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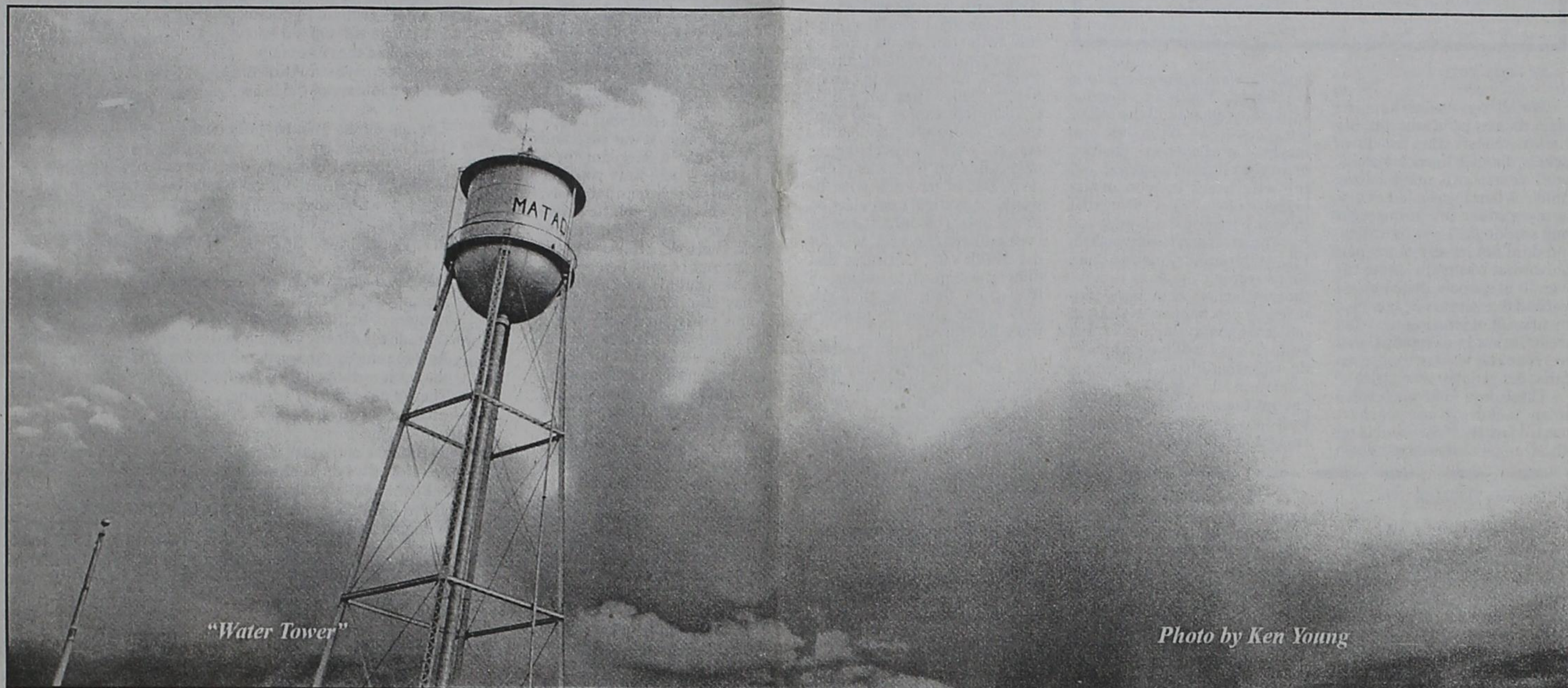
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"Water Tower"

Photo by Ken Young

Motley County Matadors 2007 Six-Man Football Division II Region 2 Named All-Region

The Motley County Matadors win the six-man Football Division II Region 2 All-Region selections. "We are obviously very proud of the way our team played this year," said Head Coach Mike Bigham. "These All-Region selections show the respect that the other teams in our region have for what we accomplished this year. All six of our seniors were named either first or second team all region; they had a great senior year. Isiah Archer and Bradley Brown won some special awards that they certainly deserved. We were able to count on them to come through when we needed them to all year long. All of these young men have brought a great deal of pride to our school; we are looking for great things from them in the future" said Coach Bigham.

"We are extremely proud that Coach Bigham was named the Region 2 Coach Of The Year," said Superintendent

Randy Brown. "His work ethic, energy and enthusiasm are contagious. He has kept this team focused and committed to reaching their full potential. Most importantly he has taught these young men invaluable lessons that will benefit them for the rest of their life. He is very deserving of this award."

Player of the Year:
Isiah Archer

All-Star Game Selection:
Isiah Archer

Coach of the Year:
Mike Bigham

1ST TEAM OFFENSE

Offensive M.V.P.:
Bradley Brown

Center:
Casey Carnes

Kicker:
Bradley Brown

1ST TEAM DEFENSE

Defensive Lineman:
Bradley Brown

Linebacker:
Isiah Archer

Safety:
Jacob Blanco

2ND TEAM OFFENSE

Tight End:
Steven Webb

Quarterback:
Jacob Blanco

2ND TEAM DEFENSE

Defensive Lineman:
Steven Webb

Cornerback:
Stacy Perryman

Fire Department receives \$5000 donation



Thomas M. Williams, Executive Vice President of The First National Bank of Floydada presents \$5,000 donation to Craig Turner and James Gillespie.

The First National Bank of Floydada donated \$5,000 to the Motley County Fire Department.

On January 10, 2008, Executive Vice President, Thomas M. Williams presented the

check to James Gillespie and Craig Turner. Gillespie said, "The money will be used for building up a new rural fire truck starting with an old military truck we have had for awhile but have had no funds."

James Bearden 30 Years of Service

James Timmons recently presented James Bearden with a service award from the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board. Mr. Bearden has served the Upper Pease Soil and Water Conservation District for over 30 years. The local soil and water conservation district serves the farmers and ranchers of Motley County through conservation programs designed to provide soil stewardship for now and the future. Mr. Bearden is to be commended for his many years of service and dedication to the conservation program and the farmers and ranchers of Motley County.



James Bearden receives service award from James Timmons.

EX-STUDENTS ADDRESSES NEEDED FOR HOMECOMING 2008

Plans are about to get underway for the Matador/Motley County High School Homecoming Reunion which will be held next fall. The first step is to update our Ex-Student's addresses in order to make sure everyone gets the mail outs and vital information. If you, or any of your family members have moved to a new address within the last ten years, please send us a current address.

You can email it to kayron@caprock-spur.com or mail it to Ronald & Kay Bailey, P.O. Box 256, Matador, TX 79244, or call 806-347-2399.

The Officers and Homecoming Committee Members will set the actual date for the Reunion after the UIL announces the new Football Districts on February 1st, and the game schedule has been made. Until then, try to keep a few days available to come "Home" for Homecoming next fall. Stay tuned for further updates!



Head Coach, Mike Bigham, proudly poses with All-Region Motley County Matador seniors, Steven Webb, Bradley Brown, Stacy Perryman, Isiah Archer, Jacob Blanco, and Casey Carnes.

Championship BBQ Dinner

Motley County ISD officials estimate over 350 people were served at the State Championship dinner held on Thursday, January 10. The athletic department received over \$5,000 in donations that evening and donations are still coming in. The money raised at the dinner and through the sale of shirts and caps will be used to help the football players and cheerleaders earn money to purchase their rings and pendants. Funds will also be used to purchase a monument to be placed

in front of the school and to place signs leading into town to commemorate the state championship.

"We would like to say a big thank you to everyone" said Superintendent Randy Brown. "The support from our community has just been fantastic. We were very pleased with the turnout for the parade and dinner and had a great time. The excitement in our school and community is just tremendous, and we look forward to more great things happening."

2007 Motley County Matadors State Championship DVD

Motley County ISD it taking orders for a copy of the 2007 Motley County Matadors State Championship DVD. The video was produced by Wes Mason and has highlights of all of the regular season games, playoff games and shows the entire state championship game and post game celebration. The cost of the DVD is \$20.00. Proceeds from the sale of this DVD will be used to enhance the school's video capabilities. Order forms can be picked up and turned in to the school office.

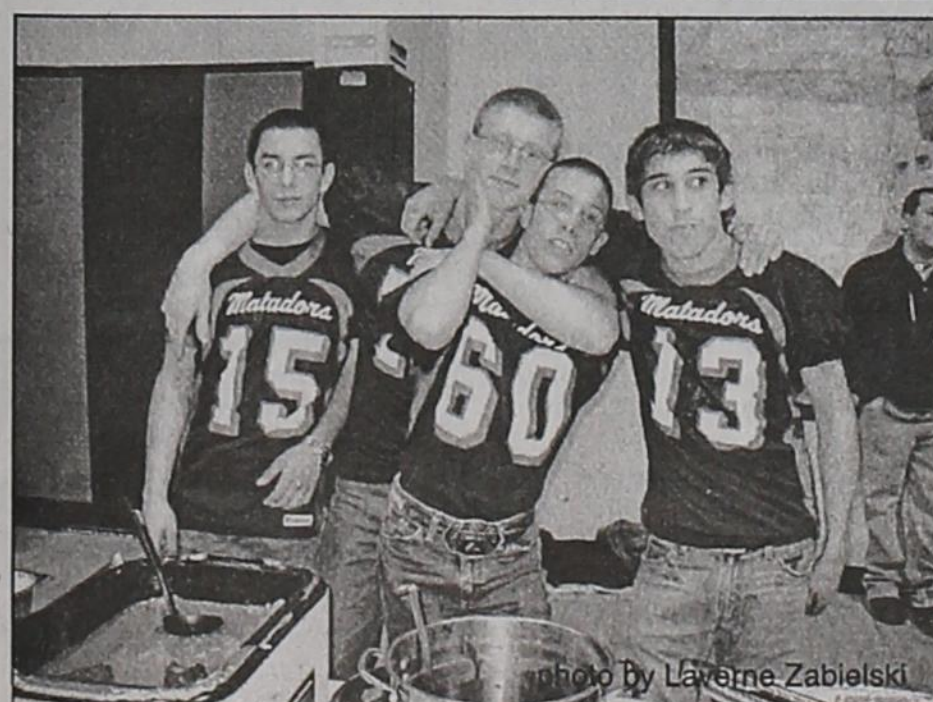


photo by Laverne Zabielski

Football players, Andrew Martin, Justin Newman, Colby McCleskey and Jacob Blanco prepare to serve up a delicious BBQ dinner.

PEASE RIVER OPRY TAKES THE STAGE

The National Swing Band of Texas with Shane Vandiver as lead vocalist will be back on stage at the Pease River Playhouse, Saturday, January 26 at 7 pm. Enjoy the atmosphere of the Historic WPA built rock gymnasium turned entertainment venue. Located on hwy 287 at Goodlett, Texas, the Playhouse will host the Pease River Opry, Gospel Music, and live Theatre. Look over the 2008 Calender of Events below and mark your Calendar for events you would like to attend in 2008. You can contact us at info@peaserveriverproductions.org or phone 940 674 2477.

