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"Ten Point"

Photo by Ken Young

MC Matadors rack up post season honors Bigham named Coach of the Year

The Motley County Matadors continue to rack up post season honors with four players being named to the Six-Man Division II All-State and the *Lubbock Avalanche Journal* All-South Plains Team.

"There aren't enough words to describe how proud we are of these boys," Coach Mike Bigham said.

"They are all talented, hard-working, disciplined, and determined to be the best they can be," he said. "They bought into our system and were extremely coachable. They are all very deserving of these awards," Bigham said.

Isiah Archer was named the Six-Man Division II Player of the Year and the *Lubbock A/J* All-South Plains Offensive Most Valuable Player (MVP).

"The Player of the Year award is the highest honor that can be given to a player," Coach Bigham said.

"Isiah earned this award for his great play on offense, defense, and special teams. It's unusual to see a player so dominant in every phase of the game.

"Isiah could run, pass, catch, block, and tackle as good as any player out there. He definitely made a name for himself this year—it's very special to have the Player of the Year and the All-South Plains MVP here at Motley County," Coach Bigham said.

Bradley Brown was named the Six-Man Division II Offensive MVP and the All-South Plains 1st Team Kicker.

"Bradley was very deserving of these awards," Coach Bigham said, adding, "there wasn't a better offensive player in the state this year."

"Brad is a great runner and receiver, he could score on teams in many different ways.

"He is also the best kicker in the state. The state championship game was won on extra points, Brad did a great job of kicking all year," said Coach Bigham.

Jacob Blanco was named the Six-Man Division II and *Lubbock A/J* All-South Plains 1st Team Safety.

"Jacob stepped up and did a great job for us at both quarterback and safety," Coach Bigham said.

"He became a disciplined football player this year. Our entire defense, including Jacob, continued to improve each week all the way up to the State Championship game.

"Jacob had two interceptions in the state game, which were crucial in determining the final outcome," Coach Bigham said.

Casey Carnes was named the Six-Man Division II and *Lubbock A/J* All-South Plains 2nd Team Center.

Motley County Matadors 2007 Six-Man Football Division II All State Selections

Player of the Year:
Isiah Archer

Offensive MVP:
Bradley Brown

Coach of the Year:
Mike Bigham

1st Team Defense:
Safety: Jacob Blanco

2nd Team Offense:
Center: Casey Carnes

**Lubbock A-J
All South Plains
Six-Man Football Team**

Offensive MVP:
Isiah Archer

Coach of the Year:
Mike Bigham

1st Team Kicker:
Bradley Brown

1st Team Safety:
Jacob Blanco

2nd Team Center:
Casey Carnes

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County Burn Ban restricts outdoor burning for 90 days

Burn Ban has statutory authority

by Carol Campbell

On January 17, the Commissioner's Court issued the first formal county Burn Ban, restricting outdoor burning 90 days, or until drought conditions improve.

The policy will be reviewed by the Court at each subsequent monthly Commissioners' Court meeting to determine if a public safety hazard still exists.

The Court took this action following several fires in the county, most recently a grassfire caused by outdoor trash burning in a barrel, that spread and caught a house on fire and burned 40 acres at Northfield on January 1.

Grass fires northeast of Matador on November 19-20, destroyed 2,400 acres before being brought under control.

The statutory authority of counties to prohibit or restrict outdoor burning is found in the Local Government Code, known as the "Burn Ban" statute.

Other counties in the surrounding area have also issued burn bans, County Judge Ed D. Smith said.

Smith says when the Texas Forest Service determines that drought conditions exist in a certain area, the Court then has an obligation to determine what outdoor burning activities are exempt from a ban and which ones

will result in a potential hazard to public safety.

In the past, the Governor has preempted counties when the state has determined that the existence of a potential disaster exists in all 254 counties in the State of Texas.

However, Smith said, "A burn ban is often a double-edged sword."

A ban that is too restrictive may be as much of a problem as one that is too lenient, Smith said.

"Mainly, a burn ban is to make folks aware of the danger involved," Smith said. "You want to protect life and property, but by the same token, you don't want to be so restrictive that people can't operate a business that involves the use of combustible materials."

While the fines involved in violating the Burn Ban are "fairly insignificant" — a Class C misdemeanor with a fine up to \$500 — according to Smith, the civil liability is much greater.

"For example," Smith said, "if someone carelessly burned grass that expanded and caught a house on fire, and someone was injured, then the civil liability might be very significant."

According to Fire Chief Rodney Williams, the potential for fire hazard has never been greater.

"The conditions in Motley County are as bad as I have ever seen them," Williams said, "and I have been at this business for 33 years."

"Because of the good rains we had last year, we have a lot of vegetation that has cured out and this is adding to the danger," Williams said.

"The primary purpose of the Fire Department is to raise awareness," Williams said.

"We support the burn ban to raise awareness. The enforcement of the law is the sheriff's department. We are here to respond to the community when there is a fire.

Burns that "escape" can be very costly to the community, Williams said.

"These fires are very expensive to handle," he said. "We are 100 percent volunteer fire department. Most of the volunteers are self-employed. When they take off work to fight a fire, then it costs them money," he added.

The Burn Ban in its entirety is outlined on page 2



photo by Walter Taylor

Bradley Brown, All State Offensive MVP, Mike Bigham, All State and *Lubbock Avalanche Journal* Coach of the Year, and Isiah Archer, All State and *Lubbock Avalanche Journal* Offensive MVP proudly pose with trophies and jerseys representing the entire team. Not pictured, Casey Carnes and Jacob Blanco also received post season honors.

American Legion 337 accepting nominations

Deadline March 1

American Legion Post 337 announces that the American Legion, Department of Texas, will sponsor the 2008 Boys State on the campus of the University of Texas-Austin, June 7-13.

