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"Grazers in the Cotton"

Photo by Ken Young

## Have you thanked a Motley County I.S.D. school board member lately?

Most people never wonder, let alone ask out loud, why local school board members are willing to give so much of their time and energy to their community.

Public school board members are those dedicated few who are elected to represent an entire community's education values.

The beauty of public education is that its opportunities are open to everyone, and it's up to those who lead the schools to ensure all students are given everything they need to achieve and succeed.

Among those leaders, school board members stand out. Putting in long hours and working for no pay, these dedicated public servants strive day in and day out to preserve the dream of public education.

School Board Recognition Month—observed each January—honors that dedication in Texas. Districts and communities across the state and nation recognize the important contributions of their school board members.

At a time when we face difficult choices over budgetary priorities, a commitment to

education and to children must stand absolutely firm. We have a sacred obligation to put our children's needs first and to make the essential investments that will help them succeed in our increasingly complex society.

America's school boards help lead the way in this endeavor. By setting high expectations for student achievement, supporting successful teaching and learning, and linking schools with their communities, trustees empower students with the knowledge and skills they need to become productive, responsible citizens.

Take a moment to thank a school board member for caring about the future of our children.

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**NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY** members collected soft drink tabs to benefit Ronald McDonald House. Members are: (Left to Right) Mylissa Gilmore, Leatrice Gutierrez, Courtney Alexander, Emma Knowles, Christy Smith, and Savannah Rose.

## NHS thanks the community

The National Honor Society (NHS) would like to thank the community for their support of the pop tab collection effort during the first semester of this school year, sponsor Kathy Gillespie said.

A total of 21,341 tabs were collected and donated to the Ronald McDonald House, Gillespie said.

Ronald McDonald House sent the group "a very gracious thank you for the outstanding effort of our small school and our community," Gillespie said.

"We will continue to col-

lect pop tabs during the next semester for a donation in May," she said. "We ask that you continue to assist us and Ronald McDonald House in this effort."

You may call any NHS member if you need someone to pick up your tabs. Members are: Courtney Alexander, Mylissa Gilmore, Leatrice Gutierrez, Emma Knowles, Savannah Rose, and Christy Smith; or the sponsor Kathy Gillespie.

You may also send them to school with any student or bring them to school yourself.

"Again, thank you," Gillespie said, "great job everybody!"

## Local artist produces fine art photography

### Portraits are his specialty; creative living turns burr-patch into paradise

By Carol Campbell

Creative living' and creative art are synonymous with Ken and Dinah Young.

Ken, a fine art photographer, shoots museum quality landscapes and portraits, working ranches, wildlife, weddings, and family reunions. His wife Dinah writes poetry, lives a "natural" lifestyle, sings like an angel, and is a licensed massage therapist, a vocation she has practiced for 22 years.

But that's not all. These two gifted locals "live in paradise" and their 5-acres are slowly but surely becoming the park that Ken envisioned that first day he set eyes on the land, seven years ago.

Beauty is in the eye of the beholder, they say. In 2000, while touring an old pecan orchard in Roaring Springs with the realtor, Dinah stooped to remove "tons" of grass burrs out of her socks and pants legs. Ken whispered to her lest she seem too eager and the price go up: "It's a park, don't say anything." Dinah gave him a blank stare, and continued to wade through weeds and grass burrs, she said.

The couple share a laugh about that first day now, but nonetheless, the land is being transformed from "sticker heaven" to flower garden. They have added stone paths, a goldfish pond, a mini-sculpture garden, an herb garden and more flowers. It is also home to three dogs, two cats, and a few zillion squirrels.

When Ken and Dinah first moved to "paradise," he made his living as a sculptor in metals, and spent his spare time with a camera. He needed a large area to work on commissioned metal sculptures, and the orchard was the perfect park, just waiting for his creations.

They needed temporary lodging until they could build

their dream home, but they never considered wood and mortar; they wanted to build a straw-bale house.

Ken had done his homework. Straw-bale construction uses bales of grasses and straw, stacked in rows on a raised foundation, tied together with rebar or wood, surfaced with wire meshes, and then stuccoed or plastered. They ordered fine quality bales of compact hay, cleared 16 pecan trees to build, and then, as life would have it, Ken took a curve ball.

Happenstance not only changed the straw-bale house construction, but changed the focus of Ken's art. "I suffered about five mini-strokes in a short period of time," Ken said. The doctors determined that his strokes were caused by 30 years of metal dust. The new creative focus became: "What can be done about it?"

For about a year, Ken went through 40 "chelation" treatments, a procedure designed to flush toxic levels of metals out of the blood stream. He retired his torch and picked up his camera, full-time. Ken had used a camera in his spare time since 1968. Camera art was just a matter of "training myself to look at life through a lens," he said.

With straw-bale construction out of the picture (too labor intensive, Ken said) the Youngs decided to order a "yurt" kit from the Pacific Northwest. They had actually stayed with friends in a 20-foot yurt in Nevada.

According to the encyclopedia, a yurt is a portable, felt-covered, wood lattice-framed dwelling structure used by nomads in the steppes of Central Asia (Wikipedia).

But in the U.S., enthusiasts took the visual idea of the yurt—a round, semi-permanent

tent—and adapted it to their specific needs. Yurts are made using hi-tech materials, hardwood frames and steeper roofs, covered in waterproof canvas.

"In Mongolia, the natives pick up their yurt and cart them away on their yaks," to be rebuilt on another site, Ken said. But Ken and Dinah Young's yurt is more permanent, placed on a concrete pad, and snuggled gracefully in the pecan orchard, a short distance from their ongoing building project, a two bedroom, renovated ready-built duplex. They recently added a large area for Ken's Studio.

Having abandoned the straw-bale house, the Youngs began the equally laborious construction of a Pacific Northwest yurt. He and Dinah spent a year hand-digging the foundation, plumbing, and wiring for electrical. Ken is also a carpenter and cabinet-maker, and built all the cabinets in the yurt and the new house. The yurt project became a family affair, with their four children getting in on the act.

They still sleep in the yurt, because where else could you sleep comfortably and still see the stars? The yurt consists of one round lattice wall-section, a door-frame, windows, roof poles, a bathroom, a kitchen, and a crown. The crown is a durable, clear acrylic dome, where sunshine bathes the living space; and you can view the change of seasons and the moon and stars. A creative lifestyle can certainly support creative art.

Ken has been making his living as an artist since 1972. "After I came back from the war (Vietnam) I just didn't want to wear a coat and tie," he said. He

just finished a show at the Abraham Fine Arts Center at Wayland University in Plainview. He had 65 pieces on show there. The museum bought one of his landscapes for their permanent collection. He is working on securing shows at Grace Museum in Abilene, and the Plains Museum in Canyon. He currently is working on an 8-by-5-foot mural in Crosbyton that will be placed in the Pioneer Museum.

Artists always seem to be re-inventing themselves. "I added in shooting schools," Ken said. "It is a real need in small communities. I took a weeklong workshop in Houston, learned the process, and how to present it. This isn't really in the 'fine art' category," he said, "but it has led me into a way to give back to the community."

But his real love is portraits. "I never dreamed I would love shooting portraits like I do," he said. "I used to be shy about asking people to pose for a portrait," Ken said. "But so many people come up to me and say: 'I wish I had done a portrait when my loved one was alive.'" So he takes his friends and neighbors to task—he tells them it is time to capture that fleeting moment.

Dinah says she feels "gifted every day." "Every day I get as much back as I give," she said. Her massage table and chair therapy is set up under the dome in the yurt. Like their amicable hosts, clients can view the changing seasons; pecan trees bud and bloom, leaves turn green and gold, ripened pecans fall, and dogs chase the squirrels. You can heal spiritually and physically here, Dinah said; and live peacefully for a short time in the minds-eye of an artist—creative living is art.



photo by Carol Campbell

DINAH AND KEN YOUNG live in Roaring Springs on 5-acres of paradise. The pecan orchard has been transformed with flower and herb gardens, sculpture and garden paths.

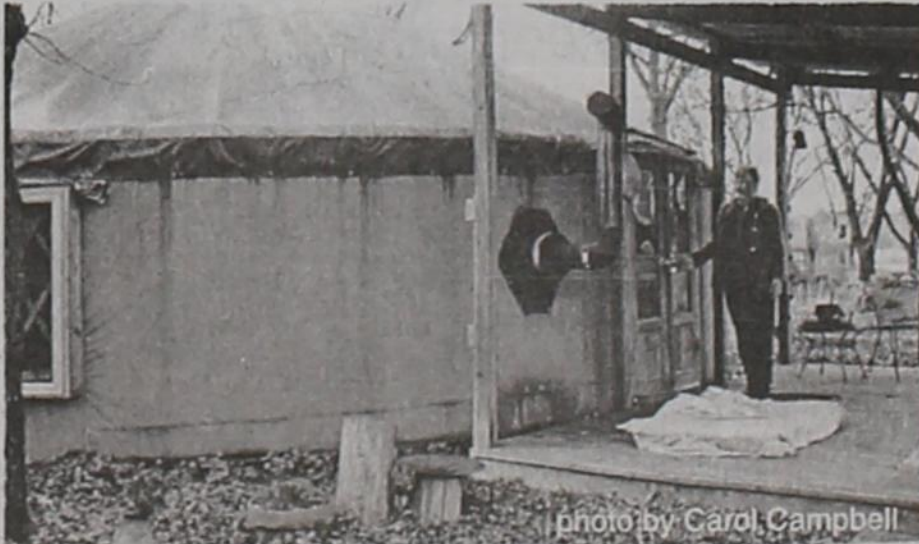


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DINAH YOUNG stands on the porch of the Northern Pacific yurt. A yurt is a round, semi-permanent, waterproof canvas tent with a hardwood frame. At the top of the steep roof is an acrylic dome.