FOOTHILL COUNTRY CONNECTIONS

by Larry Vogt

We all know what happens when the temperatures dip into the low teens: time for down jackets, flannel lined coveralls, wool vests, and maybe long johns. When I was a kid of 7 or so my mother made me wear long stockings. I was mortified, and dare not let any of my pals know what was really under my overalls at school. By the time I reached 8 or 9 years of age, I got my first set of long johns. What a relief, at last I was wearing what everyone else was wearing, even if that danged flap was a trial. These days I like my hooded down jacket or my Carhart hooded jacket. If the wind is really strong, I also need my down

By Laverne Zabielski

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Monday, January 21st provides us with an opportunity to consider ways we approach diversity. Never an easy task as I share in an excerpt from my journal in Writing Community. Marisue Potts' explores the diversity of geography and history through the questioning and knowing eyes of a child in her poem. And Marie-Louise Liebe-Harkort points out the necessity to accept difference especially in small communities.

Shawn Jones is our Unsung Hero this week. "Make sure you tell 'em I don't do all that alone," she told me. "I have help." Precisely the point. Help is the secret ingredient for accomplishing anything. Like all the help the Motley County Tribune receives from people sending us news, subscribing and advertising. And all the help and support it took to serve up the most delicious BBQ dinner in a packed gymnasium. And all the community involvement it took to win a state championship.

At the dinner Superintendent, Randy Brown and Coach Bigham spoke about the power of working together.

"You come back!" Randy told the team and cheerleaders. "When the call comes inviting you back to a homecoming, no matter where you are, or what you are doing, you come back."

Martin Luther King Jr. Day January 21, 2008

Martin Luther King, Jr., (January 15, 1929-April 4, 1968) was born Michael Luther King, Jr., but later had his name changed to Martin. His grandfather began the family's long tenure as pastors of the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, serving from 1914 to 1931.

Martin Luther attended segregated public schools in Georgia, graduating from high school at the age of fifteen; he received the B. A. degree in 1948 from Morehouse College, a distinguished Negro institution of Atlanta from which both his father and grandfather had graduated. After three years of theological study at Crozer Theological Seminary in Pennsylvania where he was elected president of a predominantly white senior class, he was awarded the B.D. in 1951. With a fellowship won at Crozer, he enrolled in graduate studies at Boston University, completing his residence for the doctorate in 1953 and receiving the degree in 1955.

In Boston he met and married Coretta Scott, a young woman of uncommon intellectual and artistic attainments. Two sons and two daughters were born into the family. In 1954, Martin Luther King accepted the pastorate of the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery, Alabama.

Always a strong worker for civil rights for members of his race, King was, by this time, a member of the executive committee of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the leading organization of its kind in the nation. He was ready, then, early in December, 1955, to accept the leadership of the first great Negro nonviolent demonstration of contemporary times in the United States, the bus boycott described by Gunnar Jahn in his presentation speech in honor of the laureate. The boycott lasted

382 days. On December 21,

vest. Problem is, my favorite one is missing. You know, the one with stains all around the collar, a few chain saw oil marks, and maybe it smells a little like fuel, or maybe a little like wet dog, and the wife won't let you in the kitchen with it. "Don't bring that thing in here, you'll ruin supper!" It isn't that it hasn't been washed, I guess the laundry machine and soaps weren't made to remove those strong, ah, compound particles. If you happen to see it in one of the county dumpsters, just let it go on, I will have to make do with what I have, to keep the peace and all. Is it about time to get out the seed catalogues and look into some new varieties of veggies and flowers?

He emphasized that the experience of winning a state championship stays with you forever and it affects everyone in the community. Not just the players and cheerleaders. Not just the balding old timers who wish it were they that won. Not just the parents. Everyone wins. Even those that are not into sports, that think it's a waste of time, win. Because when the school wins, the town wins, the county wins.

Winning a state championship is the kind of experience that memories and dreams and goals are built on; that stories stem from and are told and retold at gatherings; that lights a spark in the youngest members of our community and keeps the older ones working day in and day out to provide the necessary

As I enjoyed the most delicious BBQ and listened to the affirmations and the applause and saw the smiles on the faces of those around me, I became even more aware why people choose to live in small towns. From the highway, as you drive through small towns, they often simply look like little enclaves of houses amongst a few stores. What you don't see from the road is the pulsating heart beat of most of the town packed into a school gymnasium celebrating winning as a result of coming together helping and showing support.

1956, after the Supreme Court of the United States had declared unconstitutional the laws requiring segregation on buses, Negroes and whites rode the buses as equals.

During these days of boycott, King was arrested, his home was bombed, he was subjected to personal abuse, but at the same time he emerged as a Negro leader of the first rank.

In 1957 he was elected president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, an organization formed to provide new leadership for the now burgeoning civil rights movement. The ideals for this organization he took from Christianity; its operational techniques from Gandhi.

In the eleven-year period between 1957 and 1968, King traveled over six million miles and spoke over twenty-five hundred times, appearing wherever there was injustice, protest, and action; and meanwhile he wrote five books as well as numerous articles. In these years, he led a massive protest in Birmingham, Alabama, that caught the attention of the entire world, providing what he called a coalition of conscience, and inspiring his "Letter from a Birmingham Jail", a manifesto of the Negro revolution; he planned the drives in Alabama for the registration of Negroes as voters; he directed the peaceful march on Washington, D.C., of 250,000 people to whom he delivered his address, "I Have a Dream", he conferred with President John F. Kennedy and campaigned for President Lyndon B. Johnson; he was arrested upwards of twenty times and assaulted at least four times; he was awarded five honorary degrees; was named Man of the Year by *Time* magazine in 1963; and became not only the symbolic leader of American blacks but also a world figure.

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WRITING COMMUNITY

Diversity is Never Easy

by Laverne Zabielski

After my Dad retired from the Air Force, they moved to Texas, bought a house for four thousand dollars and started fixing it up.

They went right on living in it like it was already fixed up, though, putting up pictures on walls with peeling wall paper and insulation holes. The furniture with stuff always piled on it never matched. Being retired from the Air Force didn't mean much, really. They got a little government money and their medical bills were paid, but the benefits were always changing, depending on who was president. Dad never knew what he would be getting from election to election. The only reason he ever enlisted, he said, was for the health care. Of course that didn't mean much to us kids, all four of us, then five, then six, until it was finally up to seven when he retired.

Our father was a good father. Before he retired the base commander had told him it was only a matter of time until he would be promoted. But orders never came down from wherever they were supposed to come down from. They said his "field was frozen." He worked on SAC hill, Strategic Air Command, and had to go through a special guard gate to get to his office.

After they moved to west Texas there was no guard gate. When I came to visit we sat around the kitchen table and I told them stories about how things were in my world.

I told my Mom about the black friends I had and the pride they had and about the accomplishments they've made. I told her how good it is when people stick together. She didn't say a word. She just looked at me and I thought maybe she was remembering her little brother Warren, the first fireman killed in the 1965 Los Angeles Watts riot. A burning wall fell on him.

He was only 31, a month away from fatherhood. All six of his brothers and sisters came to this hot and dusty town for the funeral.

But my Mom didn't talk about that. She took her last sip of coffee and looked at me for a long time and then said, "Well I'll tell you a story." She pushed her chair away from the table, stood up slowly and poured us both a second cup of coffee. "I'll tell you a story about when we lived in Topeka and your Daddy was a Sergeant. It was 1958 and he had been a Sergeant for a long time. There were you four kids and your sister on the way, and we lived in that little house with the room added on the back. There were times when, if we ran out of milk before payday, we couldn't find a quarter to buy another gallon. Colonel Holms said your Daddy was a good sergeant, he was next in line, and it was only a matter of time until he'd get a promotion. New men would come and go, but your Daddy hung on," she said. "He was so close, and we needed that promotion real bad because we needed the extra money. Then it happened. Your Daddy came home with a set of new stripes." Mom's voice cracked, her chin quivered. I knew something was coming but I had no idea what.

"I took down the sewing basket," she said, "and took off all the old stripes and sewed on the new ones, one by one. The next day, your Daddy's so proud, he goes to work and the colonel said, 'I'm sorry Sgt. Zabielski, you'll have to take those stripes off. We have to give them to a black man.'"

Mom kept biting her lower lip as I waited for her words. "When your Daddy came home," she said slowly, "I got my sewing basket down again, and took off, one by one every new stripe, and sewed the old ones back on."

Untitled

by Marisue Potts

Who in the Sam Hill was Tom Ball? I asked as we rattled over the wooden bridge in our Fleetwood coupe, vintage '44. How my dad could steer the narrow tread of the rickety span was to me a mystery.

Would this be the day we dashed to a fiery death in the sandy depths? For even a six year old knows, that unless the river is up, there's no chance of drowning in any tributary of the Pease.

The answer, he said, to your question, Tom Ball was a cowboy for the Spurs, a linerider, who camped along the creek. No doubt, I thought, he was washed away, why else would that be a feat since there's no chance of drowning in any tributary of the Pease.

He waxed as we bounced down the lane. Just upstream at Hide Bug Junction, hunters of buffalo stacked hides with fleas to trade for Albany's ammo and rye whiskey. As if to remedy the smell and the name, White Star the settlers dubbed their community. There's no chance of stinking, I teased, on any tributary of the Pease.

At the base of that point yonder, he said, as we drove through the sand, is Boone's Mountain, a squatter's claim to fame. There Jeff Boone rode with his bride Ollie Drace. A dugout and shots in the dark was all she could hope for in the unfriendly land of the Matadors. For there's little water, you see, in any tributary of the Pease.

Old Lyman was a stage stop at the foot of the Cap, a place to water the horses before the climb. A smithy's shop, stockade lots and a livery. Lyman Brewer was the postman in '82 in the sandstone dugout with the Masonic key, Old Lyman, I gasped, you mean there was a new?

The sun was going down, the day getting quite late. Sleepy though I was, a final question as we pulled into the home stretch. But Daddy, who in the Tom Ball was Sam Hill?

Opinion Editorial

What matters to you?

Do you like to make your own decisions, or do you prefer to have the government decide for you? Do you like to spend your own money, or do you prefer to have the government take it and give it to other people?

Do you feel the US Constitution sets out a good plan for government, or do you prefer a more socialist approach? If you prefer to decide for yourself, spend your own money, and would like the US Constitution to be the law of the land again, you finally, finally have the chance to support a presidential candidate who believes as you do and would make it happen.

A particular threat to local farmers and ranchers is the National Animal Identification System, NAIS, which would track every farm animal and certain pets with an ID chip. Small pasture based operations would need a chip for each animal, while large factory farms would only need one chip for the whole herd of thousands of animals.

The costs and regulations would put many small operations out of business. Only one candidate has opposed the NAIS from the start, and would see this threat ended.

