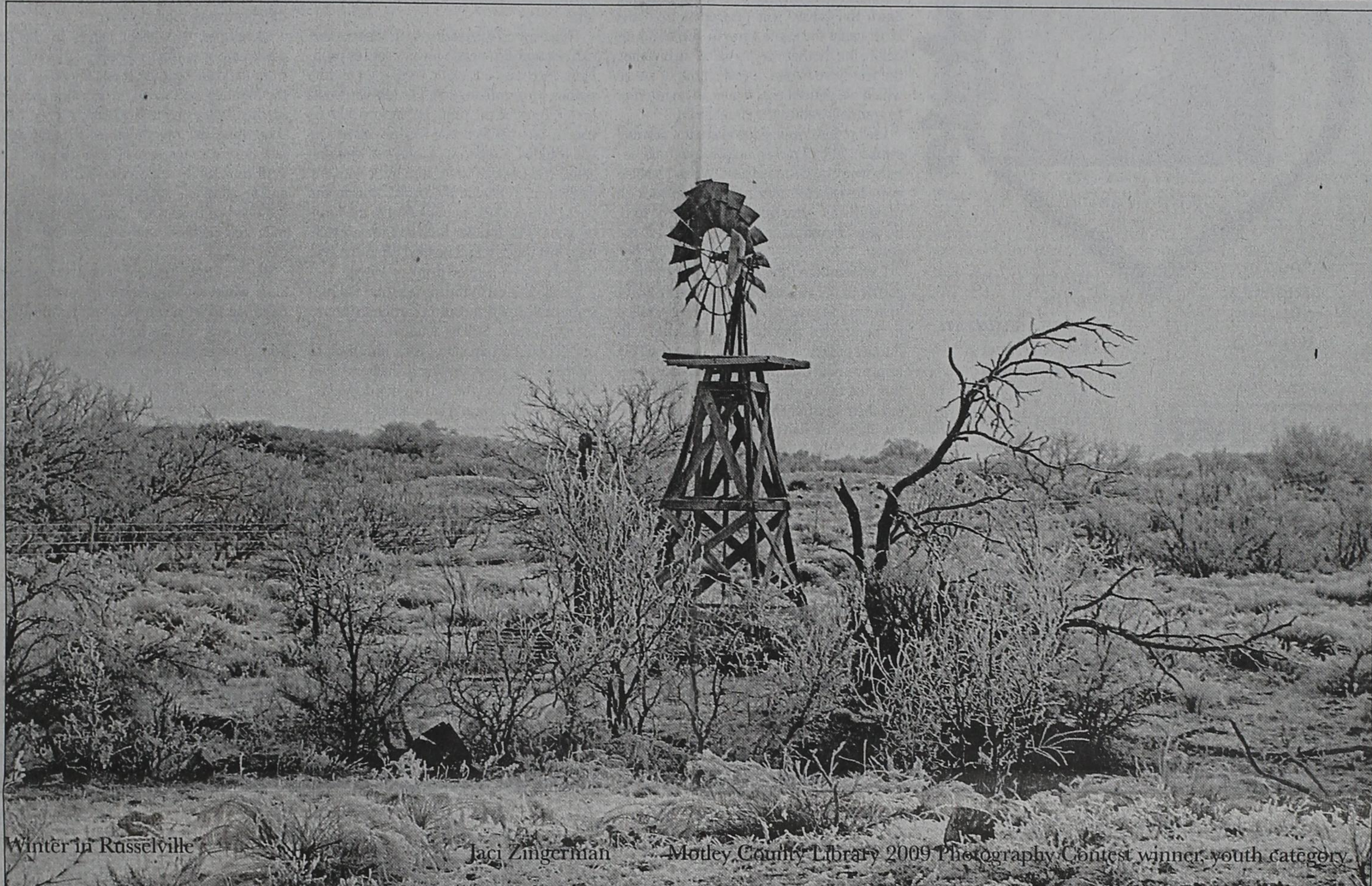
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Winter in Russelville

Jaci Zingerman

Motley County Library 2009 Photography Contest winner, youth category

Tomball Creek and Pease River Bridge to be replaced

CHILDRESS – Demolition will begin next week on the Tomball Creek and Pease River Bridges in Motley County.

Weather permitting, the demolition on the two bridges should take about a month. The contractor will begin construction on the Pease River Bridge first.

The roadways will be closed starting next week; however TxDOT crews will place 6 to 8 inches of recycled asphalt paving (RAP) as a detour around the bridge construction. Access on this detours will be limited to landowners in the area only.

The contractor's schedule calls

for the project to be completed in approximately 211 working days or around November 1, 2009, barring any unforeseen difficulty. According to Lonnie Sears, "we will begin demolition on the Pease River Bridge, but construction will be ongoing on both bridges simultaneously."

The total project cost is \$2,311,966.00. This contract was let in January 2009 and awarded to L.A. Sears Construction Inc., of McKinney, TX.

A pre-construction meeting between the contractor and TxDOT engineers was held January 30. Chief Inspector for TxDOT on this bridge project

is Todd Nelson and the Project Manager for L.A. Sears is Omar Garcia.

L.A. Sears Construction will hire local construction workers for this project. Anyone interested should contact Carol Marthens at 972-548-8714.

Visit the TxDOT Website at www.txdot.gov and click on Project Tracker. This is a new feature to keep the public informed on the progress of funded transportation projects statewide.

For more information, contact Barbara Seal, Texas Department of Transportation, at 940-937-7288.

Commissioners Court discusses investment policy

By Carol Campbell

The Commissioner's Court met in regular session on Monday, February 9, covering a 17-item agenda including reports by TxDOT on the proposed improvement of an 8-mile stretch of FM94 south of Northfield and approval of the use of equipment for the City of Matador using the TxDOT county allotment; followed by a lengthy discussion on the bank depository and county investment policy.

Attending the meeting were Commissioners Russell Alexander, Franklin Jameson, Roy Gene Stephens; Ed D. Smith, County Judge, and Kate Hurt, County Clerk. Donnie Turner, Precinct 2, was absent. Also

in attendance were Sheriff Michael Crutchley, Tom Edwards, County Attorney, and Eva Barkley, County Treasurer.

Guests attending the meeting were Sondra Hatcher, Right-of-way Agent for TxDOT who presented the court with a graphic map outlining a proposed project for Motley County. According to Ms. Hatcher, the Childress district may be the recipient of money in the proposed stimulus plan currently under consideration in the U.S. Senate. "We have to know what projects to go with, in the event we receive money from the federal government," Hatcher said, adding, "TxDOT wants to straighten out a curve in an 8-mile stretch of road south of Northfield, just south of the old

Jameson residence."

"The county would be required to pay approximately 10 percent of the project, about \$500 to \$1,000," she said. TxDOT asked the court for permission to contact the landowners to effect the improvement of the road, and to allow the county judge to act on behalf of the county. The proposal was passed unanimously by the court. "District Engineer Terry Keener sends his regards to the court, thanking the commissioners for assisting TxDOT with the transportation needs in Motley County," Hatcher said.

In other business, the judge reported that the City of Matador has requested assistance

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The Lion's Club pancake supper served more than 250 guests at the school cafeteria on Friday, February 6. "Hamming it up" in the serving line (pictured L to R) are: Sheriff Michael Crutchley, Judge Ed D. Smith, Tim Ward, and Brady Watson.

RS City Council meets in regular session

By Carol Campbell

The Roaring Springs City Council met in regular session on Monday, February 9, at City Hall in Roaring Springs.

The Council met with a full quorum, consisting of Mayor Corky Marshall, Zella Palmer, City Secretary, Robert Osborn, City Superintendent, and Council members P.K. Green, Kelly Keltz, Tim Brooks, James McCleskey, and Alex Crowder.

The council approved the minutes of the Reg-

ular and Special Meeting in January. January Expenditures and Revenue were reviewed and approved. The Council met in Special Session on January 16 at City Hall, attended by Mayor Corky Marshall, and council members Kelly Keltz, James McCleskey, and Timmy Brooks. The special meeting was called to approve a business loan to Perry and Deanne Gullede to purchase the Hitchin' Post restaurant.

In other business, the Council voted unanimously to renew the contract with Gafford Pest

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THIS WEEK'S NEWS

Matador News

After serving almost 20 years on the library board, Charley Johnson retired December, 2008. He was honored with a reception.

School News

Motley County Junior High boys win the Valley Tournament champions.

Roaring Springs News

Kathy Oaks from the Lubbock Field, of the American Cancer Society brought a very informative message about the Hope Lodge.

Library News

The winners of the Photography contest are Deanie Edwards for the adult category, and Jaci Zingerman for the youth category!

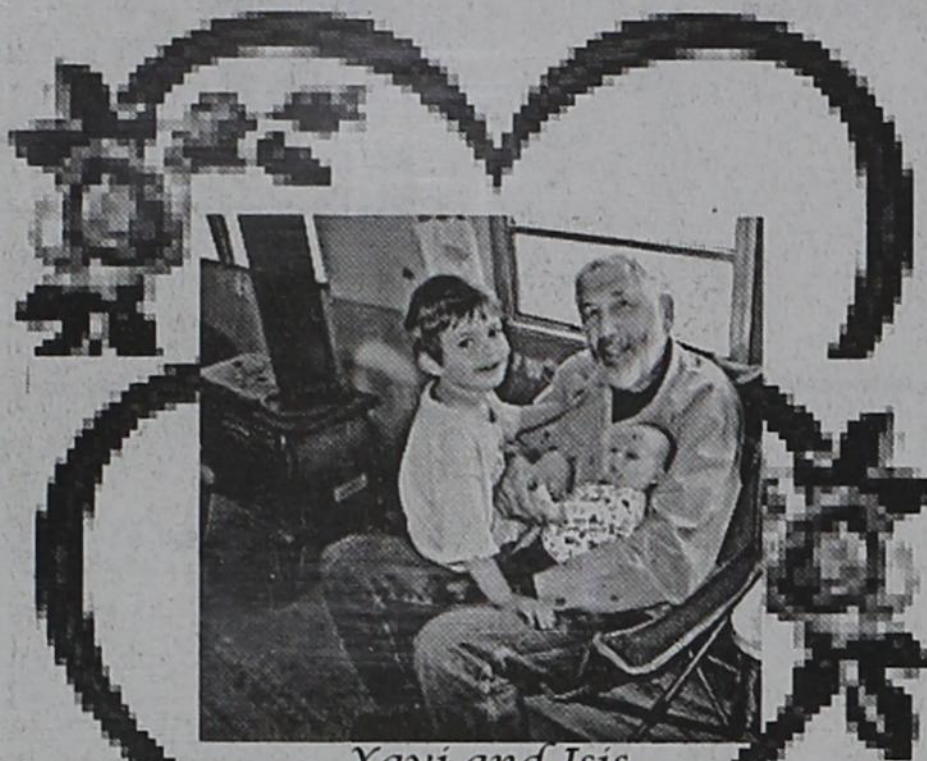
County Agent News

The Motley County Jr. Livestock Show will be held on February 21, at the bus barn, so mark your calendar and make plans to attend.

