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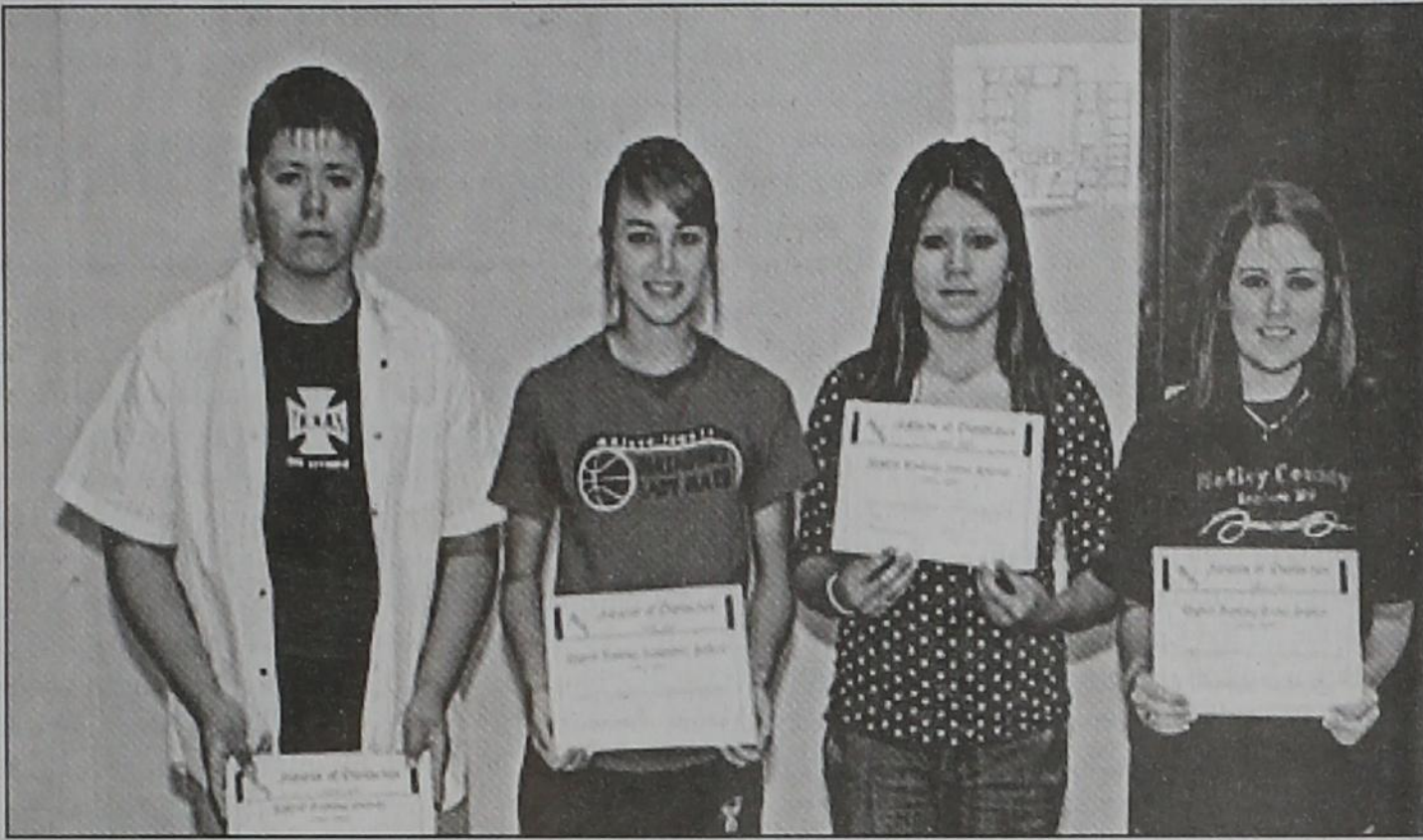
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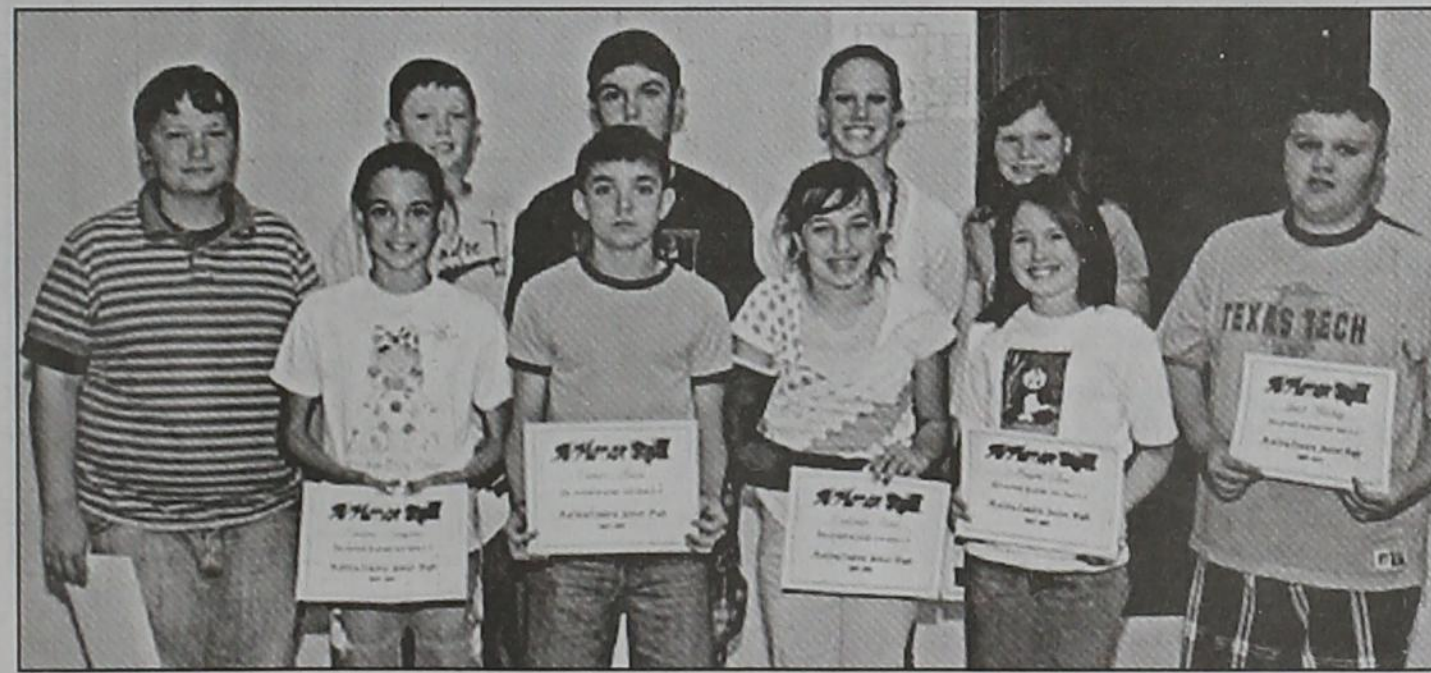
MCISD students receive awards