Motley County, Patton Springs and Valley High Schools will be asked to nominate boys, who will complete their junior year this year.

Nominated students will be considered by American Legion Post 337, who will sponsor an all expense paid trip to Austin for this outstanding leadership development experience.

Boys State developed from two concepts. First, we should offer youth a better perspective of the practical operation of government. Second, the

individual is an integral part and commensurately responsible for the character and success of his government.

Boys State, therefore, is an activity of high educational value, born out of a need for youth training in practical citizenship. It is a leadership action program in which qualified male high school juniors develop a working knowledge of the structure of government. It teaches the young citizens that government is just what they make it.

Area schools will be provided brochures about this year's Boys State and nomination forms. Nominations must be submitted to American Legion Post 337 by March 1.

Attention Exes Addresses needed 2008 Homecoming

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

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

NEW HOURS AT THE MOTLEY COUNTY MUSEUM

The Motley County Museum will be open on Fridays from 3:45 to 5:45 p.m. and on Saturday from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

FOOTHILL COUNTRY CONNECTIONS

by Larry Vogt

Let's hear it for the Motley County I S D for arranging the trip to Lubbock that the fifth and sixth grade classes enjoyed on January 15th. Sometimes it is difficult to understand high brow music and the attendant behaviors that are expected at a typical concert. Judging from the reactions of the students, it seems that they "got" it. Looking at the program, I was struck by the effort that went into the educational aspects of the concert and was touched by the way the students expressed themselves regarding their experience. Next time it occurs to you that kids are falling behind in this or that science and math subject,

remember that we all need a little art and culture as well.

The tune that we know as the "Can Can" was originally called a "gallop infernal" and comes from an operetta that was the first full length piece of its kind in 1858. The "show" was really a spoof of other perhaps somewhat pretentious operas or plays. Think Saturday night live and maybe you can imagine the crowds in Paris, France enjoying themselves at a theatrical evening.

Reading the words that the students wrote that appear elsewhere in this paper makes me want to volunteer to chaperone or something so I can go next time. What do you think? Should we put together a busload of citizens to get in on the fun?

by Laverne Zabielski

It has been so cold. No comparison of course to the cold Dinah Young remembers in her poem in this week's *Writing Community*. Cold is uncomfortable when you just can't get warm. We can be thankful for *Unsung Heroes* like Steve Byrd of Roaring Springs who gets out in it no matter what the temperature.

There are things to do, however, to quell the chill. We can stay home by a toasty fire, if there's a fireplace; or bundle up in a cozy quilt and read; or bask in the glory of the MC Matadors raking in more honors; or explore the music of the *Orient Express* which the 5th and 6th graders experienced when they traveled to the symphony in Lubbock, complete with dinner at Furr's afterwards. If you are inclined towards big visions you could sip hot chocolate and envision projects that improve our community's quality of life and present them to the 4A and 4B sales tax boards for discussion.

Or you could write, which several of us are doing at the library on Fridays and will be doing at Dinah Young's yurt on Saturdays. All are invited. You can join in at any session and it's not necessary to come every week. Last Friday we started off with the word "road" which led me to the path to the compost we are trying to build in my mom's yard out behind the barn. It is not doing too well. "Lack of rain," Larry said. "I knew there was little rain around here," he continued, "and that to garden would require mastering drip irrigation. However, I never imagined I would have to water the compost."

Right now there are weeds and grass covering the place where the garden will be. The question is: Will it be big enough and if it is bigger, will there be enough time? That's our current agenda, finding ways to balance our schedule in order to eat healthy, publish the paper, grow our garden and make art; Larry's music and my silk dyeing. This is where layering life begins. There are similarities between the silk dyeing and newspaper publishing; both require a vision, an action, a waiting, then an unwrapping to see how it turned out.

There is the frenzy of creation and production, a lull after completion, then a slow beginning again, with a momentary panic. Can I do it again? The color may be different, or the stories, and how will it all fit together? That's when I just keep on moving, putting one foot in front of the other.

Spring will be here soon, the cold will be gone, and then there will be "the heat!" If I remember correctly from childhood visits, doesn't it get pretty hot around here?

Come to the Library this Sunday at 2pm for our performance poetry and more conversation about writing and art. If you have a poem or story to share in *Writing Community* please email it or bring it to the office. Since no one answered last week's vocabulary quiz, I have repeated it this week. If you can't be the first to come by with your answers, call or email us and we will send you your \$5.00 certificate to be used at the Matador Variety store. We are also looking for sponsors for "Focus on Motley County ISD Seniors." And thank you for sending us letters and news. It's your voice we want to publish.

PS Don't forget the Burn Ban.

What is an economic development 4A and 4B sales tax?

According to the Texas Economic Development Council (TEDC) (Update, 2007), the economic development sales tax is the state's largest and most effective local revenue source for economic development.

First created in 1989 to give smaller Texas communities the financial basis to build effective economic development programs, the tax today serves as the backbone of local economic development efforts in more than 450 cities across the state.

The broader 4B tax remains the most popular choice for Texas Communities. As of the Summer of 2007, 337 cities have passed the 4B tax, compared to 117 cities with the 4A tax.

Matador is one of only 100 cities that impose both the 4A and 4B tax.

The TEDC offers a practitioners guide to understanding the differences between the 4A and 4B tax.

4A Eligible Projects:

- Land, buildings, equipment, facilities, improvements, and expenditures related to:
 - Manufacturing, industrial, research and development, recycling, small warehouse and corporate headquarters facilities, and distribution centers.
 - Closed or realigned military bases.

