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Thornberry to host Community Meetings

Amarillo - Rep. Mac Thornberry (TX-13) will host a series of community meetings to visit with constituents and to hear their thoughts about the challenges facing our nation.

"Congress has just passed a budget which includes the largest tax increase in history," said Rep. Thornberry. "I am concerned that this tax increase will stunt the economic growth we have experienced over the past six years and I want to hear from people in the community about the budget, taxes and other issues."

Rep. Thornberry will be in Matador at the Motley County Library Annex, Saturday, April 14, 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

Relay for Life team meeting April 24

A meeting for team captains or a member of the team for Relay for Life will be held April 24 at 6:00 p.m. in the Teacher's Lounge at school.

For more information contact Pam Newman at 348-7074.

Landowners discuss Wind Energy for Motley County at recent meeting

by Carol Campbell

More than 60 Motley County landowners, local and area officials, and representatives from wind energy development companies met April 3 in the county courthouse to discuss wind energy leases, transmission systems, and Competitive Renewable Energy Zones (CREZ).

According to local officials, Motley County is in a prime position in preliminary CREZ-2 to support wind generation of such magnitude that wildcatting for oil in the late '50s will not compare.

"The lease is not where landowners will make money," Motley County Extension Agent Ryan Martin said, "but if you have a wind tower on your property you may average about \$4,000-plus a year in revenue per tower."

In fact, ranch and farmland wind resources will not only mean profit to area landowners it could ultimately "double the tax base of this county," County Attorney Tom Edwards said. Edwards spoke to the group as "a private attorney, as the Motley County attorney, and as a native son." His advice: work together, get a lawyer, and get organized.

Martin has been "red marking" a large county map, targeting about 84,000 acres in Motley County as available for wind

energy development. According to Martin, about 3,000 more acres have been "signed up" since the meeting.

Landowner Fred Risser proposed a consortium consisting of individuals, groups, and businesses in developing wind energy and other enterprises. He presented the audience a template outlining 10 articles of purpose, duties, officers and directors. He suggested a six-member Steering Committee to serve as a Board of Directors consisting of Risser, Gary Ford, Bill Luckett, J.D. Russell, Ryan Martin and Craig Turner.

While no formal action was taken on this recommendation, Edwards complimented the efforts of both Martin and Risser in helping residents work together to promote Motley County in renewable energy initiatives.

But whether residents formally organize in a consortium or corporation or loosely organized pools of land-bounded neighbors, the key is to "work together," Martin said. Two or three landowners own more than 5,000 acres each, he said. "Individuals don't own enough land in this county for a wind farm. It will take thousands and thousands of acres. It would be a big mistake to pull out of a group to work on your own," he cautioned.

Likewise, Edwards said, "wind energy leases may have

30-plus year terms. It is important that pools of people interested in leasing land seek competent and experienced legal counsel," he said, adding, "operate as a group, don't jump at the first offer."

Edwards presented an overview of the Panhandle CREZs and Transmission Plans. Currently, CREZ-2 doesn't have the

infrastructure to handle the generation of electricity. A proposed plan called the Panhandle Loop would be a "looped" transmission system that would interconnect in the existing Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) electric market.

If the Loop is built, transmission lines would cross the country from Floyd to Motley

County, and wind turbines could be placed anywhere from 50- to 70 miles in either direction of the line, Edwards said. The same would occur if a transmission line is built across the county from east to west (Cottle to Floyd counties), an ERCOT proposal. The ERCOT proposal would come through the center

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WIND ENERGY MEETING — A large group of area residents were in attendance at a meeting last week to discuss the possibilities of Wind Energy for Motley County. Mr. Fred Risser (standing in front) was one of the speakers.

Roaring Springs FBC to host concert

The Tennessee-based "Blackwood Legacy" gospel group, featuring former Blackwood Brothers Quartet lead singer and Gospel Music Hall of Fame Inductee Rick Price, will perform at First Baptist Church in Roaring Springs, Thursday, April 19, at 7:00 p.m. Admission is free and a love offering will be received.

During the Great Depression, the Blackwood Brothers were at the height of their fame singing gospel classics and spiritual standards. The vocal group amassed nine Grammy awards and 27 Dove awards over their decades-long career, and was inducted into both the Gospel Music and Grammy Hall of Fame.

As the original Blackwood Brothers retired, various singers came in to take their place including, in 1977, Rick Price. Eventually the original group was formally dissolved. After much soul-searching and hundreds of requests for the music of the original Blackwood Brothers Quartet, Price created Blackwood Legacy, a tribute to the renowned ministry he was involved with for so many years.

Price has gathered some of the most talented and sought-after gospel singers on the scene today to create a unique concert that blends the best of the old favorites with newer Southern Gospel favorites and original hits. Performing with Price is Don E. Thomas, formerly of the popular Florida Boys Quartet and Luke Yates, one of Gospel Music's newest and most astounding pianists. While the group maintains the style that made the Blackwood Brothers famous, performing favorites such as "How Great Thou Art" and "Beulah Land," they have also incorporated a contemporary sound that reaches old and young alike. Over the past six years they have become hugely popular, performing more than 240 dates per year throughout the United States and performing on TBN's "Unfolding Majesty" as well as other Christian broadcasts.

The First Baptist Church is located at 310 Broadway in Roaring Springs, across the street from the Veteran's Memorial Park. A community pot-luck meal will be served after the concert, and all are invited to bring their appetite and their favorite dish. For more information on this event, contact the church at 806-348-7978. For details on the Blackwood Legacy group, visit their website at www.blackwoodlegacy.com.

Motley County Commissioners meet in regular session

Motley County Commissioners Court met for their regular meeting, Monday, April 9. Members of the Court present were Ed D. Smith, County Judge, Commissioners, Ronnie Davis, Donnie Turner, Franklin Jameson, Russell Alexander, County Clerk, Kate Hurt. Also in attendance were Sheriff Jim Meador, County Attorney Tom Edwards and assistant Carol Campbell. Judge Smith called the meeting to order and Commissioner Alexander gave the invocation.

Clerk Hurt read the minutes from the previous meeting. The outstanding bills were reviewed, as well as reports by the Treasurer, Tax-Collector, Justice of the Peace, County Agent

and Library. After a correction of the minutes read, they were approved. All reports were approved and accounts were approved for payment.

TxDOT employee's Ben Kautz, Sondra Hatcher and Rodney Murray met with the court to inform the commissioners the State had obtained right-of-way easements from the landowners that will be affected in curve improvements on FM 94. Resolution 2007-003 was presented to the court for approval. This Resolution allows Judge Smith to represent the county and the payment of \$300 to the State. The State requires counties to pay 10% of the Right of Way and Utility cost. The court approved.

Carol Campbell presented to the court an update on the jail restoration project. Ms. Campbell requested the court's permission to submit the pre-application packet she has completed to the Texas Preserva-

tion Trust Fund Grant Program. The court approved.

Judge Smith presented to the Court House Joint Resolution #61. This Resolution is in support to prohibit unfunded mandates on counties. The court approved.

Judge Smith informed the court he was contacted by Cody Warren from Warren Abstract of their plans to share one of the office spaces they rent in the courthouse with Brady Watson, a landman.

Commissioners were informed that Tax Assessor-Collector, Elaine Hart has completed the Purge of the Delinquent Tax Roll. Section 33.05 Texas Property Tax Code mandates that those taxes not in litigation, be removed from the roll.

The County Personnel Policy was distributed to elected officials and county personnel.



