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Recent graduate shoots for the stars

The FFA Motto: "Learning to Do, Doing to Learn, Earning to Live, Living to Serve."



By Carol Campbell

William Cade Lockett of Matador, a recent graduate of Valley High School, garnered more than \$28,000 in 12 college scholarships, culminating four years of hard work, dedication, and perseverance. Cade transferred from Patton Springs to Valley when he was a sophomore in high school. He has participated in stock shows since he was in the third grade, he said, first showing pigs then graduating to larger animals. "From 7th grade on, I was showing steers," he said. He has won

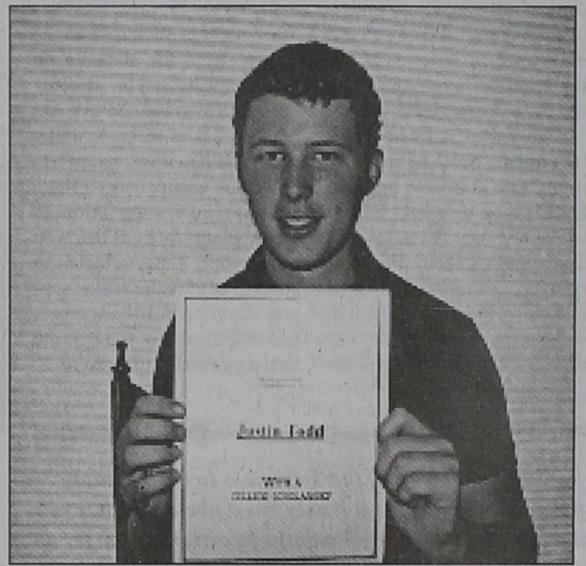
Grand Champion Steer and Grand Champion Pig in the county shows in Dickens and Briscoe counties. But showing animals wasn't the only thing Cade was doing. He was also moving up the ladder in the FFA local, district, area, and state chapters. "I served as a chapter officer for three years, and the last year I served as the vice-president of the chapter." Following elections, tests, and interviews, Cade continued to set goals and reach for the top. "When I was a junior in high school," he said, "I was the reporter for Area 1." FFA

Area 1 consists of 38 counties, 89 chapters, and over 1500 members. And what set Cade apart from the 70-plus other candidates vying for the spot? "I was the only candidate that wasn't a senior," he said. He also participated in FFA Leadership and Career Development events in the spring and fall of each school year, serving on the Quiz Team that went to state. "Only 20 teams out of 500 statewide made it to state competition," Cade said. A Quiz Team consists of four members that memorize answers to about 150 questions from historical facts on FFA to Farm Facts and agribusiness issues. "We all carried around 3-inch binders full of questions," he said. Cade's team scored 5th in the state his senior year. His largest scholarship award came from San Antonio Livestock Show and Rodeo in the amount of \$16,000, following an extensive 21-page application and two interviews, consisting of three in-depth questions from a 20-question word bank. The 20-questions word bank consisted of questions like: "How do you see yourself making a positive, meaningful contribution to society after completing college?" or "Describe the personal goals, education goals, and career goals" *continued on page 3*

Graduate has an eye on high finance

By Carol Campbell

Justin Todd of Matador, a recent graduate of Valley High School, wrapped up his high school career with high honors and even higher aspirations from agribusiness to high finance. "I'm really good in math," Justin said. Financial planning for a firm in an urban area is his ultimate goal. This makes sense to this young man who is headed to Texas Tech University in the fall with a \$15,000 scholarship from the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. Justin was one of about 120 students vying for the scholarship. Like his counterpart, Cade Lockett, also featured in this weeks paper, he filled out a 26 page application informing the scoring committee of "everything I had done in FFA for four years," completed two interviews, and "studied for months learning the possible 20-questions" before landing a final interview at Tarleton State University in Stephenville. It was a nerve-wracking process, Todd said. Students stood on a large stage peering up from a microphone and lectern into the student and parent audience with 12 judges strategically placed throughout the theater to judge his "poise, eye contact,



ability to answer questions, and self confidence." He drew three questions "from the pot" and gave it his best shot. His best shot earned him a coveted \$15,000 scholarship. He also earned six other scholarships, including the Tom and Myra Spears Endowed Scholarship; and the Valley FFA Booster Club scholarship. Justin transferred to Valley from Patton Springs in 2006. He participated in numerous FFA sponsored Leadership Development and Career Development Events in both Dickens and Briscoe counties. He called his junior year in high school his "ban-

ner year." This was the year he won first in the district followed by first in FFA Area 1, competing against 80 teams in Dairy Foods; then advancing to state competition where he won a ranking of 8th, competing against 200 state teams. "A dairy products contest consists of what some people refer to as 'milk spitting,'" Justin said. In competition, rooms are set up with samples of milk, cheese, dairy and non-dairy products, he explained, and the students are required to identify rate and score the product. For example, the sample may be *continued on page 5*

Roaring Springs to host old fashioned July 4th Celebration

The community of Roaring Springs is gearing up to put on their yearly 4th of July extravaganza. The Roaring Springs Volunteers are cooking up a brisket dinner. Fireworks have been purchased; a full day's schedule has been planned. We need people to bring a freezer of ice cream; and people to volunteer to serve it. It would really be appreciated. We usually have 24 or 25 freezers of homemade ice cream. Last year we ran out before everyone got their fill.

If you love parades, please consider joining the lawn mower parade. Decorated lawn mowers of all kinds, bike, ATVs, golf carts and antique and/or vintage cars are welcome. If you have a super lawn mower, there will be a lawn mower pull in the afternoon. Doggies will love being dressed up or performing tricks in the Dog Style Show; create a hilarious hat for the Hilarious Hat Contest. This is a lot of fun and a chance to be creative and ham it up a little.