His profession as a medical doctor, prior to being elected to congress and after serving as a flight surgeon in the Air Force, led him to deliver over 4,000 babies. Wagging tongues have said he has been reelected to

Congress 10 times because he delivered all his constituents. With this background, it is no surprise that he opposes abortion. Furthermore, he has authored legislation saying that life begins at conception, to prevent federal money from being spent on family planning (that would include contraception), and has tried to amend the Constitution to "guarantee the right to life."

His position on illegal immigration is simple. He is opposed to it, and has plans to end it. His background in economic questions is impressive, and he has learned that incentives influence behavior. As long as people can come to the USA illegally and receive US citizenship, free medical care, free education, and many other free services paid for by the taxpayers, they will come. He believes these services should no longer be offered to people here illegally, birthright citizenship for illegals should end, and that the borders should be closed.

He also wants to close down the IRS. He wants to end the income tax. Other candidates have said they want to close down the IRS, but they want to replace the income tax with a different tax. This candidate wants to replace it with nothing. No income tax, no fair tax, NOTHING, so you can keep your money and do with it whatever you want. He says that the other taxes and fees currently in place (which he would like to

reduce in the long run) are sufficient to run the government at the size it was in 1980, and that should be enough government.

The US dollar has lost 95% of its value since 1913, and 9% of its value against the European Euro last year alone. The value will continue to decline if something is not done about it, and done soon. This candidate wants to help working people keep more of their earnings, and have what they keep retain its value. He has plans to end inflation.

Other candidates promise lots of new programs that would only add to the national debt. Of course, benefits and privileges are nice to have, but the country is bankrupt (or would be if the US dollar were not the world reserve currency). He is known in Congress as Dr. No, because he opposes all privileges and lobbying interests.

Other candidates say they are for change, but they do not outline in detail what changes they would implement and how they would do so. He does.

Given these positions, it is no surprise that those with privileges, the beneficiaries of the current system, oppose him.

That is why you hear so little about him, and what you do hear tends to be negative. But he is running in a way similar to Gandhi, who famously said, First they ignore you, then they laugh at you, then they attack you, then you win.

Gandhi did win, and Ron Paul can too, if the people of this country decide that they want a free and prosperous land, and follow the Constitution as the document that can lead us there.

People say he cannot win, so what is the point in voting for him. People said Ronald Reagan could not win, either, but he did. If you support what you really want instead of the lesser of two or more evils, he will win, because people who find out about his message support him. The point is to take away the privilege of the mainstream media in deciding for us who is the candidate to back, and which position is the right one on all the issues.

Find out more about this amazing, honest man of great integrity: Find out about his positions on gun rights (for), home schooling and local control of the schools (for), liberty (for), privacy (for), improved veterans care (for) and many other topics at www.ronpaul2008.com and at many other websites such as www.lewrockwell.com. He has written several books on his positions, positions he does not change with the prevailing winds, and you can believe he will do as he says because, in all his years in Congress, he always has. With Ron Paul as president, this nation would once again become prosperous and secure.

Marie-Louise Liebe-Harkort
Matador, Texas

Letters to the Editors

Roaring Springs, Texas

Ken and I want to thank Carol Campbell for her lovely article. We are so grateful to be part of this community and have felt welcomed since the beginning. The part in the article where I was quoted as saying you can heal "spiritually and physically here" was not complete. Any healing that takes place here is by the grace of God, and yes, I do pray for Him to use me in people's lives.

Again, thank you Carol, and we want to thank this community for supporting our efforts. We are also excited and grateful to have Larry and Laverne stepping in to carry on Carla's work and devotion to the *Tribune*. There is nothing like a small town paper, and Larry and Laverne are inspiring us all.

Matador, Texas

Kudos to Pina Sturdivant (January 10, 2008) for offering to dispel fear of supporting a "Mormon" candidate for President. I make the same offer, but for more pointed reasons, and am happy to share extensive materials in my office with anyone interested.

Is Mormon Theology "Christian"? Absolutely not! On essentials, the two are irreconcilable. But does this mean that all professing Mormons or members of the L.D.S. church are NOT Christian? Certainly, not! Many are not because of any adherence to Mormon Theology, but because they have embraced the salvation requirements of true Christianity.

I've known a number of Mormons (good folks) that I believe

are true Christians. But it is not for me (or you) to judge. God will sort us out.

In my experience, most Mormons don't even know the entirety of Mormon Theology, just as most (lazy) Christians don't know Orthodox Christian Theology either. They have never been taught or learned it. The question becomes "How aberrant in our beliefs can we be, and still make it?" That one's for God Also.

There is not a religious test for the office of President, though I'd never vote for an atheist. They take an oath before God. That said, this is shaping up to be the clearest election in history between "conservative" and "ultra-liberal." Few doubt that the big-

gest single cause of the decline of our nation can be traced to liberal and ridiculous Supreme Court decisions, rewriting the constitution and ignoring the original intent of the Framers. The next President will probably make appointments to the court that will shape it for decades to come. That is critically important to our nation.

I am conservative. Do I like everything about any of the candidates? No, but I'll not abdicate my responsibility by not voting, which would grant a win to the liberals by default. So, out of all the imperfect choices, if the best candidate turns out to be a conservative who happens to be Mormon, then I'll vote for the Mormon!

Tom Edwards

News Around the County

Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

Many of us received a medical information sheet to be kept in the refrigerator called the Vial of Life to have in case of an emergency. I found that I needed to update the information. Changes in medication, insurance carriers, and additional health problems all prompt us to change our medical information. Take a few minutes to review yours and update it if needed to insure that should you have an emergency all the data the emergency personnel might need is ready. It could save your life! Having a copy of this information in your glove compartment of your car and one in your wallet or purse is a good idea also. A snack sized plastic zip lock bag works well for this and keeps it clean and com-

compact. Red lettering noting that is your emergency information is a good idea too so that it can be readily found. The American Legion provided us with these Vials of Life as one of their projects to benefit senior citizens.

On January 8, Norman Frede of Houston hosted a dinner at the Traveler's Inn. Douglas and Janie Campbell; Gilbert and Zacka Guerrero; Sage and Tatum; Benny D. and Devonne Dillard; Ross and Dana Graham; J.D. and D'anna Russell and Corky and Monta Marshall enjoyed a wonderful meal cooked and served by Edith Daniell, Donna Kennedy and Rhonda Long.

Darleen Fletcher's sister Kathy Whatley had surgery recently. Darleen stayed with her from Monday until Thursday. Laurie Dunlap, Darleen's daughter and granddaughter Lauren came and stayed a few days with Kathy and Darleen.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Palmer of Lovington and Pearl Patten went to Dallas last week. They stopped in Boyd, Texas, to visit Pearl's daughter, Linda Parker and to see Pearl's granddaughter, Tara and her new baby. Pearl's new great-grandson weighed 6 pounds, 7 ounces.

On Saturday, Dinah Young's sister's family, Jerry and Karen Wienke of Lubbock and their daughter Lezli and fiancé Andy visited in Dinah and Ken's home. Lezli and Andy are from College Station. They enjoyed a whole day of visiting.

Red Ball Gin has ginned over twelve thousand bales so far this year. Darrell Cruse believes they will gin around 18,000 for the 2007 ginning season. We have really been blessed by a great cotton harvest this year.

Larry and Judy Averitt along with their small son, Benjamin brought news of mission work being done in Matehuala, San Luis Potosi, Mexico to the First Baptist Church in Roaring Springs on Sunday. About 61 folks were present to hear and see his interesting slide presentation. The Averitts were treated to a dinner at Espuela Land and Cattle Company Steak House in Dickens. On Sunday evening Ralph Powell told us more about the history and the work being done by this group in Mexico. The Powell's and the Baptist Church in Guthrie have partnered in this work several years. A light supper was served and there was ample time to visit with the Averitts and the Powells about this mission.

Out of the mouths of babes: One little girl asked a second little girl what she wanted to do when she grew up. She replied, "I want to get married." "Well, then what will you do?" asked the first little girl. The second little girl, answered, "Oh, just sit!"

Kayla Deanne Simpson, daughter of Larry and Annette Hollinsworth of Roaring Springs is now serving our country as Private Simpson in the United States Army. She will be traveling to Fort Jackson in South Carolina starting June, 2008, to complete the basic training portion of her service to the U.S. Army. At the end of August she will return to Motley County to complete her senior year. After graduation Kayla will be serving her country full time. She is 17 years old and currently a junior at Motley County High.



Kayla Deanne Simpson leaves for basic training in June, 2008.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD
We all can't be heroes, someone has to sit on the curb and clap as they go by.

HOSPITAL NEWS
Mrs. Ana Beth Clay suffered a chipped bone and sprained ankle Wednesday, January 2, at her home when taking down Christmas decorations. She received medical care at the Cogdill Clinic in Lockney.

Mrs. Geneva Martin was a patient from Tuesday until Thursday at the Cogdill Hospital in Lockney suffering with congested lungs. Her daughter, Mrs. Kathy Shorter accompanied her to Lockney and on return trip home.

Doyle Calvert is out of the ICU at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock, but listed in serious condition. His wife, Mary Jo Calvert and son, Glen Calvert have been at his bedside.

Donnie Rogers is on the sick list. Donnie Cruse accompanied him to Childress, Friday for medical treatment.

Mrs. Brenda Cruse visited the weekend in Matador with her mother, Mrs. Marihelen Wason who returned home Friday from Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock where she was hospitalized the past week.

Janice and Butch Hughes attended the Floyd County Livestock Show in Floydada last weekend. They were proud of their granddaughter, Reagan Hughes who won the Grand Champion Steer Award and the Junior Showmanship Award. She is the daughter of Roger and Tiffany Hughes of Floydada.

Natalie and Brooke Rogers enplaned from Amarillo Airport last Saturday for return home to Williamsburg, Virginia, after visiting during the holidays with their father, Donnie Rogers and grandmother, Mrs. B. Rogers.

Visiting last weekend with Kathy and Clois Shorter were their grandchildren, Brian Sehon of Robesville and Emily and Haley Milam of Petersburg.

Jack and Nada Starkey were in Amarillo Monday for Nada's cardiac medical appointment. They visited daughter, Mrs. Bessie Reid and enroute home, visited in Canyon with son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Starkey and Dan. Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Starkey Sunday was daughter, Mrs. Jackie Davis of Fritch.

Janice and Butch Hughes enjoyed the fifth birthday party of granddaughter, Kendal

Hughes held at the Bowling Alley in Plainview Saturday night. Hot dogs, colorful decorated cake and punch were served to the many who attended. Kendal is the daughter of Rickey and Tasha Hughes of Floydada.

Wilburn Martin visited in Grandbury from Wednesday until Friday with his sister and husband, Nita and Ervin Merritt. Friday they were in Aquilla and visited the Scott Chapel Cemetery where their great-grandparents are buried, Arthur G. and Mr. and Mrs. John Martin. Enroute home Friday, Wilburn visited in Anson with J.C. Moss.

NEW SLATE OF OFFICERS ELECTED FOR 2008 AT DO GOODERS' CLUB

The Do Gooders' Club met Tuesday afternoon January 8th at the Flomot Community Center and began the new year by electing officers for 2008.