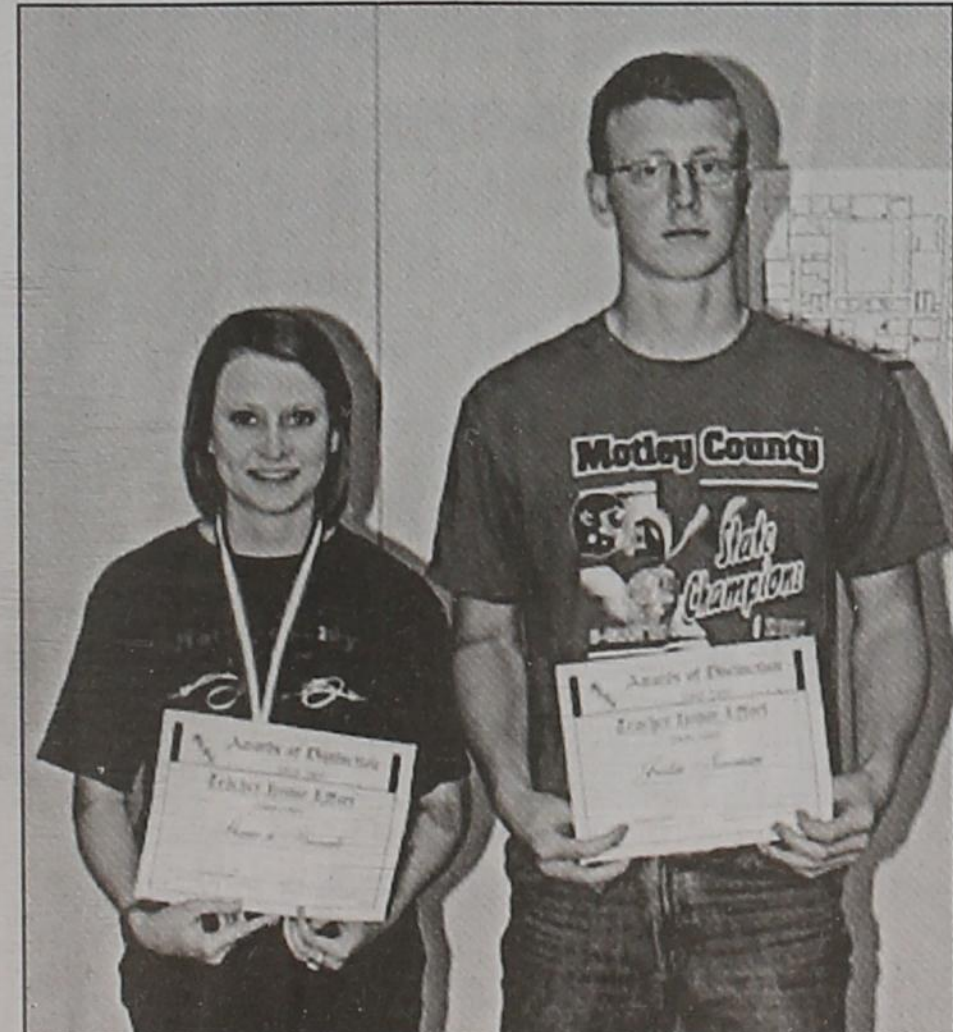
The highest Scholastic Average: Freshman, Keyan Kautz, Sophomore, Kyla Simpson, Junior, Melissa Flores, Senior, Courtney Alexander.



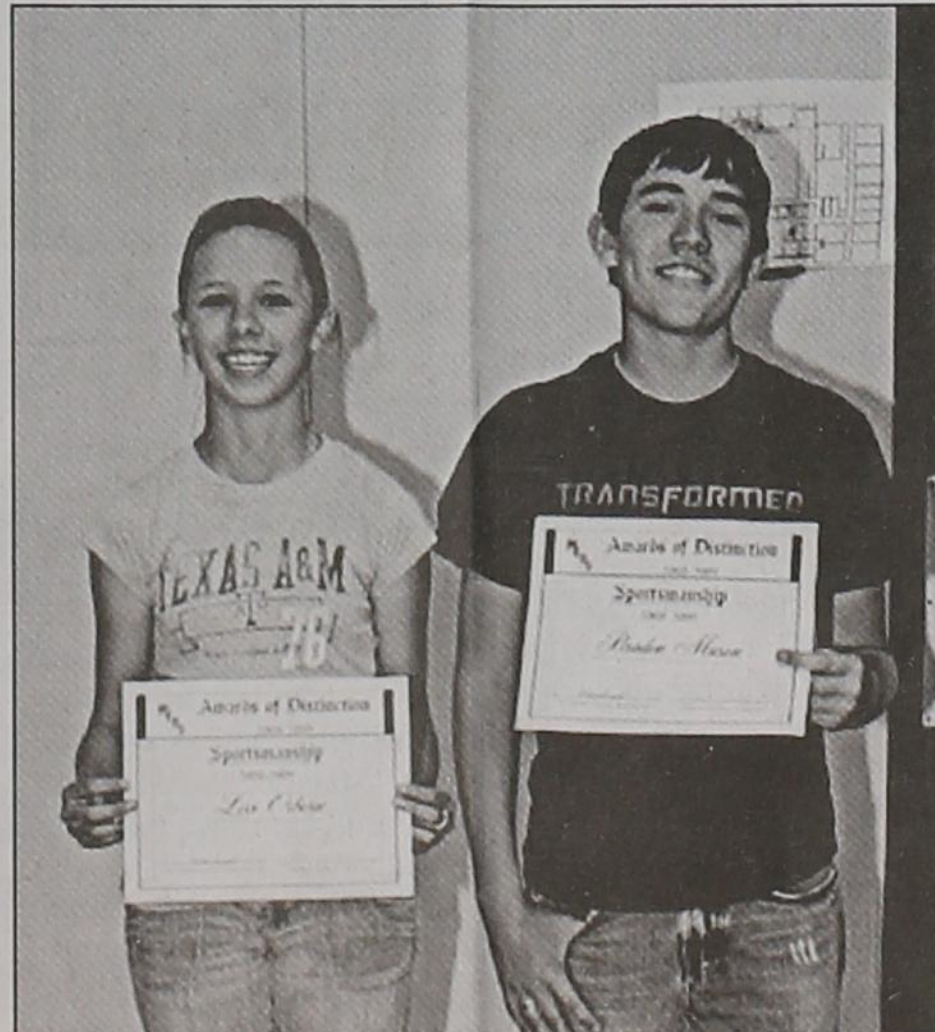
High School Perfect attendance for the year: Braden Mason, Keyan Kautz, Shane'a Russell, Jonathon Osborn, Kyla Simpson, Augy Chavez, Sarah Ferguson, Patrick Harvey and Andrew Martin.



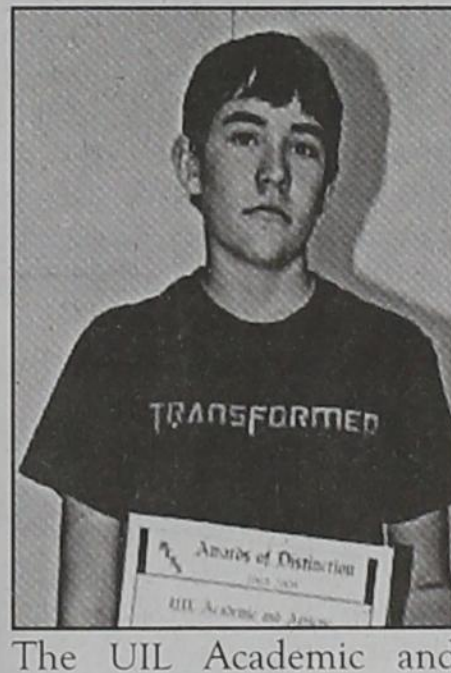
Jr High A Honor roll for the Year. Back Row: Logan Ferguson, Seth Baxter, Coby Cochran, Jaci Zingerman, Cassidy Turner, Jacob Woolsey. Front Row: Kaitlan Perryman, Conner Mason, Catherine Ward, Meagan Ford.



