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Ice covered tree at dusk

photo by Larry Vogt

Johnson Retires from Library Board

By Suzanne Abbott

Charles N. Johnson announced his retirement from the Motley County Library Board at the end of 2008 after serving nineteen years on that board. Charley was president of the board for the last fourteen years. The Library Board meets once a month but that hour-long meeting was not the extent of Charley's service to the library.

Charley oversaw the refurbishing of the library and the purchase and renovation of the Library Annex. He in-

stalled shelves and he tore down shelves. He carried books to storage and back from storage.

Charley repaired furniture for the library and he helped unload trucks when new equipment for the library arrived. He carried tables and chairs to and from the library for its many programs and functions.

Charley has been really good at getting the Lions Club to help the library, whether it was buying a new hot-water heater or tearing out dusty walls in the annex. Of course,

Charley worked right along side the other Lions as the annex renovation began. Charley has performed many services for the library, including instituting and guiding the fiscal policies that help keep the library doors open.

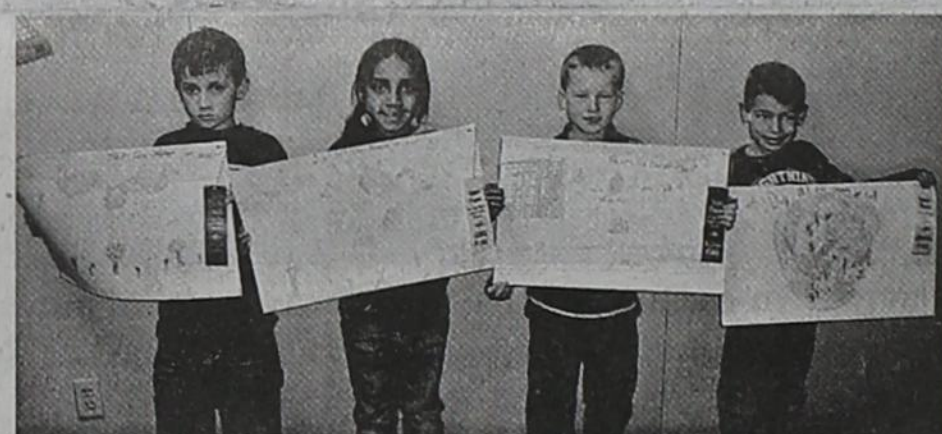
The Board of Directors of the Motley County Library and the Friends of the Library invite everyone to a reception honoring Charley Johnson for his many years of service to the library. The reception will be in the Library Annex on Sunday, February 8, from 2:00 to 4:00 P. M.

Upper Pease Soil and Water Conservation district announces "Dig It! The Secrets of Soil"

2009 Poster Contest winners



5th grade
Thalia Quilimaco: 1st place



2nd Grade: Jake Weiser, 1st place; Tucker Barton, 2nd place; Alycia Silva, 3rd place and Kyler Degan, 4th place.