- Job training for primary jobs and commercial/retail.
- Business airport facilities and port-related facilities.
- Clean-up of contaminated project sites (with a special election and specific ballot language).
- Infrastructure assistance to retail or commercial projects.
- Business-related sewer utilities and site improvements.
- Beach remediation in Gulf communities required or suitable to promote or develop new or expanded business enterprises.

- Projects designed to attract new military missions, prevent the closure of existing missions, and redevelop a closed or realigned military base.

- General airport facilities for communities located 25 miles from US/Mexico border only.
 - Light rail, commuter rail, or motor buses.
 - 4B projects with voter approval.

4B Eligible Projects

- Everything authorized under 4A of the Development Corporation Act of 1979 (DCA), the law that regulates the use of the economic development sales tax.
- Water supply facilities (with a special election and specific ballot language).

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WRITING COMMUNITY

Cold

by Dinah Young

Folks complaining about how cold it is.
We can see our breath in the yurt of a mornin'.
The bird bath and dog water frozen like a rock.

My memory takes me back to Cape Breton Island
And climbing out an upstairs window,
Sliding down a snow bank to get to the front door
So I could hack off frozen ice-snow
And tunnel my way to the wooden door
For an escape for me and my kids.
The photo of Robbie, age 2, I keep
With ice skates on in the front yard tells it all.
The only picture I took in winter
Since everything was just white anyway.

I remember the feel of that rough rope on my gloved palms
As I ducked blowing frozen snow
And pulled myself toward the barn
To milk Mabel, our lovely cow.
Snuggling up to her warmth on that stool
Hoping my hands wouldn't breeze her tits
And halt the milk flow.

My wood cook stove served us well -
Warming mittens and long johns and shirts-
Rising bread and yogurt culture.
The left side where I stoked it was hot
for soups and pork chops and boiling water.
The warming oven held the breads and hanging clothes.
The right side simmered. The oven would bake anything
Even without a thermometer or timer.
The children sat around it in layered pajamas
With their jackets and hats on.
Big eyes, smoke rings blowing out their noses and mouths

Waiting for warmth to finally heat that cast iron enough
to make its way out to them.
I rocked both boys at once that winter
For warmth for me as well as them
And sang songs of hushaby horses.
The girls walked up on hard pan snow
Or else they would have sunk and been lost
In those 5 foot drifts.
The boys and I would watch them
go up the hill for two miles where the old blue truck was parked.
I prayed a lot then even though I didn't really know God.
But He knew I was there.
The icy road beyond our dirt riverbed road
Was just as scary with cliffs dropping off
To huge boulders far below.
A feat just to get them up to school
In the dark northern morning.
I held my breath too much.

Our rooster laid in wait when you stepped out the front door
Heading for the outhouse.
It was a two-holer and when you sat down
The cold blew up to freeze your backside on windy days.
The boys diapers were always frozen in a pail
So boiling water was always steaming on the stove
For more purpose than tea.
When the girls got home from school
It was dark again already.
The days were short and I remember running outside
On several occasions when the sun was out
Just to see it shine.

My best friend there called this week
And said it was 23 below zero
And there was ten feet of snow outside their door.
It had been snowing since October.
I smiled and thought - it's all relative.
Thinking it's so cold - and put some more mesquite
In my Waterford stove.

Order prohibiting outdoor burning

WHEREAS, the Commissioners' court finds that circumstances present in all or part of the unincorporated area of the county create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the Commissioners' Court of Motley County that all outdoor burning is prohibited in the unincorporated area of the county for ninety (90) days from the date of adoption of this Order, unless the restrictions are terminated earlier based on a determination by the Texas Forest Service or this court. This Order is adopted pursuant to Local Government Code 352.081, and

other applicable statutes. This Order does not prohibit outdoor burning activities related to public health and safety that are authorized by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for: (1) firefighter training; (2) public utility, natural gas pipeline or mining operations; (3) planting or harvesting of agricultural crops; or, (4) burns that are conducted by a prescribed burn manager certified under Section 153.048, Natural Resources Code, and meets the standards of Section 153.047, Natural Resources Code.

IN ADDITION, THE COURT SAYS any individual gainfully

employed in a trade or profession that involves the use of combustible materials or use of possible fire sources in the outdoor environment directly related to the successful operation of the business's goals and/or objectives may continue to conduct business as usual utilizing the materials and/or potential fire sources in the outdoor environment as they deem necessary; provided that the individual shall take all necessary safety precautions to prevent the ignition of any fire or fires that are not essential to the conducting of day to day business activities. Any business owner, operator or individual involved in any business operation citing this section of

this order that has not taken the necessary safety precautions and as a result damage occurs from a fire caused by their business operations shall be liable for any and all damages that may occur and they shall be issued a citation and fined as allowed by law.

In accordance with Local Government Code 352.081(h), a violation of this Order is a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.00.

ADOPTED this 14th day of January, 2008, by a vote of five ayes and zero nays.

Signed: Ed D. Smith
Motley County Judge

Attest: Kate Hurt, County Clerk

Letters to the Editors

Matador

I would like to clarify some statements I made in last week's paper. I would also like to explain what it is that I have been attempting to do and why.

There is a shortage nationwide in bulk commodity trailers—trailers like hopper bottoms and walking floors. This shortage is for several reasons. First are the record grain harvests and second is the growth in Ethanol Plants. Together they have created a demand for these trailers like never before.

I have a customer that manufacturers belt trailers. I approached them about expanding production in Matador because of some of the problems that they are experiencing with current production. They currently have manufacturing facilities in Nebraska and Mexico. Their current production capacity is insufficient to meet their growing demand and they are also having some other issues with the plant in Mexico.