Teacher Honor Effort Award: Shane'a Russell and Justin Newman



Sportsmanship Award Lexi Osborn and Braden Mason



The UIL Academic and Sport Award: Braden Mason

Matador City Council meets in regular session Water tower to tout state champions

By Carol Campbell

The Matador City Council met in regular session on Thursday, May 28, 2009. Attending were Mayor Pat Smith, City Secretary Debra Scott and Councilmen Pat Seigler, Shane Jones, Chuck Ream, and Kay Bailey. Absent were Councilman Alvin Alexander and City Superintendent Steve Barton.

The minutes and expenditures for April were approved in a previous meeting, on Thursday, May 14, 2009, where the agenda was tabled, and moved to May 28, 2009.

The agenda included six action items, including two closed executive sessions. In the Superintendent's Report presented by Mayor Pat Smith, it was reported that the superintendent and the mayor spent time last week identifying illegal dumping sites within the city limits.

City Secretary Debra Scott reported that she researched the bids for painting the water tower. She talked to various bidders about the possibility of having "State Football Champions 2007" put on the water tower to advertise the unique accomplishment of the Motley County Matadors. The low bid of \$22,678 was presented by Water Tower Maintenance, Inc. This is the same company that will paint the Roaring Springs tower. The cost of additional lettering on the tower

was quoted at \$2,000. The letters would be about 2-foot tall in vinyl. Kay Bailey made a motion to accept this bid, seconded Chuck Ream. The motion carried, 4-0.

The "investment depository account" action item was dismissed following advice from the City Attorney Tom Hamilton. The city has a contract with the First National Bank of Seymour, Matador Branch, until September, 2010. The investment account currently pays rates of .14 percent. This rate is based on the 90-day U.S. Treasury bill rate, published in the Wall Street Journal, adjusted monthly on the first business day of the month.

In other business, the city secretary announced that Cap Rock Waste Management has been purchased by Texas Jack Waste Systems. Texas Jack Waste requested that the contract be extended until May 2010, offering to honor the contract already previously approved. In an audit of the Cap Rock account it was determined that \$1,500 would be credited back to the city

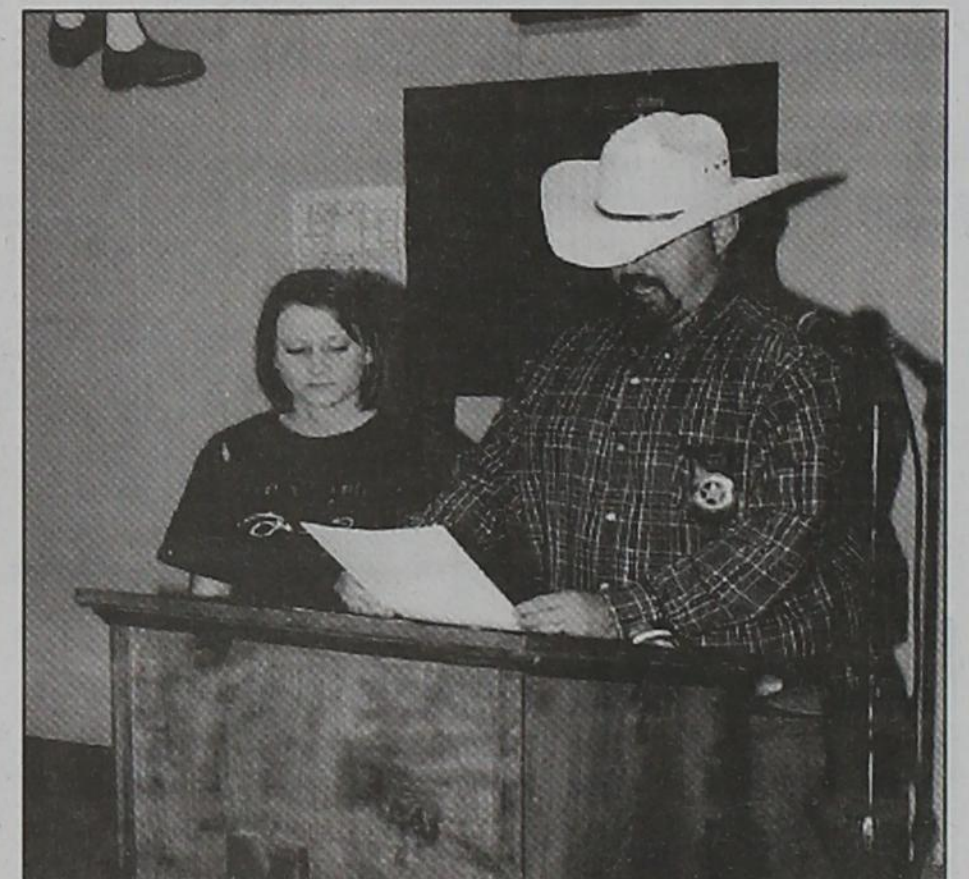
due to over charges on waste hauling. The council voted unanimously to accept this change.

Following a closed executive session to discuss properties that pose health and safety hazards, Kay Bailey made a motion, seconded by Shane Jones, to pursue the demolition of certain hazardous properties either by voluntary compliance or legal action. The mayor was directed by the city attorney to verify ownership of some properties and if taxes were current to contact the property owners about voluntary compliance. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

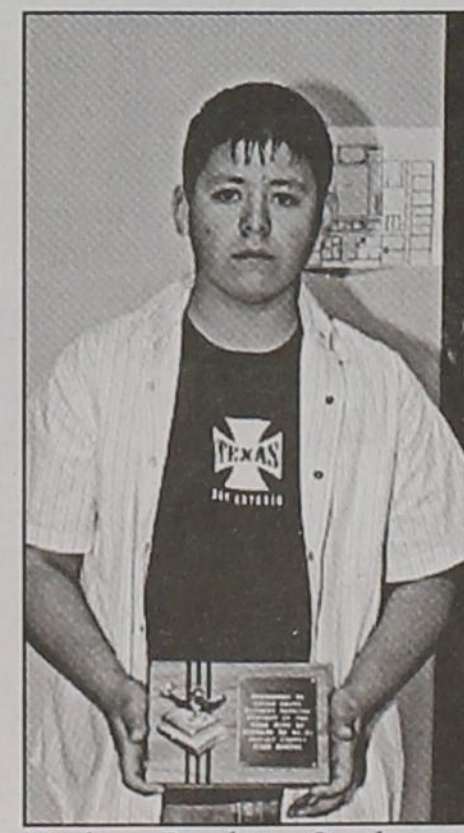
Two city ordinances passed in 2004 address the issue of trash, weeds, grass, and junk in the City of Matador. The ordinances provide for removal and cleanup and penalties for violations of the ordinance.