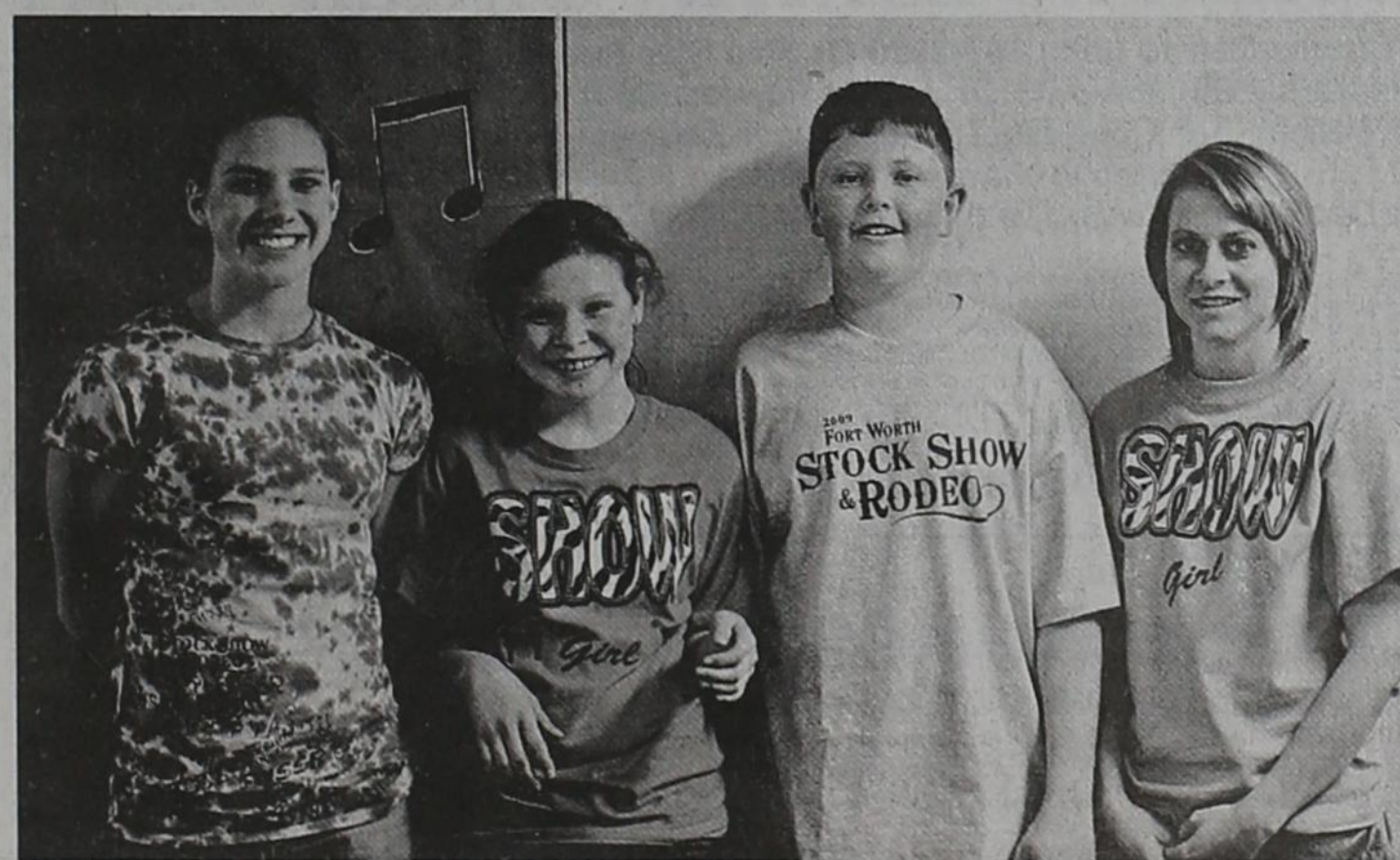


4th Grade: Thalia Mendoza Garcia Valdez, 1st place; Chloe Gleghorn, 2nd place; Chris Ward, 3rd place and Lauryn Bohn (not pictured) 4th place.



3rd Grade: Cade Drum, 1st place; Brody Rankin, 2nd place; Samantha Quilimaco, 3rd place; Dode Gleghorn, 4th place.

4-H members compete in 113th Fort Worth Stock show



Motley 4-H Club members, Jaci Zingerman, Cassidy Turner, Seth Baxter, and Shane'a Russell traveled to Fort Worth to participate in the 2009 Fort Worth Stock Show.

By Ryan Martin

Motley 4-H Club members Jaci Zingerman, Cassidy Turner, Seth Baxter and Shane'a Russell traveled to Fort Worth to participate in the 2009 Fort Worth Stock Show. They were accompanied by JD and D'anna Russell, Don and Colleen Baxter, Craig, Cathey and Carlee Turner, Lori and Russell Alexander, and Ryan, Jamie, Colton and Cade Martin.

Jaci, Cassidy and Shane'a competed with their market goats while Seth competed with his lambs. Although no one placed, Seth did get pulled from a class of around 90 lambs to stay on the "pay dirt" to finish out a class. In market animal classes the judge will take a glance at your animal to decide if he wants you to stay in the ring to show or send your animal back to the pen.

The Fort Worth Stock Show is a very tough show with around 1,000 goats and 1,200 lambs competing. Although no one came home with any extra money in their pockets, they did come home with some great experience and memories.

Pancake Supper

Matador Lions Club is having a pancake supper at the school on Friday, February 6. Serving will start at 5:00 P. M. and the cost is \$3.00 for children through 6th grade age and \$5.00 for everyone else. This is a major fund raiser for the Lions and the proceeds are used to fund various charitable projects both locally and regionally. Everyone is invited!

Accolade Home Care to offer complimentary heart screenings for National Heart Awareness Month

In an effort to detect heart health, Accolade Home Care is offering confidential Heart Health screenings to Jayton and Dickens area residents on February 10 at Dicken's Senior Citizen's Center.

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

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Dry conditions dominated Motley County despite icy and arctic weather in January

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County Agent News

South Plains agriculture conference on Feb. 13 to explore wind energy

Foothill Country Connections

Community, Diversity, Art

By Larry Vogt

Tuesday, January 27 was a stressful time here at the Tribune office. The main computer which also enables us to scan photos and documents and then email them, crashed. That is the boo! part of the yay/boo game. Fortunately, the paper was almost finished on another computer and we were still able to email the paper to the printer and get the paper out on time.