The facility in Mexico employs 20 people. They make metal and aluminum trailers. I approached them about moving this plant here. The move would require a complete manufacturing facility from the ground up. It would also require the 20 employees, unless they expanded capacity.

However, I don't expect them to make the move. They have stated that there is too large of an investment in Mexico. They are going to have to work through their issues. We did talk about a smaller facility, a facility that could expand the production capacity of one trailer line. That would be a smaller investment and one that could be up and running quicker. It would employ fewer people but we need to start somewhere. I haven't heard anymore from them on the subject.

I am doing this because I hope to recruit a business or two to move here. I would like to replace some of the jobs lost from Poly Pipe. I would like to see Matador and Motley County grow. I would like for my kids to have some opportunity here at home and not see them move away at graduation. I would also

like to pay lower taxes. They only way to do that is to increase the tax rates and to move away from an agricultural tax base. An increase in a younger population will also increase tax dollars that could also lead to a tax rate decrease.

I have also been doing this with the permission of Mayor Pat Smith and Judge Ed D. Smith. I have kept them informed of all of my activities. I don't want anyone to think that I am speaking for city and county or for some selfish reasons. I would just like a little more for the city and county. This is a wonderful place to live and I am glad that we have found it.

Mike Hackler

Roaring Springs

I would like to express my thanks for the First United Methodist Church in Roaring Springs. From time to time the First Baptist Church and the Methodist church families join together with meals and other activities.

Recently there was a missionary here from Mexico telling us about the work being done there. The First United Church joined us in making a donation to that work in Mexico.

Folks, that warms my heart. I believe that this is what the Body of Christ should do: remove all barriers and work together to take the Word to all peoples.

Sincerely,

Monta Marshall

Matador

I am pleased that Tom Edwards (January 17, 2008) is politically astute enough to avoid allowing a candidate's religious affiliation to deter his potential support. Unfortunately, many people are not, especially when what they know (or, rather think they know) about the tenets of that religion are based on widely disseminated propagandist distortions and egregious lies. As for Mr. Edwards' counter offer of his "extensive library" concerning

Mormon beliefs, why be so fearful of folks going to the legitimate and authoritative LDS Church sources for accurate information?

To reiterate, if you are interested in Mitt Romney as a candidate but concerned about his Mormon religion and want truthful, correct information concerning Latter Day Saint doctrine, go to <www.mormon.org> and/or <www.lds.org> or ask an active, practicing member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, which I am. If you go to Mr. Edwards' office to share his "extensive library," be sure to check the authors and publishers to see how much of it is authored and published by the authorities of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and how much by non-Mormons. I'm sure that Mr. Edwards is sincere in thinking he knows and understands Mormon Theology, but I doubt he is studying the right source.

respond accurately to questions and correct misunderstandings anyone might have. Another locally available authoritative source is the multi-volumed *Encyclopedia of Mormonism* donated by the Church, on the reference shelf of the Motley County Library.

Mr. Edwards' last two paragraphs are worth rereading. This is indeed a watershed year in national politics which will determine whether the nation begins to restore the governing principles intended by the Founding Fathers and delineated in the Constitution or continues its slide toward socialism and the loss of our God-endowed freedoms.

Pina Sturdivant

Roaring Springs

In December, Mrs. Dorothy M. Willer who lives in Galesburg, Ill. sent a donation of \$100.00 to the Roaring Springs Lions Club for the Roaring Springs Veterans Memorial Park. Mrs. Willer does this each year in memory of G.B. Thacker who gave his life for our country in World War II. His name is engraved on the memorial. I wrote her a thank you card but I wanted to thank her in the newspaper also.

We really appreciate these donations to help on the upkeep of the Roaring Springs Veterans Memorial Park.

The American and Texas flags have to be replaced two or three times a year and the light bulbs in the large lights that light these flags at night have to be replaced often also. This past year we have added more names to the memorial and will continue to do so as needed. Donations also help keep the park grounds watered and mowed.

If anyone reading this would like to help, please send your donation to the Roaring Springs Lions Club; Attn: Corky Marshall, Secretary; P.O. Box 307; Roaring Springs, TX 79256.

Thank you,

Corky Marshall

News Around the County

Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

A part of some family's history has been lost to them but found in the hallway at the Roaring Springs School. A family Bible presented to Mrs. Tiny Hancock by Mr. Ora Hancock with the family register of John A. Babbitt and Tina A. Young who were married on the 27th day of June in 1915 in Jonesboro, TX, in Corryell County, will be kept for anyone in the family who wishes to claim it. Corky Marshall has the Bible and hopes that it will be claimed by its family. Families are special and many are trying to get information to complete family records and genealogy charts. We believe someone will want this. There are a few other names listed as well.

The happiest news in Roaring Springs is that in a small ceremony with family and friends, Buzz Thacker and Tincy Fondy were united in marriage, Saturday, January 19, at the Baptist Chapel in Slaton. Todd Terry, grandson of the bride performed the ceremony. Guests enjoyed a beautiful three-tiered wedding cake and punch at a reception that was held after the ceremony.

I talked with Dorothy Hipp in Lubbock this morning. Ruby Hipp is doing really well. Her

grandson, Gary Bruce of Dallas had come to visit her and Ruby was well enough to go out to dinner with him. Ruby's son, Charles Hipp is in need of our prayers. He has an aneurysm that is endangering his kidneys. The surgery needed is tricky and he is seeing another doctor for a second opinion this week.

About 25 family members of Lyndon Kingery traveled to Roaring Springs for his funeral. Most of them were from the Austin and the Dallas area. The funeral was held at the First Baptist Church and lunch was served for the family. We would like to thank everyone who brought food for this family.

Billy Stuckey is improving. Billie has been homebound with pain caused by the shingles.