In addition, a sub-standard housing committee consisting of Tony Rose, Pat Warren, Olivia Barton, Stan Hanesworth, Thanie Smallwood, and Kim Gleghorn are charged with

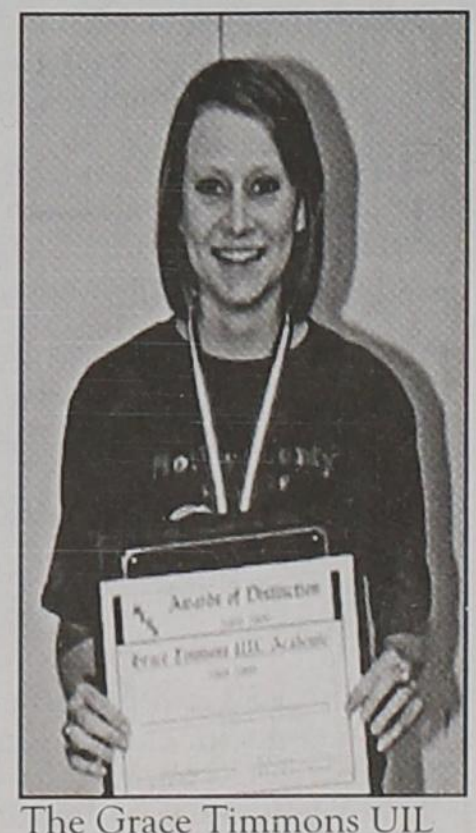
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The Masonic Lodge Memorial Award: Sheriff Michael Crutchley presents Shane'a Russell the Mirabeau B. Lamar Award. Lamar was a pioneer settler in Texas, a Colonel in the Texan army during Texas War of Independence, the third president of the Republic of Texas, and has been credited with being the father of free public education in Texas. Mirabeau B. Lamar was a freemason. He belonged to the Grand Lodge of Texas which was formed in 1836 and was chartered by the Republic of Texas.



Highest Ranking Student: Keyan Kautz



The Grace Timmons UIL Award: Shane'a Russell

Foothill Country

Connections

Community, Diversity, Art

By Larry Vogt

I appreciate the wave that we exchange as we meet on the highway. That friendly acknowledgement on a lonely highway, each of us driving in our vehicles, affirms my sense of home, of friends, and our willingness to greet each other as we go about our business.

I have had friends or relatives visit who have spent a lot of time in the city, I guess, because they sometimes don't even know what is going on. "What are you doing, wiggling your finger like that?" they say. When I explain, most of them get it, but some just shake their head.

I grew up in a rural, small town area where the wave was a way of life and so each time I cycled my life from city to country there was the familiar greeting in passing and I would always know I had arrived back home, home to the

friendliness and familiar gestures that go with it.

When compared with the fast pace of life in the city, where any kind of greeting is sometimes taken as an act of aggressive behavior, the country way of waving seems so natural and accepting of each of our human potential for kindness. The city certainly has plenty of friendliness between folks, but because of the density of the population there is the element of urgency to the movement of the autos and the pedestrian traffic that is decidedly missing from our local less travelled roads.

I think the wave may have some deep meanings but I am satisfied with just a small gesture that lets me know I am not alone out there on the highway and we can simply acknowledge each other and go on with our tasks for the day and rest assured that the friendly wave lives on.

In the U. S. Army Cemetery at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma there is a tall red granite headstone with a sharp point. On it is inscribed the following, words selected by the person buried there:

RESTING HERE UNTIL DAY BREAKS AND SHADOWS FALL AND DARKNESS DISAPPEARS IS QUANAH PARKER LAST CHIEF OF THE COMANCHES BORN - 1852 DIED FEB. 23, 1911

He was the last to be honored with the title of chief. Since then they have called their elected leaders chairman. He, like my grandfather, Harrison Williams, of Matador, was not sure of the year of his birth and was probably born in 1849.

He was the son of Peta Nocona (He Who Travels Alone And Returns), chief of the Quasada (Antelope Eaters) band and Cynthia Ann Parker (Naduah—Someone Found), who had been captured in 1836 at the age of nine in what was later called Limestone County, Texas. The Parkers felt safe there because they were "hard-shell Baptists" of the Pilgrim Church (Primitive Baptists?)—as was my great-grandfather D. E. Elliott).

Quanah (Fragrance) Parker became a war chief in his twenties when he went on a raid led by Bear's Ear. They crossed Pease River and raided farms and ranches almost as far as Gainesville and then they headed for home. Ft. Richardson, near Jacksboro, had been alerted and the soldiers caught up with them near Red River and opened fire. Bear's Ear was killed and in the confusion Quanah shout-

ed, "Spread out! Turn the horses north to the river!"

Thus, he departed from the original plan of crossing the river with their stolen horses further west. Quanah kept to the rear urging them on, and was slightly wounded, but shot his attacker with an arrow.

That night when they camped they made him their leader even though he was one-half white and had blue-gray eyes. Quanah led many raids and was very experienced by 1872 when it became generally known that buffalo hides had a good market in the northeastern states, the price being about \$3.75 per hide.

"A number of hunting outfits operating from Dodge City crossed into the northern Panhandle in the autumn of 1873 in violation of the Medicine Lodge Treaty [in Kansas], made in 1867 between the Federal government and the Indians, reserving the region between the Arkansas and Canadian rivers for an Indian hunting ground" (Wallace, Ernest and Hoebel, E. Adamson, THE COMANCHES, University of Oklahoma Press, Norman & London, 1952, ninth printing 1986, Page 65).

Par-rowan Sermehno (Ten Bears), civil chief of the Yampohreekuh group, declared that he spoke for all the Comanches, and that they would do as he agreed they should. This proved to be true, with the exception of Quanah Parker's band since it was not represented at the conference.

Here is his speech, which I think speaks for all Indians, that I have abridged since it is so long:

"My heart is filled with joy when I see you here, as the brooks fill with water, when the snows melt in the

spring, and I feel glad, as the ponies do when the fresh grass starts in the beginning of the year. I heard of your coming, when I was many sleeps away, and I made but few camps before I met you. I knew that you had come to do good to me and to my people. I looked for the benefits, which would last forever, and so my face shines with joy, as I look upon you. My people have never first drawn a bow or fired a gun against the whites. There has been trouble on the line between us, and my young men have danced the war dance. But it was not begun by us.

"It was you who sent out the first soldier, and it was we who sent out the second. Two years ago I came up on this road, following the buffalo, that my wives and children might have their cheeks plump, and their bodies warm. But the soldiers fired on us, and since that time there has been a noise, like that of a thunderstorm, and we have not known which way to go. So it was upon the Canadian.

"The Comanches are not weak and blind, like the pups of a dog when seven sleeps old. They are strong and farsighted, like grown horses. We took their road and we went on it. The white women cried, and our women laughed. But there are things which you have said to me which I do not like. They were not sweet like sugar, but bitter like gourds. You said that you wanted to put us upon a reservation, to build us houses and to make us Medicine lodges. I do not want them.

"I was born upon the prairie, where the wind blew free, and there was nothing to break the light of the sun. I was born where there were no enclosures, and where everything drew a free breath. I want

to die there, and not within walls. I know every stream and every wood between the Rio Grande and the Arkansas. I have hunted and lived over that country. I lived like my fathers, and like them, I lived happily.