That's the yay! part of the game. There were other parts of publication that had to be improvised (boo!) but somehow we managed to print mailing labels and get papers with the proper forms filled out to the post office on time. (yay!!!!)

It was cold and frosty ice covered the trees all day. I noticed that as I drove to Matador from Roaring Springs in the morning and thought I should take some photographs but, as usual, there were time constraints.

By the time I drove back to Roaring Springs later in the day as the sun was setting the trees along the highway were very beautiful against the setting sun as one looked to the West. My mind was still racing trying to come up with solutions to my dilemma of the crashed computer so I almost paid no attention to the scenery.

Then it struck me that I should stop and try to capture some extraordinary images that were waiting there to the West. One of the results is on the front page of today's edition of the Tribune.

Therein lies the biggest part of the yay/boo game I had been forced to play all day. I guess you might say there is a yay for every boo if you're lucky.

The computer still has to be replaced but folks can go to the library to scan their Valentine photos and email them or we can take them there if necessary. Balance the boo with the yay and we can get by.



Tommie Cruse shows the ring she won as holder of the winning ticket sold by Roaring Springs Lions Club. Lions president Wes Campbell presented the ring after the winning ticket was drawn by Lion Queen Tince Thacker. The drawing was held at the Travelers' Inn on December 19. Thacker Jewelry donated the ring for the raffle proceeds will be used for charitable projects.

THANK YOU

We would like to publicly thank Linda and Marilyn for their hospitality as we celebrated our 30th wedding anniversary at Hotel Matador in December. The suite was beautiful and all the extras they had ready for us made the day that much more special. We had two meals there that were absolutely wonderful. The candlelight, china and crystal added that extra touch for our anniversary dinner. Motley County is fortunate to have such a beautiful and inviting place for memorable times. We met, married, and raised our children in Matador, so it was the perfect place to come to celebrate our 30 years together. Again, Marilyn and Linda, thank you for helping us celebrate such a happy time in our lives. We now know you can come home again.

James and Margaret Stanley

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National Heart Awareness Month

in 2020 (an excess of 9%) to 3,600 in 2035.

"Early detection, healthy diet, education of cardiac diseases and preventative care is pertinent for the public to know," Dr. Arunava Ray, a cardiologist at the Amarillo Heart Group said.

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.

THANK YOU

Thank you Carrier and Drum Plumbing Heating and Air Conditioning for your support and supplying the Motley County PIP's with fantastic new uniforms.

MC PIPS in full swing



MC PIPS circle up and cheer "PIPS, PIPS, PIPS, YEAH! The Motley County PIPs are in full swing and have been performing at the half-time of the Lady Mat's and Matador's games. On Saturday, January 24th the PIP's traveled to Plainview and performed for the Wayland Pioneer's half-time. They did an excellent job in their new uniforms donated by Carrier Co. and Drum Plumbing Heating and Air Conditioning.

Relay for Life Committee Holds 2009 Kick Off Party

By Monta Marshall

On Tuesday evening January 20th a kick-off party for the Relay For Life Committee was held at the Roaring Springs Community Center. Events to be held in May and June and ending with the relay event at the Motley ISD football field were discussed.

Kathy Oaks, manager of the Community Development of the Lubbock Field of the organization spoke. The goal for Motley County for 2009 is \$20,000. Team leaders are encouraged to get their teams organized and set up for team fundraisers. Each team can have up to 15 members. New leaders and new teams are urged to get organized. You may register until the first week in May; however, the earlier your team is registered

the more team fundraiser activities can be accomplished.

Team packets are available at the New to You in Matador. Each team member will pay a \$5.00 fee. This will include a 'Relay For Life' t-shirt. New team leaders will receive a jacket for successfully beginning a team of 7 or more. Fifteen people will be the maximum on a team. A team meeting will be coming up in February.

Rosalee Davis is in charge of 'survivor activities'. The dusk to dawn relay event signifies: dusk - diagnosis; night - treatment; dawn - cure or remission. It is a celebration of life for the cancer patient and their families.

The monies raised at these local levels provide support to our cancer patients; some of the things that are free to the cancer

patient are: wigs, breast prosthesis, and some medical equipment and supplies.

The Relay for Life Organization has been a part of getting a Cancer Consortium working in Lubbock for the cure. The Consortium is a group of cancer specialists that do research.

Another project in the works for the Lubbock region is Hope Lodge. We have heard of it through a recent Lions Club fundraiser. Kathy Oaks reported that 6.5 million dollars have been raised. When they reach 8 million; groundbreaking for the facility will begin. Money for this project is raised separately and does not take away from patient services.