Roaring Springs Writing Community group will meet at the Ken and Dinah Young's "yurt" in the Pecan Orchard, Roaring Springs, at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 26. A writing class will be led by Laverne Zabielski. If you are interested in this class, you are welcome to join us.

Some of you may not know that the deadline for news is now on Monday at 12:00 noon. If you have news, I would love to report it for you.

TxDOT Officials Explain Transportation Cash Crunch

Childress Local officials from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) are alerting community leaders that the state's transportation spending will be cut by more than a billion dollars for the current fiscal year. Area transportation projects will be delayed as a result of the cutbacks.

Statewide, TxDOT's construction budget for Fiscal Year 2008 is being reduced from approximately \$4.2 billion to \$3.1 billion. As a result two projects in TxDOT's Childress District will be delayed for the rest of the fiscal year.

Those projects include a \$2 million project on SH 208 in Dickens County to replace a bridge and widen and rehabilitate the roadway. Also, a \$4.8 million project on US 70 in Motley County, to mill and overlay the roadway.

"With revenues declining and costs increasing, we are running out of money to pay for new construction," said Childress District Engineer, Terry Keener, P.E. "To stay within our resources, we must shift our focus to maintaining the existing transportation system. We will protect the investment taxpayers have made in our existing highway and bridges."

Keener said that several factors contribute to the current cash flow situation.

External factors outside TxDOT's control: (1) The impact of inflation in the last five years, highway construction costs have increased 62 percent, and (2) The need to increase funding for maintenance.

Texas highways are showing the wear and tear of more traffic and maintenance funding must rise to keep pavement conditions from deteriorating further.

State Issues (1) The movement of state transportation dollars to pay for other state priorities. More than \$1.5 billion was moved from the state highway fund to pay for other state priorities in the 2008-2009 state budget; and (2) Restrictions on access to private sector investment. Recent leg-

islation imposed a broad moratorium on certain financing tools while legislators consider the appropriate level of private sector participation in transportation funding.

The uncertainty of federal funds; (1) the Highway Trust Fund is spending more money than it brings in, and the Office of Management and Budget predicts it will go \$4 billion in the negative in 2009; and (2) Rescissions in previously-promised contract authority total \$666 million for Texas in the last two years, and Texas faces the possibility of nearly \$950 million in additional rescissions by 2009.

Over-optimistic assumptions by TxDOT including (1) over-estimated growth in future federal transportation authorization bills. For planning purposes, we anticipated the future federal transportation bills would grow at a rate similar to other transportation funding bills in that past. Now, it does not appear that growth rate will occur; and (2) Projected Motor Fuel Tax collections did not anticipate higher gasoline costs which have slowed tax revenue over an extended period.

"Just like a family that reduces expenses to make ends meet, we will cut our costs," said Keener. "TxDOT is scrubbing our budget, and everything is on the table from bulldozers to paperclips."

The challenges to the state's transportation cash flow are not expected to end in Fiscal Year 2008. Delayed projects from 2008 and planned projects for the following year will face tough scrutiny as transportation officials consider how to spend a projected construction budget of \$2.5 to \$2.9 billion for Fiscal Year 2009.

"These are challenging times," Keener said. "No one knows local needs better than local officials. As we determine available funding for 2009 and beyond, local leaders will determine which projects will best meet our community's needs."

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

Bill just could not seem to get to work on time. Every day, five or ten minutes late. He was a good worker, real sharp, so the boss was in a quandary about what to do about it. Finally, one day the boss called Bill into the office for a talk.

"Bill, I have to tell you, I like your work ethics, but your being late is bothersome," the boss said.

"Yes, I know boss and I'm working on it," Bill said.

"Well, good. That is what I want to hear. It is odd though, your coming in late. I know you are retired from the Army. What did they say if you came in late there?"

"They said, 'Good morning, general,'" Bill replied.

THE REV. NATHAN AND KATHY MULDER HONORED AT FLOMOT BAPTIST CHURCH

Special services were held at the Flomot Baptist Church Sunday morning when the Rev. Gene Meacham of Plainview, the area missionary of the Caprock Plains Association at Wayland University, presented the Rev. Nathan Mulder and wife, Kathy a plaque commemorating their ministry at this church the past 20 years.

Guests included the daughters and families of the Mulders, Mr. and Mrs. Trent Hullard, Madison and Ashton of Lubbock and Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Poole, Jessica and Zackery of Atkin. They had a covered dish luncheon following the services.

BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATED

Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton was honored on her birthday, Monday January 14, with a luncheon at Billie Dean's Restaurant in Matador.

Enjoying the celebration were her nieces, Mrs. Brigid Brooks of Lubbock, Mrs. Lou Burleson of Floydada, Mrs. Marisue Powell of Mott Creek Ranch, Mrs. Waydetta Clay of Flomot, Mrs. Judy Renfro and Mrs. Dixie Campbell of Matador and nephew, Wilburn Martin of Flomot.

Visiting the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay and attending Jaxon Edwards birthday party Saturday afternoon in Turkey were Mrs. Lori Kleibrink and son, Kyler of Clifton and Mrs. Joy Barham and Mrs. Brenda Davis of Hart.

Mrs. Keri Sehon and son, Brian of Ropesville visited Friday and Saturday with her parents, Kathy and Clois Shorter. Mr. and Mrs. Shorter accompanied her mother, Mrs. Geneva Martin to Lubbock, Monday for medical tests.

Richard and Trina Rogers of Lubbock and Donnie Rogers of Flomot were luncheon guests Sunday of Mrs. B. Rogers.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay attended the exciting basketball game in Panhandle Tuesday night in which granddaughter, Kelsey Clay competed. Panhandle defeated Canadian team by just one point! Kelsey is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Clay.