Mrs. Kathy Shorter, president, conducted the business session. She expressed her appreciation for the good response and cooperation she received the past year. Mrs. Suzie Shannon, secretary and treasurer, read the minutes and gave a financial report for 2007 that was approved. The club had successful projects completed including the club's Fall Bazaar and quilt, carpets cleaned at the Centre and the installation of new tile flooring for kitchen and bathrooms.

The following were elected to serve as officers in 2008: Mrs. Brenda Browning, president; Mrs. Connie Franks, vice president; Mrs. Anna Beth Clay, secretary and treasurer and Mrs. Kathy Shorter, reporter.

Hostesses, Mrs. Geneva Martin and Mrs. Barbara Payne presided at a New Year designed service and Winter Snow decor. The table was laid with a snow white cloth and centered with a white ceramic vase containing a beautiful burgundy winter floral arrangement with crocheted snowflakes intermingled. They served chips and dips, canapes, brownies and hot spiced punch.

Names drawn for the two thoughtful hostess gifts were Mrs. Erma Washington, a standing golden cross and Waydette Clay, a crystal bowl on a stand.

The club as a rule meet the first Tuesday of each month, but due to illness and farm work it was postponed for a week. There are members who have sickness in families and are still stripping cotton, but members able to attend were Mesdames Erma Washington, Waydette Clay, Geneva Martin, Kathy Shorter, Suzie Shannon, Barbara Payne and B. Rogers.

County Agent's News

by Ryan Martin, Extension Agent



2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE
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Every U.S. farmer and rancher by now has received in the mail the 2007 Census of Agriculture. Your input is very important and can help influence decisions about community development, funding availability, farm policy and other key issues. No matter how large or small your operation – and no matter what, where or how you farm – your response matters.

Complete and return your form by February 4. This is your chance to help ensure a better future for your operation, your family and your community. If you have any questions, feel free to come by the Extension office. I also received a census of agriculture, so I know what each farmer and rancher is going through.

Below are a few points that illustrate the importance of your participation and explain why completing the Census is your voice, your future, and your responsibility.

By participating in the Census, farmers can demonstrate the value of U.S. agriculture, which many farmers feel is undervalued and underappreciated.

The Census provides the information that is used by all of us who provide services to farmers and rural communities – federal, state and local governments, Extension agents, agribusinesses and many others.

Census data is used to make decisions about many things that directly impact farmers, including: community planning, store/company locations, availability of operational loans and other funding, location and staffing of service centers and farm programs and policies.

By responding to the Census, producers are helping themselves, their communities and all of U.S. agriculture.

The Census is the responsibility of every farmer and rancher, regardless of how large or small.

Participation in the Census is required by law, and that same law protects the confidentiality of all responses.

This year will be the first year producers will have the opportunity to fill out the Census online.

Motley 4-H Shooting Sports
Seventeen Motley County 4-H members completed the 4-H shooting sports safety clinic held Saturday, January 12. Those participating in the clinic learned safety around firearms, proper shooting techniques and shooting range commands. We had an excellent group of kids and they all did a great job.

Ted Davey, Motley County Game Warden, Lacy Loudermilk, Dickens County Game Warden, and Shawn Elliott, Certified 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor, taught the kids proper aiming of a firearm, proper handling of a firearm and the correct shooting procedure at a shooting range. The 4-H members went through a short classroom presentation and then continue their education at the Motley 4-H Shooting Range located east of Matador.

I would like to personally thank everyone that helped get this program started and donated time and materials to building the 4-H shooting range. I believe the 4-H Shooting Sports is a great program that will benefit the youth of Motley County by educating them on firearm safety and proper use along with giving the kids a safe environment to shoot in.

Motley County Jr. Livestock Show Interviews

On January 14, Jay Scott and Jim Boles from KCTX Radio in Childress interviewed FFA and 4-H members for the 2008 Motley County Jr. Livestock Show. These interviews will be aired on 96.1 Childress during the months of January and February. KCTX has graciously offered to do these interviews in hopes of better publicizing our county stock show and raising more money for the participants. Be sure to tune into 96.1 KCTX Childress to hear the interviews.

Upcoming Events
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

Matador News

Mrs. Marihelen Wason returned home Friday, January 11, from Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock where she was hospitalized the past week for medical treatment including cardiac tests. Her son, Mark Wason, accompanied her to Lubbock and on return trip home.

Mutt and Nell Berryman are in Amarillo this week for him to receive medical treatment for his back.

Doyle Rose suffered a heart attack the week before Christmas and was hospitalized. He is a resident at the Hackberry Care Center, Matador.

Pete Williams is a patient in the CCC Unit at the Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. His family has been with him during his hospitalization. His brother, Clyde "Jelly" Williams of Freeport, Texas, arrived by plane Monday, January 14, to visit the family.

Mrs. Wilda Dixon had cataract eye surgery December 18 at the University Medical Center in Lubbock. She continued to Lovington, N.M. and visited her mother, Mrs. Ted Hester until January 2.

UNSUNG HEROES

This weeks "unsung hero" is Shane Jones, co-owner of the Matador Variety Store.

Shane has a long history of volunteerism in Motley County. She is a volunteer that steps up to the task at hand, expending time and resources, often on a moments notice. And like a lot of volunteers, she gets little overt credit, preferring to work quietly behind the scenes.

Perhaps her most labor-intensive project is the ongoing support she provides Hackberry Creek Care Center.

She has spent countless hours on the decorating committee for the Center, providing furnishings for the rooms, and framing more than 138 pictures that hang on the walls.

She provides other patient support, including birthday parties, cakes and paper goods. She provides all the seasonal decorations for the center, changing them out each holiday.

"Shane is a God-sent angel on earth," administrator Rosie Rendon said.

"When I get here in the mornings she is here. She follows-through on everything she says she will do. She is a wonderful supportive person," Rendon said.

Shane is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, providing all the decorating in years past for the banquets. She serves on the Concessions committee at the Boondockers events, and all



proceeds go to the Hackberry Care Center.

She remodeled the apartment above City Hall, donating the rental money to the Chamber of Commerce.

She recently made sure that the victims of a Christmas Eve fire had Santa gifts for their children. She has remodeled two other burned houses, helping remodel and clean following fires.

"Shane has volunteered for numerous community projects," City Secretary Debra Scott said.

"She was also instrumental in getting Bob's Oil Well restored, and in citywide cleanup. She has served on the City Council for a number of years," Scott said.

Shane is a past board member of the Regents Health Network, a representative board that provides direction for rural health care.

When you see Shane Jones in her store or on the street, give her a hearty thank-you for her years of service to the community. She deserves it.

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Justin Todd, a junior at Valley High School won Grand Champion Lamb, Reserve Grand Champion Goat and Goat Showmanship at the Briscoe County Stock Show on January 10, 2008. Justin took home 5 blue ribbons and 3 buckles. Justin is the son of Ben and Dvonna Grundy.

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Trail Dust



January 27, 1938

Marching out of the past they no longer stand erect or deliver a quick salute for their uniforms are ragged and faded like forgotten bunting left hanging after the parade. There is no glitter of steel with sabers flashing in the sun; no sharp command to change the course of plodding feet; no songs fired with courage and adventure. They are the garrison at the frontier of eternity.

Defeated by valor, their old eyes are burning wicks which no longer reach the oil of hope and their laughter is drained of its richness. But pride and character like brave white blossoms high in the barren branches of a dying tree will remain until time raises its debonair banner where the soldier perished.

Soon a final salvo will tear the silence beside a mound of fresh clay and puffs of white smoke will drift away without breaking the porcelain vase of dreams no soldier is confuted in the ranks at Fort Valhalla.

RETRO NEWS

February 10, 1938

City Control to Rest on Young Shoulders Reform Party In Landslide Boys Will Control Municipality of Matador Saturday

"King for a Day" was the cry at the local high school Wednesday as the students marched to the polls to vote for their favorite candidates who will take over the reins of city government Saturday, February 12, in observance of Boy's Week.

Mayor Fred G. Simpson led the Reform Party in a smashing victory over the powerful Mug-Wumps. The party pledged to clean up the city and promised to place gold plated cuspidors at every street corner.

Drivers and pedestrians as well are warned to observe all traffic regulations or suffer the consequences. All fines collected will be turned over to the Boy Scouts to be used to purchase equipment.

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

rattle means:

- endangerment
- clatter
- detergent
- picture

pugnacious means:

- occult
- quarrelsome
- many
- sacred

redux means:

- uptight
- brought back
- honeycombed
- remarkable

pernicious means:

- stylish
- deadly
- extrasensory
- flirtatious

Commissioners Court meets in regular session

The Commissioners Court met Monday, January 14, in regular session in the Commissioners' Courtroom. In addition to the formal court consisting of the commissioners, county judge, county attorney, and county clerk; also attending were citizens Dede Barton, Marisue Potts-Powell, Waydette Clay, and Barbara Armstrong. Also attending to provide a briefing to the court on the enforcement of city ordinances and traffic violations was Mayor Pat Smith.

TxDOT representatives Ben Kautz and Gary Mizer, a Munday-area Engineer, were also in attendance. Mizer provided the court with a briefing on TxDOT projects for 2008.

While the agency had a "4.5 million overlay; many jobs have been delayed or postponed," Mizer said, however, they will "fulfill obligations this year" to Motley County. For example, current construction on FM94 is not affected by state cutbacks, just future projects, Mizer said.

"Off-system bridges on County Roads 214, 404, and 110, will each be let in October this year," Mizer said. In addition, FM2090, Pease River 2011, and Tom Ball Creek bridge will also miss the funding reductions, Mizer said.

In a brief Wind Energy update, County Attorney Tom Edwards said that three new meteorological towers have been placed in Motley County; one on the Burleson Ranch, one on the Bundy Campbell ranch, and one on the Guy Campbell ranch. These towers may indicate future development, Edwards said.

"It is still a cliff-hanger in Austin where transmission lines will go," Edwards said, "but we are still in the hunt."

Judge Ed D. Smith reported to the court that he attended the Rolling Plains Organization for Rural Transportation (RPORT) meeting in Childress January 2. He was informed that the state had taken \$660 million out of the TxDOT budgets for 2008. The next meeting is set for April 1. A Project Nomination Form from the county may be submitted by March 1 to outline priority projects for the county.

Following this briefing, Sheriff Michael Crutchley introduced the new Deputy Sheriff, Christopher Spence. "Chris will be a real benefit to the county,"

Crutchley said, indicating that with his experience, he would be able to "step right in."

Spence has a 23-year history in civil and criminal law enforcement, having served as a Deputy Sheriff in Waco; and police chief in two other communities. He was most recently a Deputy Constable in Fort Worth. Spence said he was looking forward to working in Motley County, and living in a quiet, small town. "I am also a licensed electrician," Spence said.

The Judge informed the court that James Gillespie had volunteered for the position for Emergency Management Coordinator. The court voted unanimously to accept Gillespie for the position.