AREA QUALIFIERS — Motley County High School track team members qualifying to compete at Area are pictured left to right: Isiah Archer, Shane'a Russell, Chicagra Brown, Melissa Flores, Marc Henzler, Griselda Flores, Bradley Brown, Christy Smith, Jacob Blanco and Stacey Perryman.

High School track teams compete at District

The Motley County High School track team competed on April 4 in the District 4-1A track meet held at Bulldog Stadium in Plainview. Ten athletes qualified for the Area meet, held April 11 in Panhandle. All of the teams did a great job in representing

Motley County school. Results are as follows:

Girls:
400m relay - Griselda Flores, Christy Smith, Chicagra Brown and Shane'a Russell, 3rd place.
800m run - Courtney

Alexander, 6th place.
100m dash - Shane'a Russell, 2nd place; Griselda Flores, 5th place.
800m relay - Griselda Flores, Shane'a Russell, Melissa Flores, Chicagra Brown, 3rd place

Shot Put - Christy Smith, 1st place.
Long Jump - Chicagra Brown, 2nd place.

Also participating in the meet were Angelica Mendoza,

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Texas FSA seeks proposals for new Conservation Initiative

(Matador, Texas) -- Texas Farm Service Agency (FSA) is asking federal, state and local agencies as well as private or non-profit organizations to submit proposals for a new 500,000-acre Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) program to improve habitat for high-priority wildlife species nationwide. Nearly 40,000 acres has been allocated to Texas.

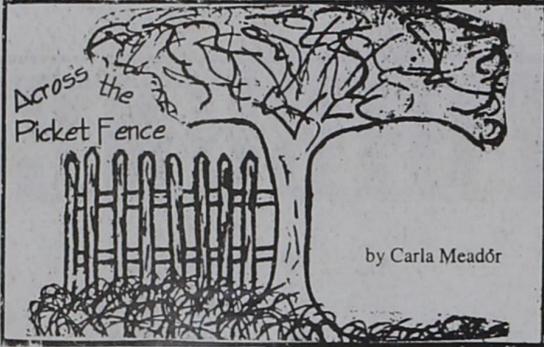
"The State Areas for Wildlife Enhancement (SAFE) initiative provides an opportunity to develop grassroots conservation projects to address high priority wildlife needs through habitat restoration," said Stephen Reynolds, Executive Director for the Motley County FSA. "This initiative further extends the positive environmental impacts of the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)." With more than 36 million acres enrolled, CRP is the nation's larg-

est, voluntary private-lands conservation program. CRP practices improve water quality, air quality and wildlife habitat.

SAFE will enable the public, producers, state and federal agencies, non-profit conservation organizations and others to propose areas where new CRP acreage may be established to address the habitat needs of endangered, threatened or high-priority fish and other wildlife species. In addition, conservation practices currently offered under CRP can be fine-tuned under SAFE to improve, connect or create higher-quality habitat to promote healthier ecosystems in areas identified as essential to effective species management.

Interested entities can submit a SAFE proposal for consideration to the local FSA Office

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Well, the weatherman was right and Easter turned out to be colder than Christmas. Too cold for an Easter Egg hunt at Sunday School but the kids enjoyed an inside hunt and were excited as if they were running through an acre field. We also enjoyed a jelly bean toss. But, before all this we discussed the reason for Easter and I'm always amazed at how much they understand and can discuss certain topics of the Bible.

Kids never cease to amaze me. Listed below are some explanations of the Bible from some kids in a Catholic School, with their spelling.

* In the first book of the Bible, Guinness. God got tired of creating the world so he took the Sabbath off.

* Adam and Eve were created from an apple tree. Noah's wife was Joan of Ark. Noah built an ark and the animals came in pairs.

* Lot's wife was a pillar of salt during the day, but a ball of fire during the night.

* Sampson was a strongman who let himself be led astray by a Jezebel like Delilah.

* Sampson slayed the Philistines with the axe of the Apostles.

* Moses led the Jews to the Red Sea where they made unleavened bread, which is bread

without any ingredients.

* The first commandment was when Eve told Adam to eat the apple.

* The seventh commandment is Thou Shalt not admit adultery.

* Moses died before he ever reached Canada. Then Joshua led the Hebrews in the battle of Geritol.

* The greatest miracle in the Bible is when Joshua told his son to stand still and he obeyed him.

* David was a Hebrew King who was skilled at playing the harp. He fought the Finkelsteins, a race of people who lived in Biblical times.

* Solomon, one of David's sons, had 300 wives, and 700 porcupines.

* When Mary heard she was the mother of Jesus, she sang the Magna Carta.

* When the three Wise Guys from the East side arrived they found Jesus in a manager.

* Jesus was born because Mary had an immaculate conception.

* St. John the Blacksmith dumped water on his head.

* Jesus enunciated the golden rule, which says to do unto others before they do one to you. He also explained a man doth not live by sweat alone.

Library Notes

By Suzanne Abbott,
Librarian



We appreciate the memorial donations the library received last week. We thank Horace and Earlyne Jameson for their donations in memory of Dorothy Meador, Anthony Moss and Lenna McWilliams.

New books in the library include *Alibi Man* by Tami Hoag, *Avalanche* by Patrick McManus, and *Hunter's Moon* by Randy White. The library also offers *Luke's Passage* by Max Davis. This novel is about Luke Hathcer, the pride of Magnolia Springs, Louisiana. He was the perfect kid until a simple challenge from his high school sweetheart changed everything. Max Davis is a new author to this library.

The library also has three "Elm Creek Quilts" novels.

These novels center around quilts, many of them antiques. The author is Jennifer Chiaverini and the titles that the library has are *The Master Quilter*, *The Quilter's Legacy* and *The Cross-Country Quilters*. I've been told by a non-quilter that everyone will enjoy these books.

The library offers three western books: *Western Fences* with photographs by David R. Stoecklein, *The Cowboy at Work* by Fay E. Ward, with a foreword by John R. Erickson and *The Big Book of Horses* with many beautiful black and white photographs of horses. On one page there is a quotation by Rebecca Carroll, "A pony is a childhood dream, a horse is an adulthood treasure."



Motley County Arts and Crafts Club met April 2 for its regular meeting at the Senior Citizens Center. A very interesting program awaited them.

President Joy Archer held the business meeting at 10:00 a.m. Programs and projects were planned, also the date for the Fall Bazaar was set.

The new year for the club begins in September and all plans are made to comply with that in mind. The date for the Bazaar will be announced at a later time.

The workshop on constructing picture frames was taught by Joy Archer. The frames were made out of cardboard, using quilt batting for padding, using fabric for cover. The results

were amazing. It was unbelievable what beautiful frames could be made from cardboard and covered with fabric. The samples made by the teacher were ingenious and excellent in dexterity. Watch for these frames at the Fall Bazaar.

The members dined at noon with the Senior Citizens enjoying beef, pineapple over rice, Chinese vegetables, wheat rolls, chocolate angel food cake.

Members present were Lorene Lancaster, Dorothy Knight, Jane King Neal, Joy Archer, and Winifred Darsey.

The program for May will be taught by Vee Gordon, assisted by Joyce Meredith on Woodworking.

See you there.

Fairways & Rough

by Geneva



TUESDAY SCRAMBLE

March 27

Winners: First, with a score of 31, (play off on card) were Conway Clary, Brandon Moore, Leigh Ann Darsey and Paul Westbrook.

Second, with a score of 31, were Matt Washington, Robert Osborn, Matt C., Stanley Hanesworth and Pat Smith.

Conway Clary got closest to pin on #3, 9' 9 3/4".