Jaxon Edwards, son of Julie and Neal Edwards of Turkey, celebrated his fourth birthday Saturday afternoon with a Superman party and all the trimmings. His aunt, Mrs. Lori Kleibrink of Clifton made him a colorful Superman cake. Special guests were his grandparents, Anna Beth and Joe Ike Clay of Flomot, Mrs. Pat Rice of Lubbock and Freddie Edwards of Petersburg.

Travis and Linda Kendall were in Cottonwood, Arizona, from Thursday until Tuesday. They attended the funeral services on Saturday of friend, Aubry Cromer.

Floyd T. Starkey of Ralls accompanied his uncle, Johnie Starkey to Amarillo, Friday for a medical appointment at the Veterans' Hospital. He received a good report.

B. Rogers and son, Donnie Rogers enjoyed the Globe Trotters basketball game Friday night held at the Civic Center in Amarillo.

Lindsay Martin of Amarillo visited Tuesday with her grandfather, Wilburn Martin.

Waydetta and Ronald Clay visited Friday with Doyle Calvert, a patient at the Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

Carolyn and Arnold Johnson and daughter Kayla Guest of Turkey met their other daughter and family, Lucretia, Breck, and Britany Dockery of Vernon in Childress Sunday. They celebrated Britany's 13th birthday with lunch at K-Bob's Restaurant.

Matador News

Bobby Williams and brother Clyde (Jelly) Williams spent four days with Pete Williams in Covenant Cardiac Care Unit.

Nedra Clifton celebrated her 84th birthday on Saturday, January 19. D'Vonna Grundy prepared a birthday lunch in her honor, and she received phone calls from her friends and family in Spur.

Joyce Campbell spent Tuesday, January 15, with her daughter-in-law in Idalou. Also visiting was granddaughter JoBeth Campbell.

Jesse Turner attended the Mid-Winter Blue Grass Festival in Amarillo on January 17-19. After a long illness, Pete Williams is at Specialty Hospital, Room #218., 3815 20th St., Lubbock, 79410.

Dahl and Dwight Clower of Amarillo visited with their mother, Virgie Clower, at Hackberry Creek Care Center on Monday.

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County Agent's News

by Ryan Martin, Extension Agent



NEWS FROM THE LITTLE CREAMERY

4-H inspires new ice cream from Blue Bell

BRENHAM - In honor of the Texas 4-H organization's 100th birthday, Blue Bell Creameries is introducing Centennial Cupcake Ice Cream. To sweeten the deal, the Little Creamery is donating a portion of the sales to promote 4-H educational programs. Centennial Cupcake Ice Cream is a delicious cake batter ice cream with pieces of yellow cake, a chocolate icing swirl and four-leaf clover sprinkles.

"We just finished celebrating our 100th birthday so we understand just how special this is," said Paul Kruse, Blue Bell CEO and president. "Centennial Cupcake is the perfect ice cream to help commemorate this momentous occasion. It has all the ingredients for a celebration, cake and ice cream. The four-leaf clover sprinkles give it that special touch."

4-H is a national organization which prides itself on teaching young people across America leadership, citizenship and life skills. There are more than 7 million members from eight to 18 years of age involved in 4-H.

Centennial Cupcake Ice Cream will be sold in Texas and across the company's 17-state distribution area. "4-H is a na-

Join us in celebrating the 100th Anniversary of 4-H!



tional organization that benefits so many young people," Kruse said. "Our inspiration for the flavor came from the Texas organization's 100th birthday, but we felt it was important to recognize all 4-H groups."

Blue Bell has also created a unique carton for this new flavor. It features four children in 4-H T-shirts and the organization's widely recognized four-leaf emblem.

"We worked with 4-H to create something that symbolizes what they are all about," Kruse said. "The organization is for the kids. I think the smiling faces capture the spirit of this organization just perfectly." Centennial Cupcake Ice Cream will be available in stores in mid-February.

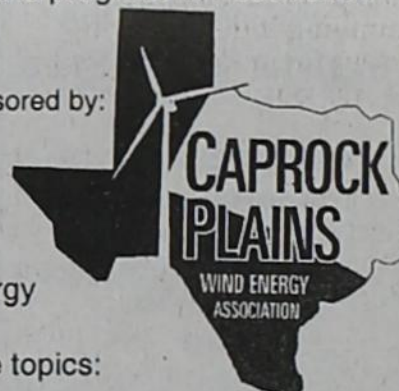
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Thursday, January 31, 2008, 7:00 PM

Floyd County Friends Unity Center

For more information:

Dora Ross, 983-3318 or 983-1709

Eddie Foster, 652-3351 or 983-7224

Thursday, February 7, 2008, 7:00 PM

Akin Elementary School Cafeteria, Hale Center

For more information:

Dora Ross, 983-3318 or 983-1709

Steve Stokes, 293-8311

Joe McRerrin, 292-2639

Jimmy Lewis, 296-6643

Thursday, February 28, 2008, 7:00 PM

Motley County Courtroom

For more information:

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Trail Dust



March 12, 1936

Most men never cease to little boys at heart, especially if a certain measure of success has followed years of labor allowing them enough leisure and money to provide the essentials to return to the unfinished pleasures of childhood. It is difficult to replace the sheets on time's calendar when many have been torn away in terrific haste and some lost in the storm and struggle for security, while much of the color has been bleached away beneath the merciless sun of reality. They often grow tired of a splendid toy before half its paint is gone and without bothering to put it away, begin looking over the yard fence to see what the neighboring grey-haired boy is doing. Restless and a little lonely there is in their hearts the unforgettable memory of boyhood joys from which life hurried them away too soon and vainly they try to re-capture the extravagant hours.