"When I was at Washington the Great Father told me that all the Comanche land was ours, and that no one should hinder us from living upon it. So why do you ask us to leave the rivers, and the sun, and the wind, and live in houses? Do not ask us to give up the buffalo for the sheep. The young men have heard talk of this, and it has made them sad and angry. Do not speak of it more. I love to carry out the talk I get from the Great Father. When I get goods and presents, I and my people feel glad since it shows that he holds us in his eye. If the Texans had kept out of my country, there might have been peace. But that which you now say we must live on is too small.

"The Texans have taken away the places where the grass grew the thickest and the timber was the best. Had we kept that, we might have done the thing you ask. But it is too late. The white man has the country which we loved and we only wish to wander on the prairie until we die. Any good thing you say to me shall not be forgotten. I shall carry it as near to my heart as my children, and it shall be as often on my tongue as the name of the Great Spirit. I want no blood upon my land to stain the grass. I want it all clear and pure, and I wish it so, that all who go through among my people may find peace when they come in, and leave it when they go out."

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June 19

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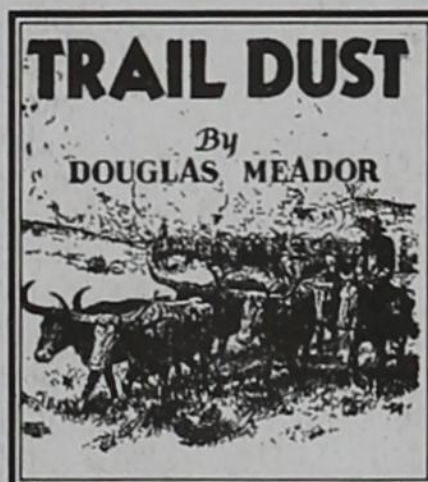
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"Remember, if there is no interest in a community to keep it alive, it will not be kept alive."

Barbara Armstrong, former Motley County Tribune publisher



*Matador Tribune
March 26, 1942*

Heliotrope clouds above the silent stanza of a closing day await the benediction of time. Warm wind, like a wide spread prayer stirs the anxious blossoms that would not wait for leaves and another spring is born. More beauty would hurt too deep; less would wave the heart unfiled.

Riding the roaring pinions over read, the flying, fighting, man could not see the tail of a kite still hanging on the once faded wires. A faded piece of cloth that held on through a few months until a boy became a man. Each destiny makes plans that we never understand until they are fused with reality.

Eight hoofs plodded in the powdery dirt, to shake the worn spur towels and rub dried saddle leather. Far beyond the rim of hills a windmill turned like a tired galley-slave with the lash off his back. Patiently the horses pulled the edges of distance together and the two riders dismounted beside the half filled wooden trough. The windmill had stopped and they drank from the same water with their horses. The prairie night had overtaken the travelers and they pre-

pared for camp. Their mounts were staked and white smoke curled under dried grass and mesquite while they squatted beside the sullen fire and fanned it with sweat caked hats. A bent, smoked can was taken from one of the slicker rolls and half filled with water that floated the broken grains of coffee. Soon pieces of fat bacon sizzled from pointed sticks held over the fire and the two men broke cold, sour dough biscuits. When the flame could find no more fuel to lick, a profound silence covered the riders who slept with their heads pillowed on their saddles. Friendship tempered in forges of hardships lasts longer life; it is made to endure eternity.

RETRO NEWS

*Matador Tribune
June 11, 1942*

Back in the saddle again, Mary Ellen, "dude" Barton, 18 yrs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W.B. Barton of Flomot, will defend the cattle-county honors as Matador sponsor at the Post Rodeo, June 18-19 and will also ride as sponsor for the Matador Ranch at the Stamford Cowboy reunion, July 2,3, and 4th.

Miss Barton is recognized as one of the most outstanding cowgirls of west Texas, receiving awards wherever her knowledge and ability has been contested.

Windmill Cafe Grand Opening in Roaring Springs on May 29



Ribbon Cutting: The Windmill Cafe Grand Opening in Roaring Springs on May 29 was a family affair. A ribbon-cutting ceremony with introductions by Mayor Corky Marshall officially opened the business. Pictured (left to right) is Debbie Johnson, owners Deanette and Perry Gullede, and daughter, Lexy; Deanette's father, Dean Johnson, and her sister, Christy Pruitt.



Residents and visitors from Matador and Roaring Springs packed the house at the Windmill Cafe Grand Opening. Two large dining rooms were opened for seating. Guests ordered from the menu for dinner items, or enjoyed a bountiful snacking table, laden with free finger foods, including boiled shrimp and dip, sausages wrapped in bacon, truffles, vegetable trays, and more.

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Motley County Basketball Camp

The Motley County coaching staff will offer a fundamental skills basketball camp this summer. The camp will be held Monday thru Wednesday, June 15-17 at the Motley County gym. The camp will be held each day from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Students that will be in the third grade through the eighth grade are eligible to attend. Each camper will need to bring a lunch and we will all eat together in the cafeteria. This year we are not going to charge for the camp. We will still require a medical release form signed by the parents. To better prepare for the camp please return your medical form to Judy Cooper or to the school office no later than June 10th. If you need another form you may pick one up from Mrs. Johnson at the school.

MCISD first Motley County Arts Festival



Fourth graders, Chloe Gleghorn and McKenzie Schaefer with student's art.

MCISD held its first Motley County Arts Festival on May 20, 2009 with the help of the GT Program. The Multipurpose Room was beautifully adorned with various works of art. Kindergarten created colorful symmetrical pictures with primary colors. First grade made adorable fruit prints, while second grade learned about line designs and oil pastels. Third grade's stunning watercolor still life stood out beautifully, while fourth grade amazed everyone with sewn fabric collages. The fifth grade's project was clay pottery. It was a learning experience for GT teacher, Pam Thacker, as well as to the students. Bravo to the fifth grade class for trying something new.

Fourth, fifth and sixth grade GT students studied about

artist and author Carmen Lomas Garza. They each chose a favorite memory and drew a detailed picture about it using oils pastels to color it. Their narrative was also patterned after the famous Texas author. GT students, Cade Drum and Eli Marshall, exhibited drawings of their favorite fish along with a story about a recent fishing trip they each took.

Jaci Zingerman made a futuristic travel model using a unique monorail design. Lori Alexander's eighth grade class read the *Odyssey*, then made trash monsters that Ulysses would have met on his journey. Without all of the help of the teachers and students, this project would not have been successful. This was a wonderful experience for all of us.

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that pose health and safety hazards to citizens. The list of hazardous properties are then presented to the council for action.

According to Mayor Smith illegal dumping and hazardous properties are a priority of the council, and needs to be addressed by the citizens and absentee owners of properties that are named.

"Illegal dumping needs to be halted," Smith said. The council voted unanimously to pursue action against illegal dumping within the city limits.

The Council met in Executive Session to discuss a Wind Energy contract with the managing partner of U.S. Wind Energy and the city attorney. No action was taken, and this issue was tabled until next month.

The Roaring Springs Full Gospel Church invites everyone to a special service June 7, 2009, at 10:30 a.m. Our guest will be the West Texas Watchmen.

The West Watchmen are a Southern Gospel Trio/ Quartet with a West Texas sound. The group consists of Stanley Martin, Randy Ervin and Bennett Kimbell.