Foothill Country

Connections

Community, Diversity, Art



Xavi and Isis
with Grampa
Larry

Singing,
laughing,
playing,
holding,
there is
something

about being
with
grandchildren
something
that means
love and no
more reaching

TRAIL DUST
By
DOUGLAS MEADOR

**RETRO
NEWS**

Matador Tribune
August 31, 1939

Time's spinning emery has worn away the hapolma from the frail woman's altar of dreams, now lost in a jungle of weeds and decay that reached long fingers through the unpainted fence pales. Some of the joy had been tapped from her heart each evening when the heat and dust from the road drifted through the rusting screens of her windows and the hot night winds banged unlatched doors.

The blueprints for each tomorrow were the same, like an endless street with identical houses flanking either side and each dragging hour followed in the silent ruts.

Somewhere in the depth of the night she would hear uncertain footsteps in the gravel path and soon detect the odor of long-smoked cigars and rum; a few glutinous words followed by snoring. There was nothing to feed the lamp of her soul but the knowledge of a certain indifferent fidelity.

Matador Tribune
August 31, 1939

**Vast Crowds Attend
16th Annual Meet**
C.C. Haile Renamed To
Helm of Group

The greatest reunion in the history of the Motley-Dickens Counties Old Settler's Association closed Friday night after crowds estimated at 12,000 had returned to their homes in this section of the Panhandle.

Starting with the colorful parade Thursday morning, in which 200 head of saddle-horses were ridden, the vast crowds found a full program of entertainment until the last fiddle note of the dance had died away Friday night.

Perhaps one of the most outstanding new features of the reunion was the free rodeo and sponsor's contest, which was included with the parade under the capable management of John C. Russell of Matador. The rodeo was held at 2 p.m. both days of the celebration.

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WRITING COMMUNITY

The Calf Chronicles

By Marisue Potts

Stroking the trusting, gentle calf I marveled that this was the same baby I had forced to live back in December of '86 at the end of a severe cold snap. Those babies that we kept in the house for several days maintained a memory of being bottle fed by humans, and for a while trustingly came up to me in the pasture to suck on my shirt or lick my Levis.

Our kitchen had seen a succession of calves, this one the last of five that we had brought to the kitchen to literally thaw out. Since the calves' feet protruded from the birth canal for some time in the frigid air before the mother was "assisted" in birthing, the feet were frozen, a real chunk of ice on which we poured cool water, in an attempt to gradually return the circulation.

I felt of his crippled leg to see if it was still swollen. Then I picked up some cottonseed-milo feed and hand fed him. When I walked away he hobbled after me trying to suck on my shirt-tail. After first spitting out the feed, he was mouthing it gingerly as I left the pens.

I remembered the day he was born in a corner of the wheat field. His mother was a heifer, a first time calver, and she was stalled in the process. She had to be assisted with the calf pullers, a winch affair that was a big improvement over the mules, trucks, or tractors that my parents used when they calved out their first bunch of too-fat heifers up on the plains. He had popped out easy enough, but hadn't the energy to stand up and suck.

His mother continued to clean his curly fur, licking him all over to stimulate his circulation. After some not too gentle nudges, he rose on wobbly feet only to stumble back down, landing on his chin. The cow allowed me to approach and I pointed the calf toward her bag for the rich colostrum that would give him the energy he needed. Each time he nearly reached her milk bag, she sidestepped, and he toppled. Giving up

momentarily, I left to get some egg and milk. When I returned from the trip to the kitchen, I noticed the cow had lain down beside the calf, blocking the chilling north wind.

Unable to suck, unable now to stand, still a little wet, the calf was weaker than just an hour ago. I poured the high protein mixture down his throat, figuring if it didn't do any good, the worst it would do was drown him (rancher's humor). The mixture quickly perked him up. As I drove away he was alert, trying to stand, and I'd be back to check on him.

I have found interfering with the mother-calf relationship nearly always causes problems, increases our work, takes a lot of time pairing up or milking out. The less we do the better, most of the time. Let nature take its course. So when I checked on the calf and he still couldn't stand to suck, and she wouldn't stand still enough to let him suck with my assistance, I reluctantly loaded him in the back of the Bronco, hauling him to the nearby pens. The mother followed for a while, then lost interest and headed off to the lake to find a much-needed drink of water.

I brought him to the kitchen and fed him some milk, this time from a cardboard box in the refrigerator. Still he couldn't stand without flopping around, so I took him back to the pasture's pens, finding a sheltered spot where I left him in the rich humus deposited there by past cows and haystacks.

The next morning I picked her out easily. She was standing around on the outside of the herd looking kinda like she'd lost something, but had forgotten what. Calling all the herd into the pens with the feed wagon siren, I was determined to get the baby and mother hooked up. Sorting and sorting, I finally retained the mother and several others that needed shipping.

For a few days when I went to do the chores, another kitchen baby's mother was rejecting her baby, so this one had to be tied

up while the calf sucked. I milked the last of her milk and fed it to the new guy from a plastic bottle. After a week or so of this duty, my son Rob took the calf to Doc Glasson's to see what the chances were for survival.

"Don't give up on him yet," was the vet's advice. "His foot is either broken or deformed." That much I had figured out but I was ready to give up. Determined to get that kid off the welfare rolls, I began to hold him up as he sucked. As first the mother didn't care for that, but she didn't care to go into the chute to be milked either.

Meantime, two heifer calves in the lot died. One was tiny, probably stressed out from the cold weather. It just lay down near the haystack and died. The grieving mother seemed interested in my black kitchen calf, something her own mother certainly was not. So we "transplanted" the calf and the graft took. Still we tied the real mother up and let Blackie suck her because we feared the dead calf's mother didn't have enough milk and perhaps that was why her baby died.

Blackie Three Legs could now almost balance while nursing—until he nudged the milk bag to let down more milk, and then toppled over in the most ridiculous positions. I never knew whether to laugh or cry. I think we hate to see crippled animals because it makes us feel so badly.

Every day I went to make the mother let our cripsey suck, until on Christmas morning, when I drove up to the pens, I could see the calf nursing on its own. The perfect Christmas gift, the mother had accepted Three Legs. We kept them together in the lot with a haystack. Whenever I went to check on them during the daily rounds, bringing a few goodies like range cubes or cottonseed feed, the babe looked up at me with those curious trusting brown eyes as if to say, "Oh, did you forget the bottle?"

**Trail
Fixin's**
By Dorothy Pope

Broccoli Casserole

2 pks (10 oz. each) frozen chopped broccoli, cooked nearly done
3/4 cup sour cream
1 cup chopped celery
1 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. pepper
1 can (10 oz) cream mushroom soup
1/2 cup grated cheese
Mix all ingredients together except cheese. Put in a buttered casserole dish; top with cheese. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes.



Deanie Edwards won the adult category with her photo titled "Monarch Butterfly"

Opinion Editorial

Lincoln's Legacy

By Harper Estes

Our 16th President is much in the news these days, even as we approach the 200th anniversary of his birth. President Barack Obama, as have many Presidents before him, looks to Abraham Lincoln as a role model. Our 44th President has again reminded many that this is a country of great opportunity and anyone can aspire to great things. Abraham Lincoln has long been held up as proof of that possibility.

In celebrating the 200th anniversary of Lincoln's birth, we wonder at the enduring affection we feel for a president who came from "nowhere" (a log cabin, no less) and served during the most difficult period in our nation's history. This affection may stem from the fact that Lincoln was practical, easily understood (at least on those matters he attempted to communicate), and he exhibited a foundation of character that enabled him to face challenges no president has faced before or since.

Lincoln was not perfect. It would make him less accessible

to us as a role model if he had been. It's worthwhile, however, to consider what character traits Lincoln exhibited that we in the 21st century might emulate.

Lincoln held certain unwavering beliefs. He is credited by many historians with bringing to the fore again the first principles embodied in the Declaration of Independence. He believed in the preservation of a Union consistent with those principles at any cost. With hindsight, it is easy to argue that this belief charted the right course. However, at the time Lincoln charted and stuck with that course, he was supported by only a fragile coalition and faced criticism from all sides.

Lincoln led with humility and humor. He took his job seriously, but never himself. He understood that much lay beyond his control, but he was always striving to do his best. Lincoln's efforts to persuade Gen. George McClellan to take action early in the Civil War illustrate his willingness to place progress before pride. Lincoln went time and again to see McClellan, hat in hand, only to be rebuffed.

Although he did finally fire McClellan, he showed that he was more interested in progress than prerogative. He put what he understood to be the national interest ahead of his own.

Lincoln also exhibited a capacity for growth and a willingness to change. This is evidenced by his shift from a policy of containing slavery to an eventual goal of ending slavery. He has been described by historian James McPherson as a "gradual emancipationist." McPherson ably argues that Lincoln's words and conduct must be viewed in the context of his times and the ultimate goals he sought to achieve. Lincoln explained his changing views this way: "The dogmas of the quiet past are inadequate to the stormy present. The occasion is piled high with difficulty and we must rise to the occasion. As our case is new, so we must think anew and act anew."

Lincoln was a lawyer. He approached problems thinking like a lawyer. He had a remarkable facility for translating abstract principles into language most could understand. But one

need not be trained in the law to see Lincoln as a valuable role model.

Each of us has a role in preserving the first principles expressed in 1776. Our efforts should be practical, easily understood, and based upon a foundation of character to withstand difficult challenges.

Imagine a return to the first principles of the Declaration of Independence led by ordinary citizens. The issues that divide us are different than in Lincoln's time, but the ideals that unite us are perpetual. Lincoln, at Cooper Union, on Feb. 27, 1860, said: "Let us have faith that right makes might, and in that faith, let us, to the end, dare to do our duty as we understand it."

Lincoln's place in history was not fixed by any single event, but rather by a lifetime of effort resulting in both failure and success. It is a legacy built, in fits and starts, that each of us has a stake in.

Harper Estes is president of the State Bar of Texas. He is a lawyer and mediator in Midland.

Commissioners Court

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from the county to grade one mile of road from Dundee to FM94, as a test road for a new material reported to eliminate grading for 4- to 5-years.

"The city wants to use the county allotment program through TxDOT for a roller and distributor for this product at a cost of approximately \$1,680.00," Judge Smith reported. "The project is projected to take about two days to complete." The county's allocation for the FY2009 County Assistance Program is \$6,261.00. Historically, the allotment would be satisfied with surplus materials, rather than with new material purchases. The cost of the use of TxDOT equipment will reduce the allotment accordingly, he said. The court voted unanimously to proceed with this project.