# FOOTHILL COUNTRY CONNECTIONS

By Larry Vogt

There are some amazing sunsets here in the foothills country. Driving North on Highway 70 from Dickens one late fall afternoon we saw the most spectacular sight. Looking West was the sunset with brilliant swatches of bright orange and red and then looking East the moon was coming up into a mixed sky.

As the sun went down the moon came up with a dense indigo blue along the horizon under the moon that graduated to pinks and yellows as they met the moon. As the moon appeared higher in the sky the blue with its pinks and yellows followed it until there was total darkness and the night and the stars dominated the dome of big sky.

The moon was glowing with full roundness and constellations were downplayed by the illumination of the seemingly grandiose orb of reflected light just above the sagebrush and mesquite branches. As the rest

of the sky darkened with the moon approaching night, the moon seemed to shrink in size and the stars took their rightful place in the heavens and we were left with a sense of awe as we proceeded to travel along towards our home.

It is sometimes difficult to get into the traveling conveyance, start the engine and move on when stopped after the experience of an event such as a sunset. One is left with a sense of completeness and closeness to the earth and sky, and hesitant to give up that feeling and go on to some mundane task such as putting away the groceries.

If taken for granted, the sunsets and sunrises will come and go and not be affected by our notice or lack of appreciation. If you don't look at a sunset in awhile to stop your car, you simply miss an opportunity to check in with your own quietness and make a connection to the spirit that lies within you, thereby completing a circle that began with your first awareness that there is something beyond your human existence.

By Laverne Zabielski

Thank you so much Motley County for giving us ideas, suggestions and news for the Tribune. I was thinking about unity and what brings us together then realized that unity is part of the word community so I got my dictionary and looked it up.

Community n. 1. A social group of any size whose members reside in a specific locality, share government and have a common cultural and historical heritage.

Maybe we should call our arts & entertainment section "Arts, Culture and Heritage" because that's what we discover when we share stories. I once did a writing workshop in a juvenile detention facility. When I asked the students to introduce themselves I also asked them to tell me where they came from, who their grandparents were, and what they did. Out of about sixteen students only two or three had any idea of where their ancestors came from or what they did. For some reason that made me sad. Marie-Louise Lieber-Harkort also addresses this lack of memory in her Chamber Report. Perhaps memories can be created simply by giving people opportunities to share, not only in the gathering and telling stories, but by writing them down or creating other art forms like photography, painting, scrapbooks. Sometimes one's story can be told by the way they live their life. Carol Campbell explores the creative life in her story about photographer, Ken Young and poet, Dinah Young. I'm looking forward to receiving more of your stories for the Community Writing section.

With elections coming up there is considerable talk about change. Ray McMurrey, a can-

didate for US Senate, writes our first opinion editorial this week. We hope that other citizens or candidates will use the "Op Ed" forum to express their opinions. The more information we have, the better able we are to make informed decisions.

The BBQ honoring the state champions is January 10 after the parade, which starts at 5:30. This will be a chance for the team to earn money so that they can buy their championship rings. The Commissioner's Court meets on Monday, the 14<sup>th</sup>. Hopefully they will discuss the burn ban since we had another grass fire last week. What are people burning? There are dumpsters around town for trash and figures to take brush so I can't figure out what there is to burn. Last week a neighbor and I were concerned about the awful smell in the air and smoke from something being burned in Roaring Springs. I know there are freedoms that living in rural communities offer. However, burning trash that creates noxious odors and grass fires does not seem to be worth the price.

We have added a new feature, *Unsung Heroes*. Kay Bailey pointed out that there are so many people who volunteer and contribute to the vibrancy to our community. Often they go unrecognized. If you know someone who goes above and beyond, please let us know.

Marie-Louise Lieber-Harkort correctly defined all the words on last week's vocabulary quiz and received \$5.00 gift certificate at the Matador Variety. Since you can only win one a year there plenty of opportunities for others to win.

Don't forget the Brown Bag Writing Practice begins this Friday, January 11 at noon at the library. I look forward to sharing stories.

## UNsung HEROES

Volunteers in Motley County donate countless hours of community service—often behind the scenes, moving steadily, taking on tasks without complaint, making things happen, serving citizens on boards, associations, and county government.

Marihelen Wason is this week's *Motley County Tribune's* "unsung hero."

She has served on the site council for the Motley County Senior Citizens, and has been the community representative for the Red Cross, Community Chest, Salvation Army, and VFW Ladies Auxiliary.

She is an active member of the First Methodist Church, serving on the Board of Directors for many years. She takes care of all church donations.

Marihelen serves on the Board of Directors of the Cemetery Association and the Motley County Library, working faithfully at the library every week to be responsive to the patrons that love the library, organizing fundraisers to keep the doors open, and directing new opportunities for growth of the library.

She has served on the county and state level elections as an election judge for many years.



She is an avid golfer, and has served as past president of the Ladies Golf Association.

She and her family have been very supportive of the Hackberry Creek Care Center.

Thank you, Marihelen, for making our lives easier; for being a good neighbor.

**Editor's Note:** We would like to recognize the many citizens who volunteer their time to make Motley County a vibrant community. If you know an unsung hero, please let us know.

# WRITING COMMUNITY



photo by Ken Young

## "Dude"

By Dinah Young

Weathered skin, sparkling brown eyes,  
She'll make ya' laugh until ya' cry.  
As much character as her big stucco barn,  
Remembering a little girl  
Slapping the stucco on.

Living on this land for 84 years,  
She's hoed, and stoked the stove,  
Raised cattle and mowed.  
She knows every inch of it,  
Like her boots, it's just a fit.

I love to hear the stories  
About her favorite horses,  
And ridin' in the rodeo,  
And things other folks just don't know.

Her kin is Number 1 with her,  
You might see 'em 'round this barn.  
She loves this farm and all of them,  
But her gracious heart allows you in,  
And you know you've found a friend.

# Opinion Editorial

**Ready For Change,** by Ray McMurrey, Democrat for US Senate, 2008

The 2008 elections are shaping up to be an exciting time for Texas voters. Everytime I go in this great state I hear the same message. People are ready for a change in leadership. The voters of Texas want to see new faces and leadership at the state and national levels.

My Democratic candidacy for the U.S. Senate in Texas is the exactly the type of change people are clamoring for. This state has a chance to make history by electing to the US Senate a career public school teacher that truly understands the struggles of the American middle class and will provide a strong voice for working people. The voters are tired of partisan politics and will reject the "politics as usual" approach. My candidacy is unique because I do not have ties to corporate or lobbyist interest. As a teacher, I am not going to the Senate to raise

money to get re-elected. I will have 6 years and a spotlight to move Texas as a spotlight to national reform on the important issues.

Folks are tired of our democracy being "for sale." I will stand up to the medical insurance lobby, the military industrial complex and other lobbyist. I am offering a pro-active platform that is policy specific.

Our role in the Iraq War is over and it is time to bring our troops home. I have a plan to bring our troops home that does specify a time table. Our men and women in uniform valiantly did their job and achieved our objectives in Iraq. Now, the situation will require a political solution that the Iraqi's must resolve. My plan will bring our soldiers home in one year. I am the only candidate in the US Senate race who is serious about a one year or less withdrawal.

My health care plan calls for universal single payer health insurance. This is the only way to secure health care to every woman, man and child in the United States. Doctors will compete privately for profit, and hospitals will be privately owned, but who is covered and how much coverage one gets is not for sale. Each individual could choose his or her own doctor and medical service, but the billing would go through a single government managed fund. This will cost people less than the current system and cover every American.

I support Clean Elections for this country. Seven states are now using Clean Elections, but Texas is not one of them. My opponent has not taken the lead in the Texas House to rid money from polluting politics. I will fight in the Senate to eliminate private money from influencing elections and keep politicians from becoming lobbyists.

Energy independence is crucial for this country. We must move faster to renewable energies. I will support more funding for research and development to achieve this and will provide subsidies to renewable energy companies ready to deliver energy. We should invest more in infrastructure connecting these companies to the power grids. This process must occur on a timetable that is healthy for American families, not the oil companies.

I invite you to find more information about the Ray McMurrey for US Senate campaign. I am traveling the state to meet the people of Texas, and tell them the truth about the kind of leadership they deserve, and that I am offering. Visit my website [McMurreyforussenate.com](http://McMurreyforussenate.com). We can change this government so that average Texans and working class values are respected.

## Letters to the Editors

Dear Editors,

This being an election year, with the primaries underway, and one of the candidates, Mitt Romney, being a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, i.e., a Mormon, people are making a lot of comments about the Church and its beliefs. Many misconceptions about the Mormons, ranging from honest misunderstanding to deliberate disinformation to rabid lies, are being bandied about.