Other action items included a discussion of the recent power failure that knocked out computers in the courthouse, and disabled the elevator. According to Judge Smith, following an inspection by Rodney Sykes, a safety representative of the insurance company, the county is advised to replace Federal Pacific breaker boxes which are outdated; at least 30 years old. The judge has accepted a bid for \$3,200 from Alexander Electrical Service of Spur, which is good for 90 days. The court voted unanimously to allow the judge to accept the bid offer to replace the breaker boxes.

The Office of Rural Community Affairs announced the grant award of \$330,220 to repair and replace the water system at Flomot. Alvin Lopez, Regional Coordinator/Outreach Specialist, said it would be about two weeks before the contract is finalized, at which time ORCA will stage a check signing ceremony.

In other business, the court signed an order prohibiting outdoor burning for 90 days. The order will be "revisited" at each subsequent court session to determine if fire danger still exists in the county. This action is needed to reinforce the awareness of danger due to dry conditions in the county, Commissioner Jameson said. Safety precautions are necessary due to the recent big fires in Motley County, destroying more than 2,000 acres during the month of November; and more recently a trash fire at Northfield that destroyed about 40 acres.

Individuals are asked to take "all necessary safety precautions to prevent the ignition

of any fire or fires that are not essential to the conducting of day to day business activities," as outlined in the order. A copy of the order will be posted on the door of the courthouse; or citizens may contact the County Judge for a copy of the burn ban order. In accordance with Local Government Code, a violation of this Order is a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.

Mayor Pat Smith provided the court with a discussion prior-to-action on the enforcement of city ordinances and traffic violations. The City of Matador has the Justice of Peace on retainer as Municipal Court Judge, spending \$1,200 a year. According to Mayor Smith, the City "has not received any dollars for citations written within the city limits."

In Motley County the Justice of the Peace duties and the Municipal Court judge responsibilities have been combined. Since Matador has never had a City Police Department, the County Sheriff is responsible for upholding all city ordinances that are backed by state law, including ordinances for speed, stop signs, seat belt, and parking violations. According to Mayor Smith, if officers cite individuals within the city limits, and the case is uncontested, then the fine should be collected by the City of Matador. This issue was tabled until further discussion with the City of Matador Municipal Court Judge.

Assistant Carol Campbell reported to the court that Texas Historical Commission Project Representative Quana Childs of Austin, and Jail Architect Hugh Welch, Abilene, will meet with the County Judge and Attorney on January 25 to finalize the Funding and Easement Agreement required to accept the recent grant award of \$30,000. A full briefing will be provided to the court at the regular scheduled meeting in February, outlining a time line, and discussion regarding the bid project for the repair and renovation of the historic Motley County Jail.

The County Clerk asked the court to approve joint primary elections for 2008. This is a formality, requiring the court to approve Republican and Democratic primaries, to be held jointly on March 4, 2008; and in case of a runoff, the election will be held April 8, 2008. This request was approved unanimously.

OBITUARIES

Dorothy Phifer

GRANBURY — Dorothy Phifer, 88, passed away Friday, Jan. 11, 2008, in Granbury. Services will be held at a later date.

Mrs. Phifer was born Mar. 15, 1919, in Childress, Texas, to Foster and Zylphorah Holladay Fulfer. She married Benjamin F. Phifer, July 6, 1940, in Carlsbad, N.M. She was a member of the Trinity Baptist Church in San Antonio and also a member of Texas Chapter #35 of The Eastern Star in San Antonio. Mrs. Phifer worked as a bookkeeper at Oak Hills Medical Building in

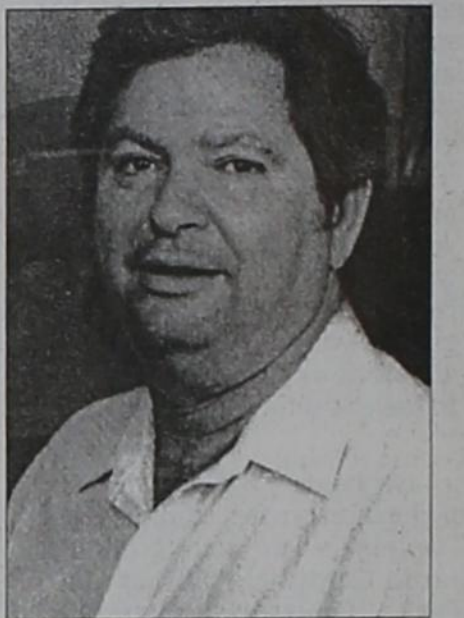
San Antonio. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and a brother, Wiley Fulfer.

She is survived by her sister, Fausteena McKinley and husband, Jake, of Granbury; nieces, Dottie Marcum and husband, Tom, of Waco, Wyleyn Lewis and husband, Howard, of Virginia, Holladay Cummins of Lubbock; nephew, Bob McKinley and wife, Cisley, of Austin.

Memorials: American Hospice, 3124 SE Loop 820, Fort Worth, Texas 76140.

Lyndon Darrell Kingery

Lyndon Darrell Kingery, born on October 8, 1941 died on January 15th 2008 in Austin, TX with his wife and children present. He was preceded in death by his parents Odell Kenneth Kingery and Anne Loree (Cavitt) Kingery, his son Richard Kingery, brother Gerald Kingery and sister Alvis Boland. He is survived by his wife Carol Ladonna Kingery, his brother Stanley Kingery, his sister Lecl Kingery, children Cindy Whitehead, Jackie Wells, Marcus Kingery, Heather Miner, eleven grandchildren, two great-grandchildren with one of them on the way, and many nieces, nephews and cousins, Gregory and Tom Smauley and Ed D Smith, and others. He was known for the great love he had for his chihuauas and his teasing sense of humor. He always wanted to return to the Roaring Springs and Matador area to live and insisted on being buried



there. It was home to him with many fond memories from childhood.

Services are pending at First Baptist Church in Roaring Springs on January 19th, 2008. Please contact Siegler Funeral Home for details.

City Council Meets

The City Council met at City Hall, Thursday, January 10.

In addition to receiving an update from Steve Barton on water usage, council members approved the sidewalk bid and awarded a contract for the Downtown Revitalization Project to Morton Irrigation, Plainview.

In other business, the council approved employee bonuses, and set a date for the Boondockers annual race.

Councilmembers attending were Terry Simpson, Chuck Ream, Kay Bailey, Shane Jones, and Pat Seigler.

Also attending the early 7:00 a.m. meeting was Mayor Pat Smith, Water Superintendent Steve Barton, City Secretary Debra Scott, and OJD Engineer Ben Lewis, and Mike Hackler.

According to Barton, water usage was up 16 million gallons and sewer up 2 million. Barton said if sewer usage keeps increasing, the city will need to file for an irrigation permit to dispose of the liquids. Both tanks have been completed at Roaring Springs, and Barton was "pleased with the work done by Holloway Specialty Coatings."

Ben Lewis with OJD Engineering discussed the sidewalk bid with council. Certain sections of the grant were omitted to keep expenses within the budgeted grant money. With these exceptions, the council voted unanimously to accept the bid.

In other business, a motion was made by Kay Bailey to pursue the Municipal Court enforcement of fines.

In executive session, the council approved bonuses for four fulltime employees of \$225. Bonuses were approved unanimously by the council.

The council also unanimously approved the annual race of the Boondockers on March 16, 2008. The dirt-bike racing enthusiasts have met annually in Matador for several years. The community provides concessions to parents and participants of the race, bringing in business for eating establishments in the community.

In other business, a local booster volunteered to construct a metal sign to commemorate the recent state football champions. The Council voted to furnish the metal for the sign.

In December business, Mike Hackler spoke to the council in open forum about 4A and 4B economic development sales tax dollars that provide dollars for eligible projects in communities all over the state. According to Hackler, Matador is "one of 100 cities in the state that have both 4A and 4B funds."

4A funds might support projects that relate to manufacturing, industrial, small warehouse and distribution centers.

Hackler said there were not enough bulk trailers that haul feed, grain, or other commodities in Motley County.

"I want to talk to a trailer manufacturing company about expanding production in Matador," Hackler said.

In other action, the Council approved appointments to the 4B Economic Development Board. 4B eligible projects would include projects that improve a community's quality of life, for example, parks, amateur sport and athletic facilities or water supply facilities.

Board members approved were Wes Day and Kay Bailey.

The Council also approved other boards for 2008; and approved an increase rate on city equipment.

New board members for 2008 are:

Matador Housing Board—Brenda Osborn and Pete Gonzalez.

Market Matador Board—Charlie Johnson, Roy Hobbs, and Bobby Williams.

Water District Board—Bobby Brown and Nathan Shannon.

Sub-Standard Housing Board—Pat Warren, Stan Hanesworth and Kim Gleghorn.

In December, rates on city equipment increased: Jetter, \$65; Backhoe and Grader, \$75 per hour; Dump truck small load \$20, full load \$30; Ditcher, \$75 for the first hour and \$3.00 per foot.



Motley County's new Sheriff Deputy, Chris Spence, was sworn in Thursday January 10th, by Sheriff Michael Crutchley.

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Hackberry Creek Happenings

On January 8, 2008, the annual meeting for the Hackberry Creek Care Center took place in the dining hall of the resident care center where a lovely spread celebrated the occasion. President Seab Washington opened the meeting and presided, bringing the members an up-to-date report on the state of affairs. The annual report was given by CPA Dianne Washington.

To fill the three available spots, a slate of officers was presented, including Sammie Phillips, incumbent; Rex (Carson) Hamilton, incumbent; Doyle Rose, incumbent; Joan Patton; Larry Hoyle; and Pam Thacker. The board members elected for a three year term are Sammie Phillips, Larry Hoyle, and Pam Thacker. In previous business meetings, the board had appointed Regina Sheffield to fulfill the unexpired term of Paul Westbrook, while Charlie Johnson was appointed to fill out the one year remaining in the term of Darleen Fletcher, who resigned January 7, 2008.

An organizational meeting followed the annual meeting, and the new board consists of Seab Washington, president, Chuck Ream, vice president, Regina Sheffield, secretary, Charlie Johnson, Jim Watson, Sammie Phillips, Pam Thacker, Larry Hoyle, and Marisue Potts Powell.

Among the topics of discussion in the first meeting of

the new board was the employee handbook, the census of 25, Director of Nursing, finances, and C.N.A.'s. Changes to the handbook are being considered. Finances are getting better with the additional patients with the magic break-even number being 35. The Director of Nurses position is once again open with the resignation of Wendy Flowers. The possibility of holding Certified Nurses Aide (C.N.A.) classes in Matador at the care center was also discussed.

Holding classes in Matador would be convenient for those living in the county or nearby interested in obtaining certification to work as aides in the center and allow them, as part of their training, to work on the floor under supervision after only sixteen hours of classroom instruction.

A C.N.A. is the backbone of any care center, providing the day-to-day care of assisting residents in eating, bathing, dressing, and numerous other necessary tasks. This job requires a very special person who enjoys working with the elderly, is patient, kind, compassionate, and has a sunny disposition. For more information, please call Mrs. Rosie Rendon at 806 347-2942.