Roy Hobbs, President of the First National Bank of Seymour, Matador Branch, met with the court to discuss advertisement for the Bank Depository contract under Local Government Code 116.021. The Commissioners Court of a county is required to select a bank in the county and enter a contract with the bank for the deposit of the county's public funds. The contract is for two- or four-years, renewable under terms negotiated by the Commissioners Court. The depository is selected by competitive bidding. The current depository expires in May, 2009. The depository contract covers the checking accounts held by the county which do not draw interest under the current contract.

Also discussed were Motley County's investment funds which are also with Matador Branch of FNB of Seymour. The rate of interest is determined by the U.S. Treasury Bill rate at the weekly sale as published in the Wall Street Journal, Hobbs said. The rate is one-fourth of one percent of the U.S. Treasury Bill sale immediately prior to the date of the time deposit, Hobbs added.

While the Commissioners

Court decide the depository, the County Treasurer is responsible for investment accounts. "We are supposed to be prudent with the county's money," she said, "I am trying to turn every penny over. It is the taxpayer's money and we should be prudent of how we invest."

Barkley said most of the county money is in a Certificate of Deposit, rather than check-

"What kind of monetary value do you put on investing in the local bank? Hobbs asked. "There is an exponential factor involved that multiplies itself over and over again in salaries, taxes, goods and services," Hobbs said.

ing. She handed out a spreadsheet comparing interest rates with the Matador Branch to three other investment pools. Investment pools were created to invest public funds jointly on behalf of counties and other governmental entities. For example, the average yearly rate in 2008 for Matador Branch was 1.5125 percent, compared to TexPool at 2.4881 percent, reflecting a difference of .9756 percent. TexPool is the largest and oldest local government investment pool in the State of Texas, providing investment services to more than 2,000 communities throughout Texas.

Hobbs explained that the interest rate based on the Treasury Bill rate was negotiated almost two years ago, before the current economic crisis. "When the request for bid goes out in May, we will do the very best we can for Motley County. We have had tremendous upheaval in the U.S. financial markets," Hobbs said, adding, "we had no idea interest rates were going to be this low. Our objective as a bank is to help the county make as much money as possible, but we have to make money too, or we go broke," he said. "We can't compare the rates until we go out on bids in May."

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ue do you put on investing in the local bank? Hobbs asked. "There is an exponential factor involved that multiplies itself over and over again in salaries, taxes, goods and services," he said.

In other business the court voted unanimously to accept the appointment of the County Historical Commission. Appointments are required by the

Texas Historical Commission to influence the preservation of historical sites in the county, and to prepare cultural and heritage events. Marisue Potts-Powell is the Chair of the Motley County Commission. Other members appointed to the commission are: Earlyne Jameson, Beverly Vinson, Joy Archer, Barbara Armstrong, Betty Moore, Joan Patton, Dorothy Hanesworth, Ron Bailey, Ruby McGuire, and Lucretia and Carol Campbell.

County Attorney Tom Edwards reported that he had had a "good conversation with Senator Duncan's office. I am hopeful that some good will come of it concerning transmission lines for Motley County."

Further, Judge Smith reported that the Department of Public Safety had announced that Motley County would no longer be a 2-man station. Chad Overton will continue as the resident officer for the county.

The Office of Rural Community Affairs (ORCA) through the South Plains Association of Governments (SPAG) has been given permission to purchase items for the Flomot Water project. A request for \$18,868.26 has been requested to pay for administration, supplies, and engineering costs. The court voted unanimously to approve these costs.

Charley Johnson is honored with a retirement reception

By Carol Campbell

After serving almost 20 years on the library board, Charley Johnson retired December, 2008. He was honored with a reception Sunday, February 8, at the library annex where about 40 residents and out-of-town guests enjoyed punch, cookies, cheesecake, and an assortment of other treats.

The tables were decorated with red and black table cloths and napkins. Pictures of the library renovation and of the guest-of-honor in various working poses were spread on a table for viewing. Also, an easel board documented several projects through the years, with Charley sawing, nailing, moving books, and arranging book shelves.

The center attraction on the serving table was a handmade decoupage vase, overflowing with flowers and petals made from pages of old magazines and books. Board member Deanie Edwards was the artist behind this unusual creative centerpiece. Fitting for the occasion, a poem by Walter E. Isenhour entitled Friendship was decoupage on the vase bowl. "Friendship is a mighty ship, That weathers many gales, And leaves a blessing to the world, In every place it sails."

This poem is a fitting tribute to Charley Johnson. One might say that Charley has left a big blessing to Matador in his service to the library, helping renovate, repair, move books to storage, and back again. "We had books all over



Deanie Edwards presents Charley Johnson with a vase of flowers at the retirement reception, Sunday, February 8. The vase and flowers were crafted by Edwards from old magazines and books.

town during the renovation," board member Marihelen Wason said. "Charley was the president of the board when we renovated. He and Kenneth Abbott provided oversight for all of the renovation and the building of the annex," she said.

Marihelen Wason presented the guest of honor an engraved Moore Maker knife, in Charley's favorite colors: red and black. "I don't know how he put up with five women on the board all talking at the same time," Marihelen joked. In addition to Wason and Edwards, other board members are: P.K. Green, Ruby McGuire, Susan Jameson, and Larry Hoyle. Hoyle was recently appointed to the board to fill Charley's vacated seat.

While Charley Johnson is a modest man and likely

would have preferred to "sail silently into the night," the board nonetheless presented him with a reception, lots of well-wishes, and a plaque that reads: In Grateful Appreciation to Charles N. Johnson for Service on the Motley County Library Board of Directors, 1990-2008.

"I'm now just on five boards in the community, down from seven," Charley remarked, adding, "I really didn't think they should do this for me, because there are so many more people that have done more than I have."

Out of town guests attending were Charley and Opal's children; daughter Charlotte Sweet, and her son Clay Robertson, of Taylor, Arkansas; daughter Cindy Riggins and her son, Bobby Don Riggins of Vernon; and son Grant Johnson of Canyon.

Roaring Springs Lion Club hears message from Hope Lodge

The Roaring Springs Lions Club met at the Traveler's Inn on Thursday, February 5th at 11:30 a.m.

The meeting was opened by President, Wes Campbell. A delicious meal was enjoyed by eleven members and four guests.

Kathy Oaks, Community Manager, Development Lubbock Field, of the American Cancer Society brought a very

informative message about the Hope Lodge being built in Lubbock next to the Ronald McDonald House which will house cancer patients and their families that are in Lubbock for cancer treatment. She also discussed the Relay for Life event that will be held at the Football field in Matador on June 19th. She expressed the need for teams to walk and raise money for cancer

research and treatment.

It was decided that the Lion's Club should express their opinion on the Christmas card adopted by the Lions Club International. Lion Alex stated that since America is still a Christian nation that the card should have read Merry Christmas instead of Happy Holidays. A letter will be written to the headquarters regarding that matter.

Please Join Us To Celebrate
Imogene Swim's
90th Birthday
Saturday, February 14th, 2009
2 to 4 PM
At the Roaring Springs
United Methodist Church
Fellowship Hall

THANK YOU NOTE

I would like to thank my friends and family for all the cards, flowers, and prayers during my recent hospital stay at Lockney. A special Thank-You to Carter Luckett, Billy Osborn, and Terry Simpson for making an accessible entrance to the front door at the Campbell house! Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Lucretia Estes Campbell



Jaybirds Kitchen will host a
Valentine candlelight dinner
Saturday, February 14
\$28.99 a couple

Reservations only, at 806-347-2297

Ribeye steak, grilled shrimp, salad,
baked potato, steamed California
vegetables, and a romantic desert



Remember our Presidents

February 16 2009



NEWS AROUND MOTLEY COUNTY

Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

L'il Toot and I stayed up and enjoyed the rain last night. Having had a nice long nap in the afternoon had me wide awake anyway. I did not notice any lightning out my window and I hope there wasn't any to start grass fires. Officially I believe we had seven tenths of an inch. Toot ran in and I didn't have the heart to put her back out in the rain. I put her out the back door so she could easily get in the garage but instead she came back to the front door begging. Since she was in one of her better moods she got in my lap and kept me company. Corky and Wixie went to bed early so Toot and I watched a movie together. (Mostly L'il Toot just purred which is really unusual for her. She has always been a little stingy with her affections!)

A reminder that Imogene Swim will be celebrating her 90th birthday on Valentine's day at the Lula Swim Memorial Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church from 2:00 until 4:00 p.m.

Ken and Dinah Young were treated to a Mexican Lunch in

Turkey by Dude Barton last Saturday.

Dinah's son, Josh Elliott received his PHD in physics from McGill University in Montreal recently.

Ken Young sold several large pieces of his work to Art Griffin of Lubbock. They will be displayed in his corporate offices. Congratulations, Ken!

Rodney Long is doing pretty well and enjoying getting out some with his brother Boyd to check on cattle.

Several are still ill with the viruses going around. Donna Kennedy is feeling much better.

Deanette and Perry Gullede have been working getting the café ready to re-open. The name will be changed to the Windmill Café. They have a re-opening target set for the second week in March.

Jeanie Hines Carpenter who grew up in this area is ill with cancer. She is under Hospice Care. Her address is: 364 Scenic Way; Wimberly, TX 78676. Jeanie was the wife of the late Dick Carpenter and a cousin to Marisue Potts Powell.

FBCM sponsors Living like a Queen Salad Luncheon

All women of the area are invited to attend and bring their friends to the upcoming *Living Like a Queen Ladies' Salad Luncheon* on Saturday, February 28, at 12:00 noon at First Baptist Church, Matador.

Special guest Ashley Washington will share a presentation on God's principles for defining our roles as women, from *Queen Esther's Reflection: A Portrait of Grace, Courage, and Excellence*, a

book by Anne Platz.

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

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

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Control for termite and other pest control at the Community Center.

The City Secretary asked the Council for permission to transfer \$5,000.00 from the General Fund to the Water Fund. This request was approved by unanimous vote.

The Council voted unanimously to allow the Mayor to write a letter of complaint to a local citizen about property cleanup. The property has a collection of trash and junk, and "if he doesn't clean it up, we will," Marshall said.

P.K. Green reminded the council of the Rural Texas Community Leadership

Workshop to be held at Spur Community Center on February 19 at 7:00 p.m. The program is sponsored by Spur Main Street Program. The speaker for the event is Bobby Gierisch, Rural Policy Research Institute, who will speak on: "Against all odds; how small rural communities survive and thrive economic challenges." The Mayor encouraged all council members to attend.

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HIGH FIRE DANGER

High Fire Danger has created a necessity to institute a BURN BAN in the unincorporated area of Motley County. It was unanimously approved by the Motley County Commissioners' Court during its regular session on January 12, 2009 and runs for ninety (90) days. A monthly review will determine if it can be terminated early or must be extended depending upon the conditions at the time.