Others playing were Darrell Cruse, Keane Cruse, Neal C., Pat Warren, Alan Bingham, Kay Bingham, Jan Martin, Alvin Martin, Jim Watson, Garland Cartwright, David Taylor, Randy Martin and Liv Barton.

TUESDAY SCRAMBLE

April 3

Winners: First, with a score of 31, were Jeanne Johnson, Jerry Johnson, Liv Barton and Kenny Barton. (Play off on card).

Second: Conway Clary, Pat Smith, Jack Marshall, Tammy Marshall.

Others playing were Robert Osborn, Jim Watson, Pat Warren, Alan Bingham, Paul Westbrook, Dartha Westbrook, Garland Cartwright, David Taylor, Jan Martin, Alvin Martin and Ken Marshall.

Pat Smith got closest to pin on #6, 8' 5 1/2".

LADIES PLAYDAY

The RSRC Ladies Golf Association met at the Golf Club House April 2, for our first Playday. We ate our sack lunches and then played 18 holes of Golf (Scramble).

Those attending and playing were Frances Hobbs, Polly Campbell, Louise Barton, June Moss, Geneva Wilson, Judy Cartwright, Mary Jones, Liv Barton, Kay Bailey, Virginia Nunn, Carol Campbell, Jean Hoover, Tommye Keith, Nell Berryman.

The team of Liv Barton, Mary Jones, Kay Bailey and Virginia Nunn won with a score of 71.

Nine hole players were Jan Martin, Judy Renfro, Tammy Simpson and Pat Warren, score of 41.

BABE ZAHARIAS BENEFIT TOURNAMENT

The Babe Zaharias Cancer Benefit tournament will be held Sunday, April 22, at 2:00 p.m. Everyone is invited. Donations are requested.

CHAMBER NEWS & VIEWS

By Marie-Louise Liebe-Harkort



Consider:

Plans are only good intentions unless they immediately degenerate into hard work.

-- Peter Drucker (1909-2005)

There was a lot of hard work evidenced at the wind energy meeting at the Motley County Courthouse last Tuesday. A large crowd gathered to find out about the current status of developments in Motley County, the legal aspects, and general information about possibilities for the future.

County Agent Ryan Martin opened the meeting, spoke of the interest of both landowners and wind energy companies, and his efforts to put them in contact.

Fred Risser presented a proposal for a consortium to be set up. He presented a draft of by-laws of the proposed Caprock Technology Research Assistance Consortium.

The stated purpose of such a consortium would be to promote economic development in the Caprock region. Questionnaires were distributed.

Tom Edwards talked about the CREZ designations. CREZ stands for Competitive Renewable Energy Zone, and 25 potential sites located all around Texas have been identified. One, CREZ 2, includes part of Motley County.

The PUC (Public Utilities Commission) is supposed to make a final decision on which to designate as permanent sites by July 5th of this year. To date,

however, it is unclear how many sites will be chosen.

CREZ 2 appears to be in the running as the third choice. If only two are chosen, Motley County appears likely to lose out, but if three or more are chosen, we stand a good chance.

Tom Edwards spoke in the capacities of a private attorney, as the County Attorney, and as a native son of the County. As a private attorney he pointed out that, when people hurt, they know they need a doctor. However, they often do not know when they need a lawyer. In the case of a lease to a wind power company, which can be 30 to 50 pages long, complex, and cover the next 30 years, a landowner needs an experienced attorney. He has associated expert Sweetwater attorneys for assistance in this regard.

Some of the wind power companies have agreed to compensate landowners for attorney fees that develop in connection with signing a contract.

Tom Edwards also talked about the benefits to the county that would come from having a wind farm -- one 60 turbine wind farm would double the tax base in the county, not to mention providing income for the landowners and those employed in the construction and operation of a wind farm.

This is just some of what was said at the meeting, but this was an important meeting for the county, so more will be revealed in the Chamber column next week.

Breast Cancer Clinic at Motley County Clinic

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Comprehensive Breast Center will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at Motley County Clinic, 1224 Main, in Matador on April 30, 2007.

Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an

annual breast exam, mammogram and performing a breast self-exam each month.

Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only.

Call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

Easter decor on display at Do Gooders' Club meeting

An Easter decor was on display at the Do Gooders' monthly meeting Tuesday afternoon, April 3rd, held at the Community Center in Flomot.

Mrs. Leona Degan and Mrs. Connie Franks, hostesses, presided at an Easter designed service. The table was laid with a pink cloth over white and the centerpiece was a beautiful floral arrangement in an Easter basket. Intermingled on the table were ceramic bunnies, ducks, chickens, geese and Easter eggs. They served refreshments of a vegetable tray with dips, mini colorful decorated cupcakes, coffee and iced tea.

Mrs. Kathy Shorter conducted the business meeting at a table complimented with a pink cloth and a lily pot plant. Mrs. Suzie Shannon read the minutes of the previous meeting that were approved. They voted

to have a Work Day inside and outside at the Community Center and will meet at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 10th. The installing of new tile in the bathrooms and kitchen at the Center is making progress. They are hoping for completion following warm and dry weather.

Party favors were plastic colored Easter Eggs filled with candy. The two members with a slip of paper enclosed in their egg were the lucky winners of the hostess gifts. Mrs. Leona Degan won the lily pot plant and Mrs. Kathy Shorter an Easter decor coffee cup with candy.

Those attending were Mesdames Nada Starkey, Mary Jo Calvert, Erma Washington, Connie Franks, Leona Degan, B. Rogers, Suzie Shannon, Kathy Shorter, Brenda Browning, Waydette Clay and Geneva Martin.

National Day of Prayer to be observed May 3

National Day of Prayer will be observed Thursday, May 3. Everyone should be aware of this important date. More importantly, everyday should be a Day of Prayer.

"We need to commit ourselves to a time of daily prayer and devotion. Just think of the blessings God has for each of us as we pray for the local leaders of our communities, our state leaders, and our national leaders, if we would only ask," said Carolyn Ewing, local coordinator for the event.

The theme for the event this year is "America, Unite in Prayer."

"If my people, who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray, and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, forgive their sin and heal their land." 2 Chronicles 7:14

Look for more information weekly on this upcoming event. "God loves to hear from us," Mrs. Ewing said.

Sr. Citizens to host Volunteer Supper

In observance of National Volunteer Appreciation Week, April 15-21, the Board of Directors and Site-Council, members of the Motley County Sr. Citizens will host a supper on Friday, April 20, at 6:30 p.m. at the Motley County Sr. Citizens Center. Everyone in the community is invited to come and join the

Center as they recognize the Volunteers, who support the Center through their home deliveries and the service they provide.

This is not a fund raiser, but a time for fun and fellowship and to say "thank you" to the many volunteers who support the Center in any way.

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Hungry?



Are you hungry? Nothing seems to get our attention or motivate us like being hungry. Over the years we have learned to astutely respond to our body's needs, especially hunger. No doubt you have experienced the struggle between eating what you should and eating what you really want. You know, you've heard those cookies calling your name, that dessert promise you great things. At one time or another we have eaten the wrong thing, either too late at night, or simply something that we knew would cause us trouble. We have learned that it is not only important to eat, but that we also eat what is healthy or good.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied." (Matt. 5:6)

What better thing could we hunger for than the will of God? Through Satan's leadership, the world continually offers an all-you-can-eat-midnight buffet. Perhaps you have sampled some of it, experienced the real "heart burn" that results. Jesus offers a real feast. A life that is certainly different, but is immensely satisfying. As you read Matthew 5:6, God is offering total satisfaction. When is the last time you have tried anything that lived up to that claim?