Mother's Helper Christian Preschool 2008-09 Classes 19 years (9/1990 - 5/2009)



Front Row: Kyler Beshirs, Reagan Davis, Olivia Fowler, Arianna Sanders, Tinty Slover. Middle Row: Trinity Ward, Reese Marshall, Tylee Barclay, Emory Rains, Summer Thomas, Laney Edwards, Cade Martin, Taylor Green, Krystin Ferguson, Bryer Davis. Top Row: Brandi Buxton, Cash Sperry, Laney Weiser, Mrs. Crowley, Heidi Hess, Gage Sperry, Jaxon Edwards, Jaycee Pigg, Brogan Rankin, Brock Fowler

MCISD Jr High Graduates



MCISD Jr High Graduates: Back; Payden Perryman, Britt Simpson, Neal Potts, Austin Taylor, Stormy Guerrero, Nathan Seigrist. Front; Juan Flores, Dominique Quilimaco, Aaron Woodruff, Jaci Zingerman, Sabra Pope.

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NEWS AROUND MOTLEY COUNTY

Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

The rainy cool weather really perked everything up. I wonder how long it will take for things to begin to look wilted. In my garden, not very long but most are not native plants. Speaking of native plants, Donna Kennedy's yard has been full of native flowers. To the best of our being able to identify them with the specimens shown in Wildflowers of the Western Plains by Zoe Merriman Kirkpatrick, there are Indian Blanket; Skeleton Plant, Spiny Aster, Cota, Indian Wheat; and, Cutleaf Daisy. These are growing around her roses, irises and lilies and also in her small horse pasture beside her house.

Ken and Suzanne Abbott along with Joel and Deb Spray visited the Hill Country last weekend returning home late Monday. They went to Junction, TX on Friday and hauled their motorcycles in trailers. From Junction they cycled through the Hill Country. They visited Fort McKavett; Fredericksburg; to the wild flower farm just outside Fredericksburg; Kerrville; Vanderpool; Bandera, Sabinal and came back to Kerrville along the Guadalupe River. Suzanne said the wild flowers were pretty though the bluebonnets were already finished blooming. She thought our wild flowers in this area are just as pretty. It rained on them several times which made their rides cooler.

The First Baptist Church hosted a fifth Sunday fellowship dinner on Sunday. The First United Methodist Church joined us for the meal. There were other visitors also. There were about 70 people for lunch.

Visiting the Ross Grahams and the Ben Dillard's are Jarod, Hilda and baby James Rieger. Jarod, Hilda and James arrived from Germany on leave last week and visited Hilda's mother in McAllen before coming here. They will leave on Monday to visit with the Bruce Riegers and Joel and Amanda in the Dallas area, before reporting back to active duty. This is little James first visit here.

School is out and summer activities are beginning. The Springs Ranch pool is already a popular place to cool off and spend a lazy afternoon.

Remember the Cancer Survivors breakfast to be held on

Saturday, June 6th at 9:00 a.m. at the Roaring Springs First Baptist Church fellowship hall. The Relay for Life Committee is the host and Rosalee Davis is in charge of the breakfast. Daleyn Schwartz of Plainview will be the guest speaker. Daleyn is a cancer survivor. All cancer survivors and their spouses are invited. If you haven't registered and are a cancer survivor and even if you didn't receive an invitation come to the breakfast to celebrate your life. You may register at the breakfast.

Out of town family members here for Sean Braselton's Patton Springs High School graduation were: his mother and stepfather, Debbie and Steve Cantu of Amarillo, his grandparents: Pat and Dollie McMeans of Amarillo and Karmen and Ronald McCullough of Levelland; his sisters: Heather West of Canyon, and Corey Atkinson of Scottsmore, FL and his uncle, Steve Braselton of Lubbock.

In town for Kayla Simpson's (daughter of Annette Hollinsworth) graduation from Motley County High School were her grandmother, Reba Hollinsworth, her aunt, Barbara Bushland, and a friend Fred Sullivant all of Lubbock. Coming from Grapevine, TX were Kayla's step-sister and family: Pamela and Ed White and children Katie, Devon and Will.

Aaron Bethard's out of town family members were his mother and sister, Karen and Cheyenne Mount of Odessa; his brother and sister-in-law Chris and Jessica Bethard from Jayton.

Corky and I attended my grandson, Sean Miller's graduation Thursday evening at Floydada. A family supper was held in his honor at the home of his parents, Ford and Kay Miller. His grandparents; Chuck and Cora Miller from the Abilene area; his uncles and aunts: Cody and Tammy Miller of Lubbock; Kevin and Tracie McClaran of the Acuff community and cousins Mason Miller and Kenzie McClaran; his great-great aunt, Mrs. Q. D. Williams of Floydada were guests. Sean was one of 53 seniors. We were proud of Sean, he was valedictorian of his class.

Congratulations to our seniors.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

Overheard

An Elderly Floridian called 911 on her cell phone to report that her car had been broken into. She is hysterical as she explains her situation to the dispatcher. "They have stolen the stereo, the steering wheel, the brake pedal and even the accelerator! She cried. The dispatcher said, "Stay calm. An officer is on the way." A few minutes later, the officer radios in. "Disregard." He says, "She got in the back seat by mistake."

Honored Teacher Of The Year

Mrs. Sherryl Barclay of Meadow was honored for Teacher of the Year by Meadow Schools. She teaches fourth and fifth grade reading and writing subjects. She received her degree from Texas Tech University in Lubbock in Elementary Education.

She is the wife of Lance Barclay and they have two children, Kayle and Colton. She is the daughter in law of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barclay of Flomot.

Cole Martin, grandson of Wilburn Martin, moved from Portales, NM. To Talleyquah, OK. This past week and will be manager of bookstore at Northeastern State University.

Visiting Saturday with Ruth and Orville Lee were son and wife, Joey and Brenda Lee of Clarendon. Ruth and Orville's grandson, Brandon Lee of Plainview had surgery Monday morning for a broken ankle at the Covenant Medical Center in Plainview. He is the son of Roger Lee of Flomot.

Brooke Rogers of Williamsburg, Virginia, student at University of Texas in Austin, arrived May 25 and will visit

her father, Donnie Rogers and grandmother, Mrs. B. Rogers until June 12.

Nada and Jack Starkey visited in Fritch from Tuesday until Thursday with Mrs. Jackie Lynn Davis, Michael and Virginia Davis and Mrs. Thelma Moon. En Route home, they visited in Canyon with Mr. and Mrs. Michael Starkey.

Donnie Rogers, house guest, daughter, Brooke Rogers and his mother, Mrs. B. Rogers attended the senior graduation of Jarrod Rogers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Rogers, held Friday night at Roosevelt High School. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Rogers in Lubbock. Sunday, Mrs. B. Rogers was honored on her birthday with all the trimmings in the home of daughter and husband, Donna Sue and Stanley Degan in Calgary. Many relatives and friends enjoyed the celebration.

Mrs. Kathy Shorter visited overnight Thursday in Wolforth with daughter and family, Keri and Kevin Sehon and son, Brian. They attended Thursday morning the Awards Ceremony held at the Ropesville School District. Brian a third grade student was awarded the Elementary Conservation Art Project and for being an A student. They celebrated Keri's birthday Thursday afternoon which was a fun filled time.

Bill and Suzie Shannon have been at the Hackberry Care Center in Matador with his mother, Mrs. Annie Shannon who is listed in serious condition.