In accordance with Local Government Code 352.081 (h), a violation of this Order is a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.00.

Ed D. Smith

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEAD

A life without love is like a rose without a scent. Happy Valentine's Day!

HAD A STROKE

Wilson Barton suffered a massive stroke Tuesday, February 3 and was conveyed by ambulance to the hospital in Childress. He passed away at 1:30 p.m., Monday, February 9.

PINEWOOD DERBY RACE

The Boy Scout Pinewood Derby Race was held Saturday, February 7, at the Ollie Liner Center in Plainview. Approximately 80 scouts of the Haynes District competed in the races. There were four divisions, Tigers, Wolf, Webelo, Bear and Outlaw.

In Boy Scout Troop 274, Branson Cruse of Turkey was awarded first place in the Wolf division and placed third in the Overall; Jacob Kendall of Flomot won fourth place in the Bear division and Brayson Cruse of Turkey placed fourth in the Outlaw division. Other scouts in the race were Jere Kendall of Flomot and Baylor Cruse of Turkey.

Boy Scout Masters Tim Kendall of Flomot and Max Meyer of Quitaque were pleased with the good sportsmanship and courtesy of their troop 274.

Mrs. Lou Burleson of Floydada and Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton attended to business in Plainview and enjoyed entertainment last Friday.

Shae Reed and friend, Bethany Swarart of Lubbock visited her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert and Uncle

Glen Calvert last Wednesday.

Butch and Janice Hughes were in Fort Worth from Wednesday until Saturday. They met son and wife, Roger and Tiffany Hughes of Floydada there as their granddaughter and daughter respectively, Regan Hughes, showed a steer at the Fort Worth Stock Show.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mosley of Amarillo visited longtime friend, Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton Friday. Joining them for lunch at Jaybird's Cafe in Matador were Mrs. Marisue Powell of Mott Creek Ranch, Mrs. Waydette Clay of Flomot, Mrs. Judy Renfro of Matador and daughter, Mrs. Rachelle Davis and children of Turkey. They enjoyed a tour of The Hunting Lodge at Matador Ranch and were impressed with this facility.

Mrs. Cally Sperry and Mrs. Mandy Hughes attended to business in Lubbock, Saturday.

Joey and Brenda Lee of Clarendon visited Saturday with his parents, Ruth and Orville Lee. They attended Sunday the luncheon for Danny Barrett fund held at the Hope Center in Quitaque.

Mrs. Elisa Wigley of Lubbock visited from Friday until Monday with her mother, Mrs. Aleda Ross.

Mrs. B. Rogers, a patient in Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock following hip surgery. Her rehabilitation is doing fine. She was having difficulty swallowing Monday, February 9, so she was to undergo medical tests. Her son, Donnie Rogers of Flomot and daughter, Mrs. Donna, Sue Degan of Calgary have been with her during her hospitalization.

Valentine decor brightens Do Gooders' Club Meeting

Beautiful weather and valentine decor greeted members of the Do Gooders' Club Tuesday afternoon, February 3, at the Community Center in Flomot.

First on the agenda, Mrs. Connie Franks conducted the business session. Mrs. Kathy Shorter read the minutes and gave a financial report that was approved.

As always, the projects of the club are an asset to the Center. Within the last month, they had a wall heater installed in one of the bathrooms. They bought a coffemaker urn and a teamaker urn to be used at large family and community gatherings. Obtaining a second refrigerator is pending.

Hostesses, Mrs. Tommie Jo

Cruse and Mrs. Connie Franks had on display the colors of red, pink and white in observance of Valentine's Day. The table was laid with a white cloth decorated with large red hearts and red and white Teddy bears holding chocolate heart candy. They presided at a Valentine designed service and served refreshments of pimiento and cheese finger sandwiches, chips and dips, red velvet cake with red fruit punch.

The hostess gift, a picture frame encircled with hearts, was won by Mrs. Barbara Payne. Those attending were Mesdames Waydette Clay, Nada Starkey, Connie Franks, Kathy Shorter, Erma Washington, Tommie Jo Cruse, Barbara Payne and Doris Vinson.

Matador News

Lucretia Estes Campbell was recently released from Cogdell Hospital in Lockney. She is home recuperating from pneumonia.

Justice of the Peace Cora Smallwood was admitted to Cogdell Hospital in Lockney on Friday, February 6. She was airlifted to Baptist-St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo on Monday, February 9.

Linda Kay Bailey is visiting in Sundown with her grandchildren Dillon and Kolton Bailey. Her son Kevin and his

wife Sherry are in San Antonio for a work-related conference.

Mrs. Faye Walters fell at Hackberry Creek Care Center and was transported to UMC on Tuesday, February 10. Her daughter and son-in-law, Paul and Dortha Westbrook are at her side.

The First Baptist Church Choir sang at Hackberry Creek Care Center on Sunday, February 8, entertaining residents and family members with old-time hymns.

2009 Little Dribblers Teams

Little Dribblers is a basketball program designed for community action to help boys and girls develop into better adults through participation in organized, supervised recreation.

Sportsmanship, teamwork, self-reliance, and self-discipline are among the attributes needed by citizens of the future that can be learned through participation in an organized basketball program.

In essence, Little Dribblers believes that if a young person is taught to play by the rules, they will learn to live by the rules.

Little Dribblers is not a program designed for a few highly skilled athletes. It is designed to serve as many youth in the community as possible, who are sincerely interested in the game of basketball.

A strong Little Dribblers program will eventually contribute to a strong high school basketball program.

The Motley County Little Dribblers basketball program is starting its 2009 season. Following are this season's teams and the volunteers who will serve as coaches.

- 5/6 Grade Girls Team 1
Katie Barton, Mattie Brooks, Brielle Collett, Natalie Jameson, Hanna Mason, Gabby Silva, Coach, Danika Jameson.
- 5/6 Grade Girls Team 2
Shelby Elliott, Meagan Ford, Allison McCoy, Thalia Quilamaco, Cassidy Turner, Kaylee Woolsey. Coaches, Denise Ford and Cathey Turner.
- 5/6 Grade Boys Team 1
Bryce Brady, Caleb Clary, Matthew Faulks, Seth Mar-

key, Marcus Ortiz, Bryant Taylor, Korbyn Simpson. Coach, Frankie Ortiz.

5/6 Grade Boys Team 2
Seth Baxter, Ranson Braly, Jonathan Collett, Logan Ferguson, Joshua Martin, Michael Martin, Michael Seigler, Jared Stephens. Coach, James Stephens.

3/4 Grade Girls
Alyssa Ellis, Mikenna Ford, Chloe Gleghorn, Sage Guerrero, Asleigh Jones, Riley Kieschnick, Samantha Quilamaco, Autumn Woolsey. Coaches, Teresa Woolsey and Denise Ford.

3/4 Grade Boys
Gage Baker, Blane Brady, Mickey Clary, Cade Drum, Bryson Elliott, Brendan Fisk, Wyatt Hackler, Grant Potts, Brody Rankin, Mickey Silva. Coaches, Lewis Drum and Lacy Rankin

1/2 Grade Team 1
Cooper Jones, Cutter Jones, Jaxon White, Madison White, Alecia Silva

1/2 Grade Team 2
Shaylee Boger, Crystal Collett, Ethan Mason, Brazos Washington, Jake Wieser

1/2 Grade Team 3
Dawson Baker, Kyle Degan, Emily Jameson, Brittney Jones, Logan Jones

1/2 Grade Team 4
Tucker Barton, Derek Fisk, Kaitlyn Keltz, Carley Turner, Logan Salazar

1/2 Grade Team 5
Tatum Guerrero, Matthew Moncrief, Leon Quilamaco, Camerson Stafford

1/2 Grade Team 6
Eli Jenkins, Cade Kieschnick, Chase Rausch, Jacie Taylor, Kennesaw Stephens

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Notes from the Library

By Buffy Crutchley

I've had a lot of traffic in the library over the last few weeks by folks looking for specific tax forms. Unfortunately we only receive about 25 different forms out of the hundreds that the IRS has available. So, if you don't see what you're looking for at the library, don't be discouraged. The IRS website has most of the forms available online, which you can print at the click of a button. And if you don't have a printer, head on down to the library, and we'll get you squared away. For more information, visit www.irs.gov

We had a wonderful turnout at our Friends of the Library meeting. Thanks to everyone who attended. As usual, there were lots of laughs, and lots of business taken care of too. The most important thing I want to share with you is the date for our upcoming book discussion. We will have a Brown Bag Book Discussion Friday February 27th at noon. This will be my first brown bag discussion, but most of you probably know the routine. Bring whatever it is you eat for lunch, (it doesn't necessar-

ily have to be in a brown bag), and we'll chow down while we discuss the book "Because They Hate" by Brigitte Gabriel. It should be tons of fun. I hope you'll make plans to join us!

We have a fresh shipment of the Feist Lubbock telephone books. If you need one, stop in today, because these tend to disappear very quickly. And thanks to Pina Sturdivant for finding them, and sharing them with the library!

Now, for the best part! The winners of the 2009 Photography contest are (drum roll please) Deanie Edwards for the adult category, and Jaci Zingerman for the youth category!!! There were 74 total entries, so the competition was difficult to say the least. But these two lucky ladies received the most votes out of the 67 votes cast. They each received the grand prize of \$50, along with a commemorative certificate honoring their achievement. Thanks to all who entered, all who voted, and especially the Friends of the Library for sponsoring the event!

Obituaries

L.V. Marie Damron

Graveside Services for L.V. Marie Damron, 91, of Matador were held January 30, 2009, at the East Mound Cemetery in Matador with Rev. Johnny Morris, officiating. Mrs. Damron passed away January 26, 2009 in Crosbyton. Arrangements were under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home of Matador.

L.V. was born on January 11, 1918 in Matador, Texas to William M. New and Mary Ellen Lancaster New. She was a graduate of the Matador High School, class of 1936 and attended Draughous Business College in Lubbock. L.V. was married to John Taylor in 1949. He passed away in 1964. She later married Mose L. Damron in Santa Fe, N.M. in 1969. He preceded her in death in 1989. Mrs. Damron was a resident of El Paso following business college, then

California, Kansas, and back to Texas in 1972. L.V. worked as a secretary for the South Pacific and Santa Fe Railroads and the State of California. Mrs. Damron went to work for Seigler Funeral Home in 1990 and worked until failing health required her retirement. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church and the Predicta Study Club holding the secretary and treasurer position for a number of years. She was also preceded in death by one sister, Gussie Jinkins and by two brothers, Delaney Cartwright and Jesse R. New.

She is survived by one daughter, Jonnie Marie Taylor Hirt and husband, Ed of Topeka, Kansas; several nieces, a nephew, and cousins.

Memorials are suggested to the East Mound Cemetery.