The Hope Lodge will provide a place to stay for patients that are having chemo and radiation

treatments as outpatients. It will be similar to the Ronald McDonald House for ill children. It will serve rural patients from communities in the Lubbock region. The building will be three stories with 4 common kitchens, and living areas, a laundromat, private rooms with separate baths. It will be located near the main cancer treatment centers in Lubbock.

On Saturday all of the Motley County committee members attended a conference in Lubbock. They were: Kathy Blanco, Annette Hollingsworth, Brittany Moore, Nancy Marshall, Pam Newman, Andi Henzler, Rosalee Davis, and Shonda Elliott.

If you would be interested in being a corporate sponsor please contact Annette Hollingsworth at New To You.



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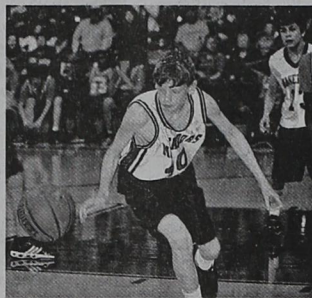
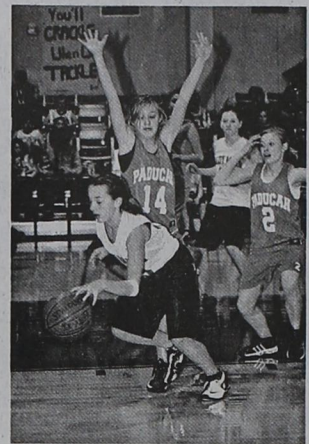
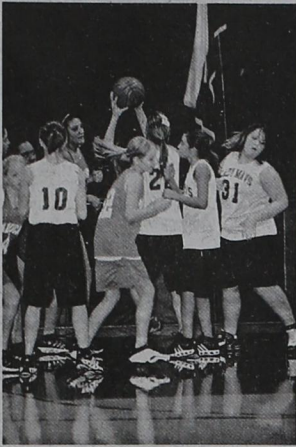
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MCISD Junior high girls: Cathrine Ward, Sabra Pope, Jaci Zingerman, Cassidy Turner, Shelby Elliott, Gabriela Santos, Shayla Clay, Meagan Ford, Katie Barton, and Virginia Gutierrez.

MCISD High school boys: Reagan Elliott, Nayo Santos, Jonathon Osborn, Christian Brooks, Will Butler, Justin Newman, Andrew Martin, Ky Christopher, Braden Mason, Mark Quintero.

MCISD Junior high boys: Juan Flores, Seth Baxter, Brit Simpson, Austin Taylor, Coby Cochran, Logan Ferguson, Jacob Woolsey, Korbyn Simpson, Caleb Clary, Connor Mason, Jamie Jameson, Braden Bigham, Tanner Bearden, Tallon Pollard, Michael Martin

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NEWS AROUND MOTLEY COUNTY

Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

Hey, Happy Groundhog Day! Yep, he sure saw his shadow today. Winter 'ain't over until it's over no matter how much stock you put in the ground hog! I suppose on the news tonight we will hear about Punxsutawney Phil up in Pennsylvania and Prairie Dog Pete of Lubbock! I'm not too impressed with the folklore regarding Feb 2nd nor the eating black-eyed peas and hog jowl for New Year's Day bringing good luck. It just mostly gave me the belly ache! My dad certainly liked to keep up the tradition so over the years I've had an opportunity to learn not to put much faith into such things! It's fun to hear about folks who do and their stories.

The next Relay for Life meeting is tentatively set for 6:00 P.m. at Kathy Blanco's house on February 12th. That may be subject to change. Please contact Annette Hollingsworth at New to You for more information. Team leaders are urged to attend and new ones to get their teams lined up.

Several people from Roaring Springs attended Billie Clifton's 80th birthday on Saturday afternoon at Kingswood United Methodist Church in Amarillo. Those attending from Roaring Springs were: Ken and Suzanne Abbott, Chig Gwinn, and Pearl Patton. Pearl's daughter, JoAnn Reagan accompanied Pearl. Pearl's son Buddy Allen from Borger also attended. Pearl said an interesting slide show

of Billie's life was shown and toasts were made to her by her family and close friends.

James and Pat Palmer visited with Zella Palmer and attended Sunday morning church services with her.

Donna Kennedy was taken by ambulance to the hospital Sunday afternoon where she was treated and released.

Several others are ill with stomach flu or upper respiratory problems.

Laura Long spent several days in Big Spring with her son, Steven Meyer. Steven had surgery on his hand and is doing well.

Rodney Long is at home following a stay in the V. A. Hospital in Amarillo. He is feeling much better and is on oxygen 24/7. He is under hospice care. He is able to be out some with Boyd checking on his cattle.