Mr. and Mrs. Dustin Reed of Lubbock visited the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert and Glen Calvert. Visited them Sunday afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Price of Quitaque

Matador News

Tom Edwards was in Dallas Tuesday through Friday of last week for a Texas District and County Attorney Association (TDCAA) meeting. He did not enjoy the Dallas traffic, but enjoyed getting to see old friends from Houston and others in the area. He stopped in Eastland on Friday night to attend the Edwards reunion at Lake Leon. He returned home on Saturday.

Tom and Deanie were in Lubbock on Tuesday for a doctors appointment and to visit with Marge Edwards at Ventura Place.

Callie Giesecke attended the graduation of her granddaughter Robin Callie Green from the Covenant School of Nursing at Lubbock last Friday night. Robin is the daughter of Rodney and Nona Long of Roaring Springs.

Bill and Kendra Luckett of Matador hosted a graduation dinner in honor of their son, Cade Luckett, who graduated from Valley High School Friday night.

In town for the graduation of Taylor Norrell from Patton Springs High School was Michelle and Melvin Weatherford and Rita and Wayne Norrell, all of Sunray. Also attending was Leslie Wilson of Quanah. Taylor is the daughter of Mike Norrell of Matador.

Karmen and Ronald McCullough of Levelland were here for the graduation of Karmen's grandson Sean Braselton of Roaring Springs from Patton Spring High School. They also attended the "Moving Up" ceremony of granddaughter Haley Braselton, following the completion of her eighth-grade year at Patton Springs. Sean and Haley are the children of Mr.

and Mrs. Jeff Braselton of Roaring Springs. Karmen is the former Karmen Jenkins of Matador.

Boone and Joyce Stokes of Big Lake and Lynda and Duane Johnson of Midland were in Matador last weekend for the graduation of Kelsey Stokes from Patton Springs High School. Kelsey is Joyce and Boone's granddaughter, and she is the daughter of John and Donna Stokes of Afton.

Shane'a Russell was honored with a graduation party Saturday at Hotel Matador. The party was hosted by her parents, J.D. and D'anna Russell. Among those attending were grandmother, Dorothy Russell of Matador, grandparents, Dale and Donna Smith of Quitaque, and great-grandmother Lottie Garrison of Silverton. Also among those attending were Shonda and Andy Wills of Kansas City, Missouri; Devona Smith of Amarillo; Kim and Jacy Hicks of Cedar Park; Tom Roy of Weatherford; Lara, Jaxon, and Isabelle Escobar of Lubbock; Marilyn Hicks; Linda Roy; Caron and Jesse Perkins of Odessa; Luke Roy; Craig, Cassidy, and Carley Turner; Libby Watson; Emma Cagle; Matt Cruse.

Jason and Christie Zingerman of Longmont, Colorado, were here for daughter Jaci's MCISD eighth-grade "Moving Up" ceremony. Jaci is also the daughter of Lori and Russell Alexander of Matador.

Beverly Briggs and Yvonne Black, both of Lubbock, were in Matador last week for the annual unannounced evaluation of the Hackberry Creek Nursing Home. The facility earned high ratings.

Popular pre-k bill headed to the Governor's desk

Austin, Texas, May 28, 2009—Yesterday at 11:50 PM, a bi-partisan effort to support high-quality full-day pre-k in many Texas school districts passed the Senate, 26-5. House Bill 130 ensures an enhanced quality full-day prekindergarten program provided by public school districts in conjunction with community providers and is authored by Representative Diane Patrick (R-Arlington) with Senator Judith Zaffirini (D-Laredo) sponsoring the bill in the Senate. Many Capitol insiders in Austin are calling HB 130 the most popular bill of the 81st Texas Legislature. The bill set a record in the House with 100 joint authors and co-authors and recently passed the lower chamber by a vote of 106-31.

The next step for the popular

pre-k bill is to clear the Governor's desk. "Our coalition is extremely optimistic that Governor Perry will sign HB 130 into law," said Kara Johnson, Executive Director of the Texas Early Childhood Education Coalition. "A \$25 million dollar pre-k investment is an economic development vehicle that will ultimately save taxpayers \$87,500,000," she added.

Supporters of HB 130 cite Texas specific research conducted by the Texas A&M School of Government and Public Service, which found that for every \$1.00 invested in high-quality pre-k, at least \$3.50 is returned to Texas communities. Savings for taxpayers are realized long-term because children who experience high-quality pre-k have higher rates of high-school graduation,

higher earning power as adults, fewer referrals to special education, and significantly less involvement with the criminal justice system.

The new pre-k program is a voluntary pilot project that will benefit currently eligible four year olds in Texas.

HB 130 aims to sustain many school districts' pre-k programs that are in jeopardy of losing funding for full-day classes. Under HB 130, high quality programs negatively impacted by the changes to Pre-kindergarten Early Start Grant will receive priority in the new funding stream created by the bill. Programs that receive funding under HB 130 must maintain certain new quality enhancements, including specialized training in early childhood development for pre-k teachers,

and a child to staff ratio of 11 to 1. "HB 130 will protect school districts at risk of losing their full-day pre-k programs," said Jason Sabo, Vice President of Public Policy for United Ways of Texas. "This bill ensures that these districts are rewarded for providing excellent pre-k programs with valuable state dollars," he added.

Strong majorities of both Democrats and Republicans have thrown their support behind high-quality full-day pre-k. In signing HB 130 into law, Governor Perry would affirm this bi-partisan effort to strengthen the reach of Texas tax dollars while enhancing the education of our youngest learners.

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This Week's Local Forecast

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84/61	92/68	93/69	93/65	90/61	89/61	94/65

Weather Trivia	Weather History	Moon Phases
Why did the Greeks and Romans erect temples at sites where lightning struck?	June 4, 1982 - A four-day storm began over New England. The storm produced up to 14 inches of rain in southern Connecticut, breaching 23 dams and breaking two. Damage was estimated at more than 276 million dollars.	Full 6/7, Last 6/15, New 6/22, First 6/29
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Notes from the Library

By Buffy Crutchley

Summer Reading is definitely in full swing. I've already had a few children visit the prize box for goodies they've earned through reading. If you haven't brought your kiddies in to play the Reading Road Map game, come in today. It's for children who have completed Kindergarten through 8th grade.

New books in this week "Brimstone" by Robert B. Parker, which is a continuation of his western novel "Apoloosa", "Gone Tomorrow" by Lee Child, "The Scarecrow" by

Michael Connelly, and "Cemetery Dance" by Douglas Preston. If you haven't browsed the videos lately, come in and check out all the wonderful new titles we've purchased thanks to the Texas Book Festival Grant.

Don't forget, as summer gets into full swing, the Library Annex is available for rent. Perfect for those family reunions, graduation parties, etc. It's very affordable, and a great way to support such a worthwhile cause, the Friends of the Motley County Library.

FSA county committee

nominations start June 15

Amy Hackler, Executive Director for USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) in Motley County today announced farmer and rancher candidate nominations begin June 15 for local FSA county committees. The nomination period continues through Aug. 3, 2009. Elections take place this fall.

"I encourage all producers to participate in the county committee election process by nominating candidates by the August 3rd deadline," said Hackler. "We are counting on as much participation as possible, because county committees are an important link between the farm community and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. We have seen a trend in recent years of increased nominations of minority and women producers and we hope that will continue."

To be eligible to serve on an FSA county committee, a person must participate or cooperate in a program administered by FSA, be eligible to vote in a county committee election and reside in the local administrative area in which the person is a candidate.