It would be tragic if one of the candidates most qualified for the presidency should be ignored or disdained because of his church membership and the electorate's misapprehension concerning the doctrines of his church. Constitutionally, religion should nei-

ther qualify nor disqualify a candidate, but people being people.

Therefore, if anyone wants an understanding of the doctrines and practises of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, he should go to [mormon.org](http://mormon.org) or [www.lds.org](http://www.lds.org). If the impersonal or internet is not to your liking and you prefer a more human touch, I would be happy to answer questions anyone might have. Please understand, I have no interest in arguing over points of doctrine or debating

what denomination is "right" or "wrong" (contention being of the devil), only in providing truthfully what "the Mormons" believe so that people have a more accurate understanding and are not

fearful of supporting a Mormon candidate.

My number is in the phone book.

Pina Sturdivant

Dear Editors,

Congratulations on taking over the Tribune! I was hoping that someone with local ties would be able to run it. I am so glad that was able to happen.

Even though I live in Florida, I am and will always be, a West Texas girl. My grandmother was born and raised in Whiteslat. My grandfather followed the cotton crops from East Texas to Matador for many years. He also worked for the Matador Ranch. My father and his three sisters all grew up in Matador. My two

aunts, Wanda Faulkner and Dorothy Jones, live in Matador. My parents have bought a home and hope to retire there. Every other year, my family gets together at Roaring Springs for a family reunion. If you've met any member of my family, you can only imagine what the entire clan is like!

Carla was so gracious in allowing me to write several articles a few years ago. I am glad you have continued (or should I say) restarted the community writing column. Everyone has a story to tell. Thanks for giving us that forum.

I look forward to meeting you both during my next trip home.

Sincerely,  
Sandra Moody

### Relay for Life committee sets meeting

Awards will be distributed to team members for 2007 participation

Pam Newman, Roaring Springs, and Kathy Blanco, Matador, met with supporters on November 29 to announce the kick-off of the 2008 Relay for Life.

Committee members attended a conference in Dallas in October and came back with new ideas for the Relay this year, Pam said.

In 2007, Motley County raised a total of \$16,425.81 for the first ever Relay for Life, with 41 cancer survivors attending.

The first Relay had a total of 10 teams which raised more than \$1,400 per team.

Motley County was named by the American Cancer Society as the 9th county in the nation per capita for raising money to help find a cure for cancer.

"We would like to thank Motley County for being a community determined to find a cure for cancer," Pam Newman said.

"Now mark your calendars for the next meeting on January 24 at 6:30 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room, Motley County ISD.

"We have several awards to hand out so we are asking that someone from each team or everyone that can attend from each team to please come," Newman said.

"The Relay for Life committee wishes to thank every person young and old that attended the relay and we look forward to having another successful year."

Editors Note: The following article appeared in the American Cancer Society, Fall 2007, newsletter.

#### Small, yet Mighty

In October 2006, two Matador, Texas residents, Pam Newman and Kathy Blanco, contacted the American Cancer Society about starting a Relay in their small community of only 1,327 residents.

"My 16-year-old son Shane was diagnosed with cancer

in January 2003," said Pam. "And ever since, I have wanted to do something and Relay seemed like a great thing to get involved with."

Meanwhile, Kathy had been thinking about doing a Relay as well. One day the two of them were talking and it just so happened that they both shared the same desire—to start a Relay, but felt it was too much to take on alone.

After contacting the local office in Lubbock and Visiting with the staff, Pam and Kathy decided they were up for the challenge. Planning and organizing a Relay event is no small task. Most established events plan for an entire calendar year, yet most first-time events can take much longer to get off the ground. In about eight weeks, Pam and Kathy planned, organized, and held the Relay for Life of Motley County.

The event produced an amazing 10 teams and with more than 100 participants. Most impressive were the number of survivors that participated in the Survivors' Lap and activities. The average number of survivors for a community this size is only 11, but 41 participated.

Unfortunately, the event rained out at midnight, but was a tremendous success which raised \$16,425. "I think we were both kind of worried about the event, not knowing how many people would participate and what was going to happen," Kathy said. "We had a great committee that was in it for the right reasons. Everyone just stepped up. And we're looking forward to planning for 2008."



### Notes from the Library

by  
Buffy Crutchley

I wanted to take a quick minute and thank all of you that participated in the book sale. This is a great way for the Friends of the Library to raise a good deal of money. But it couldn't have been done without all you faithful shoppers. Thanks so much!

I had several people inquire about a book written by famous country music star Alan Jackson's wife, Denise. Well, I finally got that book in, so if you're interested, stop on by. It's a story of a rocky marriage that is given a second chance.

I also just got in the autobiography of Elmer Kelton. It's called *Sandhills Boy*. It definitely looks very interesting! And Mr. Kelton is definitely a favorite among our patrons!

Don't forget that the Brown Bag Writing Experience starts this Friday. I've heard quite a few people talking about it, so I don't think it's something you would want to miss. So, pack up that bologna sandwich, and head to the library, Friday at Noon!

### Motley County FSA begins making disaster payments

Motley County Farm Service Agency (FSA) County Executive Director Amy Hackler today said that FSA has been authorized to immediately begin making disaster payments.

"These payments are for approved Crop Disaster, Livestock Compensation, and Livestock Indemnity Program applications," said Hackler, Motley County Executive Director.

"Payments made in Texas represent a portion of nearly \$1 billion dollars in disaster assistance to be issued through FSA nationwide, to date."

The Livestock Compensation Program 2005-2007 (LCP) provides benefits to livestock producers in designated disaster counties who suffered feed losses or incurred additional feed costs directly resulting from natural disasters occurring between Jan. 1, 2005, and Feb. 28, 2007, including losses resulting from blizzards that started in 2006 and continued into January 2007. Livestock Indemnity Program 2005-2007 (LIP) provides benefits to livestock producers

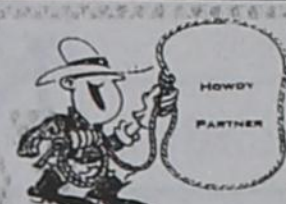
in designated disaster counties for livestock deaths caused by natural disasters that occurred between Jan. 1, 2005, and Feb. 28, 2007, including losses because of blizzards that started in 2006 and continued into January 2007.

The Crop Disaster Program (CDP) provides benefits to farmers who suffered losses to the 2005-2007 crops from natural disasters and related conditions so long as the actual crop lost was planted or prevented from being planted before Feb. 28, 2007. Producers who incurred qualifying losses in 2005, 2006 or 2007 must choose only one year for which to receive benefits and may receive benefits for multiple crop losses if all were in the same crop year.

Sign-up for LIP and LCP began on Sept. 10, 2007 and sign-up for CDP began on Oct. 15, 2007; no sign-up deadlines for these disaster assistance programs have been set.

For more information about disaster payments, contact the Name County FSA at Phone or visit the national FSA website at [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov).

### Chamber News & Views



By Marie-Louise Liebe-Harkort

Consider:

Leftovers in their less visible form are called memories. Stored in the refrigerator of the mind and the cupboard of the heart.

-Thomas Fuller

Well, the holidays are truly over. It is time to clean up, pack away the decorations and the presents, and get back to whatever it was we were doing when the preparations for the holidays took over, and we dropped everything.

And what is left over? Leftovers, in the truest sense of the word, and memories of the delicious feasts. Presents, items that represent memories of the people who tried to imagine what would please us, and went to the trouble to get the items to us. Maybe some pictures, colored pictorial memories of good times shared.

Yes, the common denominator is the memories. Memories of a good belly laugh, probably at something inconsequential. Memories of stories and smiles, minor catastrophes and major successes.

We could do worse than go to all that effort to produce memories. A study some years back showed that many young people today have no memories of their childhood. No memory of falling out of a tree and breaking an arm, no memory of a Christmas holiday spent with relatives. No memory of a sports victory or a school test ace.

But these same young people can tell you the plots of ever so many TV shows, with all the twists and complexities.

They know the characters better than they know their own relatives. They remember the high points and the cliff hangers. Is it any wonder that these young people do not feel involved in their own lives? They are spectators, watching people on the television who do not know they are alive. The young people are on the sidelines. And that is the way they view their own lives. They see themselves as spectators, outsiders looking in. That is, if they see themselves at all. Some feel themselves to not be in the picture at all. They do not see themselves as important in their own lives.

Is it any wonder that these young people feel no empathy with others, when they do not even feel it with themselves? Is it any wonder that they do not have goals—not only the goals we think appropriate, but any goals at all?

So involving children in family adventures and family gatherings and family living is ever so important, perhaps more important than we even understand. It is certainly more important than the presents or the feasts or any of the trappings of the holidays. This involvement is the stuff of memories, and the memories are the start of individuals' understanding of themselves and those around them.

As you clean up and put away, be sure to involve the children and the young people. Direct the writing of thank-you notes in the sure knowledge that it helps them remember and be a part of their own lives. Refresh their memories, even as you reflect on yours. And know that what you are doing is of great importance. You are creating and reaffirming the memories that will last a lifetime.

### THANK YOU

We want to thank all the fire department who came to our rescue Friday (January 4) morning when my barn burned down.