Many thanks for the recent donations to the care center by Carolyn Fletcher in honor of Modean Brooks and by Pete and Bessie Williams.



Notes from the Library by Buffy Crutchley

It's that time of year again! Friends of the Library Dues are now being collected. If you've never joined before, it's definitely an inexpensive way to help a great cause. Stop by the library and let me tell you why! Our first Writing Experience was a huge success! We had thirteen participants, and will hopefully have more next week. It was a lot of fun taking time to write, plus I really enjoyed listening to everyone's stories!

Special thanks to Laverne for leading us! If you weren't able to come, I sure hope you're able to attend this Friday at Noon. It really was a lot of fun! And don't forget to bring your Brown Bag lunch. But if you're brave like Evelyn, and sit next to me and eat a Kit-Kat, be

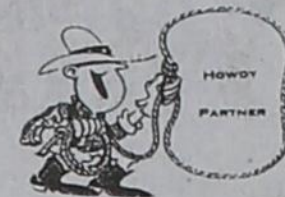
aware that I may try and sneak some!

I have set a New Year's resolution for the Library, and you may be able to help me with it. I really would like to see our DVD & VHS movie section double in size. We have a lot of people that come in and check out the movies, but the selection to those from is definitely slim pickins. This is where you come in. If you look at your collection at home, and see any movies that you don't like, or haven't watched in forever, the library would love to have them. I even found a few from my own stash at home that needed to be weeded out! And for those of you that like to watch movies, I just got in High School Musical 1 & 2 that I was able to purchase with the last bit of Granny's Tea money!



Writers, PK Green, Virginia Taylor, Pauline House, Genetta Ameijide and Laverne Zabielski share their work.

Chamber News & Views



By Marie-Louise Liebe-Harkort

Consider:

Listening to both sides of a story will convince you that there is more to a story than both sides.
—Frank Tyger

Two turkeys moved in to Matador. No, not two former residents of the town 30 miles to the North. And no, not two immigrants from a country bordering on the Mediterranean Sea. Birds.

They paraded up and down Main Street of an afternoon, peering in to the library or the clinic, or other businesses around town. They make turkey sounds and seemed to prefer town life to life out in the countryside.

People got used to seeing them, and missed them when they were not around. They added local color to the little town. They were a topic of conversation. They were usually seen together, and if one was missing, that was of concern to the townspeople. Had one of them landed in someone's oven?

They were living beings, and thus left droppings. "They are dirty," some said. And they took to sitting on one person's new car—leaving scratches on the finish. The owner was not amused.

And thus there are different opinions, even on something as simple as the turkeys in Matador. But, as Frank Tyger said, there is more to the story than that.

Motley County has just a few, small communities. The residents are strong and determined and self-reliant—they have to be, to live so far away from the amenities of big city living. Such people are bound to have strong opinions, and sure enough, they do.

But if everyone were to be offended or angered by the opinions of their neighbors, it would be impossible to live in such a rural area, where people have to depend on one another, help one another, work with each other in all manner of organizations. The communities would collapse if people were willing to associate only with people who share the same opinions.

So, in the end, it is not the opinions that matter, but the people. Living close together with only a few others ensures that you can be familiar with their opinions, and they with yours, but that does not prevent people in Motley County from working together. In fact, that is the "more to the story" that makes the county an interesting and wonderful place to live.

May the ability to come together despite differing opinions long prevail.

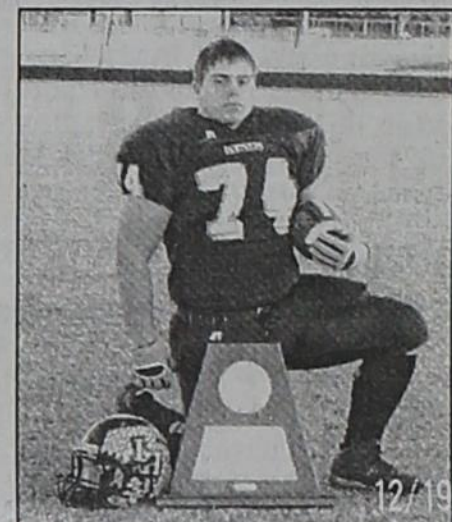
Local resident's grandson named all-district offensive lineman in Class IIIA, Division II

Truitt, Chelsea and Vic Read were recently in Waco at Baylor's Floyd Casey Stadium for the state football playoffs for Division I, Class IIIA.

Their grandson and nephew, Brandon Terry, was a starter for the Liberty Hill Panthers. They defeated Gilmer 38-13 for the 2007 state championship.

The Panthers were the 2006 state champions for Class IIIA, Division II; Brandon was a starter on that team also.

Brandon is the son of Malcom and Debbie Terry. He was the unanimous choice for offensive lineman on the all-district team. He is a junior and has



been elected captain of the 2008 team. He also competes in power lifting and track.

Hackberry Care Center Employee of the Month

Jeannette Klebhan



Motley County Arts and Crafts Club

By Winifred Darsey

The January meeting of Arts and Crafts Club was an interesting and exciting one! The study of an unusual art form was the subject. Air-dry clay was used to fashion ornaments of one's choice.

Nova Dale Turner was the instructor, assisted by Joy Archer. These ornaments take meticulous care in being made, due to rapid drying. Several attractive ornaments were rabbits, deer, pigs, and flowers.

Club President Joy Archer presided over a business meeting. Minutes were read by Vee Gordon. Several members were unable to attend due to illness and inclement weather.

The Club enjoyed the holiday season with a Christmas Party in the home of Winifred Darsey. It was a traditional party with presents under the tree. The food was delicious with turkey, dressing. A day of games, fun, friends together, it came to an end all too soon.

Members for the January meeting were: Vee Gordon, Jo Trammell, Nova Dale Turner, Bonnie Vandiver, and Joy Archer.

The Club will hold a watercolor painting class for February. The class will be taught by Jo Trammell.

See you there!

Roaring Springs Volunteers Meet

Roaring Springs Volunteers met at the Community Center in Roaring Springs on Tuesday January 8, 2008 at 7:00 PM. Darlene Fletcher brought delicious snacks and the meeting was called to order by Corky Marshall. There was discussion concerning the upcoming repairs and renovations to the building. After the slate of officers was approved and no further nominations were forthcoming the officers were elected by unanimous vote. The new officers are J. N. Fletcher, President; Walter Trammel, Vice President; Darlene Fletcher, Secretary; and Billie Stuckey, Treasurer. J. N. Fletcher then presided over the rest of the meeting and challenged those present with the following three questions:

1. What can the Volunteers do to maintain the Roaring Springs Volunteers as an organization?
2. What can the Volunteers do for the community at large?
3. Which people in the community are in need of services that the Volunteers could provide?

After some brief discussion the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting of the Roaring Springs Volunteers will be on February 12, 2008 at 7:00 PM at the Community Center. All interested persons are encouraged to attend.

Thank You

We would like to thank the Motley County Fire Department and the Roaring Springs Fire Department for their quick response to the fire at Northfield on New Years Day. Your quick actions kept the fire from several structures and from getting uncontrollable. We appreciate your dedication and your sacrifices. Thank you to each one of you who came for giving up part of your holiday to put this fire out. Many Thanks,

Travis and Lou Anne Jameson

from page 1 Martin Luther King Jr.

At the age of thirty-five, Martin Luther King, Jr., was the youngest man to have received the Nobel Peace Prize. When notified of his selection, he announced that he would turn over the prize money of \$54,123 to the furtherance of the civil rights movement.

On the evening of April 4, 1968, while standing on the balcony of his motel room in Memphis, Tennessee, where he was to lead a protest march in sympathy with striking garbage workers of that city, he was assassinated.

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I would like to thank the caring people of this community that have provided food, phone calls, visits, love, and prayer support on the loss of my beloved daughter, Pat.

I would especially like to thank Beverly Vinson, Lucretia Campbell, and Carol Campbell for meeting me at the airport on my return from Oklahoma, helping with my luggage, taking me to eat, and driving me home. It made this transition bearable to be with friends.

This caring community has helped me through this difficult time, and I appreciate all the concerned friends that have shown their support of me. I am grateful for living in Matador.

Dorothy Day

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What is the Farm Service Agency?

The Farm Service Agency is one agency within the United States Department of Agriculture. Within the USDA, there are 17 individual agencies and 12 "offices", which are hard to distinguish from the agencies. To think that a Farm Service Agency employee knows everything that is going on in the USDA is like thinking that the mayor knows everything that's going on within the congress. We are just one little part of the USDA. Each agency has a specific job, and though they work toward a common goal, they sometimes seem unrelated.

When people ask us what we do at the FSA, we usually avoid giving a real answer by saying, "we administer the Farm Bill." That is true, as far as it goes, but it is not the whole answer to the question. The farm bill, which is written by congress, is a huge, complicated thing to administer, or even to understand. In 2002, congress passed the version that we have been operating under for the past five years. It expired on September 30, 2007. Currently they are working on a new bill. This has taken some time and will take more. The House of Representatives and Senate have to agree on something that the President will not veto. Hopefully we will have something soon. Then we will know more about what we will be doing for the next five years.

The name "Farm Service Agency" explains a little. We do provide help or a "service" to farmers and ranchers. That is the part of the job that is rewarding, and the reason that most of us do what we do. How do we help farmers? There are several ways. We provide price support when commodity prices fall too low. Today, a cotton farmer does not get much more for a pound of cotton than his grandfather did. A peanut farmer probably gets less than his grandfather did. At the same time, it may cost ten times more to produce that pound of cotton or ton of peanuts. We try to make up some of the difference so that the farmer can at least stay in business.

It's true that other business owners may not necessarily have the benefits that we offer. But we are dealing with our nation's supply of food, and ultimately national security. If farmers consistently lose money, they will stop producing crops. Then we could become dependent on other countries for food. Less serious but just as important to the one who buys groceries is the fact that these programs are written to keep our food supply affordable. We pay less than any other industrialized nation in the world for our food. A major reason we have affordable food is our nation's farm policies.

Before the agency came to be known as the Farm Service Agency, it was called the Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Service. That name, in my opinion, is more descriptive. The agency helps to stabilize agriculture production and prices so that families don't have to pay ten dollars for a loaf of bread. It also encourages land conservation practices so that our children will have land to grow food on.

I am not the County Extension Agent. We have very different jobs, but we cooperate on a lot of programs. We rarely get to go out on the farm, but most of us would rather be there. We also generally don't have programs for someone with a few chickens, rabbits, rodeo horses, emus, or ducks. The

goal of the agency is to make sure that you have safe and affordable food and fiber. We accomplish that by trying to keep the one who produces those things in business. If you have eaten today, thank a farmer or rancher.

Beside price supports, we offer insurance policies. Most of us have jobs with a guaranteed pay-check. The farmer spends thousands and thousands (that's no exaggeration) a

year to produce a crop. When it fails, the farmer doesn't just

miss out on the profit, but all the input is lost. These insurance policies do not pay more than the crop would have, so there is no incentive to let crops fail.