Producers may also nominate themselves, and organizations representing minority and women may also nominate candidates. To become a nominee, eligible individuals must sign form FSA-669A.

The form and other valuable information about FSA county committee elections are available online at: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=newsroom&subject=landing&topic=cce>.

Nomination forms for the 2009 election must be post-marked or received in the local USDA Service Center by close of business on Aug. 3, 2009.

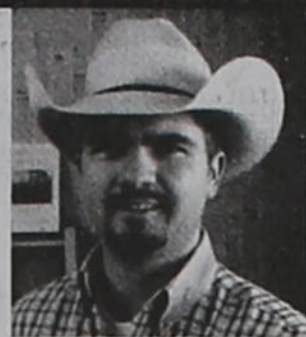
FSA county committee members make decisions on disaster and conservation programs, emergency programs, commodity price support loan programs and other important agricultural issues. Members serve three-year terms. Nationwide, there are more than 7,800 farmers and ranchers serving on FSA county committees. Committees consist of three to five members who are elected by eligible local producers.

FSA will mail ballots to producers beginning Nov. 6th. The voted ballots are due back to the local county office either via mail or in person by Dec. 7, 2009.

Newly elected committee members and alternates take office Jan. 1, 2010.

For more information about County Committees please contact the Motley County FSA at 806-347-2263 or visit FSA online at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

County Agent's News



by Ryan Martin, Agri LIFE EXTENSION Agent

Motley 4-H Shooting Sports Members Compete at District Contest

Motley 4-H Shooting Sports members Jacob Woolsey, Seth Baxter and Korbyn Simpson competed in the 2009 District 3 4-H Trap Shoot contest in Iowa Park on May 16. These 4-H members competed as a team at the District Trap Shoot contest and did an excellent job for their first year of competition. As a team they placed 10th out of 25 in-

termediate teams. At the district competition, each member shot a practice match and two competition matches for a total of 75 shots per competitor.

The District 3 4-H Trap Shoot contest was hosted by the Northwest Texas Field and Stream Gun Club in Iowa Park. Motley 4-H members were accompanied by their parents, Don and Colleen Baxter, Terry Simpson, Les, Kim and Kaylee Woolsey and Ryan and Jamie Martin.



(Pictured L to R) Motley 4-H Shooting Sports members Seth Baxter, Korbyn Simpson and Jacob Woolsey compete in the 2009 District 3 4-H Trap Shoot contest in Iowa Park.

Motley County Needs Moisture

Having a sense of humor is like knowing you will have an umbrella when the rain rolls in and we are hoping it will be soon.

For some farmers in Motley County it is too dry to plant cotton and those that have planted hope it is not too dry to plant cotton and those that have planted hope it is not too dry to come up to a good stand. Others who have rows of little cotton plants emerging would appreciate a nice

shower of rain. Cotton producers always keep an eye on the sky for needed moisture as the planting deadling for insurance approaches.

Motley County National Weather Service Volunteers report the total rainfall for May 2009: Buzz Thacker, Roaring Springs 1.59; Ronnie Bailey, Matador 0.35; Clois Shorter, Flomot 0.42; Lawrence Allen, Whiteflat 0.75 and Betty Simpson, Northfield

COW POKES

By Ace Reid



"Why it's so dry that I've got yearlin calves that ain't ever had a drink of water!"

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FSA Reminders

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DCP/ACRE sign up has been extended through August 14, 2009. Please ensure that you have signed up and that all new Payment Limitation paperwork has been filed. Please call for an appointment as we are working out of a limited area and want to accommodate you the best we can.

Some CRP contracts that are set to expire in September will be eligible to extend. Those eligible would have received a letter from our office indicating what the requirements were and how to extend those con-

tracts. For those that were not extended, they received a letter for Kansas City stating that they may be eligible for continuous sign up. Continuous sign up however only consists of small acreages and is usually waterways, buffers, and riparian strips. Please call the office with any questions. If you have a letter for extension, please sign the CRP-1F that was sent to you and return to the office.

Please try to schedule appointments with the office, so that the best possible service can be provided. We are working with limited space for the time being and want to provide our producers with the best service, so just call ahead and let us know you are coming. Thanks

NAP-Please be reminded that 2008 production is due by July 15th.

Hackberry Creek Potluck Lunch Luau Theme! June 25th.

Hackberry Creek Care Center

Employee of the Month

Resident of the Month



Amy Cruz has been selected as Employee Of The Month for May! She works here as an LVN and has been employed by Hackberry since March 2008. She is a very important part of Nursing at our Home and always goes above and beyond to make sure things are done right! She is a very sweet and caring person, and we are so happy to have her here with us!

CONGRATULATIONS AMY!



Dora Watson has been selected as Resident Of The Month for May! She was the third resident to come to Hackberry and has been here since March 2007! She enjoys having her hair fixed every Friday. As a matter of fact, she is usually the first one in line! The faculty voted her Resident Of The Month because she is such a sweet lady and always has a smile on her face! We are so blessed to have her here with us!

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Relay for Life

June 19

"ETERNITY IN OUR HEARTS"



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where in the back of our minds, that our time on this earth is limited. And we also know that there is more to this life than what is seen with the eye. So we, like Paul are torn between to desires, this world and its sweet fellowships and the wonders of heaven.

It was C. S. Lewis who said, "If I find in myself a desire which no experience in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world."

The fact is that God made us for something more than just this earth... something much better than this earth. It is God that placed that desire in our hearts for a eternal home. One not made with human hands. In reading II Corinthians 5 we find that our God "prepared us for this very purpose," i.e. to inhabit a "house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." Since we are a people who have a marvelous inheritance waiting for us in heaven, shouldn't we be a people of purpose. We are "purposed people" who are seeking the fulfillment of that purpose. Why not join me in worship this Lord's day as we examine God's eternal purpose for us?

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- 6 Men's Breakfast, Methodist Church in Matador, 7:00 a.m.
- 6 Survivors' Breakfast will be held at the First Baptist Church in Roaring Springs
- 6 Copper Breaks State Park, 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. KidFish, Volunteer work day, 2:00 p.m. Meet the Longhorns, 8:00 p.m. Cowboy Poetry
- 8 Commissioners' Court
- 8 MCYO Season begins
- 11 Matador City Council
- 8-12 - Texas 4-H State Roundup - College Station
- 13 Copper Breaks State Park, 2:00 p.m. Meet the Longhorns 7:00 p.m. Buried and Lost Treasures
- 14-16 - Howard College Lamb Camp - Big Spring
- 14-19 - Texas Pork Leadership Camp - Amarillo to College Station
- 15-17 - District 3 Teen Leader Lab - Brownwood
- 19 Relay for Life
- 20 Copper Breaks State Park, 2:00 p.m. Meet the Longhorns Sun Fun, 5pm Starwalk, 9pm
- 24-27 - District 3 Horse Show - Vernon
- 25 Hackberry Creek Potluck Lunch, Luau Theme
- 26 MCYO Trophy Presentation

July

- 9 - District 3 Recordbook Judging

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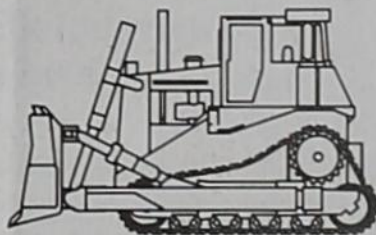
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