And to the angel who woke me up and let me know about it, she said she was not from here, please let me know who you are, we will always be grateful.

Especially to Brian, my wonderful neighbor for your quick response, and for taking care of the pigs.

To all the people who have offered help, we really appreciate it. To all of the volunteers in this community who go out of their way and jump at a moments notice to help neighbors in need, we thank you.

Leadell Martin  
LeJeanna, Rick, Courtney and Matthew  
Lizabeth, Roy, Michael and Joshua

## RETRO NEWS

Matador Tribune  
Feb 24, 1938

### Motley Farms Save Through Home Canning

Thousands of cans of fruit and vegetable have been prepared by the farm women in Motley county as means to reduce living costs of their families and at the same time improve their health through an adequate and balanced diet, according to Mrs. Juanita G. Butler, of Childress, recently appointed home management supervisor of the Farm Security Administration for Motley, Cottle, Childress and all counties.

It was estimated, Mrs. Butler declared, that in 1937 in Motley county 22 families canned 2,464 quarts of vegetables, stored 1945 pounds of

vegetables, canned 1,010 quarts of fruit, canned 1,630 pounds of meat, cured 4,957 pounds of meat, increased poultry 1,196, made 39 quilts, made 120 home improvements, made 144 yard improvements and purchased 17 new pressure cookers.

The striking feature of this summary is the fact that some of these farm women had never processed food stuff before they solicited the aid of the Farm Security Administration. Cookers, sealers, jars, tins, and other supplies have been made possible through loans obtained from this federal agency.

During the entire growing season the Home Management Supervisor plans and works with farm women in the management of their gardens, advising with regard to the various varieties, the best time for planting and means of securing the maximum returns. Also valuable advice is offered in discussion of planning balanced meals for the family from the food stuffs preserved.

### HOW TO BUILD A COMPOST

How do I make my own compost heap?

Composting is a great way to discard yard waste and kitchen scraps. In many cases, it's more economical than paying to have these wastes hauled away. And you can improve the health of your soil by adding the compost to your garden or yard.

To construct a composting area, determine the size. "A large compost pile will insulate itself and hold the heat of microbial activity," said Joe Heimlich, environmental science leader for Ohio State University Extension. "Its center will be warmer than its edges. Piles smaller than 3 feet cubed (27 cu. ft.) will have trouble holding this heat, while piles larger than 5 feet cubed (125 cu. ft.) don't allow enough air to reach the microbes at the center. These proportions are of importance only if your goal is a fast, hot compost. Slower composting requires no exact proportions."

First, remove the grass and sod from the designated area. This allows decaying materials direct contact with soil microorganisms. Heimlich suggests the following recipe for constructing compost heaps that work the fastest:

First layer: about 3-4 inches of chopped brush or other coarse material on top of the soil surface to allow air circulation around the base of the heap.

Second layer: About 6-8 inches of mixed scraps, leaves, grass clippings or sawdust. Materials should be "sponge damp."

Third layer: One inch of soil serves as an inoculant by adding microorganisms to the heap.

Fourth layer (optional): About 2-3 inches of manure will provide the nitrogen needed by microorganisms. Sprinkle lime, wood ashes and/or rock phosphate over the layer of manure to reduce the heap's acidity. Add water if the manure is dry.

Fifth layer: Repeat steps 1-4 until the bin is almost full. Top off the heap with a 4-6 inch layer of straw and scoop out a basin at the top to catch rainwater.

Your compost heap should reach temperatures between 120 and 140 degrees Fahrenheit in four to five days. The pile should then begin to settle—a sign the heap is working properly.

After five or six weeks, move materials into a new pile and turn the contents so that the outside of the old heap is now the center of the new heap. Add water if necessary.

Your compost should be ready to use in three to four months. For spring compost, start a heap in late autumn. For fall compost, start a pile in early spring. The more often you turn the pile, the faster you will have compost. Check the internal temperature regularly and if it changes substantially (usually after about a week), turn the pile.

You'll know when your compost is done "baking" because it will be dark brown, crumbly and earthy-smelling. Be sure to let it stabilize for a few extra days and screen it through a half-inch screen if you want a finely textured material.

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# News Around the County

## Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

Do you remember the poem by Joyce Kilmer, *Trees*? It started off, "I think that I shall never see, a poem lovely as a tree." It is during the winter when all the leaves are gone that the trees show their real character. Oh, they are lovely green and providing lots of summer shade and in the spring their pastel greens are breath taking as they begin to leaf. But in the winter you can look at a tree and tell if it has stood lots of wind, perhaps a drought, pruning, fire or even being struck by lightning. All these trials but look at their limbs; they continue to lift their limbs up toward God. How like human beings, we all bear the scars of living but the scars give us character and perhaps inner beauty.

Ken and Dinah Young spent Christmas day with daughter Ginny, Ty and Jenna LaDue. They were guests in the home of Gloria, Ty's mother. The big event of the day was building a gingerbread house with Jenna. With both grandmothers helping, Jenna decorated the house.

Harley Alsup spent Christmas at a friend's home, Andy Turner's, in Chickamauga, GA, and visited his daughters, Phyllis and Starley and granddaughters, Kristen and Chelsea and great-granddaughter Breyanna. He also met his son Paul for the first time. Paul is 35 years old. He also met his son's wife Megan and twin granddaughters, Juliana and Olivia, 4-1/2, a granddaughter, Huntley, 2, and a grandson, Tristan, 9. This was an unsuspected bonus and a great Christmas present.

On Sunday, January 13, Larry Averett will be speaking at the First Baptist Church in Roaring Spring to tell about his mission work in Matehuala in the state of San Luis Potosi in Mexico. Larry and his wife Judy have been in the mission field in Mexico for 23 years.

Don and Billie Stuckey and grandchildren, Matthew and Kenna spent New Year's day in Briscoe, TX, with Billie's family. Matthew and Kenna returned to their home in the metroplex area.

Walter and Jo Trammell celebrated with Christmas with their children in Lubbock at the home of their daughter and son-in-law Tina and Jerry Overman on December 27.

Donna Kennedy spent Christmas in Oklahoma with her daughter Mariann Cannon and her family at Farris, OK.

Spending Christmas Eve with Joe and Joyce Meredith were Tony, Sherry, LaShea, Sean Rose, and Jim and Carla Meador of Matador.

Also visiting were Jeremy, Whitney, Morgan, and Judd Jones of Lubbock; Randy and Holly Meredith; and Wylie and John Hodges, Yancey, Daphne and Parker Meredith; and Kenneth Ashley of Roaring Springs.

Spending Christmas Day was Jim and Carla Meador; and Tony, Sherry, LaShea and Sean Rose of Matador.

Also spending Christmas Day was Randy and Holly Meredith, and Kenneth Ashley from Roaring Springs.

Angelica and Jonah Meredith of San Angelo spent the week with Joe and Joyce Meredith and other family members.

## Matador News

Pete Williams was conveyed by ambulance to Cogdill Hospital in Lockney, December 16. He was transferred by ambulance January 3 from Lockney to the Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. He is undergoing extensive medical tests due to complications including his stomach. His children, Rodney Williams and Mrs. Ronda Williams have been with him during his hospitalization.

Visiting Edna Ruth Green during the holidays were Dr. Tim and Dorothy Green of Austin. Noel and Pat Scoggins and daughters, Allison and Emily of Cedar Park, Virginia Green of Whiteface, Andy and Gay Green of Keller, and daughter Katie of Louisville, Ky.

Visiting in the home of Dr. Clinton Lee Burns and wife Freda during the holidays were their son Wes Burns, and friend Amanda Gregory of Bryan, and children Laura, Zach, and Lilly.

Jack Samford and Juanita Cooper visited in Freeport from December 28 until January 2 with his son and family, Mike and Piper Samford, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Visiting January 3-6 with her mother Juanita Cooper were Pat and Lynn Minton. Others visiting during this time were Van and Lee Bradford of Gruver; Harold and Vee Gordon and Jack Samford of Matador. Van and Lynn enjoyed some quail hunting.

Visiting in the home of Carol and Lucretia Campbell over the New Year's holiday was Carol's son, Todd Allison.

Joanne and Steve Stevens celebrated Christmas day with Joanne's mother, Winifred Darsey.

The El Carte Bridge Club met Tuesday, January 8, in the home of Kay Bailey. Enjoying dessert and card play in addition to the hostess were: Di-anne Campbell, Dixie Campbell, Winifred Darsey, Marion Woodruff, Mary Jones, Carol Campbell, Joanne Stephens, guest Marlene Hamm.

Jackie Smith and son, Steve Smith, of Matador, took an extended trip across Texas and Louisiana during the holidays.

The two first took a plane out of Amarillo, stopping over in Houston, before flying on in to Lake Charles, LA.

They were met by Jack's daughter (Steve's sister) Shirlene Cooper and husband, Ron, of DeRidder, LA. They spent Christmas week at the Cooper's visiting also with Jack's grandson, Nick Cooper, and making side trips to Natchitoches and Lake Charles, LA.

For New Year's Jack and Steve traveled to New Braunfels, to visit Jack's granddaughter Amber Lujan, her husband, Danny, and Jack's youngest great-grandchild, Edith. From New Braunfels, the group visited several nearby parks and communities.