Little kids need to bring their favorite stick horse for the Stick Horse Derby and Steeple Chase. There will even be a stick horse barrel race. And then, THE FIREWORKS! Bring you mosquito repellent and lawn chairs and enjoy the show. It usually lasts about 45 minutes. There is something for everyone and if you can last, you can be involved in something all day long. Here is the schedule:

- 9:00 a.m.. Memorial Services at the Roaring Springs Veterans Memorial Park
 - 10:30 a.m. Riding Lawn Mower Parade in downtown Roaring Springs
 - 11:00 a.m.-2:00 P.M. Fried Chicken Buffet at the WINDMILL CAFÉ or picnic in the park
 - 2:00 p.m. Dog Style Show at the Roaring Springs Community Center
 - 3:00 p.m. Riding Lawn Mower Races and Riding Lawn Mower Pull at the Old Settlers Grounds (across from the Community Center)
 - 4:30 p.m. Hilarious hat Contest at the Community Center
 - 6:00 p.m. Bar-B-Q Supper (\$8.00 adults, \$4.00 children) at the Community Center
 - 8:00 p.m. Homemade ice cream for all at the Community Center
 - 8:45 p.m. Stick Horse Derby in age groups: 2-3, 4-5, 6-7, open
 - 9:00 p.m. Stick Horse Steeplechase run in age groups: 2-3, 4-5, 6-7, open
 - 9:15 p.m. Stick Horse Barrel Race in age groups
- 9:45 or DARK-----FIREWORKS DISPLAY**

Floyd County Wind Energy Symposium Fairs Well

FLOYDADA, Texas, June 29, 2009 – Close to one hundred attendees came out to hear speakers talk about issues relevant to wind development at the Floyd County Friends Unity Center on June 25th. Many of those who attended were local area landowners looking to gain understanding on what it's going to take to start reaping the benefits of the green energy revolution taking place in our nation. Caprock Plains Wind Energy Association (CPWEA), a non-profit landowner wind association, hosted, "A Symposium: Preparing for Wind" featuring speakers from The Shaw Group, the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) and Sharyland Utilities. The theme for the presentations was centered on topics concerning what has to happen before we can see wide spread wind development in our area. In January of this year the PUCT choose transmission service providers (TSPs) to begin construction on an expansive transmission line build out with the purpose of being able to bring more wind energy into the electric

grid system. Sharyland Utilities was chosen to build lines and substations in Carson, Randall, Armstrong, Castro, Swisher, Briscoe, Floyd, Motley and Dickens Counties. Sharyland will be building five line segments totaling approximately 250 miles of lines and four collection stations in two of the areas designated as wind rich regions (Panhandle A and Panhandle B). The collection stations will be located close to Hereford, Nazareth, Silvertown and White Deer. See the Competitive Renewable Energy Zones (CREZ) map for an outline of all the lines that are planned. The new transmission lines will add over 3,000 MW of new capacity for wind in the Panhandle A region alone. The entire CREZ build out will add over 18,000 MW of wind capacity to the grid. The PUCT expects that all projects will be completed by the end of 2013. Currently, Sharyland is in the process of completing a certificate of convenience and necessity (CCN) which they will submit to the PUCT for approval. The first steps in completing a CCN is to de-

termine environmental constraints and come up with several alternate routes in which their lines could potentially be built. After they have completed these steps (which they are currently working on) they will begin conducting open house meetings to gather public input. Sharyland anticipates filing their CCN with the PUCT in the spring of 2010 and beginning construction early 2011. Floydada Economic Development Corporation's Executive Director, Justin Jaworski attended the event and is excited about what our area stands to gain from the build out of transmission lines which will ultimately bring more wind development into our area. "Wind energy continues to be a source economic growth in rural Texas. The symposium was a great way to learn about the pending development Sharyland is pursuing for our region," Jaworski said. "We look forward to landowners assisting in the placement of transmission lines through Floyd County so that we will not miss out on the financial *continued on page 3*

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Connections

Community, Diversity, Art

By Larry Vogt

It is interesting to take note of a few items that are in the United States Census website. These items come from their Fourth of July cookouts statistics: Texas ranks number 1 in the production of cattle and calves at 6.8 billion pounds. Which means that those beef hot dogs, steaks, and burgers you are grilling probably came from some farm in Texas, since Texas accounts for one-sixth of the beef produced in the United States. Texas is also one of the top 6 producers of broiler chickens with over a billion dollars worth of revenue. That wonderful barbeque chicken may have been raised in Texas or one of the other top producers all of which are in the South.

The United States imported \$193 million worth of fireworks from China in 2008. And you thought they only held a large part of our debt notes. We do export \$28.1 million with Australia taking the most at \$5.8 million. That amount of fireworks from China must only represent a small amount of the

total fireworks in the U. S. since in 2002 the value of the U. S. manufacturers' shipments of fireworks totaled \$17.3 billion.

One irony to me is the fact that we imported \$3.4 million worth of American flags in 2008. And, of course, \$3 million of that was for U. S. flags made in China. However, on the bright side are two sets of numbers: we exported \$569,400 worth of flags with Belgium being our best customer at \$186,400. The second number of significance is the one that places the total value of shipments from the nation's manufacturers in 2002 of flags, banners, etc at \$349.2 million.

What was missing from the website were the statistics on homemade ice cream. Roaring Springs, Texas has to be one of the best places to be on Independence Day if you happen to be an ice creamaholic. There are more interesting flavors to satisfy your taste buds than you can imagine. I know where I am going to be after the brisket supper: standing in the ice cream line with the rest of you who are fortunate enough to be there.