Generally, they provide just enough income for the farmer to buy food and plan for next year.

Related to the insurance policies are disaster programs. These are not a fixed part of the farm bill, but are passed by Congress after a disaster. For instance, we currently have a sign-up for the 2005-2006 Livestock Compensation Program. Producers can apply to be reimbursed for some of the financial losses they suffered due to the drought during those years. Those of you who remember the fires have no doubt that 06 was a dry year.

When your wheat crop fails, and then your hay crop fails, you have a hard time feeding your cattle. This program will not come close to making up for what the ranchers lost, but it will help some. Shortly after the fire, the agency also had a program to help the farmer with the costs of rebuilding the fences that had burnt. If you have ever paid for and built a mile of 5 strand barb wire, you can appreciate this.

FSA offices also make loans to producers. These can be used to finance next year's operating costs, or to purchase new land.

These are just some examples. The list could go on. In return for this help, the farmer or rancher has to fill out mounds of paper work. And then they have to come back and fill out some more. In fact, we call them several times a year to have them come back and fill out more. They also agree to follow certain conservation practices such as terracing (when needed), not plowing up pasture land in certain areas, not destroying wetlands or other wildlife habitat, and a host of other stipulations. Conservation of land and natural resources is a main goal of the Farm Service Agency.

State's Agricultural Agencies Change Names, Renew Missions

COLLEGE STATION – Two state agricultural agencies that have served Texans for a combined 224 years are beginning 2008 with new names and renewed missions.

Texas AgriLife Research is the new name for the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, which annually conducts more than \$150 million in agriculture and life sciences research in such areas as improving food and fiber production, enhancing human and animal health, and conserving water, soils, wildlife and other natural resources.

The Texas AgriLife Extension Service is the new name of Texas Cooperative Extension, which provides Texans in all 254 counties with non-biased, research-based education programs and services in agriculture and natural resources, 4-H and youth development, family and consumer sciences, and community economic development.

"We are making these changes to better communicate the life-sustaining and life-changing impacts that both AgriLife Research and AgriLife Extension deliver to the people of Texas and beyond," said Dr. Mark Hussey, director of AgriLife Research.

Both agencies remain members of The Texas A&M University System, with the same commitment to their partners, clients and mission.

"But we also want to tell our story to a larger audience and a changing state population, attract new resources and build new partnerships, while strengthening our existing ones," Hussey said.

"In this way, we hope to better serve the people of this great state."

The name changes are part of a re-branding initiative launching this year after two years of study and planning. These efforts were led by former vice chancellor Dr. Elsa Murano, who was named president of Texas A&M University on Jan. 3.

"The re-branding efforts are centered on one foundational message: 'Agriculture is Life!'" Hussey said. "The central idea is that life itself is the core value that our agencies seek to sustain and enhance."

"People usually don't realize how much we all depend on agriculture and the life sciences. Discoveries and innovations in these fields directly impact the quality of the food we eat, the clothes we wear, the air we breathe, the water we drink, the homes we live in, and, more and more, even the fuels we pump into our vehicles."

"This is more than a name change, or even a new logo design," said Dr. Ed Smith, director of AgriLife Extension. "These new brands will impact not only our marketing materials and signage, but also the way we position and prioritize our programs and work with our federal, state and county partners to serve the state of Texas. It is vitally important to tell our story and that people connect our agencies to the tremendous impacts they have on the state."

One of the drivers of the re-branding initiative was a market study that showed that the work of the research and extension agencies was not widely known across the state of Texas.

"We hope to help people better understand the vital role that agriculture and life sciences still play in improving the prosperity of their lives," said Smith. "We believe that if they come to know us better, they will see that connection more clearly, even within a state population that is now 85 percent urbanized."

AgriLife Research, established in 1887, employs a team of 425 scientists on the campus of Texas A&M University and at 13 centers across the state. Research has made many innovative advances over the years, including development of the Texas 1015 onion and the TAM Mild Jalapeno pepper, which revolutionized the U.S. salsa industry.

Current major research includes the efficient use and conservation of water resources, the development of fruits and vegetables with higher levels of disease-fighting compounds, and the adaptation of crops and other agricultural products for making biofuels.

AgriLife Extension, established in 1915, provides Texans with continuing education programs and services. More than 900 professional educators team with some 90,000 volunteers to serve families, youth, communities and businesses throughout the state. Some 600,000 children annually participate in Extension's 4-H and youth development programs.

School Menu

Friday, January 18
Breakfast: Pizza, or cereal, toast, juice, and milk.

Lunch: Hamburger, lettuce, tomato, pickle slices, oven fries, apple, and milk.

Monday, January 21
Breakfast: Biscuits, scrambled eggs, bacon, or cereal, toast, juice, and milk.

Lunch: Chicken nuggets, gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, hot roll/honey, and milk.

Tuesday, January 22
Breakfast: Waffle, sausage, or cereal, toast, juice, and milk.

Lunch: Spaghetti/meat balls, salad, bread sticks, slice peaches, and milk.

Wednesday, January 23
Breakfast: Cereal, blueberry muffin, or toast, juice, and milk.

Lunch: Pepperoni pizza, salad, pineapple chunks, vanilla wafers, and milk.

Thursday, January 24
Breakfast: Breakfast bagel, or cereal, toast, juice, and milk.

Lunch: Chicken fajitas, beans, peppers, onions, tortilla, chips, sherbet, and milk.

OIL & GAS REPORT

BY THOMAS MUSSER

Briscoe and Motley Counties: The Five Bankers Petroleum (US) Inc. wells that had Status Changes on the December 2007 Railroad Commission of Texas Oil and Gas Proration Schedule have been returned to their previous status on the January 2008

Proration Schedule. The R. I. Montgomery Lease (196514) Well #1 is currently listed as 14(B)(2) Denied. The M. J. Hamilton Lease (197044) Well #1; the D. M. Cogdell Jr. Estate Lease (201274) Well #10-01; the Echols "2" Lease (216243) Well

#1, and the M. Bursley Ranch "60" Lease (073843) Well #1 are all currently listed as 14(B)(2) Extension. The 14(B)(2) Extension allows the Wells to remain

Legally Shut-in in Compliance with all RRC O&G Statewide Rules.

Floyd County: The Bankers Petroleum (US) Inc Misener Lease (69148) Well #1 Wildcat Field which has previously been listed as Shut-in is Currently Listed on the January 2008 Proration Schedule as 14(B)(2) Extension.

The Bankers Petroleum (US) Inc Jones Lease (69177) Well #1 Wildcat Field has been Assigned a Lease Number and has been Placed on the January 2008 Proration Schedule as 14(B)(2) Extension.

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Thank You

The family of Ernie Lee would like to thank our family and friends for the many acts of love shown to us at our time of loss. To Ernie's classmates and their parents a special thank you for all you have done for us. The visits, calls, food, flowers and cards mean more to us than words can express. A special thank you to our wonderful neighbors who have taken such good care of us during the worst time in our lives. Ernie was loved by so any family and friends and is greatly missed by all.

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Time flies, fun or no fun. Another year has slipped away into the darkened abyss of faded yesterdays. The past year was broken into manageable, bite sized portions - 12 months; 365 days; 8760 hours; 525,600 minutes. If you are about average, your heart pulsed nearly forty million times last year; your lungs filled and emptied themselves of a little over six million breaths of air! Your body has ingested and digested more than one thousand meals. And yet the year is gone - forever and unquestionable, gone.



MIKE CROWLEY

We have all changed during the past year. A few pounds lost or gained, a new job, a new friend, a new perspective - such do not guarantee improvement, but they do confirm life's relentless flux. Some of us have lost loved ones to death, some have entered into marriage, some have seen once happy marriages sadly and tragically fail. The year now behind us has mixed laughter with tears, sorrow with singing. Such is life. We may be better or worse. But we are not the same.

What lies ahead? We don't know. And for this blessed ignorance of the future we should be forever grateful. But, as has been said so often by so many, "We may not know what the future holds, but we know who holds the future." Whatever the coming year holds for us, we may rest in the comfort of God's promise: "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." (Hebrews 13:5.)

For the year ahead, and for all those reading these words, "The Lord bless thee, and keep thee: The Lord make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace." (Numbers 6:24-26.) Michael G. Crowley, Sr.

Roaring Springs Church of Christ

Michael G. Crowley, Sr.

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Flomot Baptist Church

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Wednesday Evening 7:00

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TWC Awards \$2 million for High-Tech Career Initiatives

Nine universities share funds to promote computer science, engineering to youth

AUSTIN – The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) has awarded nine grants totaling nearly \$2 million for the Texas Youth in Technology Strategic Workforce Development initiative. Supported with Workforce Investment Act Statewide Activities funds, the program is one of several workforce development strategies to support Gov. Rick Perry's statewide industry cluster initiative.

"To increase Texas' global competitiveness, we must have an educated workforce that is ready to meet the growing demand of the industries of the future dependent on science and engineering," Gov. Perry said. "Initiatives such as Texas Youth in Technology help Texas graduate more students in these emerging fields, positioning Texas to compete nationally and internationally for jobs in the 21st century."

"The Texas Youth in Technology initiative and grants will help prepare our teens and young adults for future high-tech career opportunities," said TWC Chair Diane Rath. "In support of Gov. Perry's statewide industry cluster initiative, the nine grants will help keep Texas in the forefront of the global economy."

The Texas Youth in Technology initiative and resulting projects will establish programs to increase post-secondary enrollments, retention and graduates in engineering and computer science. Working with the Texas Engineering and Technical Consortium (TETC), the grant program also will increase collaboration between Texas employers, institutions of higher education, and engineering and science departments.

"A diverse workforce, skilled in science, technology, engineering and mathematics, is critical to the future economic success and competitiveness of Texas," said Arturo Sanchez III, TETC Chair and Texas Instruments Manager of Workforce Development.

The nine grant recipients include:

- Southern Methodist University – to implement a seven-week engineering and computer science summer camp

for 14- to 18-year-old students; provide scholarships for participants, assist work/study students enrolled in the School of Engineering; and develop mentoring and tutoring programs to increase engineering student retention.

- Tarrant County College District – to implement five computer science and engineering summer camps in partnership with Workforce Solutions for Tarrant County, area businesses, local school districts, The University of Texas at Arlington School of Engineering and local community colleges to increase career opportunities in both industries.

- Texas A&M University – to implement a program that will increase post-secondary enrollments, retention and the number of graduates in computer science and engineering technology, with a focus on under-represented students. The program will provide scholarships to female high school juniors to attend summer camp. A peer-led learning program for college students will encourage students participating in an introductory computer science course.

- Texas Tech University – to increase engineering student recruitment and retention through a series of one-week summer sessions with stipends in math, science and computer science for high-school students; paid summer engineering internships in surrounding rural communities; stipends for peer mentors in math and science to disadvantaged area high schools; and assistance for community college students transitioning to the engineering program at Texas Tech.