ROARING SPRINGS
CHURCH OF CHRIST
MICHAEL G. CROWLEY, SR.

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

Men's Breakfast is Saturday

All men are invited to the monthly community men's breakfast at 7:00 a.m., Saturday, April 14, at the First Baptist Church, Matador.

Don't forget the MOTLEY COUNTY TRIBUNE for Plaques, Signs, Rubber Stamps, Business Cards, Wedding Invitations & MUCH, MUCH MORE!

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LIVE IN CONCERT!

"THE BLACKWOOD LEGACY"

Featuring Rick Price, Gospel Music Hall of Fame Member and former lead singer for the legendary Blackwood Brothers Quartet, winners of 9 Grammy Awards and 27 Dove Awards



Keeping the Legacy Alive!

Performing hits such as ... "Beulah Land" and "How Great Thou Art"

April 19, 7 p.m. First Baptist Church

310 Broadway Roaring Springs

Community Pot-Luck meal to follow ... just bring your appetite and your favorite dish!

Admission is Free!



Family Fun Night will feature Texas Luau

Get ready to party! A Texas Luau will be held in the Motley County School Gym, April 20, at 6:30 p.m. to celebrate Family Fun Night.

Family Fun Night was created to combine the Father-Son and Mother-Daughter Banquet and is sponsored by the Eternas Study Club. Moms, Dads and kids (Pre-K - 12th grade) are urged to take part in this fun-filled evening.

A Hawaiian Tropical theme with a Texas flair will make for a fun night for everyone. Those attending are encouraged to wear their Hawaiian shirts, tee-shirts, shorts (school approved), flip-flops, Capris or Bermudas and join in the island fun!

Prizes, games for all ages, and fun for all is being planned by club members. Brisket and all the fixins' will be served.

For more information contact Leadell Martin at 347-2686 or any other Eternas Study Club member.



School Menu

MONDAY, APRIL 16
Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: BBQ Ribs, Au Gratin Potatoes, Black-eyed Peas, Cornbread, Mixed Fruit, Milk.

TUESDAY, APRIL 17
Breakfast: Biscuit, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, or Cereal, Toast, Mixed Fruit, Milk.
Lunch: Frito Pie, Salad, Corn, Crackers, Chocolate Brownie, Milk.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18
Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Steak Fingers, Macaroni & Cheese, California Blend, Hot Roll, Honey, Milk.

THURSDAY, APRIL 19
Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza, or Cereal, Toast, Sliced Pears, Milk.
Lunch: Fajita Chicken Salad, Baked Potato, Tortilla Chips, Sherbet, Milk.

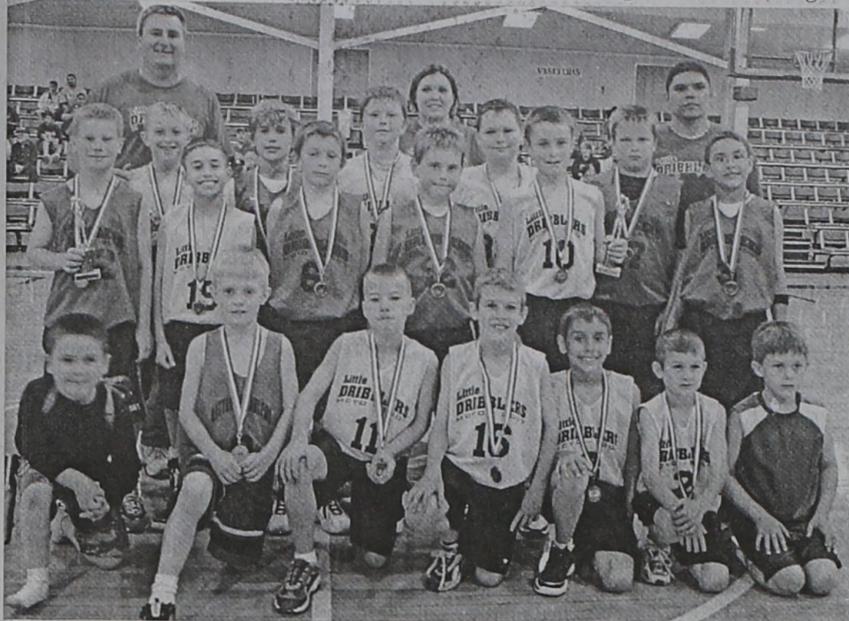
FRIDAY, APRIL 20
Breakfast: Waffle, Sausage, or Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Hamburger/Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Potato Chips, Fruit, Milk.

"Give a little love to a child, and you get a great deal back."
— John Ruskin

MC Seniors invited to Banana Split party

All Motley County 2007 graduating seniors are invited to a Banana Split party at First Baptist Church, Matador, at 5:00 p.m., Thursday, April 19. This event is sponsored by the Women on Mission of the Church's WMU.

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MOTLEY COUNTY LITTLE DRIBBLERS — Pictured above are the third and fourth grade boys, members of the Little Dribblers Basketball teams, which participated in the Spur Tournament last weekend. Pictured left to right (front) Kenesaw Stephens (manager), Bryce Brady, Duncan Aumiller, Caleb Clary, Joshua Martin, Mickie Clary, Blayne Brady (manager); (second row) Braden Bigham, Michael Martin, Bryant Taylor, Matthew Faulks, Jared Stephens, Marcus Ortiz; (third row) Korbyn Simpson, Hayden Davey, Seth Baxter, Logan Ferguson, Seth Markey; (back) James Stephens (Coach), Werdi Taylor (Coach), and Frankie Ortiz (Coach). Coaches of other Little Dribblers teams wishing to have their team's photo published may bring to the Tribune office and we will gladly print them. This photo is courtesy of James Stephens.



FUN FRIDAY — These Motley County Jr. High students posed for this picture recently after hearing a presentation from Carla Meador, Editor and Publisher of the Motley County Tribune, about the production of a newspaper. Jr. High students meeting certain requirements are eligible to enjoy part of the afternoon on Fridays for special presentations and various projects. The students are planning to produce a school newspaper.

NOTICE OF General ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION General.)

To the Registered Voters of the City of Matador, Texas:
(A los votantes registrados del City of Matador, Texas:)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on May 12, 2007, for voting in a General election, to elect 3 Council Positions
(Notifíquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 12 de May de 20 07 para votar en la Elección para elect 3 Council Positions)

LOCATION(S) OF POLLING PLACES (DIRECCIONES DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES) Motley County Courthouse, 701 Main & Dundee, Matador, Texas

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at Motley County Courthouse, 701 Main & Dundee, Matador, Tx
(La votación en adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en (location) (sitio))

between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on April 30, 2007 (date)
(entre las 8:30 de la mañana y las 5:00 de la tarde empezando el April 30, 2007 (fecha))

and ending on May 8, 2007 (date)
(y terminando el May 8, 2007 (fecha))

Additional early voting will be held at the same location as follows:*

Date (Fecha)	Hours (Horas)
<u>May 2, 2007</u>	<u>7:00 am to 7:00 pm</u>
<u>May 7, 2007</u>	<u>7:00 am to 7:00 pm</u>

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:
(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán en ausencia por correo deberán enviarse a:)

Debra Scott
(Name of Early Voting Clerk)
(Nombre del Secretario de la Votación En Adelantada)
P.O. Box 317
(Address) (Dirección)
Matador, Texas 79244
(City) (Ciudad) (Zip Code) (Zona Postal)

Recommended but not required

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on May 4, 2007
(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán en ausencia por correo deberán recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el (date) (fecha))

Issued this the 9th day of April, 2007.
(Emitada este día 9th de April, 2007.)