WRITING COMMUNITY

The Quality of Life in Present Day Rural America

By Cade Lockett

Editors Note: To qualify for the Louise Brandenburg Clary Memorial Scholarship award, Cade was required to submit an essay on what it means to live in rural America. In a letter from his donor Barbara Goolsby, she said that Cade's essay "touched her heart." She wrote: "It gives me great pleasure to send this scholarship to William Cade Lockett because I truly believe he is a person that will not only succeed in his personal and academic goals, but will also give back to his community."

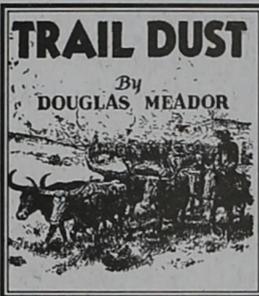
The heart and soul of this great nation lies in rural America. Rural America holds the purest form of the American people. A person that grows up and moves away from rural America leaves a piece of their heart there. You will never find any smog

in rural America, just an occasional dust storm. It is where several elderly men at the local coffee shop or hardware store hold all the common sense in the world. In rural America, you always wave when you pass a vehicle, and speak to whoever you pass on the sidewalk. A workout is building fence, working cattle, or loading hay; going to the gym is considered play. In Rural America, you never accept pay for taking care of an elderly person.

Growing up outside of town, on a farm and ranch, has been a true blessing. I have learned that to succeed in life you have to work as a family and keep fighting against all odds; failure is not an option. I have watched all of my family's money, time, and hard work vanish under a hail storm three times in a year, and worked even harder to redo all that was lost. A man's word and hand shake is worth more than

money, so I follow through with what I say. Rural America teaches you responsibility when you come home from football practice, work in the field until dark, work with show animals until supper, do the laundry, and still write a three page essay. Rural schools give you the opportunity to be active in every activity and learn many life skills. In rural America, I have learned how to work hard, enjoy life, and worship God.

Living in rural America has given me a head start in life. I will go to Clarendon College this fall, and will eventually return with a veterinary degree from Texas A&M. It has always been my dream to own a ranch and have a veterinary clinic in a rural community. I know that I will succeed in achieving my dreams, because living in rural America has taught me how to succeed against impossible odds.



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Floating somewhere in that sagasso as a memory with the ghoulish winds fluttering the stained remnants of a once proud sail, is the battered hulk of a ship that never reached port. In a covenant with destiny its bow struck the sharp, fatal rocks of reality during a storm which churned the blue sea into seething anger. Broken and helpless, it drifted into that fate of ships denied the final honor of burial after they are dead.

Deep in the murky hold beneath the soggy cargo is a cask of oil for the lamp of love, unopened. The gossamer flame is unlighted and the beating of wings outside the darkened window is drained into the river

of silence that flows through the valley of dreams.

Conventionalism is a mill that grinds the past into a fine dust to fertilize the growth of tomorrow. Glory and tradition feed easily through the hopper. A few days ago the chuck wagon of the Matador Land and Cattle Company passed through the streets of Matador much in the same manner as it has often done through two decades, except that a two-wheel trailer was attached to the wagon just behind the old chuck box. The two ironed wheel bounds were perhaps the remains of an older chuck wagon worn out on the dim trails of many ranges being dragged as a grey haired warrior through and arena after the conquest. And as acid poured into new wounds, the trailer was freighted with a cook stove. The long eager fingers of progress have grasped the last symbol of the old west when the open campfire no longer licks the Dutch-oven, about a chuck-wagon. The coffee pot might as well be a copper samovar fired with scented oil and surrounded with velvet cushions inside a silken tent if it is to be denied a heritage of mesquite in flame and smoke beneath the open sky.

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Pioneers holding annual meeting at Roaring Springs

First officers of organization Mr. W.R. Tilson, and Mrs. John Smith

These two pioneers of Motley County, Mrs. John Smith and Mr. W.R. Tilson were instrumental in the first meeting of the Motley-Dickens Counties Old Settlers Association which is holding its twelfth annual meeting at the Roaring Springs School grounds today. The organization was formed by Mrs. John Smith and Mrs. C.D. Bird, and Mr. Tilson was elected President. Mrs. Smith came to this county 43 years ago and Mr. Tilson first moved here 53 years ago.

Texas' August Sales Tax Holiday Will Get Bigger

(AUSTIN) -- Great news for back-to-school shoppers. For the first time since it began in 1999, the annual August sales tax holiday will include many school supplies.

"A lot of families look forward to saving their hard earned money during the sales tax holiday weekend," Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said. "Now they can make their back-to-school budgets stretch even further because more than two dozen school supply items will be tax-free."

House Bill 1801 identifies school supplies priced less than \$100 that will be exempt from state and local sales tax for the tax-free weekend. Pens, crayons, calculators, notebooks, rulers, scissors and lunch boxes are a few of the items on the list. The full list can be found below.

These items are in addition to school backpacks and most clothing and shoes priced less than \$100 that are already tax-free the weekend of Aug. 21-23.

The Comptroller's office is sending information to retailers about implementing the expanded sales tax holiday.

"The email copy of the Tribune is so good, I think people would flock to it if they knew about it. Have you thought about offering 3 months free in exchange for an email address?" Ray Zabielski, Chicago

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Governor Rick Perry's veto of pre-k bill could cost him the election

It is a sad day for four-year-old children in Texas. Governor Rick Perry vetoed one of the most popular bills of the legislative session. House Bill 130 would have ensured access to high quality, full-day pre-k programs for thousands of military, foster care, homeless, and other at risk children. This veto only reinforces the cynicism of many Texans that politics and big money drive our state government.

Many want to know why the Governor would veto a bill improving the quality of early education in Texas.

Was there a lack of support at the Capitol for the bill? No. House Bill 130 had 100 authors and co-authors, and was voted favorably out of the House and Senate with a two-thirds majority vote.