The happiest men are those who make play of their life work, using real trains, bridges, buildings as glorified toys and the world as their playground. There is no break in the interest then, although the games may become more involved and demand more thought as their magnitude is increased.

Easy Money Vocabulary Quiz

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

rattle means:

- endangerment
- clatter
- detergent
- picture

pugnacious means:

- occult
- quarrelsome
- many
- sacred

redux means:

- uptight
- brought back
- honeycombed
- remarkable

pernicious means:

- stylish
- deadly
- extrasensory
- flirtatious

Roaring Springs City Council meets

Council seeking new electric plan

The Roaring Springs City Council met in regular session on January 14, in the City Hall Conference Room.

A following Council was present, consisting of Mayor Corky Marshall, Mayor Pro Tem Alex Crowder, Council Members Kelly Keltz and Patricia Green; and City Secretary, Zella Palmer. Not attending were Council Members, Timmy Brooks and Gary Simpson.

The Council voted unanimously to replace a part of the main sewer line at the school grounds.

According to Mayor Marshall, the sewer line that goes to some homes, and the Kenneth Marshall rental storage and

camp sites, located on 3rd Street by the school house, is in need of repair.

In other business, the Council voted to get an estimated cost to repair the roof of the old school house.

The City has cleaned out the high school building, and rented the building for storage, however, "the roof is leaking pretty bad," Marshall said.

The Council also discussed changing to a different electric provider.

"The City currently uses West Texas Utilities. We are looking to see if we can find a cheaper rate," Marshall said.

TxDOT Reminder: Campaign signs on state highway right of way illegal

TxDOT would like to remind Texans that under state law, it is a class C misdemeanor to place any sign on state highway right of way. The penalty for violating this law is a fine of up to \$500 per sign.

"Sign" is defined as any outdoor sign, display, light device, figure, painting, drawing, message, plaque, or other thing that is designed and/or intended to advertise or inform. Anyone running for office is reminded that it is illegal to put any sign on state highway right of way without authorization. TxDOT's regulatory authority allows the immediate removal of a sign placed on state highway right of way without prior notice, if the sign is not authorized by state law or approved by TxDOT.

It cost TxDOT money every time we have to remove a sign, says Barbara Seal, Public Information Officer.

We have to use our maintenance funds that could be better utilized for repairs to the roadway.

It is illegal to place a campaign sign on private property with the owner's permission; however, they must meet some basic criteria. The sign must be made of lightweight material and can be up to 50 square feet in size. Signs may be placed as early as 90 days before an election, but no earlier. Signs must be removed within 10 days after the election.

The law does not just apply to campaign signs. It is illegal to put any sign, including garage sale and business signs on state highway right of way without authorization.

For more information about this or any other TxDOT project call Barbara Seal, TxDOT Public Information Officer at 940-937-7288.

UNSUNG HEROES

You may want to watch out for Steve Byrd in his golf cart if you are downtown Roaring Springs.

Steve is everywhere; and he is happy. He sweeps at Graham's and the Hitchin' Post, puts the American flag up and takes it down at the Post Office, and is the official "Greeter" at the Roaring Springs Baptist Church.

"You can't get ahead of Steve," Mayor Corky Marshall said. He prepares communion on Sundays, and volunteers his time for service at the church, making coffee and cleaning.

In addition to being a Roaring Springs ambassador, "Steve is always happy," Marshall said.

You will often see his happy face with children. "He loves all the children," Marshall said, adding, "and the children love him." He might swing them at the park, help them eat an ice cream cone, or give them a ride in his golf cart at the Fourth of July Parade.



There are some people in a community that are sorely missed if they are sick, or absent from their self-appointed rounds. Steve is an important part of the Roaring Springs community, and a true "unsung hero."

Steve volunteered to work with children in after school and summer programs for a number of years. The community sponsored a Neighborhood Bible Club for 3- to 4-year olds, and Steve helped serve refreshments to more than 25 children in summer programs at the park.

RETRO NEWS

Matador Tribune
January 30th 1936

AUTO LICENSE MUST BE PAID IN COLD CASH

No Checks Accepted For New Plates

A check book will not be of any use when you go after the new Centennial license plates for 'Old Lizzie' this year. Nothing but the cold coin or the currency of the land will be accepted in exchange for license according to a statement issued by sheriff, tax collector and assessor, J. E. Skinner, this week. "No exception can be made," Sheriff Skinner declared, "and public notices will be posted to avoid as much inconvenience as possible. We can accept check for taxes buy only cash for motor vehicle license."

Happy 94th Birthday Cora Hall

Cora currently lives on Whidbey Island in Washington. She spent many years in Matador and enjoys reading the Tribune and writing letters. Her new address is 827 Farmington Dr. Greenbank, WA 98253

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What is 4A and 4B sales tax?

- Projects that improve a community's quality of life, including parks, professional and amateur sport and athletic facilities, tourism and entertainment facilities, affordable housing, and other improvements or expenditures that promote new or expanded business activity that create or retain primary jobs.

- Projects designed to attract new military missions, prevent the closure of existing missions, and redevelop a closed or realigned military base.

- Sewer or solid waste disposal facilities in Hidalgo County.

- Direct incentives for retail development in communities with fewer than 20,000 residents and certain land-locked cities.

- Hangars, airport maintenance and repair facilities, air cargo facilities, related infrastructure located on or adjacent to an airport facility.

- Airport facilities provided that the eligible municipality enter into an approved development agreement with an entity that acquires a leasehold or other possessory interest from the economic development corporation.

OBITUARIES

Ethel 'Dena' Meador, 79, of Matador died peacefully Tuesday, January 15, 2008, at University Medical Center in Lubbock, surrounded by family.