On Saturday, I traveled to Lubbock with my daughter and her family to attend the All Region Band concerts held at the Civic Center Auditorium to hear my grandson, Sean Miller performs. Sean plays slide trombone. We heard some awesome school bands. His sister Kelsea Miller was in Borger on Friday to compete in the UIL competitions. She won first in Business presentations and will be representing Floydada High School at the state competition in Austin.

Laverne Zabielski and Larry Vogtarein Kentucky this week. On the way, they stopped and visited Laverne's sister, Bunni Zeilinger in Longview.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

The immensity of our national debt is hard to comprehend. We need to instruct our representatives to sacrifice personal and local greed for the sake of national and global need:

Mrs. B. Rogers was conveyed by ambulance Tuesday, January 27, to Lockney and then transferred to Covenant Medical center in Lubbock following an icy accident. She suffered a broken hip and had surgery Thursday, January 29. At newstime, she is having therapy treatments.

Family members with her during surgery and hospitalization beside her son Donnie Rogers of Flomot were Donna Sue and Stanley Degan of Calgary, Mrs. Shawna Abernathy of Abilene, Mrs. Shay McDaniel of Sundown, Ronnie and Lou Rogers, Dane and Leah Degan, Paul and Traci Roberts, Laura and Keith Dercherhouse, Tina Rogers, Holly Pounds, Eldon and Gwen Martin, all of Lubbock.

Kathy and Clois Shorter, his father, Everett Shorter joined family members and friends in Lubbock Saturday to celebrate the 9th birthday of grandson and great grandson, Brian Sehon of Ropesville. The party with all the trimmings was held at the Roller Skating Rink in Lubbock. Brian is the son of Keri and Kevin Sehon of Ropesville. The Shorter family, before returning home visited Mrs. B. Rogers, a patient at the Covenant Medical Center.

Rickey Hughes and Kason of Floydada visited Saturday with his parents, Janice and Butch Hughes.

Visiting the weekend with Nada and Jack Starkey and Johnie Starkey were Mrs. Phyllis Gladson and Tonya Gladson of Austin, Lola Jewel Starkey of Clyde, Mrs. Nola Mary Long and Clifton Long of Winnewood, Oklahoma and L.T. Starkey of Ralls.

Mrs. Cally Sperry, daughter, Savannah and sister, Kelby Williams attended to business in Plainview, Saturday.

Danny Barrett of Quitaque, mail carrier for Matador, Whiteflat and Flomot, was transferred from Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock to the Rehabilitation center in Lockney this week. It was reported he is making a slow but steady recovery. He is happy to be closer to home.

Mrs. Ruth Lee and Mrs. Shonda Lee attended the baptism of Ruth's granddaughter, Kacee McGraw of Turkey, held Sunday morning at the First Baptist Church in Quitaque. Visiting Ruth and Orville Sunday was grandson, Robert Lee of Amarillo.

Jack and Nada Starkey were in Amarillo, Wednesday for him a medical check up at the Veteran's Hospital.

Mrs. Marilee Cooper of Borger visited overnight Sunday with her father, Wilburn Martin. She continued to Lubbock, Monday to attend a Seminar.

Anna Beth and Joe Ike Clay visited from Thursday until Saturday in Clifton with daughter and family, Lori and Kevon Kleibrink, Kyle and Karlee. Sunday afternoon they visited in Panhandle with son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Clay. They enjoyed the basketball game in which granddaughter, Sarah Clay played.

Matador News

Ron and Kay Bailey spent the weekend in Eastland with their daughter and grandson, Andi and Brant Bailey. They attended Brant's basketball game on Saturday.

Lucretia Estes Campbell has been a patient at Cogdell Hospital in Lockney, admitted with pneumonia on January 19. Following seven days of critical care, she is now in the rehabilitation unit, expecting discharge on Thursday, February 5.

Keeping the grandchildren of Marilyn and Randy Hicks last weekend in Lubbock were Chicagra Brown and Karrie Valdez.

Chicagra, the granddaughter of Harold and Bobbie Brown, was a 2007 graduate of MCHS. She is currently a student at South Plains College with an undeclared major. Karrie, who lived with Robert and Olivia Osborn to complete MCHS in 2007, is completing coursework in Early Childhood Development.

Robert Fisk is home from Iraq, wife Christie and his four sons, Brendan, Dereck, Aidan, and Colter, are glad to report. Robert plans to remain on active duty and will report to Fort Sill in Lawton, OK, March 21. He will commute between here and Lawton.