Was there a lack of support among Texas voters? No. According to a statewide poll of

registered voters, 70% of Republicans, 78% of Democrats, and 70% of Independents support pre-k.

Did the bill ensure quality? Yes. House Bill 130 included research-based components such as smaller class sizes, highly trained teachers, lower child to staff ratios, and approved quality curricula.

Was there a lack of local control? No. House Bill 130 created a voluntary grant program that ensured district selected partnerships while financially incentivizing and rewarding school districts already meeting proven, high quality standards.

Was the program not fiscally responsible? No. The \$25 million originally allotted to House Bill 130 is still going to be rolled back into the Texas Education Agency to be spent on current pre-k programs without the required quality components.

Is there a lack of research

that pre-k works? No. Texas' own Bush School of Government and Public Service at Texas A&M found that every \$1.00 invested returns at least \$3.50 to local communities. Savings are realized through increased high-school graduation rates, higher earning power as adults, fewer referrals to special education, and significantly less involvement with the criminal justice system.

Was there a lack of statewide support? No. More than 20,000 emails were sent by pre-k supporters in support of this critical piece of legislation. In addition, thousands of advocates made visits to the Texas Capitol, called legislators, and faxed in letters of support.

Was there a lack of media coverage on the story? No. Every major newspaper in the state covered the story throughout the legislative session.

So why would the Governor veto such a popular and quality piece of legislation? Dare I say that the Governor is playing politics with young children? Could it be he has a tough race coming up in 2010 against another popular Republican?

If this is indeed the case, I hope the Governor is ready to answer tough questions from the thousands of pre-k supporters across Texas that wanted to see high quality pre-k for its youngest and most at risk Texans. I sure hope he has another platform on which to win in 2010, because supporting young Texans and an educated workforce for tomorrow won't be one of them.

More information on high-quality early care and education is available at www.tecec.org.

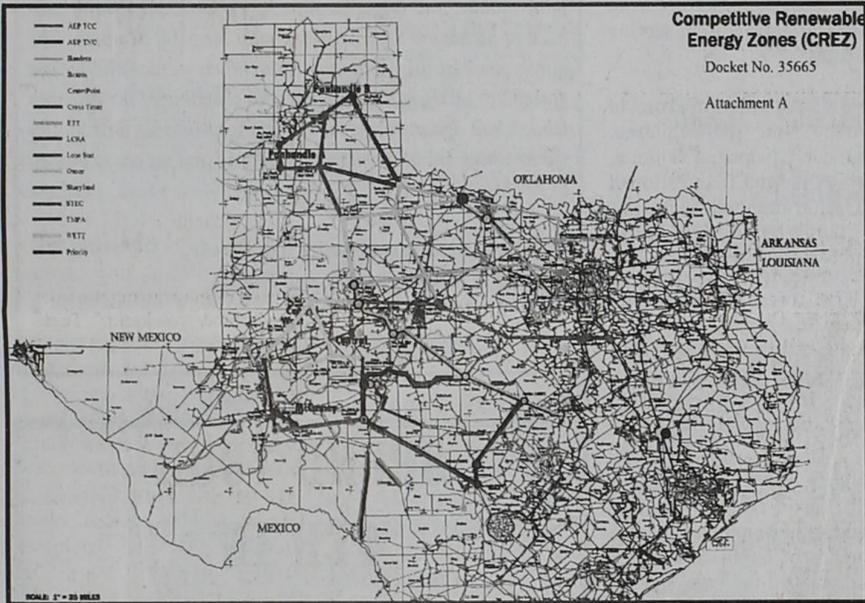
Kara Johnson is the Executive Director of the Texas Early Childhood Education Coalition

The Class Reunion of Matador High School 1949



The Class met at the Marriot Resident Inn in Lubbock. 10 of the class of 18 met for lots of memories and just "catching up" on our lives since then. Those attending were: Herb Seigler, Kerrville TX, Patti Pipkin Alexander, Midland TX, Marcia Gilbert Middlebrooks, Topeka IN, Frances Casey Dixon, Matador TX, June Spray Wason, Don Wason, Plainview TX, Carolyn Rattan Lumsden, Hemet CA, Royella Browning VanDyne, Shaver Lake CA, Rosemary Bloodworth Seminole TX and Dorothy Traweck Hansworth Matador. Others attending were: Elaine Risser, Stan Hansworth, Bill Lumsden, Gene VanDyne and Chris Sampson.

Floyd County Wind Energy Symposium Fairs Well continued from page one



benefits of this great opportunity."

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to recruit wind development to the region and help revitalize the rural communities. Go to www.caprockplainswind.com to find out more about our association and how you can help support our cause.

For more information about the symposium or if you would like to receive a copy of the speaker presentations please contact CPWEA at 806-983-

CPWEA is a non-profit landowner association working to connect landowners with movers and shakers in the wind industry. Our goal is

William Cade Lockett

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that you would like to achieve in the next 10 years?," Cade began to develop a three-ring binder of questions and answers. His family pitched in as question coaches.

"Dinner was often a pop quiz," Cade said. "I looked over the questions before I went to bed every night until the competition." The final area competition was held after graduation at Tarleton State University in Stephenville where 23 students from Area 1 faced 12 judges in a theater setting to complete the final hurdle. Applicants randomly drew three questions and then delivered an oral response to the scoring committee. The setting was designed to be intimidating. They were on a stage behind a lectern with a microphone, looking up into a large auditorium full of people. The judges were interspersed in the audience, consisting of agriculture teachers from the area. They were judged on poise, eye contact, ability to answer questions, and self confidence. Only six San Antonio scholarships were awarded out of 180 interviewees.

His next largest scholarship was an academic schol-

arship and a livestock judging scholarship from Clarendon College. While he was offered a "full ride" from Howard Junior College in Big Spring, Cade opted to settle closer to home. "I had developed a relationship with the judging coach at Clarendon," Cade said. "He had been talking to me since I was a sophomore."