Debra Scott
Signature of Presiding Officer (Firma del Oficial que Preside)

*If early voting is not going to be conducted on either Saturday or the last Sunday during the period of early voting, delete this part.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION de GUERRA de ADMINISTRACION)

To the Registered Voters of Motley County, Texas:
(a los votantes registrados del Condado de Motley de el estado de Tejas.)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on May 12, 2007, for voting in a Trustee election, to fill three positions for (3) year terms.

(Notificación, por los presente, que los casillas electorales sitados abajo se abrirían desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 12 de Mayo de 2007 para votar en la eleccion para election de tres personas para un periodo de (3) anos.

LOCATIONS OF POLLING PLACES: (DIRECCIONES PARA LOS LUGARES DE VOTACIONES):

- 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 Matador Courthouse, Matador, Texas
- 4 Volunteer Building, Roaring Springs, Texas

Early Voting by Personal Appearance will be conducted each weekday at the office of the County Clerk of Motley County between the hours of 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. beginning on April 30, 2007, and ending on May 8, 2007.

(La votacion en ausencia en persona se llevara a cabo de lunes a viernes en entre las 9:00 a.m. de la mañana y las 5:00 p.m. de la tarde empezando el 30 de Abril, 2007 y terminado el 8 de Mayo, 2007).

Applications for ballot by mail must be received no later than the close of business on May 4, 2007. (Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran por correo deberan recibirse antes del termino del dia de negocio de 4 de Mayo, 2007).

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Randy Brown
Election Official
P.O. Box 310
Matador, Texas 79244

Texas Wildflowers are timeless beauty

by U.S. Sen. John Cornyn

Ralph Waldo Emerson once wrote that the "earth laughs in flowers." If that is true, springtime in Texas must be the happiest place on earth.

Texas is home to more than 5,000 species of native wildflowers and plants. Much of Texas got significant rain over the winter, so we should start seeing an explosion of blooms as early as mid-March.

The Texas Department of Transportation tends about 800,000 acres or roadside, and wildflowers will cover much of it in March, April and May. Texas Escapes magazine has excellent ideas for driving tours of prime wildflower areas.

You can visit various Texas hamlets named in honor of our wildflower glory, such as Primrose, Flora, Bloomfield, Flower Mountain and Shooting Star.

Desert marigolds and cacti will bloom in the Big Bend, and both Indian paintbrush and windcups will peak out from native grasses in Central Texas. Lantana will thrive in the heat of our Texas summer, and children will tickle their noses with pink buttercups.

Golden yellow coreopsis — once stuffed into mattresses by early settlers to ward off ticks and fleas — will carpet fields and roadsides. Lemonmint, once used to brew cough medicine, will flourish through much of the state, attracting bees, butterflies and hummingbirds.

Later this month, the Dogwood festivals in East Texas will be attracting visitors. In April, thousands of tourists will tramp

down bluebonnet trails in Central Texas. By mid-May, the annual Cherokee Rose Festival near Gilmer will provide the rural countryside with spectacular vistas of wild roses.

We should never take these glorious natural and native wonders for granted. The Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center at the University of Texas at Austin is helping make sure we don't.

Last November, the Houston Endowment foundation provided a \$200,000 grant to the Wildflower Center to support its part in the "Millennium Seed Bank Project," a \$120 million global plant conservation effort developed by the Royal Botanic Gardens in Kew, Great Britain.

The Wildflower Center is one of five American non-profit organizations participating in a global seed conservation effort. Its role is to collect 10,000 to 20,000 seeds from most of the state's native wildflowers and plants.

Any number of factors — a hurricane, soil contamination, overdevelopment and "over-collection" by plant enthusiasts or nurseries — can wipe out a plant species. This project will ensure the plants can be restored.

With the Houston Endowment grant, the Wildflower Center will gather and conserve seeds of native plants from an 8,000-square-mile region in the Houston area and East Texas, which contain nearly 70 percent of all native Texas plants.

Preserving all plants is the goal, but native Texan seeds with a "restoration value" are

first among equals in their importance to the conservation effort. For instance, the native persimmon tree is a food source. The purple coneflower, from which Echinacea is produced, has a medicinal value.

We are all grateful to the researchers and volunteers from the Wildflower Center for their work. They're ensuring that Texas wildflowers will be as resplendent and plentiful in the future as they will be in coming weeks.

I hope you enjoy our Texas wildflowers this Spring.

Track Meet

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Savannah Rose and Karrie Valdez.

Boys:
400m relay - Stacy Perryman, Bradley Brown, Marc Henzler, Isiah Archer, 2nd place.

100m dash - Isiah Archer, 3rd place.
400m dash - Bradley Brown, 1st place.

200m dash - Marc Henzler, 5th place.
1600m run - Jacob Blanco, 3rd place.

High Jump - Bradley Brown, 1st place.
Long Jump - Bradley Brown, 3rd place.

Shot Put - Casey Carnes, 5th place.
Discus - Casey Carnes, 5th place.

Also competing for the boys' team was Gene Salazar, Shane Newman, Justin Newman and Sam Moore.

Qualifying for the Area Meet were Griselda Flores, Chicagra Brown, Christy Smith, Shane'a Russell, Melissa Flores, Marc Henzler, Bradley Brown, Isiah Archer, Stacy Perryman and Jacob Blanco.



SPECIAL PRESENTATION — The Masonic Lodge made special presentations to Lea and Bill Peacock (center) at a recent meeting. Others pictured are (left to right) Deborah Martin, Worthy Matron; Dale Rabe, District Deputy of the 95th District; Mr. and Mrs. Peacock; and Wes Campbell, emcee for the evening.

Masonic Lodge makes special presentations

A joint meeting of Matador Chapter of the Eastern Star and the Masonic Lodge, with friends, family and members present, was held to present Special presentation, pins and certificates to Lea and Bill Peacock.

Lea and Bill received their fifty year pins and certificate from the Grand Chapter of Texas of Eastern Star, and Bill received his fifty year pin and

certificate from the Grand Lodge of Texas.

The 2007 District Deputy of the 95th District, Dale Rabe from Childress, representing the Grand Lodge of Texas, made the presentation to Bill.

Deborah Martin made the presentation to both Bill and Lea on behalf of the Grand Chapter of Texas of the Eastern Star.

A great meal of turkey and

dressing was prepared by the membership and enjoyed by all!

At the close of the meeting, Deborah Martin, Worthy Matron of the Eastern Star and Skeeter Smith, Master of the Masonic Lodge, thanked all for coming and noted the leaving of Dennis and Donald Letkeman back to Canada, we hope for a short stay.

Shop at Home first!

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."
John 3:16

"How great are His signs, how mighty his wonders! His kingdom is an eternal kingdom; his dominion endures from generation to generation."
Daniel 4:3

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Wind Energy

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of the county, and the 50- to 70-mile perimeter would cover the whole county.

Another transmission plan from the Southwest Power Pool, compares to the Panhandle Loop Project, and capitalizes on existing lines in Bowman, West Denton, and Pittsburg. It extends into Oklahoma and Kansas.

Ultimately, the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) will decide the fate of CREZ zones. Unless CREZ-2 is designated as a permanent zone, this area will not have the beneficial impact that residents hope for, thereby eliminating new transmission line priority. The deadline for designation is July 5, 2007.