Jonnie and Ed Hirt of Topeka, KS, have been here for the funeral of L.V. Damron, Jonnie's mother. Among those here to honor LV were Sherry Nash of Eustace and Nancy Palmieri and her son Jason of Pearland, Jonnie's cousins.

Dorothy Russell, Linda Roy, Marilyn Hicks, and Lara Escobar of Lubbock all attended "The Pajama Game" musical Broadway performance in Lubbock Saturday afternoon and stopped by La Espuela for steaks on their way home.

C.W. and Pat Moore also enjoyed "The Pajama Game" Saturday matinee.

The Motley County Little Dribblers have been busy perfecting their basketball skills and will have their first game of the season at Patton this weekend where they will square off against Jayton roundballers.

The La Carte Bridge Club met last Monday at the Hotel Matador to enjoy a wintery afternoon together. Hostess was Carol Campbell, and they were served Boston Cream Pie.

Randy Hicks traveled to El Paso last weekend to attend the annual

Safari Club International dinner. While there he met with Johan Botes of South Africa and made arrangements to hunt varmints (in the form of jackals) for Botes on his farm in that country.

Eric North and Julie Burdey, both of Austin, were in Matador last week evaluating the old WWII bomb site in the county for the Corps of Engineers.

Craig and Cathey Turner and daughters, Cassidy and Carley, attended the Fort Worth Stock Show last weekend where Cassidy showed her goat.

Shane'a Russell also showed her goat at the Fort Worth show. She was accompanied by her parents, J.D. and D'anna Russell. A Motley County EMT, D'anna assisted a patron in distress until an ambulance arrived as the local group was dining at Los Vaqueros in the Stockyards one evening. It was later learned that the gentleman was experiencing a heart attack.

Jaci Zingerman showed her goat at the Fort Worth Stock Show as well. Parents Lori and Russell Alexander traveled with her.

Seth Baxter's lamb did well and placed at the Fort Worth Stock Show. With him were his parents Don and Colleen Baxter.

County Agent Ryan Martin and his wife Jamie were in Fort Worth for the Stock Show as well, supporting county youth participants.

The Glittered Pig, a Matador industry, hosts a vendor booth at the annual month-long Fort Worth event. Owners Stacey Cochran, Wes Day, and Sally Day were very successful during this year's show, having to send back to Matador several times for more of their colorful, glittering cutouts to sell stock show visitors.

Dr. Andrew Seigrist and his sons Adam and Nathan were visited last weekend by mother and wife Angela and daughter and sister, Kaitlyn. Angela and Kaitlyn are finishing the school year in Blue Ridge but will be joining the rest of the family in Matador soon.

Brad Baxter, former Matador resident and son of Don and Colleen, had his foot mashed recently when a buffalo pushed he and his horse against a fence. Brad works at the Lawrence Ranch in Truscott, Texas.

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

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Ronnie Davis

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The Bible tells us that our God has "put eternity in our hearts." That simply tells us that God has given us direction for our lives. It is up to us to make the necessary course adjustments. This involves change. Once again, that is hard on us, but with our Lord's help, we like Paul ... "can do all things through Christ which strengthened me." Make the changes while you have the time.

Michael G. Crowley, Sr.

Roaring Springs Church of Christ
Michael G. Crowley, Sr.
BIBLE STUDY 10:00 a.m. Worship 9:00 a.m.

FSA News

By Amy Hackler, CED

The deadline for 2005-2007 Crop Disaster Program which includes disaster for quality losses ends on February 27, 2009. If you have questions regarding this program please call the office.

DCP signup is underway for the 2009 crop year. Producers can now call for an appointment to sign up and receive advance payments.

If producers bought the NAP insurance (non-insured assistance program) for the 2009 Wheat for Grazing crop, and they feel like they are suffering a loss, they may want to come to the office and file a notice of loss. This notice of loss must be on file in order to receive a payment later in the year. With heavier workload, we ask that producers call to ensure that the office staff can efficiently handle your request and it may be necessary to schedule an appointment.

USDA Sets Date for Lamb Referendum

WASHINGTON, Dec 12, 2008 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture today announced that it will offer lamb producers, feeders, and first handlers the opportunity to vote in a nationwide referendum on whether to continue or terminate the Lamb Promotion, Research, and Information Order, authorized under the Commodity Promotion, Research, and Information Act of 1996. The referendum will be held Feb. 2-27, 2009.

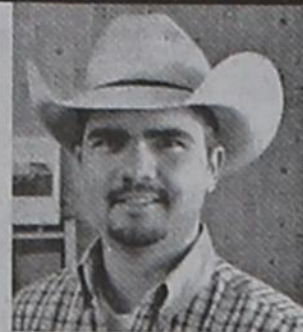
The referendum will be conducted at USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) county offices. To be eligible to vote, persons must certify and provide documentation, such as a sales receipt or remittance form, which shows they have been engaged in the production, feeding, or slaughtering of lambs during the period, Jan. 1, 2008, through Dec. 31, 2008.