He also received a National FFA Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000. This prestigious award is one of 1,462 awarded nationwide through the National FFA Scholarship Program. The National FFA Organization, formerly known as the Future Farmers of America, is a national youth organization of 507,763 student members.

He is registered for 18 hours this fall, including classes in animal science, chemistry, speech, and US History. But Cade's future plans don't stop at Clarendon Junior College. He has a 10-year plan. Remember, he drew the personal, education, and career goal question in the 20-question word bank:

"I will take the basic classes at Clarendon College while I continue to judge," he said. "Then I will go to Texas

Tech University for two years for an Animal Science degree where I can judge at the university level; and finally, to Texas A&M Veterinary School of Medicine," he said. "Hopefully, I can return to this area to open a clinic."

While this might seem like an ambitious plan for a young man, there is no doubt Cade Lockett has the focus, work ethic, and energy to achieve his goals. And his heart is in rural America, as can be seen from his contribution in Writing Community. To quote: "A person that grows up and moves away from rural America leaves a piece of their heart there."

Cade has deep roots in Motley County. His great grandparents settled in early-day Matador in the early 1900s, first working for the Matador Ranch, and finally establishing Matador Mercantile Company. He is the grandson of Carter and Betty Lockett, Matador; and son of Bill and Kendra Lockett, both families farming and ranching in Motley County for more than 60 years. His other "coaches" in this tight-knit family are Gavin, Gunnar, and Kara Lockett.

Disabled Veterans Receive Property Tax Relief

(AUSTIN) — Military veterans who are totally disabled or cannot work because of service-related injuries will pay no property taxes on their homes under a new tax exemption approved by the Legislature.

"Texas has done the right thing by providing property tax relief for our military men and women who have served their country and paid a heavy price," Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said.

House Bill 3613 provides an exemption of the total appraised value of the homesteads of Texas veterans who have received a 100 percent disability rating or are considered unemployable by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. The new law is effective for the 2009 tax year, and swift action is necessary to update local property tax rolls and ensure eligible veterans receive the new tax break.

Eligible disabled veterans

must apply for the tax exemption through their county appraisal district. An application form for veterans and appraisal districts to use can be found on the Comptroller's Web site at <http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/taxforms/vetexempt.pdf>.

Veterans may also need to contact their mortgage lenders to adjust their escrow payments.

The University of Texas at Austin Ranks Second in Nation with Graduates Accepted for Teach for America Program

(AUSTIN, Texas) — The University of Texas at Austin ranks second in the nation's top 20 large-sized colleges and universities contributing graduating seniors to Teach for America's 2009 corps.

This fall, 71 graduates from The University of Texas at Austin will begin teaching in urban and rural public schools across the country through the Teach for America program. The University of Michigan-Ann Arbor ranked first in the large-sized institutions category with 80 graduates participating. Other high-ranking universities

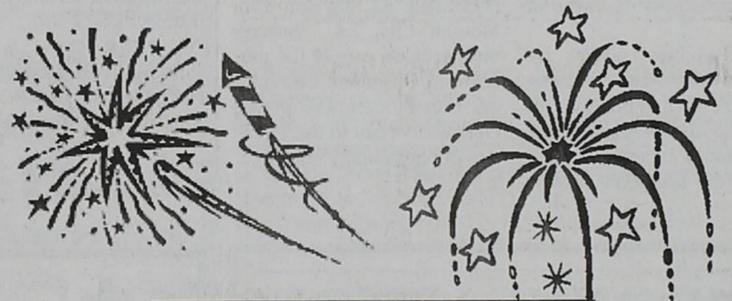
included Cornell University, third with 66 graduates, University of California-Berkeley, fourth with 62, and University of Wisconsin-Madison, fifth with 56.

Teach for America is the national corps of recent college graduates who commit to teach for at least two years in urban and rural public schools. During the 2008-09 academic year, Teach for America received a record 35,000 applications from graduating seniors, postgraduates and professionals. About 4,100 new corps members will start this fall teaching in schools

across the country.

A spokesman for Teach for America said the 2009 corps earned an average grade-point average of 3.6 and a combined SAT score of 1333, and 89 percent held leadership positions as undergraduates. Admission to the teacher corps was even more selective than in previous years. At more than 130 colleges and universities, more than 5 percent of the senior class applied, including 11 percent of all seniors at Ivy League universities. Nearly 4 percent of seniors from The University of Texas at Austin applied.

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Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

My daughter-in-law says that our farm on the eastern edge of Lubbock County is in the hole of the donut; it rains all around but not in the hole. That is the way it has been in Roaring Springs. Everyone else seems to be getting good rains. I am thankful for any and all rain; I hear it is flooding in Amarillo. I am enjoying the cool days after last week's blistering heat. I thought I was living in South Central Texas! I am still amazed at how much hotter the nights are here compared to the plains. When we lived near Boyina, most nights we turned the air conditioner off about 2:00 a.m. and pulled up a blanket.

Speaking of Bovina, I met my sister-in-law Sue McClaran and my friend, Brenda Riddle of Bovina in Lubbock on Friday. We would stay in one restaurant until we were ashamed to stay longer and take up their space and go to another. Brenda brought her lap top and had pictures of my nephew's wedding and her vacation, an Alaskan cruise. My daughter, Katie and her college roommate were also meeting in Lubbock and we joined up with them and went to see *My Sister's Keeper*. It was a very thought provoking movie.

Our postmistress and her sons and family recently gathered for their annual vacation. They met in Branson, MO. Enjoying Silver Dollar City and Table Rock Lake were: Roxanne Reagan, Steve and Rhonda Newsom, Cody, Tyler and Taylor of Easley South Carolina; Carl and Jamie Newsom, Kierstan and Kylie of Levelland. They were there during the week of June 6th through the 13th. Cody and Kierstan Newsom came home with their grandmother to visit a while. Roxanne said the weather was nice and about 80 degrees with showers at night.