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Since AEP Texas and its 1,700 employees are directly connected to the many communities we live in and serve, we'd like to share some information on how you can help manage your electric bills through active retail choice and where you can go for additional help if need be.

One of the best ways to lower higher electric bills is to shop around for a less expensive retail electric provider (REP). Finding different offers can be done quickly and efficiently.

- 1) Visit the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) electric choice website at www.powertochoose.org. If you don't have access to a computer, you can call the PUCT's Electric Choice hotline at 1-866-PWR-4-TEX (797-4839).
- 2) Use the information you receive to contact different REPs to collect more information on various services and offers. Also contact your current REP at the number listed on your electric bill for other offers that may be available. Ask about contract terms and prices and be sure to look at the REPs' Electricity Facts Labels to make a good comparison.

Need some help?

Customers having trouble paying their electric bills and wishing to avoid disconnection should discuss their concerns with their current retail electric provider. All REPs are required to offer deferred payment plans to eligible customers who express an inability to pay. REPs also offer balanced billing plans, which allow eligible customers to pay an average amount each month year-round.

Additionally, many community action agencies may be able to help with electric bills or energy efficiency programs. For more information, contact the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) at 1-800-525-0657, e-mail at info@tdhca.state.tx.us or visiting one of the following websites.

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Cold weather hinders attendance for annual Whiteflat Reunion

The annual Whiteflat Homecoming was held Saturday, April 7, at the Senior Citizens' building in Matador.

Unseasonable cold, snowy weather on a holiday weekend helped cut attendance, with only 10 people attending, but the group enjoyed visiting and the usual good food.

A short business meeting was held with president Elaine Risser presiding. The group decided that following the April 5, 2008 meeting, they will begin meeting once every two years, rather than annually.

A list of those who have died

since the last homecoming was read. These were: Miriam Jameson Bell, Cleo Smelser Bailey, Ted Green, Billy Ray Slover, Ray Zabielski, June Tilson, Joseph E. "Gid" Simpson, Robert Pritchett, Mildred Vinson Key, Velma Cunningham Gillespie, Lenna Buchanan McWilliams, and Dorothy Morriss Martin Meador.

Jim Watson was elected Vice-President and Frances Dixon was re-elected Secretary-Treasurer. Debra Scott will serve as President for the coming year.

Those attending were Pete Chambliss, Plainview, and local residents Dan Browning Barton, Eugenia Garrison Barton, Elaine Dixon Risser, Tom Edwards, Jim Watson, Dora Spray Watson, Spencer and Wilda Dixon and Frances Casey Dixon.

FEEDBACK REQUESTED
Feedback concerning the change from yearly to biennial meetings is requested from anyone who has attended the Homecoming in the last 2-3 years. Comments may be sent to Secretary Frances Dixon, 641 CR 107, Matador, TX 79244.



CATCHES CALF AT HOUSTON — Gavin Luckett, second from left, caught a calf at the Houston Rodeo in March. Gavin will return to the Houston Livestock Show next year to exhibit his heifer in a special show. Also pictured are donors of the calf (names not available).

PROOF OF THE TRUTH

POSTSCRIPTS ON THE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD (Part 2)

WHAT WAS (IS) JESUS?

Note: The question is "what," not "who." If you've been thinking, and Christians are allowed (and commanded) to do that, you may have asked: "If God is unchangeable, then how could He cease to be God and become man?" And that's a good question? The short answer is "He didn't!" God did not and could not lose any of His attributes or change His nature. He "veiled" His attributes, which were partially unveiled on the Mount of Transfiguration. This is called the "Kenosis."

God did not change His nature (God) but He added another nature (Human), so that in one person (Jesus) we have two natures, deity and humanity (God and man), which are inseparably united forever, yet the two natures remain distinct, whole, and unchanged, without mixture or confusion. Thus the one person, Jesus Christ, is truly, fully, and wholly God, and also truly, fully, and wholly man. This is called the "Hypostatic Union."

The incarnate Christ then, is technically called "the anthropos," the God-man, a unique one-of-a-kind being in existence in the universe. Mankind has repeatedly at-

tempted to diminish either the deity or humanity of Jesus Christ, including Islam, gnosticism, docetism, Socialism, Arianism, Judaism, and Apollinarianism, but He remains who and what He actually is. See Colossians 2:9.

As leading apologist, R.C. Sproul, puts it: "There was once a time when Jesus was not a man, but there was never a time when He was not God!" See John 1: 1-3, 14.

This completes our study of the attributes of God. Hope you've found it informative.

Next: A Test of Dualism.

FSA

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or directly to the Texas FSA State Office attention: Sammy Orange, Conservation Chief; P.O. Box 2900, College Station, Texas 77841. Although no deadline for submitting proposals has been set, Reynolds encourages organizations to "act quickly."

"The national FSA Office in Washington, D.C. has set a November 1 deadline for receipt of all state proposals," said Reynolds. "Because these proposals must go through a two-tier review process at the state level prior to review in Washington, we would like to begin receiving proposals as soon as possible."

Eligible landowners in approved SAFE areas may enter into new CRP contracts with USDA's Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC). Approved program participants will receive an annual CRP rental rate equivalent to soil rental rates for the county plus an annual maintenance payment.

Also, the producer is eligible for cost-share assistance of up to 50 percent of eligible practice installation costs. In addition, producers will be eligible for a one-time payment of \$100 per acre signing Incentive Payment. Producers may also receive a practice incentive payment equal to 40 percent of the eligible establishment costs of the practice.

For SAFE proposal details and protocol, contact the Motley County FSA at 806-347-2671 or visit the national web site at: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>; click on "Conservation Programs."

Thank you for reading the Motley County Tribune!

Matador youth catches at Rodeo Houston Calf Scramble

Gavin Luckett of Matador, representing the Valley FFA, was one of the twenty-eight exhibitors, representing 4-H clubs and FFA chapters across the state of Texas, who took the floor of Reliant Stadium, waiting for a chance to catch one of the 14 calves. Strength and determination took over for some, as scramblers began to capture the calves and pull them into the winners' square. Gavin is the son of Bill and Kendra Luckett of Matador.

In exchange for a successful scramble, the 4-H or FFA member will receive a \$1,000 calf purchase certificate. The certificate is to be used for the purchase of a registered beef heifer.

This is the beginning of a yearlong project of grooming, feeding and caring for the heifer. The exhibitor, supervised by an agricultural science teacher or county extension agent, must keep accurate and detailed records of the animal's progress, submitting records to both the Show and the donor to chronicle the heifer's development.

In 2008, the exhibitor will

return with the heifer to the Houston Livestock Show for a special competition and a \$250 bonus from his/her donor.

Each year, approximately 340 calf purchase certificates are donated. Since the calf scramble was added to the Show in 1942, a total of \$8,862,000

has been awarded in certificates and bonuses to 17,522 youth.

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News Around the County

Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

I saw a new word in an advertisement in the *Southern Living Magazine*; it was *giddyupidness*. It was touting the pep of a little SUV. I now know what is wrong with me; I don't have any giddyupidness and haven't in a long while! So, I really need this word to be able to complain more eloquently! They say if a word is used enough by the general public, it will be added to the next edition of the dictionary. Maybe it will make the new edition!

For such a lush beginning, Spring looks a little jaded today. On the up-side, just think, it may have frozen some unsuspecting bugs, ticks and mosquitoes. Spring does have a way of bouncing back and it has lots of moisture to do so. By next week, everything will look new and fresh again.