On January 3, the two along with Shirlene Cooper, who had driven to New Braunfels, traveled to Arlington, TX for a visit with Jack's grandson, Jay Cooper, his wife Barbara and great-grandson, Justyn. They took a tour of the Fort Worth Stockyards and lunched with Jack's sister, Linda Plemmons, of Fort Worth.

Traveling back to Amarillo, the group visited Jack's sister, Peggy Krebs before finally making their way back to Matador.

## Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

### OVERHEARD

Laughter is the hand of God on the shoulder of a troubled world.

### IN HOSPITAL

Doyle Calvert was airlifted from Cogdill Hospital in Lockney Wednesday night, January 2, to Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. At newstime, he is still in ICU and listed in serious condition. His family has been at his bedside.

### FLOMOT CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

Wilburn Martin is the new chairman of the Flomot Cemetery Association and will serve 2008-2010 term.

Mrs. Mary Jo Calvert was chairman of the association the previous two years. She expressed her appreciation to those that paid their annual dues and gave memorials. She was also pleased the work her son, Glen Calvert and Josh Lee did in keeping the cemetery in good shape, especially during all the rains this past year.

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Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay attended the Caprock Holiday Basketball tournament in Lubbock Thursday and Friday, December 27-28. Their granddaughter, Kelsey Clay, daughter of Larry and Angelia Clay of Panhandle, competed in the tournament. Joining the Friday night for the tournament were Mrs. Tina Carson and children of Turkey.

Visiting during the New Year holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Travis Kendall were son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Cory Kendall, Chancey and Connor of Midland. They also visited his brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Kendall, Jere and Jacob.

Tommy Ross and daughters, Cheyenne, Ciara, Anjoli and Elisa Ann of Castroville visited his mother, Mrs. Alveda Ross from December 21 to January 3.

While in Wichta falls visiting a sister in the Hospital, Billy Paul and Betty Simpson's car was broken into and about half of their Christmas gifts was stolen. They were on their way to Garden City, Tx to have an early Christmas with Warren, Tanya, Cory, Amy, and Katy.

Cory explained on December 24th for the Alamo Bowl. He had to report for all early activities and workouts.

Warren, Tanya, Amy, and Katy visited in Northfield with her parents, the Simpson's for the rest of the holidays.

Billy Paul and Betty Simpson joined the Multer's in San Antonio on December 29th to attend the Alamo Bowl in which Cory Multer suited up for. Everyone visited in the home of Ben and Judy Bourland Burkett in Spring Branch for the weekend.

## Roaring Springs Lions Club News

The Roaring Springs Lions Club met Thursday, January 3, at the Hitchin' Post Restaurant in Roaring Springs.

The attendance was down because some of the members were still away for the holidays, winter "bugs" and doctor's appointments, secretary Corkey Marshall said.

"We were pleased to have as a guest, Larry Vogt, who along with his wife, Laverne Zabeilski, are the new owners of the Motley County Tribune," Marshall said.

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Kendall, Jere and Jacob visited December 25-26 in Fort Worth with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gray.

Visiting during the Christmas and New Year holidays with their father, Donnie Rogers and grandmother, Mr. B. Rogers were his daughters, Natalie and Brooke Rogers of Williamsburg, VA. They had a family celebration in the home of Mrs. Rogers Saturday, December 29. Other guests were Donna Sue and Stanley Degan of Calgary, Mrs. Shawna Abernathy, Allie and Jake of Abilene, Shay and Jimmy McDaniel, Seth and Luke of Sundown and Randy Rogers and friend, Danett of Lubbock.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert and Glen Calvert Sunday, December 30, were Alvia Joe Calvert of Dumas, Dan and Sherrlyn Foster, Tim, Gwen and Peyton Mandrell of Lubbock.

Guests Friday and Saturday, December 28-29 of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey were daughter, Mrs. Jackie Davis of Fritch and son, Michael Davis of Bushland, Kansas.

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"Our club meets the first Thursday of each month at 11:30 a.m. at the Hitchin' Post."

"We welcome guests and new member prospects. Ladies are welcome both as guests and members."

The next meeting of the club is February 7 at 11:30 a.m. for a meal and fellowship. The community is invited to attend and check out the opportunities that the Lions Club has to offer.

## NEW ARRIVALS AT THE TRIBUNE

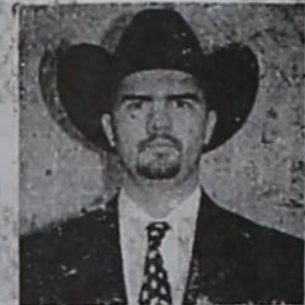
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## County Agent's News

by Ryan Martin, Extension Agent



### Motley County Jr. Livestock Show Bucket Calf and Rabbit Projects

If you have a bucket calf project that you are going to show at the Motley County Jr. Livestock show, we need to know about it. Livestock Directors need a list of the bucket calf projects that will be shown at the county stock show. If you have a bucket calf or if you want a bucket calf, please call the Extension office at 806-347-2733 and let us know.

Rabbits will be available the first part of January. If you are wanting to show a rabbit at the Motley County Stock show, contact the Extension office by January 14 so I will know how many rabbits to pick up.

### Motley 4-H Shooting Sports

A shooting sports safety clinic will be held on January 12, 2008 from 1-4pm in the courthouse. If you want to participate in the 4-H shooting sports program you must complete a safety training course before you can compete. The training will consist of a classroom meeting on rules and laws then a hands-on training at the shooting range.

### Motley County Jr. Livestock Show Interviews

Jay Scott and Jim Boles from KCTX Radio in Childress will be here on January 14 to interview 4-H and FFA members for the 2008 Motley County Jr. Livestock Show. KCTX Radio will air the interviews in January and February to help publicize the stock show and hopefully help raise donations for stock show participants. Be sure to listen to KCTX Radio 96.1 in Childress to here all of the interviews.

### Western Rolling Plains Chemical Conference set for January 21, 2008

The Texas Cooperative Extension Offices of Dickens, Childress, and Motley Counties are sponsoring a chemical conference for January 21, 2008.

Cottle, Kent, King, Motley and Stonewall Counties announce the Western Rolling Plains Chemical Conference to be held January 21, 2008. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. in the Spur Community Centers and the conference will conclude at 3:00 p.m. and offer 5 CEU's for TDA pesticide applicator's license holders. There will be a \$10.00 registration fee which will cover the cost of training material and a catered lunch will be provided.

Topics to be covered will include issues on cotton, wheat, and rangelands, as well as a session on new permanent grasses that are becoming more prevalent and economically sustainable across the Rolling Plains. Stan Bevers will also be on hand to discuss economics of today's agriculture.

Please RSVP to the Dickens County Extension Office at (806) 623-5552 or your respective Extension office by 5:00 p.m. on January 17, 2008.

### Upcoming Events:

- 1/10 Cancer Prevention: Towards No Tobacco Class Series 5th grade
- 1/11 Foothills Family Development Council Meeting 12-noon in USDA Board Room
- 1/12 4-H Shooting Sports Safety Clinic
- 1/14 KCTX Radio Stock Show Interviews - Motley County School
- 1/17 Cancer Prevention: Towards No Tobacco Class Series 5th grade
- 1/17 Motley 4-H Club Meeting - 7pm Courtroom
- 1/21 Rolling Plains Chemical Conference in Spur (CEU's will be offered)
- 1/24-27 Fort Worth Stock Show - Goats and Lambs
- 2/23 Motley County Jr. Livestock Show

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# Trail Dust



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**Moving in caravans of poverty** along the highway, these unfortunates who follow the vanishing cotton crop to the higher plateaus farther west, evoke a hurt in the heart. Ragged tires on the gasping old cars piled high with valueless plunder as one might snatch from the back room of a burning house. Little children without shoes and a mother holding her baby tightly to her breast, trying to fold warmth about the small arms with a piece of dingy blanket.

It is easier to see the unhappy tableau when the sun is shining, but when the cold fog drifts before the north wind and specks of snow cling, to the window, penitence follows to the fireside at evening. Each groan of the wind, in its passage through the deep canals of the night, trails into an echo which might be a child crying because of cold and hunger.

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**Unfriendly twilight** of a black December evening spread beyond the lone figure of a weary negro trudging the incline of a hill on the remote highway. The small roll of a brown and worn cottonsack was tied across his back and the remnants of his shoe soles were flapping as he walked. He was an old man with a drift of silver hair under the edge of a tattered hat and his shoulders were stooped as if the unhappiness of his race were upon him. He looked so tired and hopeless as the car passed. Hours later when the chill of night seeped into the marrow of your bones, we met him on our return. Walking those few painful miles with no companions but hungry and cold. Many more hopeless miles lay ahead of him and his destination would be the city of a fairer, more fortunate race, sleeping—hearth fire grown cold and cares of the world soothed by hand of Morpheus.

## Kids Praise time again

It's Kids' Praise time again! This fun-filled event will be held at the First Baptist Church in Matador, Wednesday, January 9th. All kids, ages 3 through 5th grade are invited to join in the fun.

## Motley County 2007 Weather Report

### Good year with bumper crop

Motley County farmers and ranchers are bidding farewell to a good year having weather benefiting bumper crops in wheat, baled feed and cotton in 2007. May through September averaged 18 inches of rain which was a blessing for the crops, ranchland and cattle market. October and November had little moisture. We thank the Motley County National Weather Service Volunteers for reporting monthly rainfall totals and the total moisture for 2007.