The Woolsey family returned Saturday evening from the cool mountains of New Mexico. They said it was cool enough two nights for a fire in the fireplace. Every-

thing was green and beautiful. Judy, Matt, Teresa, Autumn, Keegan, Amy and Tanner Bearden saw elk in a meadow nearby. They were about 20 miles north of Pecos, New Mexico near the head of the Pecos River.

Brother Gene Perry of Plainview filled the pulpit on Sunday in Johnny and Connie Morris' absence on Sunday. Brother Perry preached for 40 years in Oklahoma, he has lived in Plainview for one and a half years.

Eugene Daniell is doing well and he and his wife, Cherry returned to their home in Burley, Idaho. They left on Saturday and arrived on Sunday. Edith Daniell is feeling much better and hopes to be back to normal in a few more weeks.

Bill Hand celebrated his 85th birthday on Friday. On June 20th, his children had a combined Father's Day and birthday celebration at the home of his son and daughter-in-law, Kelly and Mary Hand. Also attending was: Trudy Hand of Amarillo, Bonita Barton of Magnolia, AR, Duane, Kim and Abbi and Hanna Alexander of Lubbock, great grandson, Bryan Adams of Lubbock and Christi, Tyler, Madison Adams and Mozelle Hand. He received phone calls from his other three grandchildren.

On June 12, 13 and 14th Kim and Abbi Watson of Lubbock came and stayed with Bill so Mozelle could attend the 64th class reunion of her class at Paducah High School; there were 15 of her classmates attending. There were some 300 ex-students attending the reunion.

Ron and Susan Bernucho of Houston were guests at the Travelers Inn. They enjoyed touring the Springs Ranch Club with Corky Marshall. Susan was originally from O'Donnell, TX and Ron from Morgan City, LA. Susan's mother takes care of the museum in O'Donnell that honors Dan Blocker who played Hoss Cartwright in the TV series *Bonanza* many years ago.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

It is easy to take liberty for granted when you have had it taken from you. We Americans love out freedom. We must never forget that it was purchased with courage, determination and sacrifice and that it has been protected in the same manner. God Bless America!

40th Class Reunion

The Flomot High School 1969 graduating seniors held their 40th class reunion Saturday at Ransom Canyon in the beautiful home of Jan Whitaker and wife, Linda. They renewed memories and enjoyed a video of their graduation with music.

Nine of the twelve members attending were Kathy Marin Shorter and husband, Clois of Flomot; Anita Hunter and husband, Brad Carter of Snyder; Barbara Moseley Strain and husband, Willie and Pam Morris Lane of Plainview; Jackie Pigg Sperry of Quitaque; Kathy Gilbert Blanton of Graham; Joey Lee of Clarendon; Bessie Starkey Reid of Amarillo; Special guests were teachers, Wilburn Martin of Flomot, class sponsor and V.V. Scott of Olton FHS athletic coach. He recalled the FHS girl's basketball team winning the District Title in 1969 in a play-off game against Matador.

Bob Cole, the only deceased member of the class, was killed in a car accident in 1972.

Mrs. Ruth Lee accompanied daughter, Mrs. Teresa Heck of Turkey to Amarillo, Monday where she had an emergency appendectomy at the St. Anthony's Baptist Hospital. She returned home Wednesday. Her husband, Thomas Heck was with her during hospitalization.

Brenda and Darrell Cruse visited overnight Friday in Amarillo with daughter, Leah

Cruse. They attended the Browning family reunion Saturday held in Canyon at the Best Western Motel.

Mrs. Cally Sperry, Blayne, Cash and Gage visited her grandfather, Gene Pool, a resident at the Veterans Care Center in Amarillo.

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

Mrs. Lou Burleson of Floydada and Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton, spent a pleasant day in Plainview, Friday shopping and a luncheon.

Mrs. Donna Sue Degan of Calgary and granddaughter, Allie, daughter of Jeff and Shawna Abernathy of Abilene, visited Saturday with mother, Mrs. B. Rogers and brother, Donnie Rogers.

Johnnie Starkey returned home Wednesday after visiting the past two weeks in Lebanon, Missouri with son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Starkey. Also visiting was his granddaughter and husband, Johna and Nate Betty who were recently discharged from the U.S. Marines after serving in Iraq.

Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse of Turkey and grandchildren, Danielle Gwinn of Flomot, Troy, Tally and Teah Patton of Silverton attended the Browning family reunion held Friday and Saturday in Canyon.

Bengie, J.H. and Kaitlynn of Royce City visited from Friday until Wednesday with his parents, Janice and Butch Hughes. Janice, J.J. and Kaitlynn were joined by Roger, Tiffany, Tara, Reagan and Brody Hughes, Ricky, Tasha, Kendal and Kason Hughes of Floydada and Brennan and Baylee Hughes of Lubbock Tuesday and enjoyed the amusements at the Joy Land in Lubbock.

Matador News

Deacon Leroy Behnke and wife Pat and Deacon Larry Holley and wife Chrystal from Slaton, paid a visit to Matador last Monday and Tuesday. They came to visit Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Matador and friends and acquaintances here. They stayed at the Matador Hotel and visited Monday with Mary Sue Powell and Joan Patton. They also spent sometime with Vic Read.

Tuesday Morning they spent some prayer time at Our Lady of Guadalupe and then on to visit the Mott Creek Ranch. In the afternoon Chrystal Holley visited with Joan Patton at her home.