Hermon 'Babe' Oliver

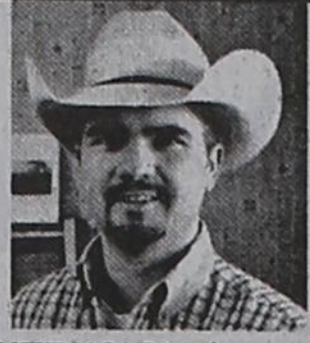
Hermon 'Babe' Oliver passed away Feb 3, 2009 in Abilene, TX at the age of 88. He was born on July 17, 1920 in Steedmon, OK. His family moved to Texas in 1934. He worked on the Pitchfork Ranch for 42 years. Babe was King County Commissioner for 16 years, then in 1976 became King County Sheriff for eight years. In 1984 he was appointed King County Judge and served six years until his retirement in 1990. He married Bama Nell Smith on Feb. 25, 1945 in Paducah. She preceded him in death on November 14, 2007. They moved to Pampa in May of 1995 and lived there until August of 2007 when they moved to Clyde. He was also preceded in death by an infant daughter, his parents M.N. and Ada Oliver, three brothers and three sisters. He was a U.S. Army veteran of

World War II.

Survivors include two daughters, Linda and Jimmy Barton of Clyde, Texas; Beth Watson and Randy Watson of Pampa, Texas; one son, Terry and Linda Oliver of Dumont Texas; one sister-in-law, Geneva Wilson of Matador, Texas; nine grandchildren, Michelle and Trey, Cody and Keela, Jamie and Shelley, Toby, Emily, and Luke; and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Feb. 6th at the First United Methodist Church in Paducah with Glendell and Curtis Smith, officiating. Interment followed in the Garden of Memories Cemetery in Paducah under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home of Paducah. His grandchildren served as pallbearers.

County Agent's News



by Ryan Martin, Agri LIFE EXTENSION Agent

Motley County Jr. Livestock Show

The Motley County Jr. Livestock Show is right around the corner. The stock show will be held on February 21, 2009 at the bus barn, so mark your calendar and make plans to attend. The annual breakfast sponsored by Lowe's Pay-N-Save will be from 6:45 am until 8:30 am sharp. All animals must be weighed in by 8:00 am and the show will get started at 9:00 am with the PeeWee Swine Showmanship. Following the peevee showmanship will be the market swine classes, bucket calves, market lambs, rabbits, market goats, and market steers in that order.

A copy of the 2009 Motley County Jr. Livestock Show rules can be picked up at the county Extension office. If you would like to donate to the stock show, please see a Livestock Show Director, Mr. Cooper, D'anna Russell or myself. Remember, all donations are passed onto participants to help pay for their animals, feed and any other costs they have incurred.

This year the Motley County Jr. Livestock Association will also be presenting to a graduating senior the "Memorial Herdsman Award". This award is sponsored by friends and families that have lost a loved one that was dedicated to youth development through the livestock industry. Donations will be used to purchase a custom belt buckle that will be awarded to a deserving senior along with a second semester scholarship. If you would like to make a donation in memory of someone, please contact the Extension office.

Once again, mark your calendar for February 21, 2009 and come out to support our local youth as they showcase their livestock projects they have been working hard with for the past several months.

4-H Livestock Projects

Motley 4-H members that have livestock projects need to come by the Extension office to get a Livestock Project Form. These forms are due back to me by February 16. In order to complete a livestock project in 4-H you must fill out the project form and return it.

AgriLife Extension crop workshops help producers determine profitability

LUBBOCK - Producers wondering what the profit

and financing options are for certain 2009 crops can find out by attending either of two Texas AgriLife Extension Service crop profitability workshops set for 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 17 and March 5 at the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center at Lubbock.

"Our objective is to provide producers the tools, data and skills to evaluate the potential profitability of alternative crops that are grown in the area or have the potential to be grown here," said Dr. Jackie Smith, AgriLife Extension economist at Lubbock.

"Each participant will get a printed copy of our presentations and selected crop budgets. They will also receive a CD with Excel crop budgets and break-even tables, reference files and a set of Internet links," Smith said. "This will help them use the Excel spreadsheet on their own computer."

Individual registration is \$20 (by check) and includes lunch and refreshments.

The workshops are funded by a grant from the Texas State Cotton Support Committee.

"The grant enables us to develop a crop budget projection tool, conduct training workshops, keep the data updated, and then make the tool and information available to producers," Smith said. "The producers will go home with a spreadsheet that they can fine-tune using their own cost figures to make accurate comparisons of the profitability of cotton and sorghum, for example."

Smith said the comparison spreadsheet includes four cotton budgets and 17 other crop budgets that can be quickly evaluated with expected input costs and crop prices.

He said the Excel spreadsheet allows users to examine the impact of different crop-share rental arrangements on landlord and renter's net income.

Smith, along with AgriLife Extension risk management specialists Jay Yates and Jeff Pate at Lubbock, and marketing specialists Dr. John Robinson and Dr. Mark Welch, both from College Station, will conduct the workshops.

Other agenda topics will include: input price trends and projections for 2009; a farm bill update; and basis cash contracts and forward pricing tools using futures and options.

To register, contact Wendy Durrett at 806-746-6101. For more information, contact Smith or Yates at 806-746-6101.

COW POKES

By Ace Reid



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FRIDAY, February 13: Grilled sirloin, baked potatoes, green beans, tossed salad, apple crisp.

MONDAY, February 16: Hamburger on a bun with tomato, lettuce, onions,

tater tots, beets, baked apples.

TUESDAY, February 17: Salmon croquette, scalloped potatoes, turnip greens, tossed salad, wheat bread, gelatin & fruit...

WEDNESDAY, February 18: Chicken salad sandwich, lettuce & tomato, cucumber salad, potato chips, fruit parfait.

School Menu

Thursday, February 12, BREAKFAST: French toast, or cereal, toast, juice, milk. **LUNCH:** bean-beef burrito, salad, tortilla chips. 1/2 apple, chocolate brownie, milk.

Friday, February 13, BREAKFAST: Blueberry muffin or toast, cereal, toast, juice, milk. **LUNCH:** Slice turkey, gravy, creamed potatoes, broccoli/cheese, hot roll, dessert, milk.

Monday, February 16, BREAKFAST: Jelly biscuit or toast, cereal, juice, milk.

LUNCH: Hot Dog/chili, baked beans, pickle spears, apple crisp, milk.

Tuesday, February 17, BREAKFAST: Pancake, sausage, or cereal, toast, applesauce, milk. **LUNCH:** Chicken/bun, lettuce, tomato, pickle slices, potato chips, slice pears, milk.

Wednesday, February 18, BREAKFAST: Cereal, toast, juice, milk. **LUNCH:** Vegetable beef soup, toasted cheese sandwich, veggie sticks, crackers, mixed fruit, milk.

South Plains Agriculture, Wind and Wildlife Conference

LUBBOCK (Feb)- The South Plains Agriculture, Wind and Wildlife Conference, a symposium focused on wind energy production and its impact on wildlife and wildlife habitat, is scheduled on Friday, February 13, at the American Wind Power Center and Museum in Lubbock (1701 Canyon Lake Dr.).

The conference pre-registration fee is \$50 (after January 16). Registration after February 3 is handled at the conference site. For additional conference information, contact Ken Cearley, Texas AgriLife Extension Service wildlife specialist at Canyon, at 806-651-5760.

For registration information or on becoming a member of the Texas Wildlife Association, contact Justin Dreibelbis at jdreibelbis@texas-wildlife.org or visit the Texas Wildlife Association website at www.texas-wildlife.org.

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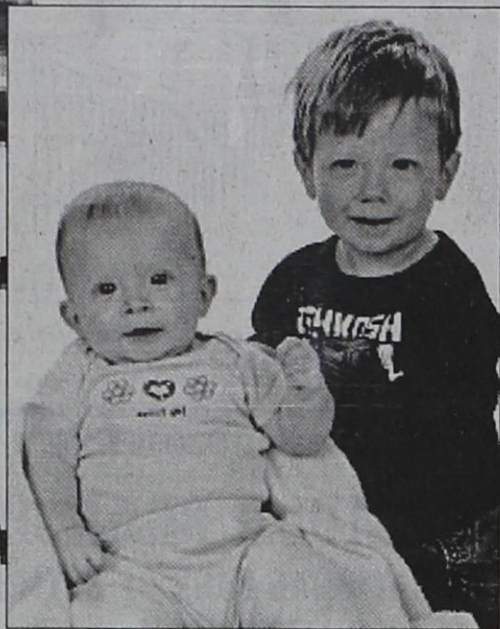
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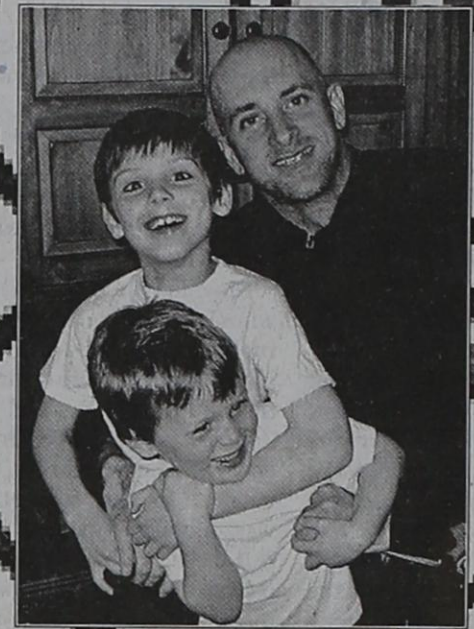


Cooper Allen Archer, 2 yrs
Ollie Brecklyn Archer, 6 months
Parents: Derrick and Jodie Archer
Lubbock
Grandparents: Sherrilyn Archer
Pampa, Texas
Bob and Wanda Kilmer
Matador, Texas



The Bichsel Kids

Parents: Timmy and Lori Bichsel
Grandparents: Charles Tootie Meador, Bonnie
Bailey, Robert and Margie Bichsel
Greatgrandparents: James Meador, Jene
Cunningham, Jean Modawell



Chuck and
Avery Logsdon

Donnie
Wittler

Parents and Grandparents
Laverne Zabielski and Larry Vogt
Don and Lou Wittler

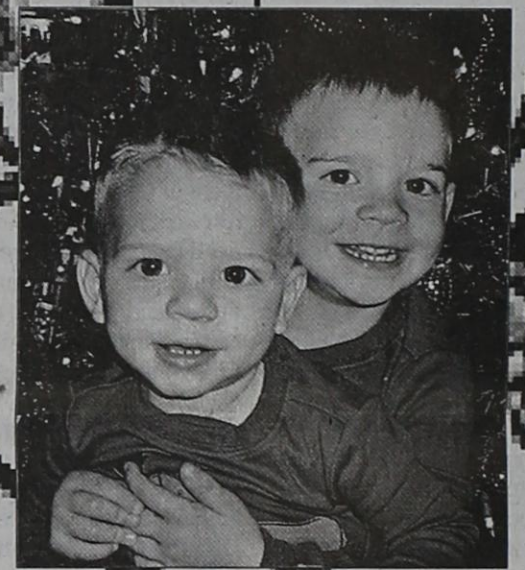


Kenzie Rogers-age 17
Lynnzie, Landon, Max Stanley- age 11 months
Children of Jason and Tamera Stanley
Grandchildren of James
and Margaret
Stanley