- Buzz Thacker, Roaring Springs: December 1.20; 2007 total 30.32 inches.
- Betty Simpson, Northfield: December 1.42; 2007 total 24.91 inches.
- Ronnie Bailey, Matador: December 1.20; 2007 total, 28.41 inches.
- Clois Shorter, Flomot: December 1.34; 2007 total 26.43 inches.
- Lawrence Allen, Whiteflat: December 1.50; 2007 total 24.95 inches.

## SEARCH FOR MISS MOTLEY COUNTY 2008!!!

If you are single, have never been married or given birth, and between the ages of 19 and 29, applications are now being accepted for the title of 2008 "Miss Motley County International!" Miss Motley County will represent her county at the Miss Texas Pageant to be held at the Scottish Rite Auditorium in San Antonio, Texas, April 11-13, 2008. The young woman selected as "Miss Motley County International" will become an ambassador from the Motley County area and receive an official title and sash!

The young lady crowned Miss Texas will receive a prize package valued at over \$11,000 and the opportunity to represent Texas at the 2008 Miss International Pageant in Chicago. The American Heart Association and The United Way are the official charities of the Miss Texas Pageant.

The current reigning "2007" Miss Texas is Monika Stewart of Houston, Texas. As Miss Texas, Monika serves as a spokesperson for the Boys & Girls Club of America. Monika's goal as Miss Texas is to promote the importance of mentoring. Monika aspires to be a role model for all young people: encouraging them to set high

goals. She travels the State attending Boys & Girls Club functions, serves as keynote speaker, and continues to mentor children one-on-one.

Miss contestants will compete in Personal Interview, Fitness Wear, Fun Fashion Wear and Evening Gown. (There is no talent or swimsuit competition and no experience necessary!!)

Young ladies living, working, or attending school in Motley County interested in applying should write for an application:

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## Passing of Transportation Chairman Ric Williamson

### Statement from Gov. Rick Perry

"It is with tremendous sadness that I announce the passing of Texas Department of Transportation Chairman and my great friend Ric Williamson."

"Anita and I are heartbroken at this sudden loss of a confident, trusted advisor and close personal friend of ours for more than 20 years. Ric's passion to serve his beloved State of Texas was unmatched and his determination to help our state meet its future challenges was unparalleled. He will be missed beyond words. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Williamson family during this very difficult time."



## Statement from TxDOT Executive Director Amadeo Saenz

"Ric Williamson was a visionary. As a member and chairman of the Texas Transportation Commission, he brought

passion and focus to meeting many of the challenges facing Texas today and for generations to come. The entire TxDOT fam-

ily will miss his dedication and his leadership. At this time, our thoughts are with his wife, children and grandchildren."

NOTE: Chairman Williamson's biography may be found on the TxDOT website.

## Girl Scouts Kick off annual cookie sale

The cookie program is fun for everyone; girls enjoy the experience and consumers love the cookies. But like most things in the Girl Scout program, the benefit to girls is that selling cookies is a skill-building exercise. Taking orders, handling money, tallying sales and distributing orders helps teach and reinforce money management, decision-making and goal setting. For many girls, it's a first time experience with such disciplines.

For more than 80 years, the Girl Scouts have been raising money to fund troop activities by selling cookies—an experience that helps girls build strong skills, values and friendships. This year is no different, with Saturday, January 19th marking the kick-off of the Annual Girl Scout Cookie Sale, one of America's favorite and eagerly anticipated events.

The Girl Scouts are offering everyone's favorites: Thin Mints, Samoas, All Abouts, Tagalongs, Do-si-dos, Trefoils, Lemon Chai Creme, and the Sugar Free Chocolate Chip.

"The Council's annual cookie program makes girls mini business owners, and that fosters business and entrepreneurial development," said Becky Burton, CEO of Girl Scouts of Texas Oklahoma Plains Council. "Even after years, the cookie program proves to be an excellent primer for business and financial skills girls need to develop in order to become more competitive in the workplace."

Local Girl Scouts will be selling cookies January 19-March 9. All cookies are priced at \$3 per package, with all proceeds benefiting local Girl Scouts. Cookies may be ordered via fax (806) 748-0769 or phone (806) 745-2855. Proceeds benefit individual troop programs and Council initiatives.

Girl Scouts of the USA is the world's largest organization dedicated to helping all girls everywhere build character and gain skills for success in the real world. In an accepting and

nurturing environment, and in partnership with committed adult volunteers, girls develop strong values, leadership skills, social conscience, and conviction about their own potential and self-worth that will serve them all their lives.

For more information, contact Girl Scouts of Texas Oklahoma Plains, Inc. at (806) 745-2855.

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## OBITUARIES

### Myrnaevae Barkley Baumgardner

Myrnaevae Barkley Baumgardner of San Antonio passed away on December 31, 2007, after a courageous 33-year battle with Parkinson's.

She was born in Matador on May 4, 1922. She was preceded in death by her parents, Lowell and Lillian Barkley; brother, Matthew; and her aunts Rachel Patton, Opal Craven, and Bertha Stearns, all of Matador.

Her survivors include her loving and devoted husband of 64 years, Colonel (USAF ret) Haynes M. Baumgardner; son, Colonel (USAF ret) Haynes M. Baumgardner Jr. and his wife, Cheryl, and their children, daughter Natalie and son Trey and his wife, Lou; and son, Jan and his wife, Liz and their children, son Blake and daughter Brandy Severance and husband Duane; and her brother, "Tex" Barkley and his wife, Eva of Matador.

She is also survived by two great grandchildren, Salem and Seth Severance. Mrs. Baumgardner received her teaching degree from Texas Tech in 1944 and was a retired elementary school teacher, having taught in Texas, Virginia, and Japan.

She also earned her Broker's certificate and together with her husband owned and managed Matador Realtors in Lubbock for many years. She was active with the Boy Scouts of America as well as being ac-



tively involved as a Sunday school teacher. She had resided at the Army Residence Community for the past 10 years.

Visitation was held on January 3, 2008 at Colonial Funeral Home located on Kitty Hawk Rd. Graveside services were held on Friday, January 4, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery with Reverend Carroll Perry officiating.

The family extends their deepest gratitude to the dedicated, exemplary staff at the Army Residence Community Health Care Center and VistaCare Hospice who so tenderly cared for their loved one.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Parkinson's Outreach Program, 5368 Fredericksburg Road, San Antonio, TX 78229 or your favorite charity.

### Bernice Wilcoxson Byrd

Bernice Wilcoxson Byrd, 92, of Amarillo died Wednesday, January 2, 2007.

Services were held in Griggs-Schooler-Gordon Funeral Directors Pioneer Chapel, 5400 S. Bell St., with the Rev. Darrell Bonjour of Paramount Baptist Deaf Church officiating. Burial was in Dreamland Cemetery in Turkey.

Mrs. Byrd was born January 2, 1916, in Munday, Knox County, to Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Wilcoxson, early settlers of the

Bridle Bit community in Hall County.

She was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers and four sisters.

Survivors include a sister, Martha Phillips of Dallas; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials be to Paramount Baptist Church Deaf Church, 3817 Holiday Drive, Amarillo, TX 79109; or Turkey Cemetery Association, Turkey, TX 79261.

### Stella Eugenia Tilson Bethard

Stella Eugenia Tilson Bethard, 84, died peacefully on Monday, January 7, 2008.

The funeral will be at 2 p.m., Saturday at the First Methodist Church in Matador, Texas. The burial will be at 3 p.m., at the Roaring Spring Cemetery in Roaring Springs, Texas.

Eugenia was born in Matador Texas, the daughter of the late Tom and Stella Tilson. She married Myron Grant Bethard Sr. on December 1, 1942, who preceded her in death. A scholar, she was the founding member of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) of the Blue Bonnet Chapter in Grand Prairie, Texas. She was a lifelong traveler and upon her husband's retirement from the Army settled in Roaring Springs, Texas, where she was the founding member of the Buffalo Chapter of the DAR in Floydada Texas. She was a lifetime member of the Methodist Church in Matador Texas and volunteered continuously in the community.



She is survived by her Sister Grace Zabielski; Her Five Children, Eugenia Noilene Bowden, Gabriella Jaunice Bethard, Stephanie Lavenia Swinnea, Myron Grant Bethard Jr., Wallace Warren Bethard; 19 Grandchildren; 21 Great Grand Children; and many close friends. She will be missed by all.