Last week end guests of

Mrs. June Moss were Mrs. Terry Moss of Janeville, Wisconsin, Mrs. Stacy Hollfelder and children, Jacob and Abby of Sun Prairie, Wisconsin, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Moss of Seymour and Marsha Moss of Amarillo.

Opal and Charlie Johnson were accompanied to Taylor, Arkansas last week end by daughter, Mrs. Cindy Riggins and son, Billie Don of Vernon. They visited their other daughter and family, Charlotte and Roger Sweet.

Mrs. Billie Dean Smith was conveyed by ambulance to Heart Hospital in Lubbock, Thursday. She returned home Saturday and was reported to be recovering just fine.

Thank You

Our sincere thanks to everyone who phoned, visited, prepared food, sent flowers, and sent memorial donations to the Senior Citizen's Center and East Mound Cemetery Association when our Mom, and Sister, Laverna Price Johnston passed away. Words cannot express what your outpouring of love and concern meant to us. We also appreciate Pat, Nathan, Mike, and Frances for the wonderful job they did, and Rev. John Ballard and Organist Ann Apple for coming from Lubbock to do Mom's Services along with Rev. Bill Manney. The family meal at the Methodist Church was so nice and we are grateful to all the ladies in town who contributed the delicious food. Once again we are convinced that Matador and Motley County have the best people in the world and we are so blessed to be among you all.

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Weather Trivia

What scale measures the destructive force of a tornado?



ANSWER: The Fujita Scale.

Weather History

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Greenbelt Golf began June 9th

The 2009 Greenbelt Golf started the season June 9 with the first tournament at the Roaring Springs Ranch Golf Course. Eighty nine young golfers from around the area participated in the first tournament of the season. It was a great day! Each year the parents of the Motley County Golfers host this tournament and this year was no exception, but with Mrs. Bingham taking the Varsity Cheerleaders to camp extra help was called in for the task.

The Motley County Greenbelt Golf would like to thank David Stafford and Your Beef Connection for catering the meal that was served. Coleen Baxter for helping sign up the Motley County Golfers and Jennie Johnson and Betty Roberts for serving the meal and keeping things running smoothly and last but not least all the parents of these golfers for your continued help and support. Greenbelt Golf is a summer golf program where young golfers travel to six area towns to compete. There are four different divisions beginning with K-3rd Grade playing four holes from 150 yards out. Fourth and fifth grade playing five holes from 200 yards out. Sixth, seventh, and eighth playing nine holes from the allotted tee boxes. High School

girls play nine holes and the high school boys play 18 from regulation tee boxes.

These golfers have to be willing to carry their own clubs and walk the course. No coaching is allowed once play has begun. If you have never watched one of these tournaments, you don't know what you are missing. Medalist for each tournament accumulate points for the over all trophies.

Medalist for the Roaring Springs tournament are as follows: K-3rd group, Bryson Elliott brought home fourth place. Fourth and fifth boys: Mickey Clarey placed fourth, Austin Taylor brings home first. Britt Simpson comes in third in the sixth, seventh and eighth grade. High School boys: First place, Christian Brooks and fourth place, Jonathon Osborn.

One hundred and twenty one golfers traveled to Quanah on June 15. Bryson Elliott received fourth place in the K-3rd Division. Fourth and fifth grade: Mattie Brooks and Bryant Taylor bring home second, and Mickey Clarey places fourth. Austin Taylor takes first in the sixth, seventh and eighth grade. High School boys: Christian Brooks is third place.

On June 18 golfers trav-

eled to Shamrock for a day of golf. Mattie Brooks and Bryant Taylor brought home second in fourth and fifth grade division. Sixth, seventh and eighth grade: Austin Taylor placed second. High School: Christian Brooks brings home first and Jonathon Osborn just one stroke away brings home second.

There are only three tournaments left. Golfers will be in Childress, June 22, Wellington, June 29 and golfers will end the season in Memphis on July 7. The final points will be tallied and trophies will be given on this day.

Motley County has a total of 21 young golf representatives. This groups of kids are traveling to these towns early in the morning and walking in 100 degree weather to play. It takes great dedication and love for the game to endure the temperature. Others playing this year are Kyla Simpson, Reagan Elliott, Korbyn Simpson, Logan Ferguson, Colby Cochran, Seth Baxter, Matthew Faulks, Bryce Brady, Shelby Elliott, Blayne Brady, Logan Jones, Brazous Washington, Caleb Clarey, Tylar Campbell and Walker Carson. Every one is giving their all.

EIP/Sierra Club: Proposed ruling would put tighter limits on pollution from proposed NRG coal-fired power plant in Texas

Ruling by administrative law judges now in hands of appointed members of TCEQ

AUSTIN, TEXAS - June 25, 2009 - A proposed ruling by two Texas administrative law judges will clamp down on emissions of several pollutants from the coal-fired power plant near Jewett, Texas proposed by New Jersey-based NRG Energy Inc (NRG.N), according to the Environmental Integrity Project (EIP) and the Lone Star Chapter of the Sierra Club. The ruling also would require real-time monitoring of particulate emissions from the facility.

NRG is planning an expansion of the existing Limestone Electric Generating Station

located in Limestone County. It would add a third coal-fired generating unit to the facility to produce approximately 800 megawatts (MW) of additional power by burning an estimated 4.3 million tons of coal per year. In doing so, the plant would emit up to an estimated 10 million tons of carbon dioxide each year, which would be a substantial increase in global warming gases. Texas already leads the nation in power plant CO2 emissions, according to data from the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). If permitted the new NRG

Limestone Unit 3 would also emit substantial quantities of mercury and other hazardous pollutants into the air.