Beginning Feb. 2, 2009, and continuing through Feb. 27, 2009, persons eligible to vote should obtain form LS-86 from a county FSA office either in person, by mail, fax, or via the Internet at: <http://www.ams.usda.gov/lsmarketingprograms>. Persons must vote in the referendum at the County FSA office where their administrative farm records are maintained. For those persons not participating in FSA programs, the opportunity to vote will be provided at the County FSA office where the person owns or rents land.

Form LS-86 and supporting documentation must be returned in person, by mail, or by fax to the appropriate county FSA office. The form and documentation returned in person or by fax must be received in the appropriate county office prior to the close of business on Feb. 27, 2009. The form and documentation returned by mail must be postmarked no later than midnight on Feb. 27, 2009, and received in the county FSA office by March 6, 2009. USDA monitors activities of the American Lamb Board. The mandatory program is financed by producers, seedstock producers (breeders), feeders, and exporters who are assessed one-half cent (\$.005) per pound when live ovine animals are sold. The first handler, primarily packers, pays an additional 30 cents per head on ovine animals purchased for slaughter. Notice of the referendum will be published in the Dec. 16, 2008, Federal Register. Copies of the Final Rule and Notice are available from the Marketing Programs Branch; Livestock and Seed Program, AMS, USDA; STOP 0251 - Room 2628-S; 1400 Independence Avenue, SW; Washington, D.C. 20250-0251; tel. (202) 720-1115; or via the Internet at www.ams.usda.gov/lsmarketingprograms.

County Agent's News

by Ryan Martin, Agri LIFE EXTENSION Agent



South Plains agriculture conference on Feb. 13 to explore wind energy

LUBBOCK – Texas AgriLife Extension Service will join the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and the Texas Wildlife Association to conduct the South Plains Agriculture, Wind and Wildlife Conference Feb. 13 at Lubbock's American Wind Power Center and Museum.

The conference starts with a 7:30-8 a.m. registration.

The center is at 1701 Canyon Lake Dr., about three-quarters of a mile east of Interstate 27 off of 19th Street.

Ken Cearley, AgriLife Extension wildlife specialist at Canyon, said attendees will hear legal, wildlife, real estate, industry, legislative and landowner viewpoints.

"Many South Plains landowners and managers are facing the decision of whether or not to pursue wind energy development on their land," Cearley said. "This conference is intended to provide fodder for objective consideration and critical thinking regarding the benefits, disadvantages and associated tradeoffs wind energy can bring."

Conference topics are to include: past, current and future of wind energy on the South Plains; wind turbine anatomy and construction; wind energy and wildlife; real estate

impact and land appraisals; and small tract landowners and wildlife. There also will be a landowner panel sharing multiple perspectives.

Lubbock Mayor Tom Martin and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department executive director Carter Smith are slated to address the conference. A number of legislators are scheduled to participate as well.

Individual registration that includes lunch is \$50. To register, go to: <http://texas-wildlife.org> or call Helen Holdsworth at 1-800-TEX-WILD.

For more information contact Cearley at 806-651-5760.

Rolling Plains Cotton Variety Showdown and Pest Management Practices

The Motley and Dickens County Extension offices will hold a cottonseed meeting for producers on February 10, 2009 starting at 12 O'clock noon at the Caprock Café in Dickens. This will be an in depth look at new cotton varieties suitable for the Rolling Plains area. A buffet lunch will be served free of charge. Representatives from Delta and Pine Land Co., DynaGrow, Dow / Phytogen, and Crop Production Services (UAP) will be on hand to discuss new cotton varieties and chemicals.

Dry conditions dominated Motley County despite icy and arctic weather in January

By Earlyne Jameson

Arctic air and a touch of snow blustered across Motley County Tuesday, January 27, with temperatures dropping to 16 degrees and not reaching above 19 degrees all day. Concerns about icy conditions prompted Motley County Schools to cancel classes that day and classes did not begin until 10:00 a.m. the following day.

Soil moisture is very short, however farmers working

beds and shredding stalks was done. Winter wheat and pastures combined with high winds in need of moisture. Supplemental feeding of cattle continues.

The National Weather Service volunteers of Motley County report the total moisture for January: Buzz Thacker, Roaring Springs, 0.24; Ron Bailey, Matador, 0.10; Betty Simpson, Northfield, 0.10; Clois Shorter, Flomot, 0.10; and Lawrence Allen, Whiteflat, 0.10.