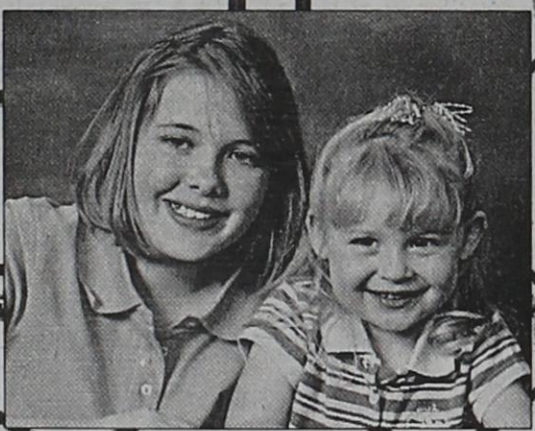
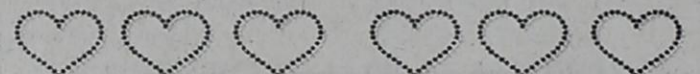


Our Sweethearts

Maria Karen Ford- age 7 years
Edward Henry Ford- age 3 years
Children of James Peter and Dixie Ford of
Moriarty, NM.
Who are the children of James Henry and
Karen Ford of Estancia, NM
He is the only son of James Wesley and
Florence Abrahames Ford of
Matador, Texas



Koltyn, 22 months and Kadyn Kitchens, 3yrs
Sons of Jill Kitchens, Andrews, Texas
Grandsons of James and Margaret Stanley



Michaela Montgomery, age 11
Lexie Sheffield, age 3

Daughters of Bill & Cris Sheffield of Amarillo
Granddaughters of Wendell
and Regina Sheffield of Matador
and
Richard & Pam LeGrand of Amarillo



Jace Moore and Kyle Moore
Love Lil Grandma



Zoe Grace Barnes
age 7

Daughter of Bryan
and Paige Barnes
of Lubbock
Granddaughter of
Bobby and Jeanne
Williams of Matador
and
W. L. and Kathy
Barnes of Eula



Madilyn Paige
Barnes Age 4

Daughter of Bryan
and Paige Barnes
of Lubbock
Granddaughter of
Bobby & Jeanne
Williams of Matador
and
W. L. and Kathy
Barnes of Eula



Daughter of
Chad and
Denise
Lawrence

Bailea Grace

Grandparents: Rickey and Naomi Lawrence
and Robert and Debbie Shannon
Great-Grandparents: Von Simpson, Sammie Phillips,
Doyle and Sue Shannon
Great-Great Grandmother: Annie Shannon and proud
Uncles, Casey Lawrence and Nathan Shannon



Riggs
and
Skylar
Horen

Children of Palka and D.J Horen
of Plano Texas. Grandchildren of Kenny
and Olivia Barton of Matador, and Don
and Pam Horen of Hartford Wisconsin.

Happy Valentine's Day



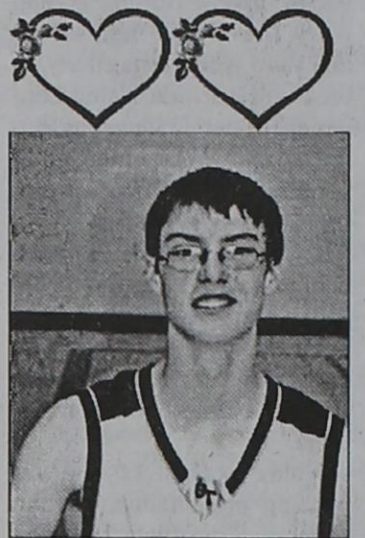
Grandchildren of former residents Kelly and Wilberta Jackson of Lubbock

Back row Left to Right Benjamin Colburn, Garrett Timmons, Matthew Palmer, Nolan Timmons
Front row Left to Right Jackson Colburn, Kiley Colburn, Haylee Jackson and Micah Palmer

Colburn children parents Kevin and Tracey Colburn of Ropesville, Texas
Palmer children parents Will and Shelley Palmer of Lovington, New Mexico also Grandchildren of Peal Patton of Roaring Springs, Texas
Jackson and Timmons children parents Kenneth and Brentz Jackson of Andrews, Texas

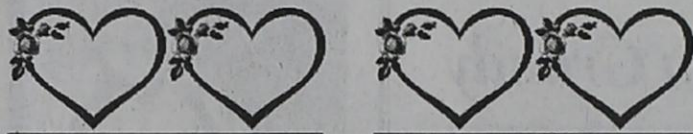


Andrew Moore 4, Callie Moore 15mths



Jason Bailey Happy Valentine's Day Jason Lee! Love, Mamo & Pappy

Children of Brandon and Rebecca Moore
Grandchildren of Rodney and Nona Long and Kyle and Jeannie Moore
Great-grandchildren of Doris Moore and R.C. and Callie Giesecke
Great-great grandchildren of Bertha Moore



Metric Sims Happy Valentine's Day With Love from Aunt Mae



Dillon Bailey Happy Valentine's Day Dilly Poo! Love, Mamo & Pappy



Kolton Bailey Happy Valentine's Day Kolty Price! Love, Mamo & Pappy



Christopher Neil Overton, 13 months

Son of Chad and Bethany Overton of Matador
Grandson of Buford and Bev Salters and Neil and Debra Overton of Albany
Great Grandson of Al and Nita Burton and Betty Salters of Albany



Joleigh Mae Darsey, 18 months

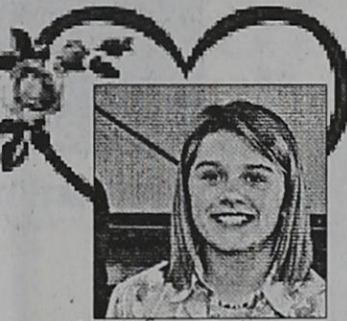
Daughter of Bert and Leigh Ann Darsey
Granddaughter of Robin and Beverly Darsey of Aston, and Jerry and Kellye Payne of Quitaque.
Great-granddaughter of Winifred Darsey, W.E. and Shirley Hawkins of Quitaque and Dumont and Margaret Bridge of Dickens



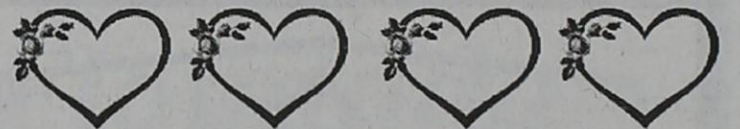
Brant Bailey Happy Valentines Day "Boy Blue" Love, Mamo & Pappy



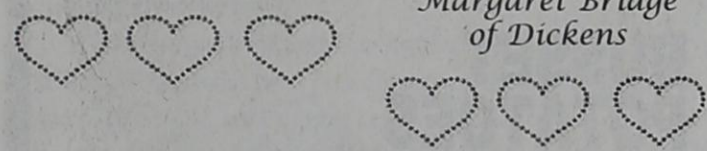
Madison Givens 5 years old.
Daughter of Tonya and Heath Givens of Spur. Granddaughter of Larry and Donna Hoyle of Matador and Preston and Cinda Givens of Spur



Kaitlan Price, 11 yrs. Daughter of Tonya and Heath Givens of Spur and Keith Price of Lubbock. Granddaughter of Larry and Donna Hoyle of Matador and Preston and Cinda Givens of Spur and Joe Ed and Janice Price of Amarillo.



Braxton, Journi, and Logan Salazar Children of Alex Jr. and Crystal Salazar of Roaring Springs; Grandchildren of John and Mitzi Christopher and Alex Sr. and Aurelia Salazar; Great-grandchildren of Kenneth and Barbara Marvel of Roaring Springs and Mr. and Mrs. Salazar of San Angelo and Isbella Salazar of San Angelo and the late Janie Torres of Matador

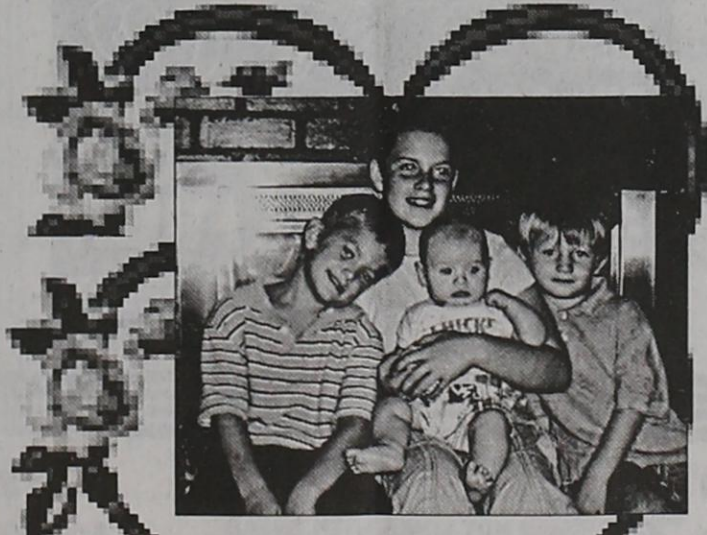


Cade Turner Martin 2 Years Old



Colton Ryan Martin 5 Years Old

Sons of Ryan and Jamie Martin of Whiteflat
Grandsons of Hal and Kellie Martin of Whiteflat
Clinton and Joanie Pigg of Turkey



Allison, Matthew, Braeden and Grayson, Happy Valentine's Day to the best Grandkids in the whole wide world!! We Love YOU ALL, Grandpa and Grandma Shorter



Gina and DJ Pollard

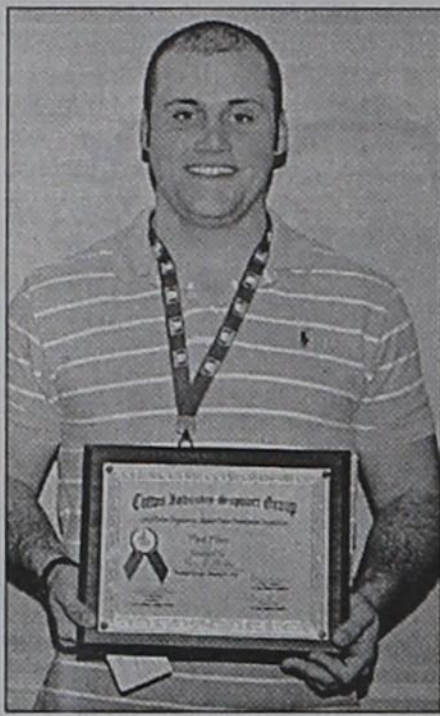
Cory L. Multer wins first place in Joint Engineering, Ginning Conference Presentation Competition

MEMPHIS – Texas A&M University students Cory L. Multer, Robert G. Hardin, IV and Mary Thelen won first, second and third place, respectively, in the 2009 Beltwide Cotton Conference Cotton Engineering Student Paper Presentation Competition sponsored by the Cotton Industry Support Group.