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## State Champion Motley County Matadors

### Recognition Parade and BBQ Dinner

**January 10, 2008  
5:30 pm**

## School Menu

**FRIDAY, JAN. 11**  
**Breakfast:** Biscuit, Scrambled eggs, Bacon, or Cereal, Toast, Applesauce, Milk  
**Lunch:** Pork patty, Gravy, Creamed potatoes, Salad, Biscuit, Honey, Milk

**MONDAY, JAN. 14**  
**Breakfast:** Waffle, Sausage, or Cereal, Toast, Slice pears, Milk  
**Lunch:** Hot Dog/ Chili, Baked beans, Pickle spear, Slice pears, Milk

### Easy Money Vocabulary Quiz

The first person to bring the definitions to the **Motley County Tribune** will receive a \$5 Gift Certificate for the Matador Variety Store

proboscis means:  
1. gibberish  
2. snout  
3. imposter  
4. rehearsal

gamin means:  
1. hat shop  
2. urchin  
3. custody  
4. watch

stoat means:  
1. peddler  
2. ermine  
3. horsemanship  
4. freeze-drying

impetus means:  
1. stimulus  
2. comedian  
3. burglar  
4. playful teasing



MIKE CROWLEY

### "NOT BY CHANCE"

America was a great land when Columbus discovered it. It was the people that followed, who made a great nation of it. No, America did not happen by chance. All of her blessings point back to her founding and the providential hand of God.

Think about it. The purple mountains majesties and the fruited plains originated from God. Our founding fathers understood this. It was with that understanding that they formed the documents which secured our liberties. It was Thomas Jefferson who asked:

"Can the liberties of a nation be secure, when we have removed the conviction that these liberties are the gift of God?"

But sadly, today we live in a society that continues more and more each day to support any choice but God. It appears that the right to choose God as a standard for morality today is outdated and unloving.

Truly we can see with our eyes as well as with our hearts that our great nation and its communities need God. We as a nation, need to return to God first as individuals, then as families and finally, as communities. God is the only answer for our time, as He has been for all times and peoples.

Michael G. Crowley, Sr.

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BIBLE STUDY - 10:00 A.M. WORSHIP - 9:00 A.M.

## Parade and BBQ to honor state champions

A parade and celebration Barbeque Dinner will be held on Thursday, January 10, to recognize the State Champion Motley County Matadors.

The parade will start at the fieldhouse at 5:30 p.m. The route will go downtown around the courthouse and back down Courthouse to the school. The Barbeque dinner will follow.

Alexander Fuel, Drum Plumbing, and Richard Piper Farms will be sponsoring the dinner, which will be catered by David Stafford.

The Athletic Department is also accepting donations from other individuals or businesses to sponsor the cost of the meal. The football players and cheerleaders will be serving the meal to earn money for the cost of the state championship rings and pendants.

The donation for the meal itself will be cost only. The Matador and Maverick football teams will be recognized for their outstanding seasons. A highlight video will also be shown. Everyone is invited to attend.

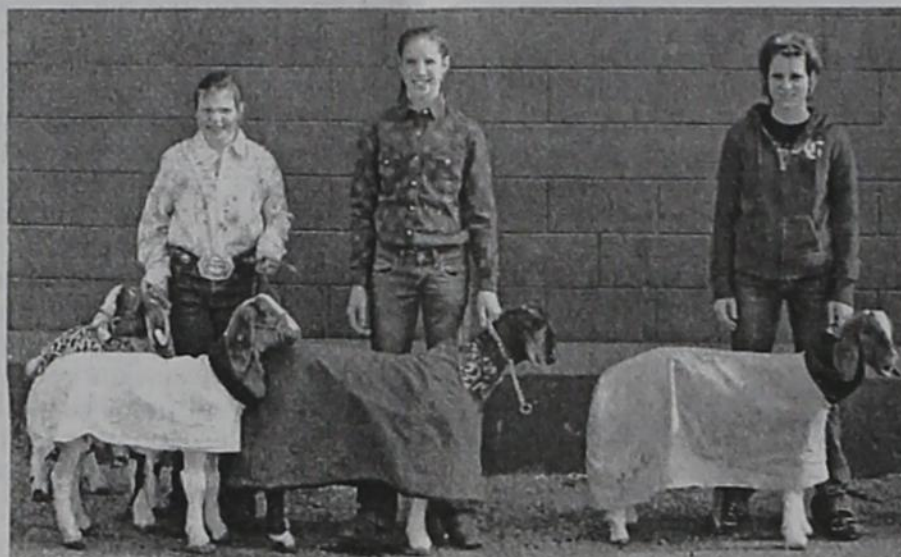
## 4-Hers' at Odessa Stock Show

County Agent Ryan Martin took Cassidy Turner, Jaci Zingerman, and Shane'a Russell to the 75th Annual Sandhill Stock Show and Rodeo in Odessa this past weekend. This stock show is the first major show of 2008. The girls exhibited 4 goats out of the 341 goats that were entered in the show and divided into six classes.

Cassidy and Shane'a each had a goat in Class 1 and Jaci and Cassidy each had a goat in Class 2. These girls did an

excellent job of exhibiting and showing their goats and are to be commended for their efforts.

The average class had 56 goats in the class and only six goats per class were placed. Also going to the show with the girls other than their CEA were Craig, Cathey and Carley Turner, Russell and Lori Alexander, J.D. and D'anna Russell, Jamie Martin and Jaci's grandparents, Boyd and Pat Dean from Denver City.



75th ANNUAL SANDHILL STOCK SHOW participants, Cassidy Turner, Jaci Zingerman and Shane'a Russell

## ICE Campaign—"In Case of Emergency"

We all carry our mobile phones with names & numbers stored in its memory but nobody, other than ourselves, knows which of these numbers belong to our closest family or friends. If we were to be involved in an accident or were taken ill, the people attending us would have our mobile phone but wouldn't know who to call.

Yes, there are hundreds of numbers stored but which one is the contact person in case of an emergency? Hence this "ICE" (In Case of Emergency) Campaign.

The concept of "ICE" is catching on quickly. It is a method of contact during emergency situations. As cell phones are carried by the majority of the population, all you need to do is store the number of a contact person or persons who should be contacted during emergency under the name "ICE" (In Case Of Emergency).

The idea was thought up by a paramedic who found that when he went to the scenes of accidents, there were always mobile phones with patients, but they didn't know which number to call. He therefore thought that it would be a good idea if there was a nationally recognized name for this purpose. In an emergency situation, Emergency Service personnel and hospital staff would be able to quickly contact the right person by simply dialing the number you have stored as "ICE."

For more than one contact name simply enter ICE1, ICE 2 and ICE3 etc. A great idea that will make a difference!

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## Motley County Matadors honored by Class of '57

From 1953 through 1957 we were a part of winning football teams each year. Most of us either played football, were cheerleaders, twirlers, drum and bugle corps members, managers or score keepers or pep squad members. We know how good winning feels and we are so happy for all of you. Just hang tough, we are behind you all of the way.

The state champion Motley County Matador football team has been honored by the Matador High School class of 1957. The team recently received a plaque recognizing their achievements and two cards congratulating them on their success.

The cards read as follows:

Congratulations! It is wonderful that the Mighty Matadors are still rolling. You have made all of Motley County and all of Matador and Motley County ex-students so very proud of you. We send you good luck and best wishes in the game on Saturday. Continue to hang tough.

Norman Beauchamp, Doris Canon Moore, Garland Cartwright (#36), Joanne Darsey Stevens, Nina Ellithorp Murphy, Major Arvin Ellithorp (#12), Christine Green, Donald Green (#34), Pat Groves (Mgr.), Leon Hughes (#21), Clay Jameson (#41), Sue McCaghren Scott, Betty Neighbors Rudder, Charles Renfro (#17), John Shanks, A.B. (Bo) Simpson (#23), Mary Lois Watkins Baker, Barbara Waybourn West, Fave Martin McDonough.



SENIOR STUDENTS hold a plaque presented to Motley County football team by the class of '57 honoring their recent state championship win. Students (Left to Right) are: Brendan Wilshire, manager; Bradley Brown, and Stacy Perryman, Steven Webb, Isaiah Archer, Casey Carnes, and Jacob Blanco.

## Dumont Darsey graduates

Family attends graduation ceremony

Dumont Darsey recently graduated from Southwestern Assemblies of God University in Waxahachie, Texas. He completed his Bachelor of Science degree in Church Ministries with a specialization in Music. With a GPA of 3.94, Dumont graduated *summa cum laude* and a member of Sigma Chi Pi.

Dumont plans to begin an internship/apprenticeship with an intentional Christian community in Chicago this summer. He is the son of Robin and Beverly Darsey of Afton; the grandson of Dumont and Margaret Bridge of Dickens; and the grandson of Winifred Darsey of Matador.



Attending the graduation ceremony at SAGU in Waxahachie on December 7, 2007, were Bert, Leigh Ann, and Joleigh Darsey of Matador, Robin and Beverly Darsey and Jane Bridge of Afton, and Brannon Bridge of Waxahachie.

Attending the graduation ceremony at SAGU in

Fear less, hope more; eat less, chew more; whine less, breathe more; talk less, say more; love more, and all good things will be yours.

--Swedish Proverb

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Wednesday Evening 7:00

**Assembly Of God**  
910 Bundy, Matador  
Sunday  
School 10:00, Worship 10:50, Evening 6:00  
Wednesday Evening 6:00

**Macedonia Baptist Church**  
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School 9:45, Worship 11:00

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**Roaring Springs First Baptist Church**  
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Wednesday Evening 6:00

**Church of Christ**  
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Wednesday Evening 7:00

**Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church**  
701 Bundy, Matador  
Sunday  
Mass 9:45

# The TBC continues hispanic outreach

AUSTIN—The Hispanic population is the largest and fastest growing of all ethnic groups in America, accounting for over 32 percent of the Texas population. As the Hispanic population continues to increase, so does the need for Spanish-language resources.