Senior Citizen Menu

Thursday, February 5: Hamburger steak/brown gravy, oven fries, squash, wheat rolls, cherry cobbler.

Friday, February 6: Chicken strips, gravy, black-eyed peas, mashed potatoes, tossed salad, banana pudding.

Monday, February 9: Baked pasta, tossed salad, beets, bread sticks, and pears.

Tuesday, February 10:

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Wednesday, February 11: Pizza, tator tots, pea salad,

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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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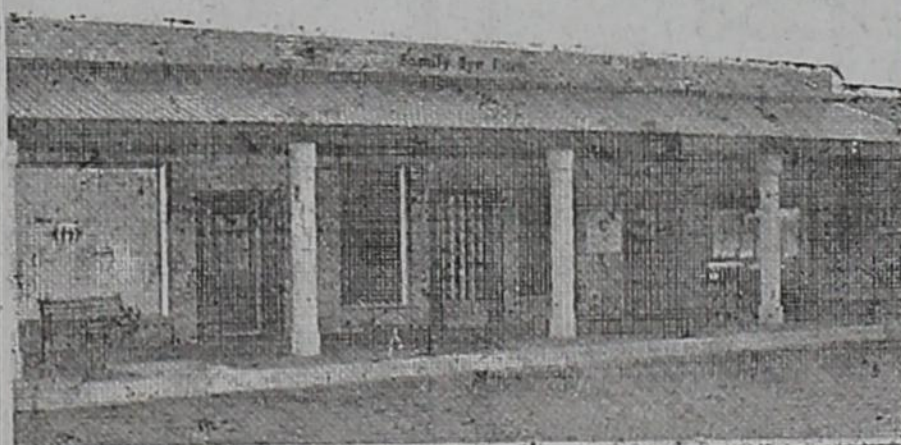
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EVENTS CALENDAR

February

- 4 Kids Praise
- 5 RS Lions, special speaker Kathy Oaks, 11:30 am
- 5 Friends of the Library meeting @ the Library, 3:30pm
- 5 MC JRHS Tournament
- 6 MC HSBB vs Paducah Home, 6-8pm
- 6 Matador Lions Pancake Supper, MCISD, 5pm
- 7 MC JRHS Tournament
- 7 Mens breakfast, 7am at the Methodist Church
- 7 Little Dribblers Jayton PlayDay Includes 3/4, 5/6
- 8 Charley Johnson Retirement Reception at the Library, 2:00-4:00
- 9 Commissioners' Court 9:30 am
- 9 RS City Council
- 9 MC JRHS BB VS VALLEY 5:30
- 10 MC HSBB vs Valley, Away, 6-8pm
- 10 Confidential heart health screenings by Accolade Home Carem, Dickens Senior Citizen Center, 511 Montgomery Dickens, 10am-2pm.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE COMMENTS OR ATTEND A PUBLIC HEARING IS HEREBY GIVEN BY CAPROCK COMMUNITY ACTION ASSOCIATION, INC. ON THE PROPOSED CONTINUATION OF COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT (CSBG). BUDGET AND PERFORMANCE STATEMENTS WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW, BY MAKING A REQUEST TO ALBERTA SEDILLO, CAPROCK COMMUNITY ACTION ASSN. INC. 224 S. BERKSHIRE, CROSBYTON, TEXAS (806) 675-7307. A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY FEBRUARY 9, 2009 AT 10:00AM. AT 224 S. BERKSHIRE CROSBYTON, TEXAS

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 this sidewalk 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.

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF CHARLES MAURICE FERGUSON, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that Original Letters Testamentary upon the estate of CHARLES MAURICE FERGUSON, Deceased, were issued to the undersigned on the 14th day of January, A.D., 2009, in the proceedings indicated below my signature hereto, which is still pending, and that I now hold such letters. All persons having claims against said estate which is being administered, in the county below named, are hereby required to present the same to me at the address below give, before such estate is closed, and within the time prescribed by law.

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Notice of Election

The City of Roaring Springs will hold a City Council Election on May 9, 2009. Applications will be accepted to fill (3) 2-year terms for council member. February 7, 2009 will be the first day to accept applications for a place on the ballot. March 9, 2009 is the last day for accepting applications. Applications may be obtained and filled out at Roaring Springs City Hall, during regular business hours, 8 A. M. to 12 noon, Monday through Friday. Ballot position drawing will be conducted at the Roaring Springs City Hall, at 10 o'clock A. M. on Friday, March 13, 2009.

Notice

Applications for a place on the ballot of the Motley County Independent School District Board of Trustee election may be obtained from the Motley County ISD Superintendent's office.

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. ct7

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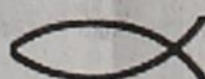
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