Last Tuesday, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Peacock and their children, Maddie and Ethan of Cypress, Texas visited Dale's grandparents, Bill and Lea Peacock. On Saturday, Mr. and Mrs. Justin Peacock and little Cecelia of Lubbock visited with their grandparents, also. They stayed through Sunday and attended the sunrise Easter Service and the regular Sunday worship service at the First United Methodist Church.

Pat Peacock came on Tuesday and Wednesday to visit his parents, Bill and Lea.

Easter visitors to the Walter Trammell's house were Randy, Shannon, Darrell, Taya, Travis and Tace Trammell, Mike and Angela Cochran and sons, Matt and Scott, Jerry and Tina Overman and son and daughter-in-law, Trevor and Callie Overman, all of Lubbock. Matt and Scott brought their friends, Ellie Burkholder and Samantha.

Cody and Leah Meredith arrived from Las Vegas, Nevada to spend Easter with Cody's parents, Joe Glenn and Joyce Meredith. They are in the process of relocating to San Angelo, Texas. They are the parents of Angelica and Jonah Meredith who have been living with Joe Glenn and Joyce since last summer awaiting their parents' move back to Texas. Also enjoying Easter lunch at the Meredith's were local residents Yancy, Daphne and Parker Merdith, Jim and Carla Meador, Tony, Sherry and Shea Rose, Jackie and Steve Smieh, all of Matador.

Friday evening, Ken and Suzanne Abbott and J.N. and

Darleen Fletcher went to Post, Texas to attend the Garza Theater and see the play *FAITH COUNTRY*. Blair Thacker Wilson had the role of Faye McFaye in the entertaining southern comedy.

We had a busy Easter! We attended the sunrise Easter service, worship at the First Baptist Church here and then on to Matador for their cantata, *THE NAIL SCARRED HANDS*. After the cantata, went to my son and daughter-in-law, Kevin and Tracie McClaran's house for dinner. My daughter, Kay and her children, Sean and Kelsea Miller and Tracie's family, Gary and Ernestine Mohan were also there. Not only did we celebrate Easter but Sean's 16th birthday. Little Kenzie had to hunt eggs inside but she had a lot of fun as did we watching her get excited when she found one.

On Friday, Sheila Lefevre went to Robert Lee, Texas to spend Easter with her sister, Melba Gray. Sheila returned on Sunday.

Visiting Ken and Dinah Young on this cold snowy Easter were Dinah's daughter and son-in-law, Sinnika and Patrick Verrill, and grandchildren, Zak and Jude from Austin; their son-in-law's sister Bridget and her husband and two daughters from Perth, Scotland, daughter, Ginny and granddaughter Jena LaDue from Lubbock. They were brave and hunted eggs in the snow and the cold. They introduced their friends from Scotland to S'Mores made outside on the campfire. In case you have never had S'Mores, they are Hershey bars and marshmallows toasted over a campfire and put between two graham crackers.

There were about sixty people attending the Easter Sunrise Service. It was moved to the Community Center because of the weather. It was a neat experience.

Local News

Mrs. Frances Dixon and Mrs. Elaine Risser attended the Easter presentation Thursday night held at the First Baptist Church in Lubbock. Their granddaughter and daughter, respectively, was in the choir.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

Living and working on a farm is never boring. Each day is a new day. Meet the sunrise with confidence. Do this and there will be joy for you in each golden sunset.

A WHITE EASTER WEEKEND

A surprising white Easter weekend and below freezing temperatures in Flomot and Whiteflat with a 2 1/2 inch snow reported and temperatures dipping to 26 degrees. Residents are worried about the damage to plants and fruit trees. Only time will tell.

ANNUAL STARKEY EASTER REUNION

The annual Easter Starkey family reunion was held from Wednesday until Sunday at the rural homes of Mrs. C.W. Starkey and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey and at the Starkey Reunion building. Sleeping bags and air mattresses were everywhere. The weather did not interfere with campfire cookouts and good food of brisket roasts, ham, casseroles and desserts. An Easter Egg hunt was held Sunday afternoon.

The 65 relatives attended from Colorado, Kansas, Oklahoma, Missouri and throughout Texas. Special guest was Johna Starkey, granddaughter of Johnie Starkey who has served with the U.S. Marines in Iraq. She is returning to serve in Iraq again this week.

Easter holiday guests of Mrs. Beverly Vinson, Doris and Roger Vinson were Mr. and Mrs. Shannon Vinson, Kaitlyn, Morgan and Bubba, Dana Vinson and Anthony Brocato of Lubbock.

Visiting during the holidays with Jerry and Sandra Barclay were Mr. and Mrs. Lance Barclay, Colton and Kayla of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Cody Barclay, Ashton and Lane of Borger and Mr. and Mrs. Ty Barclay, Tylee, Trent and Trevor of Matador.

Mrs. Wanda Lane of Lockney and Wilburn Martin attended the funeral services of Mrs. Bessie Cooper, 78, held Tuesday afternoon at the Church of Christ in Borger. Mrs. Cooper is the mother of Marilee Cooper's husband, Fred Cooper.

Wilburn Martin and granddaughter, Lindsay Martin of Canyon visited Easter Sunday in Borger with Marilee and Fred Cooper. They attended church services with

them. Mrs. Janice Hughes was in Lubbock, Friday with her 10 month old grandson, Kason Hughes, a patient at the Covenant Medical Center. He had pneumonia. Also with him were his parents, Rickey and Tasha Hughes of Floydada. Kason has returned home and doing fine.

Visiting during the Easter holidays with Ruth and Orville Lee were Kallan Roberts of Waco, Brandon Lee of Plainview, Kacee McGraw, Thomas Heck and son, Cody of Turkey.

Butch and Janice Hughes attended the 4th birthday party Saturday of their granddaughter, Baylee Hughes held in the home of her parents, Billy and Becky Hughes of Lubbock.

B. Rogers and son Donnie Rogers visited Saturday night in Kalgary in the home of Donna Sue and Stanley Degan. They celebrated the birthday of Dane Degan of Crosbyton with all the trimmings.

Mr. and Mrs. James Gwinn, Danielle and Fannin visited Saturday and Sunday in Lubbock with his sister, Aly Gwinn. Other visitors Sunday were Mrs. Marilyn Holcomb of Floydada, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Raetz of Matador and Mrs. Sarah Hurt and Annie of Lubbock.

Donnie Rogers was a guest Sunday at a family luncheon of Trent and Shirley McKay in Quitaque.

Visiting Thursday and Friday with Kathy and Clois Shorter were daughters and children, Mrs. Kerl Sehon and Brian of Ropesville and Mrs. Christi Milam, Emily and Hayley of Petersburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Foster, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Mandrell and daughter, Peyton of Lubbock visited during the Easter holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert and Glen Calvert.

Easter guests of Connie and Coy Franks were children and families, Amy and Cory Franks, Madison and Hudson, Cary Franks of Lubbock and Cara Franks of Flomot.

Mrs. Iona Lane, Mrs. Leota Johnson and Celia Johnson of Turkey and Mrs. Mary Jo Calvert of Flomot visited Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Leona Degan.

Attending the Tanner family Easter luncheon in Tulia, Sunday were Mrs. Geneva Martin, Kathy and Clois Shorter, Anna Beth and Joe Ike Clay.

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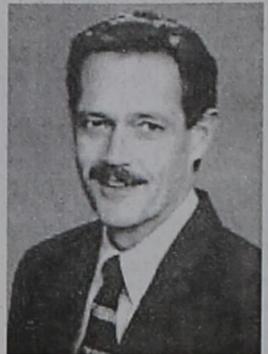
Thomas Lee Edmondson

Graveside services for Thomas Lee Edmondson, 60, of Lubbock were held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, April 6, 2007, at the East Mound Cemetery in Matador. Mr. Edmondson passed away at his residence April 3, 2007, in Lubbock, Texas.