On June 23, two Texas administrative law judges issued their proposed ruling on NRG's applications to build the new Limestone plant. The judges sided with Sierra Club and other parties challenging the sufficiency of the NRG applications, and ruled that the project should only move forward if several deficiencies are corrected. Notably, the judges recommended that the permit to control air toxics, like mercury, should be de-

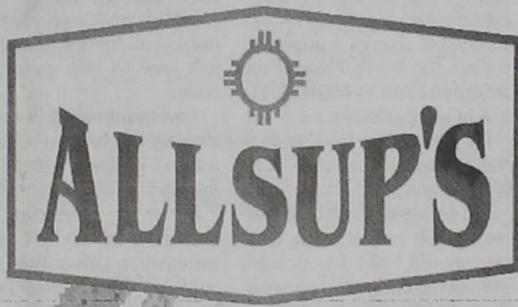
nied. In addition, the judges recommended strengthening the permitted emission limits for three pollutants -- particulate matter, nitrogen oxides, and carbon monoxide -- and requiring real-time monitoring of particulate matter. The judges also recommended stronger requirements to enforce a plant-wide cap on sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxides, and mercury from the facility. The judges also expressed concerns with several state air permitting policies, including how the TCEQ implements the federal Clean Air Act's "best available control tech-

nology" requirement.

EIP senior attorney Ilan Levin said: "The judges have issued their proposal for decision based on the evidence presented, but the fate of this permit is now in the hands of the three commissioners sitting on the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) because they are the final decision makers. I think it also is worthy of noting that the judges also raised some issues that it would be appropriate for EPA to step in and deal with."

Ken Kramer, director of the Lone Star Chapter of the Sier-

ra Club said: "The recommendations from the Administrative Law Judges regarding the proposed NRG Limestone coal plant underscore once again the failure of TCEQ to draft air permits that protect public health and the environment, but TCEQ has a chance to redeem itself by denying the permit when it comes before the three TCEQ commissioners. Now is the time for Texas to look forward to a clean energy future by rejecting the dirty energy sources of our past."



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Fire and Ice for MVFD

Saturday and Sunday, June 13th and 14th severe weather returned to Motley County. Saturday afternoon a line of storms fired up in southern Floyd County and quickly intensified to tornadic in matter of two hours and changing direction to take aim at Motley County. The strongest cell was located near the Springs ranch where golfers and campers had to seek shelter. Golf ball sized hail was reported in Roaring Springs. Matador was spared from the severe weather receiving a much needed shower.

Sunday afternoon severe weather took aim at Matador. Storms quickly built, similar to the day before, this time impacting the city of Matador. At 5:15 a tornado warning was issued for Motley County and

15 minutes later at the recommendation of MVFD trained storm spotters the early warning system was activated. Hail ranging in size from pea up to baseball fell all over town and the surrounding area. Lots of rotation was spotted but no funnels touched down.

As the weather was decreasing in intensity, smoke was spotted east of Roaring Springs. A downed power line ignited a love grass field on highway 684. 10 firemen in 4 trucks with assistance from Jeremy Jameson and Dean Osborn on maintainers contained the blaze in two hours. Less than 100 acres were burned with only pasture land and fences damaged.

Article by Matt Crawford, MVFD Reporter.

Beef Summer School in Session

AUSTIN, TX - The bell rang and class was in session at Texas Tech University where over 20 students recently participated in the first-ever Beef 706 designed entirely for Texas youth. The checkoff-funded class provided an overview of the beef industry and a hands-on learning experience on beef quality. For 20 years the program has been educating producers about the factors impacting the safety and quality of beef.

"Students attending Beef 706 have traditionally been more experienced and often times older cattle producers," said Jason Bagley, beef qual-

ity manager, Texas Beef Council (TBC). "While TBC continues to believe in educating cattle producers both young and old, we recognize the need to reach out to a younger generation to begin educating them about Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) and its important role in beef cattle production."

Beef 706 is a checkoff-funded BQA program presented in cooperation with Texas AgriLife Extension. The class continuously evolves with the industry and provides producers vital information to ensure that a safe, consistent, quality product is delivered to consumers.

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- 3:00P.M. Riding Lawn Mower Races and and Riding Lawn Mower Pull at OLD SETTLERS GROUNDS (across from Community Center)
- 4:30P.M. Hilarious Hat Contest at Community Center
- 6:00P.M. Bar-B-Q Supper(\$8.00 Adults, \$4.00 Children) at Community Center, or have a picnic in the park
- 8:00P.M. Homemade ice cream for all at Community Center
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 - 5 "This Is Our Freedom" patriotic mini-musical, 11 am FBC, Matador
 - 7 M Lions
 - 8 Hospital Board 7am
 - 9 M City Council
 - 9 - District 3 Recordbook Judging
 - 10-11 - Motley County Jr. Rodeo
 - 13 Commissioners' Court
 - 14 RSCV
 - 16 Masonic Lodge
 - 16 Foothills Fellowship
 - 18 Copper Breaks State Park, Sun Fun, 5pm Starwalk, 9pm
 - 19-22 (Sun - Wed)--Vacation Bible School at FBC, Matador, 3yrs thru 5th grade, times TBA
 - 21 M Lions
 - 23 Eastern Star
 - 25 - Aug. 1 - State 4-H Horse Show
- August**
- 1 - State 4-H Horse Show
 - 17 - Motley 4-H Club meeting
 - 22 Copper Breaks State Park, Sun Fun, 5pm Starwalk, 9pm
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Notice of Public Meeting
 Notice of a Public Meeting to discuss the use of Economic Development Part4B sales tax money to repair the roof on the Roaring Springs High School Building. The Roaring Springs City Council presented the request for the use of Economic Development Part 4B sales tax money to the Economic Development Part 4B approved the use of the funds. The Roaring Springs Economic Development 4B tax board will hold a public meeting at 6 o'clock PM in the conference room at City Hall, July 13, 2009. To discuss the allocation of Economic Development Part 4B sales tax money to repair the roof. **Ct28**

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