The paper competition was held in two of 11 technical conferences that recently convened at the National Cotton Council-coordinated 2009 Beltwide Cotton Conferences in San Antonio.

Multer received \$250 for his winning presentation, "Cotton Ginning Simulation Model – Minimizing Cost per Bale." Hardin received \$200 for "Design and Evaluation of a Cotton Redistribution Device for the Module," and Thelen won \$150 for "Evaluations of EPA Approved FRM PM 2.5 and PM 10 Samplers."

The competition is designed to encourage outstanding undergraduate and graduate work in the cotton engineering disci-



pline and to promote student attendance at the annual Beltwide Cotton Conferences.

Each year the cash prizes and plaques are made possible from the Cotton Industry Support Group (CISG), a non-profit organization that serves to foster support and cooperation between Texas A&M University's Department of Biological and Agricultural Engineering and the U.S. cotton industry.

MC JRH boys win Valley Tournament

Motley County Junior High boys won their game with Spur with a score of 54 to 17. They won over Paducah 48 to 39 to become the tournament champions.

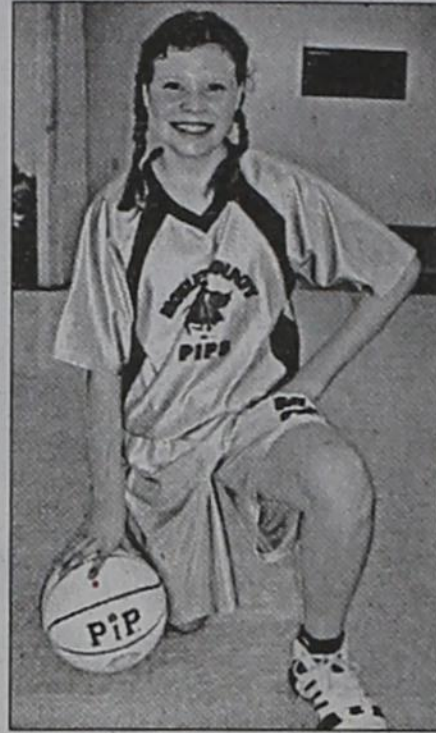
On February 2 the MC JRH

girls beat Paducah 38 to 21. On February 7 they won 2nd place in the Valley Tournament. The first game score was MC 19, Paducah 13. The second game score was Valley 36, MC 7.

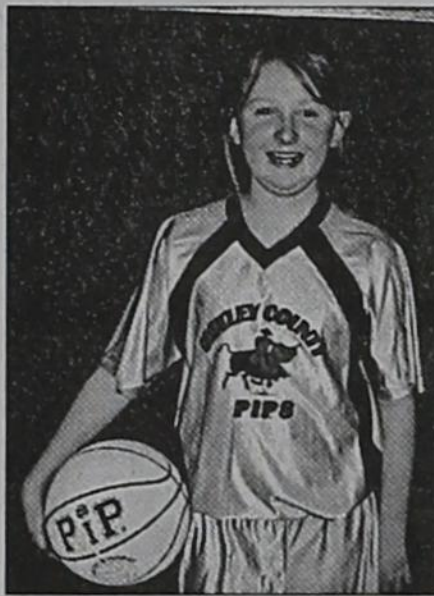
PIPS graduate three

Cassidy Turner, daughter of Craig and Cathey Turner, Meagan Ford daughter of Gary and Denise Ford, and Shelby Elliott, daughter of Shawn and Shonda Elliott are graduating from PIPS this year and they will be missed.

The PIPS have rapped it up for this year. They are now preparing for PIP Festival that will be held in Abilene on March 13th and 14 on Abilene Christian University Campus. A mini group from Motley County will be performing on Saturday morning. Deadline to early register is February 21 postmarked and February 25th faxed. Check out the PIPS website for more details www.pipsyeah.com



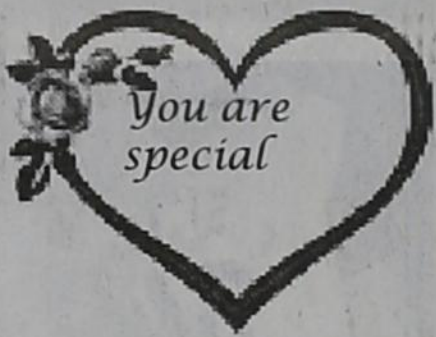
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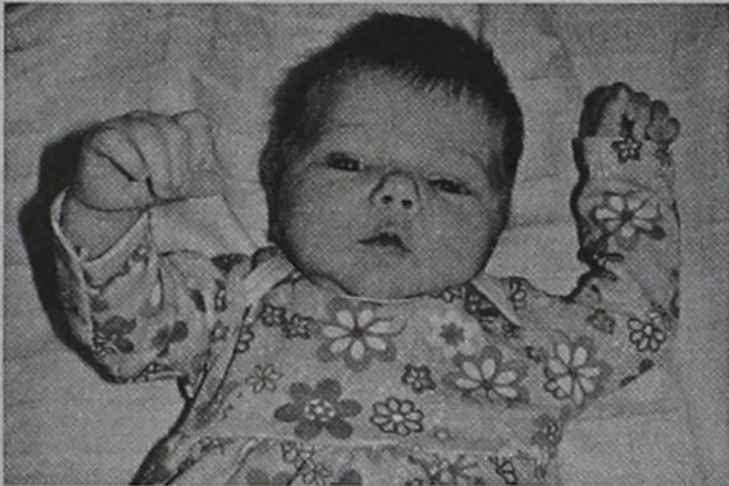


Shelby Elliott, daughter of Shawn and Shonda Elliott



Motley County girls varsity (top picture) vs. Paducah Friday night. Kyla Simpson goes for a basket. The final score was MC 25, Paducah 41. MC boys varsity (lower picture) score was MC 46, Paducah 108. Justin Newman reaches for the ball.

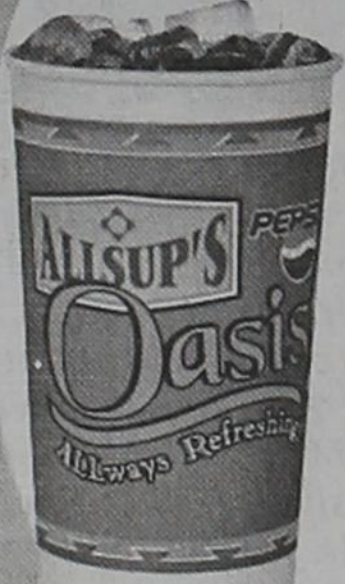
Birth Announcement Emerson Jean Grundy



Graham Grundy would like to announce the arrival of his baby sister, Emerson Jean Grundy. Emerson was born on January 11, 2009 in Texarkana, Texas. She weighed 6 lbs. 12 oz., and was 21 inches long. Emerson is the daughter of Dayton & Brittany Grundy, Waldo, AR and the granddaughter of Ben and Dvonna Grundy, Matador, Mary Lou Grundy, Dumont and Great granddaughter of Roy Grundy, Matador.



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Jail board meets to finalize "next steps"

The Board of the Friends of the Historic Motley County Jail met Friday, February 6, for a report from the architect Hugh Welch, and to brainstorm the "next steps" for the repair and renovation of the historic 1891 jail.

Attending were Carol Campbell, Ed D. Smith, Ron Bailey, Marilyn Hicks, Dink and Carolyn Wilson of Quannah, and Hugh Welch, architect for the jail project.

The Texas Historical Commission has announced the grant program applications for 2010, with a deadline of March 14, 2009. According to THC grant application guidelines, there are two steps in the grant application process:

First, applicants are required to submit brief application forms to THC for review. Then THC will select the highest priority projects from the initial applications and invite those applicants to move forward to the second step. Successful applicants will continue the process by submitting detailed project proposals and budgets. Full project proposals will be considered by THC in the fall. The exact timetable will be published on the THC web site as grant cycles are announced.

The first phase of the Motley County jail project involved selective repairs to the roof, parapet, downspout, exterior openings, and stone masonry in order to stop water infiltration and

prevent further deterioration of the jail. In addition, limited site work was completed, improving storm water drainage, and preventing degradation of the site during construction operations. The first phase of work was completed ahead of schedule and under budget.

"The total cost of the jail project for the first phase was \$54,363.39, which included \$3,425.00 in in-kind contribution from the county. The project was under budget by \$2,818.30," Carol Campbell, Chair, said.

The board discussed the renovation project, concurring with the architect that the abatement of asbestos was the logical and necessary "next step" to move forward.

Mr. Welch reported to the board that he had made contact with Flint Skaggs, an environmental consultant with Lambert and Associates in Wichita Falls, who is currently developing asbestos abatement plans for the Quannah historical downtown project. While Skaggs would not be doing the actual abatement, he would be preparing the work plan and providing information required for any abatement contractor to use in actually bidding the work. He would also monitor air and provide other management services during the abatement process.

The board voted unanimously to proceed with contacting Mr. Skaggs to make a trip to Mata-

dor to assess the situation. In the original assessment, asbestos was found in the glazing of one window in the kitchen, and in the floor tiles in the kitchen and foyer area. Additional testing may eliminate the need to abate the other windows, reducing the cost, Welch said.

A lengthy discussion involved the selection of a "renovation date," which is a requirement of THC. At stake in selecting a renovation date are the added repairs through the years that have changed the interior configuration from the original design. For example, a door was added to the original structure on the south side, and an interior wall and bathroom were added. Also, the door and one window on the north side of the jail were encased in cinder blocks and sealed. In selecting a date, historical changes have to be taken into consideration. If the group decides to take the structure back to its original configuration of 1891, it would necessitate filling in the south door, and taking out an interior wall that was added to provide privacy for the bathroom.

Ron Bailey offered to research the historical Commissioners Court minutes and create a timeline that would indicate the year and extent of repairs to the jail overtime. He will submit his work to the board, allowing the board to make an informed decision about the renovation date based on costs and projected goals.