Arrangements were under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home of Matador.

Tom was born August 10, 1946, in Matador, Texas to Howard B. and Bonnie Webb Edmondson.

Tom was a 1964 graduate of Motley County High School and continued his education at Texas Tech University in Lubbock. He had been a resident of Matador since 1999 prior to moving to Lubbock about 2 1/2 years ago. Mr. Edmondson worked for the Dallas Morning News for a number of years and had served in the National Guard Reserves. He was preceded in death by his father, Howard Edmondson.



Survivors include his mother, Bonnie Edmondson of Matador; one daughter, Kristen Gene Haverland and husband Jason of Union, Kentucky and 2 grandchildren, Jack and Tyler.

Ray 'Tex' Blevins

Family services for Ray 'Tex' Blevins, 79, of Matador were held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, April 7, at Seigler Funeral Home in Matador. Interment services were held at 2:00 p.m. Monday, April 9, 2007, at the Restlawn Cemetery in Liberal, Kansas. Local arrangements were under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home of Matador and interment services were under the direction of Miller Mortuary in Liberal, Kansas. Mr. Blevins passed away Thursday, April 2007, at his residence in Matador. Ray was born February 16, 1928, in Dickens county to Harvie and Iris Hoover Blevins.

Ray was raised and educated in Matador. During school he worked in the farming and ranching industry for the Matador Ranch and well known King Ranch. Ray better known as 'Tex' along with 5 buddies went to Kansas in 1949 working with Brosse Construction in the pipeline industry. While working in Kansas he met his future bride, Elwanda Gimlin. They married two years later on February 18, 1951, in Hugoton, Kansas. During the following years they were blessed with 4 daughters: Nikki, Twanda, Jodi, and Kasi. He later married Ruby Alsdurf on June 22, 1990. Ray was an accomplished leather tooler making everything from wallets to saddles and bridles.

He was a finish carpenter making small intricately detailed horses and wagons and large building projects. While in Kansas he worked 20 years for E.M. Gregg Trucking. He owned a family restaurant called "The Winds", a favorite high school hang out. Always loving the livestock industry he returned to his first love, working at several feedlots and forming a cattle operation of his own. Ray was in charge of the veterinary dept. at Supreme Feeders and Stevens County Feedlot. Ray was an officer in the Jaycees for a number of years. He was a member of the Matador and Stevens County Rotating Clubs. He was a 4-H Club leader and was in charge of the livestock projects. Mr. Blevins was preceded in death by two sisters, Pauline Ray and Lois Cook, and by his father Harvie Blevins.

He is survived by four daughters, Nikki Frydendall and husband Tom of Liberal, Kansas, Twanda Tully and husband, Mercede of Santanta, Kansas, Jodi Barrows and husband Steve of Keller, Texas, and Kasi Skelly and husband Rob of Keller, Texas; his 102 year-old mother, Iris Blevins of Matador; one brother, Lewis Blevins of Matador; and 7 grandchildren.

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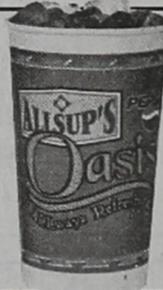
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Lubbock -- Texas Cooperative Extension recently welcomed a new entomologist to its staff at the Texas A&M University System Agricultural Research and Extension Center at Lubbock.

Dr. David Kerns began work March 1 as an Extension cotton entomologist and assistant professor of entomology. He will cover a 41-county area that encompasses more than 3.5 million acres of cotton on the Texas

High Plains.

As an Extension entomologist, Kerns will plan and carry out applied research and educational programs using integrated pest management to address cotton pest problems on the High Plains. He will also provide technical pest management support for growers, Extension agents and specialists, and industry.

"I'm extremely excited about being back in Texas,"

Kerns said. "I look forward to addressing cotton growers' insect pest management needs on the High Plains."

A native of Plainview, Kerns holds three entomology degrees. He earned a bachelor's degree from Texas A&M University in 1985, a master's degree from Oklahoma State University in 1987 and a doctorate from Auburn University in 1992. Before joining Extension, he

was an integrated pest management specialist for citrus and vegetables at the University of Arizona for 13 years. He also has experience dealing with cotton pests in Mississippi and the Brazos River bottom in Texas, and with rice pests along the Texas Coastal Bend.

Kerns and his wife, Kelli, have three sons, Cody, Dawson and Jimmy. They reside in Wolforth.

RRS Production Statistics and Allowables for April 2007

Austin -- The Texas average rig count as of March 16, 2007, was 818, representing about 50 percent of all active land rigs in the United States. In the last 12 months, total Texas reported production was 342 million barrels of oil and 6.1 trillion cubic feet of natural gas. Texas natural gas production represents approximately 29 percent of total U.S. natural gas demand.

The Commission's estimated final production for January 2007 is 28,624,659 barrels of crude oil and 470,485,299 Mcf (thousand cubic feet) of gas well gas.

The Commission derives final production numbers by multiplying the preliminary January 2007 production totals of 27,181,330 barrels of crude oil and 411,839,372 Mcf of gas well gas by a production adjustment factor of 1.0531 for crude oil and 1.1424 for gas well gas. (These production totals do not include casinghead gas or condensate).

Texas natural gas storage reported by the Commission for February 2007 is 263,063,116 Mcf compared to 263,655,648 Mcf in February 2006. The March 2007 gas storage estimate is 257,369,320 Mcf.

The Texas Railroad Commission's Oil and Gas Division set initial April 2007 natural gas production allowables for prorated fields in the state to meet market demand of 21,148,833 Mcf (thousand cubic feet). In setting the initial April 2007 allowables, the Commission used historical production figures from previous months, producers' demand forecasts for the coming month, and adjusted the figures based on well capability. These initial allowables will be adjusted after actual production for April 2007 is reported.

February Permits to Drill
The Commission issued a

total of 1,400 original drilling permits in February 2007 compared to 1,546 in February 2006. The February total included 1,191 permits to drill new oil and gas wells, 39 to re-enter existing well bores, and 170 for re-completions. Permits issued in February 2007 included 242 oil, 355 gas, 721 oil and gas, 59 injection, zero service and 23 other permits.

January Crude Oil Production

Texas preliminary January 2007 crude oil production averaged 876,817 barrels daily, down from the 909,801 barrels daily average of January 2006.

The preliminary Texas crude oil production figure for January 2007 is 27,181,330 barrels, a decrease from 28,256,157 barrels reported during January 2006.

February Oil and Gas Completions

In February 2007, operators reported 429 oil, 681 gas, 31 injection and seven other completions compared to 432 oil, 695 gas, 39 injection and one other completion during February 2006.

Total well completions for 2007 year to date are 2,599, up from 2,053 recorded during the same period in 2006.

Operators reported 530 holes plugged and three dry holes in February 2007 compared to 310 holes plugged and zero dry holes in February 2006.

January Natural Gas Production

Texas oil and gas wells produced 46,981,569 Mcf (thousand cubic feet) of gas based upon preliminary production figures for January 2007, up from the January 2006 preliminary gas production total of 437,124,806 Mcf.

Texas production in January 2007 came from 135,961 oil and 75,466 gas wells.

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1. Sealed proposals will be received in the Motley County I.S.D. Superintendent's office, P.O. Box 310, Matador, Texas 79244 until 4:00 p.m., May 12, 2007.

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