With over eight million Hispanic consumers in Texas, The Texas Beef Council (TBC) is working to provide Spanish-speaking consumers with tools to help them learn more about beef. TBC is extending Spanish-language and bilingual beef information through numerous avenues such as quarterly cooking newsletters, direct consumer outreach at Hispanic events, television cooking segments and print publication placements.

"The Texas Beef Council is working hard to provide all consumers with the tools and information they need to prepare and enjoy delicious beef meals," said Jennifer Matson, TBC Senior Manager of Consumer Marketing. "We are answering consumer needs by providing Spanish-language beef resources to the Hispanic population."

TBC has teamed up with San Antonio native, Chef Diana Barrios-Trevino to develop traditional beef recipes with a new

twist. Chef Diana has been involved in the culinary world for many years beginning with her work at the family-owned Los Barrios restaurant in San Antonio.

The newly-developed recipes are featured in Spanish-language publications and have appeared in several print publications that are distributed in the Houston, San Antonio and Dallas area. Chef Diana also appears on Spanish-language television stations where she conducts on-air beef cooking demonstrations. Through these efforts TBC has reached over 4.5 million Hispanic consumers.

In addition to Hispanic media outreach, TBC has also developed a bilingual quarterly newsletter, "Al Punto," that features cooking tips, recipes and product promotions in every issue. Through these various avenues, TBC will continue to reach out to the Hispanic consumer ensuring we are providing helpful and useful beef information ranging from new takes on traditional recipes, to beef's versatility and nutritional assets," said Matson.

For more information on this and other TBC programs, please visit [www.texasbeef.org](http://www.texasbeef.org) or call 800-846-4113.

## FIRST AG CREDIT DECLARES \$12.6 MILLION CASH PATRONAGE DISTRIBUTION

LUBBOCK, Texas — The First Ag Credit, FCS board of directors recently declared an estimated \$12.6 million in cash patronage payments for the 2007 calendar year. The patronage distribution will reduce most members' cost of borrowing by approximately 85 basis points, or nearly 1 percent.

Over 6,700 stockholders can expect their checks in early 2008, and with this year's declaration, First Ag Credit has returned nearly \$70 million in cash patronage and stock retirements since 2001. Keith Vandiver, chairman of the board from Lubbock, said, "The

payment is a result of the financial strength of the association as well as our dedication to our members and their success, and is a nearly \$4.4 million increase over last year."

Terry Dane, chief executive officer, said, "We are pleased that once again we are able to return a substantial cash patronage distribution to our stockholders. With the continued support of our agricultural producers, First Ag Credit had another outstanding year."

First Ag Credit, FCS, with over \$1.7 billion in total assets, serves 113 counties in Texas with 38 offices conveniently located throughout its territory.

## Gov. Perry announces \$1.6 million in grants Residential substance abuse treatment programs benefit

AUSTIN — Gov. Rick Perry awarded more than \$1.65 million to eight programs across the state that provide individual and group substance abuse treatment to juvenile and adult offenders. The grants are awarded through the federal Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Program (RSAT) and are distributed by the Governor's Criminal Justice Division (CJD).

"These grants fund important programs that help those caught in a cycle of self-destructive substance abuse return to a path of leading healthy, productive lives," said Gov. Perry.

The RSAT program funds comprehensive drug rehabilitation resources for high-risk offenders. The residential treatment

programs work to develop offenders' cognitive, behavioral, social and vocational skills, in efforts to promote a stable livelihood and reduce recidivism. Each year, CJD awards more than \$113 million in grants for a variety of juvenile justice, criminal justice and victim services programs.

The awards include:

- \$83,590 West Texas Community Supervision and Corrections Department (CSCD) Residential Substance Abuse Treatment
- \$164,772 Lubbock County Treatment Intervention for Special Needs Offenders

## Working to Reduce Childhood Obesity

by U.S. Sen. John Cornyn

According to the U.S. Surgeon General's office, 70 percent of overweight children will become overweight or obese as adults. Unfortunately, many parents of obese children do not see their children as part of the epidemic.

We have an opportunity in Texas to curb this alarming trend. By increasing awareness among parents of young children and informing everyone about the lifelong importance of healthy lifestyles, we can put the brakes on obesity at a young age. In doing so, we can also reduce prevalence of debilitating diseases like diabetes and heart disease.

In the U.S. Senate, I've tried to address this in several ways. Most recently, I introduced the bipartisan *Catalyst to Better Diabetes Care Act* that would boost diabetes prevention and treatment efforts. Among other provisions, the bill would help us monitor progress against diabetes by creating a National Diabetes Report Card to track prevention and screening efforts. It would also encourage states to do more to combat the disease.

The Senate also recently passed a 2007 Farm Bill that includes several provisions to improve childhood nutrition. I was able to amend the law to place a specific priority on childhood obesity in the Food Stamp program, and ensure the government does not encourage unhealthy diets.

I've also been a strong advocate for the Carol M. White Physical Education Program (PEP), a national effort that was created to help initiate, expand and improve physical education programs for K-12 students. Several organizations in Texas have already taken advantage of this program.

It's all too easy these days to lapse into an unhealthy lifestyle. At the minimum, we should make certain our children have the best chance at a long and productive life by eating right and exercising. As the New Year starts, I encourage all Texas families to make a lasting resolution to steer onto a

healthier course for our children.

Our health care system, in Texas and nationally, leads the world in many respects. Most citizens are now well served, with excellent choices for their care, and we should make certain the access they enjoy is preserved.

But too many Texas families are uninsured and not receiving sound, preventive health care. At the same time, physicians across the state are struggling to afford staff salaries and necessary equipment as reimbursements continue to decline. I am committed this year to working through the legislative gridlock in Washington, and moving toward meaningful health care reform.

In the meantime, there are several steps each of us can take to improve our state's health care prognosis. One of the chief concerns is the rising rate of childhood obesity, particularly in Texas. Two recent studies in the *New England Journal of Medicine* reveal significant and alarming realities about this problem and its long-term impact.

One report shows that within just 12 years, more than one-third of American men and women will be obese at age 35. That will have consequences. An overweight person is more likely to suffer from a variety of related problems—chiefly diabetes and heart disease.

The second study found that as children between the ages of 7 and 13 gained even small amounts of excess weight, their risk for heart disease as adults increased. This is the first research that convincingly links excess weight in childhood to health problems later.

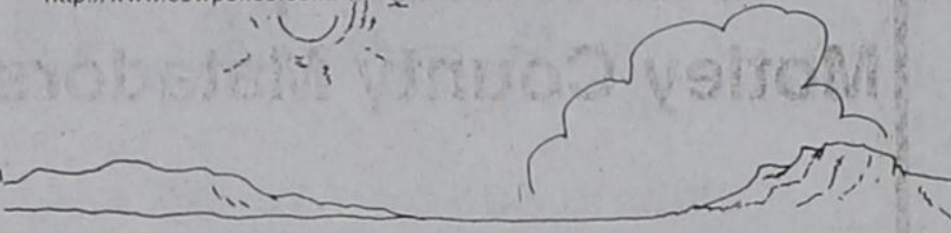
In Texas, nearly 20 percent of children are seriously overweight. In a recent report by *Forbes*, both San Antonio and Austin were ranked in the top five most obese cities in the country. In San Antonio, consumer purchasing patterns matched up with obesity rates, with residents there purchasing fast food 20 days out of each month.

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2 Peter 1:2

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## NOTICE

The Motley County Independent School District will hold a public hearing on the Academic Excellence Indicator System (AEIS) at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, January 21.

The AEIS is an annual rating of state school districts by the Texas Education Agency. The agency looks at criteria such as attendance figures, dropout rates, and student achievement on TAKS exams. This report is available over the internet at [www.tea.state.tx.us/perfreport/aeis/2007/district.srch.html](http://www.tea.state.tx.us/perfreport/aeis/2007/district.srch.html).

Motley County ISD received a recognized rating for the fifth consecutive year. The hearing will give the public a chance to discuss the report. Copies of the report are available at the school office.

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## Events Calendar

### January

- 9 Kids Praise, First Baptist Church, 5pm
- 10 MC Matadors Recognition Parade & Dinner, 5:30pm
- 10 Matador City Council 6:30pm
- 11 Writing Workshop, Library, Noon
- 11 Foothills Family Development Council Meeting, Noon USDA Board Room
- 12 4-H Shooting Sports Safety Clinic
- 14 RS City Council, City Hall, 6:30pm
- 14 County Commissioner's Court 9:30am
- 15 Matador Lions, Methodist Church, 12:30
- 18 Writing Workshop, Library Noon
- 25 Writing Workshop, Library Noon
- 27 Library Performance & Review  
By Laverne Zabielski & Larry Vogt

### February

- 5 Matador Lions, Methodist Church, 12:30
- 6 RS Lions, Hitchin' Post 11:30
- 7 Friends of the Library, 3pm
- 11 RS City Council, City Hall, 6:30pm
- 12 RS Volunteers, Community Center, 7pm
- 14 Matador City Council, 6:30pm
- 19 Chamber of Commerce meeting, Library, 5:30
- 23 Motley county Jr. Livestock Show  
Friday Deadline for Events Calendar

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