- The University of Texas at Austin – to expand GeoFORCE, which works primarily with high-achieving Hispanic students from Southwest Texas to increase participation, diversity and graduation rates of Texas youth in science and engineering. The program will expand to Houston and include more than 200,000 students

with diverse backgrounds through summer academies, camps and field trips focused on math and sciences.

- The University of Texas at Austin – for computer science outreach to middle and high school students, teachers and counselors; the development of in-house mentoring for computer science students to improve graduation rates; to expand current recruitment of top high school students; reaching out to female students and minorities through positive role models and summer camp; and high school teacher and counselor workshops focusing on the computer science job market and importance of high school math and science courses.

The Texas Workforce Commission is a state agency dedicated to helping Texas employers, workers and communities prosper economically. For details on TWC and the programs it offers in unison with its network of local workforce development boards, call (512) 463-8556 or visit www.texasworkforce.org.

- University of Houston – to implement summer programs for under-represented high-school students that will integrate science, math and engineering principles to support increasing the number of engineering graduates entering the Texas workforce; and a summer camp for college students to prepare them for their second-year engineering curriculum.

- University of North Texas – to expand mobile summer computer robotics camps for middle and high school female students and special student programs to include all students. The program also will create camps for high school counselors and teachers to receive hands-on computer science and engineering experience, as well as instruction on careers and education in those fields.

- University of Texas at San Antonio – to recruit minority females ages 17 through 19 to attend summer engineering survival skills workshop and math preparation program for engineers. Freshman participants will receive a stipend to work in a research laboratory.

FAFSA PROGRAM AVAILABLE

Round Rock, TX – TG is again making available The FAFSA Made Easy, a video program to help students and families complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), to schools and community organizations.

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FAFSA must be completed by students to apply for any type of federal and most state financial aid – student loans, grants, scholarships, and Work Study.

Schools and organizations can register to be host site coordinators to show the The FAFSA Made Easy video at local community events. Host site coordinators can register at TG's public service Web site, www.aic.org/FAFSAMadeEasy.

After registering, host site coordinators will be mailed a

promotional packet that includes posters, flyers, sign-up sheets and other materials to promote the programs. DVDs of the program will also be shipped to the host site coordinators for viewing as early as February 1.

"This will allow host site coordinators to schedule the program at a time and place that are most convenient to the students and families they serve," said Richard Sapp, TG's director of pre-college success. "The program may also be broadcast over public access and school district television outlets."

Texas Soybean Production Conference Set for El Campo

El Campo, Texas (January 10, 2008) – The Texas Soybean Association will hold its 41st Annual Business session at the El Campo Civic Center (2350 N Mechanic, El Campo TX) on Tuesday, February 5, 2008 in conjunction with the 2008 Soybean Production Conference sponsored by the Texas Cooperative Extension Service. All soybean producers are invited to attend this free event. Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m. and the program will start at 9:30 a.m.

Speakers and topics include: **Dr. Jim Heitholt**, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, Dallas, Texas, *Variety Evaluation Projects in Texas*; **James Grichar**, Research Scientist, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, Beeville, Texas, *Texas Gulf Coast Soybean Planting Date Study*; **Stephen Biles**, Extension Agent – IPM, *Soybean Integrated Pest Management*; **M.O. Way**, Associate Professor and Texas Cooperative Extension Entomologist, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, Beaumont, Texas, *Insect Management in Texas Soybeans*; **Tom Isakeit**, Plant Pathologist, TX Cooperative Extension, *Soybean Disease Update*; and **Larry Falconer**, Economist, TX Cooperative Extension, *Soybean Market Update*.

The Texas Soybean Association Annual Business session will occur following the speakers and before lunch. Rick Ostlie, chairman, American Soybean Association, from Northwood, North Dakota will present an update on ASA and the Farm Bill. Lunch will be provided by the Texas Soybean board and our ag business sponsors who will showcase the latest in crop protection, equipment, and seed. Please contact the TSA office at 800-247-8691 or swsoy@aristotle.net for more information.

Auditions for TEXAS in Palo Duro Canyon

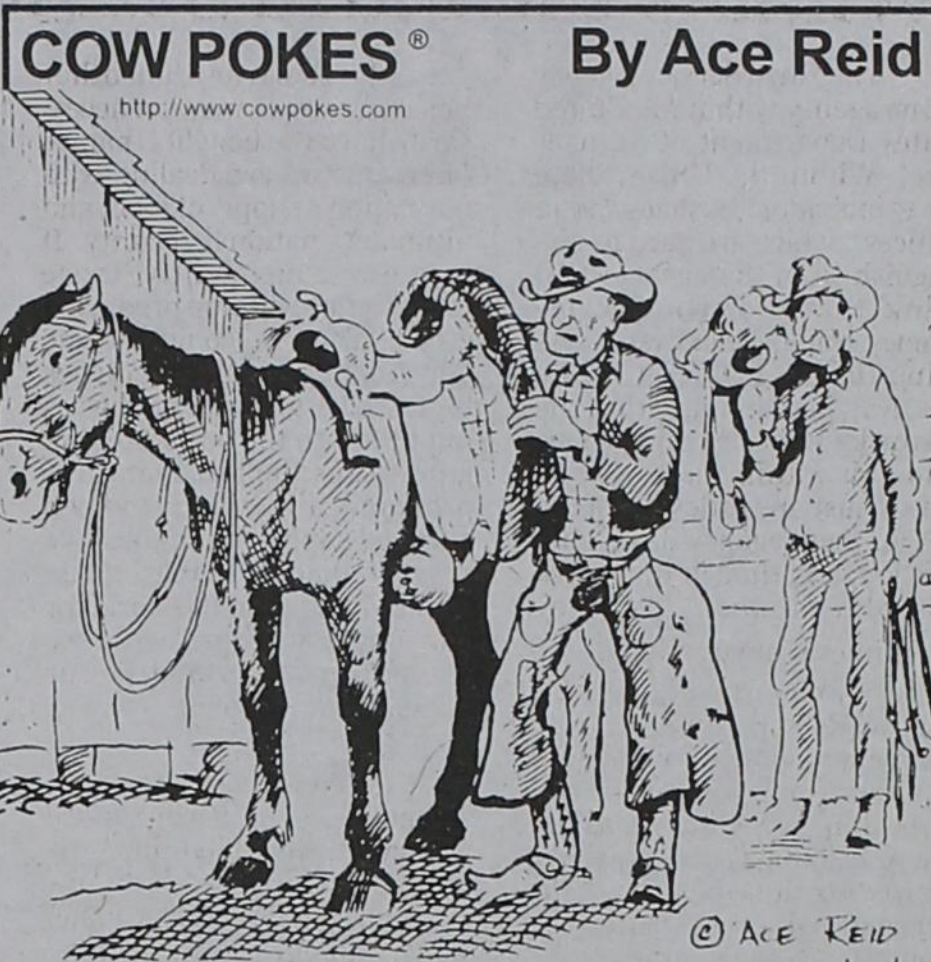
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Rehearsals are set to begin mid-May. Production nights are Tuesday through Sunday June 2 through August 17, 2008. Additionally, performance and technical classes will be provided to company members during the summer.

For more information please contact the TEXAS office at 806.655.2181, or send email inquiries to arose@tphf.com. Visit www.texas-show.com for details about the show.



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MOTLEY COUNTY TREASURER'S REPORT

QUARTERLY REPORT

OF EVA BARKLEY, COUNTY TREASURER OF MOTLEY COUNTY, TEXAS

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FROM OCTOBER 1, 2007 TO DECEMBER 31, 2007

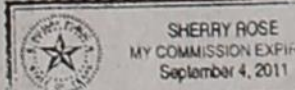
FUND	BALANCE October 1, 2007	RECEIPTS	DISBURSEMENTS	BALANCE December 31, 2007
GENERAL FUND Operating	\$ 14,024.13	\$ 275,004.39	\$ 283,643.34	\$ 5,385.18
GENERAL FUND - Investment	\$ 56,000.00	\$ 161,000.00	\$ 12,750.00	\$ 204,250.00
SPECIAL FUND	\$ 960.59	\$ 1,448.23	\$ 2,359.00	\$ 49.82
SPECIAL FUND - Investment	\$ 41,050.00	\$ 1,850.00	\$	\$ 42,900.00
ROAD & BRIDGE # 1 Operating	\$ 1,195.18	\$ 23,119.29	\$ 22,767.65	\$ 1,546.82
R+B # 1 - Investment	\$ 10,250.00	\$ 8,100.00	\$ 3,700.00	\$ 14,650.00
ROAD & BRIDGE # 2 Operating	\$ 2,160.63	\$ 28,825.44	\$ 29,430.77	\$ 1,555.30
R+B # 2 - Investment	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 13,500.00	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 13,900.00
ROAD & BRIDGE # 3 Operating	\$ 1,819.09	\$ 27,714.64	\$ 28,590.92	\$ 942.81
R+B # 3 - Investment	\$ 37,950.00	\$ 13,600.00	\$ 5,400.00	\$ 46,150.00
ROAD & BRIDGE # 4 Operating	\$ 1,855.16	\$ 26,825.10	\$ 27,357.54	\$ 1,122.72
R+B # 4 - Investment	\$ 12,250.00	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 18,750.00
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CAPITAL ACQUISITION	\$ 412.24	\$ 30,598.70	\$ 31,000.00	\$ 10.94
INVESTMENT	\$ 143,280.00	\$ 36,900.00	\$ 8,150.00	\$ 172,030.00
COUNTY FUNDS TOTAL	\$ 331,357.97	\$ 680,015.87	\$ 471,910.85	\$ 539,462.99
STATE COURT COSTS	\$ 2,837.60	\$ 9,088.60	\$ 11,863.05	\$ 63.15
LIBRARY	\$ 12,284.39	\$ 5,665.00	\$ 4,651.63	\$ 13,297.76
HOT CHECK	\$ 4,198.28	\$ 396.09	\$ 649.34	\$ 3,945.03
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BEFORE ME, THE UNDERSIGNED AUTHORITY, ON THIS DAY PERSONALLY APPEARED EVA BARKLEY, MOTLEY COUNTY TREASURER, WHO BEING SWORN, AND UPON OATH, SAYS THAT THE WITHIN AND FOREGOING IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

Eva Barkley
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- 18 Writing Workshop, Library Noon
- 21 MLK JR. DAY Bank, Post Office, closed
- 24 Relay for Life Comm Mtg, Multi-purpose Rm, ISD, 6:30
- 25 Writing Workshop, Library Noon
- 26 Pease River Opry, 7pm, Goodlet, TX
- 27 Library Performance & Review 2pm
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February

- 5 Matador Lions, Methodist Church, 12:30
- 5 Matador Lions Pancake Supper 5:30 pm
Motley County ISD
- 7 RS Lions, Hitchin' Post 11:30
- 7 Friends of the Library, 3pm
- 9 First Baptist Church annual ladies salad luncheon 12N at FBC. Speaker is Debbie Skinner, a Bible teacher with a paintbrush
- 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

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