Accolade Home Care to sponsor heart screenings for National Heart Awareness Month

(Jayton, TX)- In an effort to detect heart health, Accolade Home Care is offering confidential Heart Health screenings to Jayton, Dickens, and surrounding area residents on February 10 at Dickens Senior Citizens Center at 511 Montgomery in Dickens from 10 a.m.- 2 p.m.

Accolade screenings take roughly five to ten minutes and will include a five panel screening that will measure: blood pressure, O2 saturation, weight, cholesterol and BMI. Each screening is administered by a qualified healthcare professional and the results from the screening will be made available to participant. Accolade will also provide individuals with informational sheets explaining their numbers from the screenings.

Each year in the U.S. 6 million people are hospitalized due

to cardiovascular disease. The number of excess deaths from Coronary Heart Disease is projected to rise from 59 in 2020 (an excess of 9%) to 3,600 in 2035.

Morene French understands the importance of getting screened after learning she had 95% blockage in her heart diagnosed through a stress test. At the age of 83, Morene was directed to Accolade Home Care and a vital sign monitor was placed in her home. These monitors are used under medical conditions such as uncontrolled hypertension, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, congestive heart failure and coronary artery disease. "The monitor is very easy to use and gives me such peace of mind," Morene said.

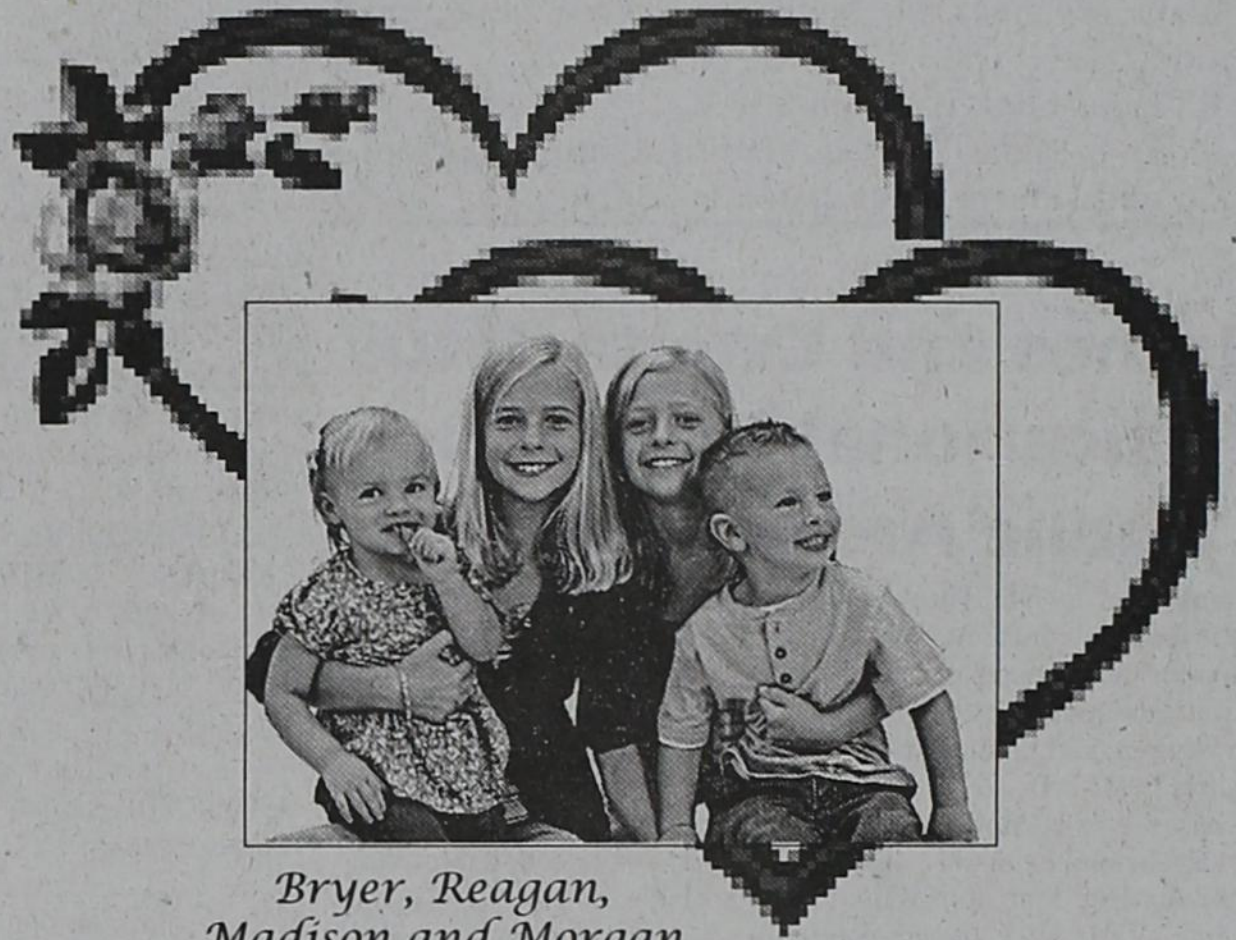
Accolade's program benefits patients by reducing hospital

readmissions, ER visits and enables the patient to better manage their condition. It monitors vital signs such as blood pressure, heart rate, oxygen saturation, temperature and weight. Accolade nurses are connected to patients seven days a week utilizing this vital information to improve early detection.

Dr. Arunava Ray, a cardiologist at the Amarillo Heart Group said, "Our patients are educated about their disease in our office or through home health. Home health care has reduced readmissions into the hospital by a good 50%."

For more information about Accolade Home Care's heart health screenings, please contact Kristen Kennedy at Kristen.kennedy@fms-regional.com or (940)231-3777.

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Job answered the Lord, "I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me which I did not know." (Job 42:3).

I recently read that the word kangaroo means, "I don't know" in the language of the Australian Aborigines. When Captain Cook asked the natives

what the name of the strange looking animal was they answered "kangaroo."

In the eighth chapter of the book of Acts there was a man of Ethiopia, reading from the book of Isaiah, who was asked by Philip, "Do you know that you are reading?" And he said, "How can I except someone guides me." This very sincere man was searching for answers, "Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus." (Acts 8:35). It was said of the people in Berea that, "These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so." (Acts 17:11). It is important that we go to the right source to find the answers.

Paul with confidence said, "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day." (II Timothy 1:12).

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EVENTS CALENDAR

February

- 12 Public Hearing, Matador City Hall, 9:30 am
- 12 Matador City council, 6:30 pm
- 12 Relay for Life meeting, 6:00 pm at Kathy Blanco's house
- 16 MCISD School Board, 7:30pm
- 17 Matador Lions, Methodist Church 12:30 pm
- 19 Matador Masonic Lodge, 6:30 pm
- 19 Foothills Fellowship 7:00 p. m. at the Community Center in Roaring Springs
- 21 Motley County Jr. Livestock Show
- 26 Eastern Star, 6:30pm
- 26 Hackberry Creek, Pot luck lunch 12:00 noon, everyone is invited!
- 28 *Living Like a Queen Ladies'* Salad Luncheon on Saturday, 12:00 noon at First Baptist Church, Matador.

March

- 3 Matador Lions Club, Methodist Church, 12:30 pm
- 4 Kids Praise
- 5 RS Lions Club, 11:30 am
- 7 Men's Breakfast, Matador Baptist Church, 7:00 am
- 9 Commissioners Court, 9:30 am

James and Oneita Titus Educational Foundation Public Announcement

James and Oneita Titus have established an educational foundation for the purposes of providing scholarships to Motley County ISD seniors and mini-grants to teachers in MCISD.

Every senior at Motley County ISD is eligible to apply. Each senior student that applies and submits all required information will receive a \$1,000.00 scholarship. Moreover, the scholarships will be available to the students in the amount of \$2,000.00 each year for four years. A total of five scholarships in the amount of \$8,000.00 may be awarded. At no time will the scholarship exceed the total cost of tuition and books including other grants. Seniors of Motley County ISD must make application for a scholarship by the March 1, 2009 deadline.

Students are required to submit the application forms and also a hand-written essay responding to the following questions: 1) What are your career plans/long term goals? 2) How will you give back to the community? 3) Why is a scholarship important to your college goals? 4) Why should you receive this scholarship? Each student's application will include a history of their extracurricular

activities at Motley County ISD, cumulative GPA and ACT scores, leadership roles, community activity and work history. Students will also need to supply three letters of recommendation to the selection committee. The student scholarship selection committee includes two Motley County ISD faculty members Mrs. Shelley Cox, Mrs. Kathy Gillespie and one adjunct faculty member from Lubbock Christian University Dr. Cathy Morton.

Motley County ISD teachers may apply for mini-grants from the Titus Foundation in the amount of \$1,500.00 per teacher, per year. Every teacher at Motley County ISD is eligible to apply for a mini-grant. The purpose of the mini-grant is to allow teachers the opportunity to purchase supplies, materials or programs that will improve the quality of education provided in the classroom. The application deadline for a teacher mini-grant is April 1, 2009. The selection committee for teacher mini-grants is Mr. William Cochran, principal, Mrs. Jan Jones secondary faculty member and Mrs. Pam Thacker retired an adjunct faculty member, all of Motley County ISD.

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CCA regrets for the inconvenience that it may caused anyone. Please contact the Community Action office in your county. CEAP Coordinator - Karen Yocom CT7

Notice of Election

The City of Matador will hold a City Election on May 9, 2009. Applications will be accepted to fill (3), three, 2-year terms for council. February 7, 2009, will be the first day to accept applications for a place on the ballot. March 9, 2009 will be the last day to accept applications for a place on the ballot. Applications may be obtained and filed at Matador City Hall located at 706 Dundee, between regular business hours, 8 to 5, Monday through Friday. Ballot position drawing will be at 10:00 a.m. at Matador City Hall on March 12, 2009.

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The election will be held on May 9, 2009. Two positions of three year terms are to be filled on the Motley County ISD School Board.

The Superintendent's office will be open from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. The sign-up period will begin February 7, 2009 at 8:00 a.m. and end March 9, 2009 at 4:00 p.m.

Ballot position drawing will be conducted at the superintendent's office Friday March 13, 2009 at 12:00 p.m. ct7

Public Notice

The City of Matador will hold a public hearing at City Hall, located at 706 Dundee, on Thursday, February 12, 2009 at 9:30 am in regard to the Texas Community Development Block Grant Downtown Revitalization Program project that has recently been completed in Matador.

This public hearing is being held to review the outcome of thsidewalk improvement project that included the reconstruction/replacement of sidewalks, curb and gutter, ADA ramps, and handrails.

Citizens who wish to comment, but are unable to attend this hearing may submit their written comments to Debra Scott, City Secretary, PO Box 367, Matador, TX 79244. Anyone needing additional information or special assistance may call Kelli McElhone at South Plains Association of Governments at (806) 762-8721.

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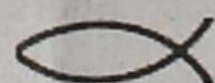
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