Graveside services were at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, January 19, at East Mound Cemetery in Matador, officiated by Michael G. Crowley, Sr., and the Rev. Matt Crawford. Services are under the direction of Seigler Funeral home of Matador.

Dena was born June 1, 1928, in Hollis, Oklahoma, to Dickey and Julia Couch, the youngest of five children. The past three years Mrs. Meador had been a resident of the Floydada Nursing Center and more recently the Hackberry Creek Care Center in Matador.

She had lived in Matador since 1954. She was preceded in death by her husband, Charlie Meador in 1984. The couple were married 30 years and were the parents of five sons. Dena and Charlie had a fun-loving, devoted marriage and Charlie lovingly referred to her as the Queen Bee.

Dena was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and a devoted friend. She loved her Lord and studied His word daily. She had enjoyed taking drives and admiring the scenery, walking and gardening and

visiting with friends. She worked for many years as a Custodian at the Motley County Courthouse and the First State Bank in Matador. Dena faithfully attended the First Assembly of God Church in Matador for many years. She was a member of the First Baptist Church. In Addition to her beloved husband, she was preceded in death by her parents, three sisters, one brother, and one grandson.

She is survived by five sons: Larry Dunn and wife Patricia of Little Elm; Doug Meador and wife Barbara of Ozona; Dan Meador and wife Sarah of Tinton Falls, NJ; Jim Meador and wife Carla of Matador; and John Meador and wife Pam of Gatesville; 11 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by one brother, Wesley Couch of DeLeon, several nieces and nephews, and friends.

The family request memorials be made to the Hackberry Creek Care Center of Matador or the East Mound Cemetery Association.

On behalf of the entire family, the sons of Dena Meador wish to express special thanks to Jim and Carla Meador for all their devoted and loving care of their mother over the past few years.

Pease River Opry takes the stage

The National Swing Band of Texas with Shane Vandiver as lead vocalist will be back on stage at the Pease River Playhouse, Saturday, January 26 at 7pm.

Enjoy the atmosphere of the Western WPA built rock gymnasium turned entertainment venue. Along with lead vocalist from Electra Shane Vandiver, guest artists include: Pam Foster from Childress singing favorite hymns; Quannah's Father and Daughter team Darryl and Marissa Sparkman; Melissa Mount, Vernon; Gina Seedig, Vernon; Fred Glover, Crowell; Maria and Ronnie Dale Shultz.

Joining the band on Jan 26 will be Childress's own, a legend himself, Gene Curry.

Mr. Curry has spent over 40 years teaching, writing, and playing music. He has written and arranged music for The Miss Texas Pageant, West Texas Telethon, Jr. High and High School bands in four states, Texas Tech, University of Texas, Howard Payne University, and The Oklahoma Baptist Symphony Orchestra. He has published piano scores for choral groups with "Warner Bros-MGM." He has also played piano and sax for such notables as The Ice Capades, Holiday on Ice, Bob Hope, Patsy Cline, The Johnny Ray Show, Bobby Vinton, James Darren, Brenda Lee, and The Judds.

Stevie Story, fiddler extraordinaire, began playing violin when he was six years old and went on to receive his bachelors at University of Central Oklahoma and masters at Wichita State. At the tender age of 18, his college roommate and jazz trumpeter gave him a recording of Stephane Grappelli, and he fell in love with this music called "jazz". Gene has performed with The Dallas Symphony, The Wichita Symphony, Willie Nelson, Ricky Van Shelton, Steve Wariner, Curtis Potter and many other notables. He has been featured artist at the Denton Jazz and Arts Festival. We look forward to a sampling of his new solo project "Its Alright with Me".

Did you know a local Quannah, Donald Drake, wrote "Please Release Me"? And Crowell native Stuart Hamblen wrote "It is No Secret What God Can Do." And "This Old House"?

Come on out and see what other great music and musicians came from this area of West Texas. Dr. James Horner, Cameron University, Lawton, Oklahoma, will MC the Opry and lead the band and performers down memory lane in a historical review of Country Western music.

Throughout the year the Playhouse will host the Pease River Opry, Gospel Music, and live Theatre. If you would like to be on our mailing list, contact us at phone 940-674-2477.

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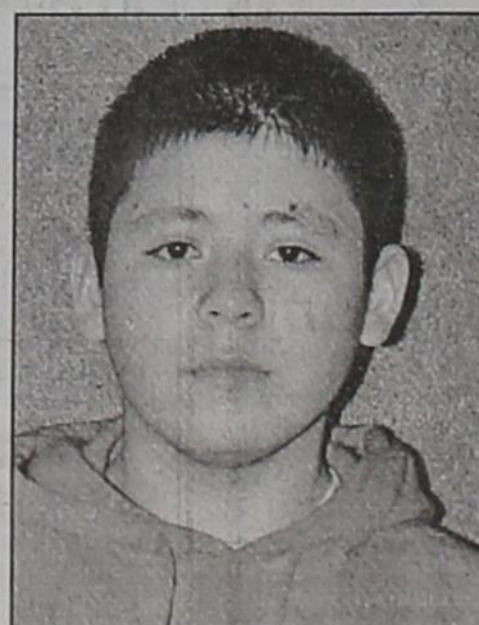


CapRock Tv



Mattie Brooks

Fourth grader is the daughter of Tina and Timmy Brooks. Her activities include gymnastics, PIPS, hunting, 4-H and Little Dribblers. She would like to become a Veterinarian or Zoo Keeper.



Keyan Kautz

Jr. High eighth grader, is the son of Bobby and Yolanda Kautz. He enjoys reading, listening to music and spending time with his family. He plans to attend art school and get a job as a cartoonist.



Kerrie Valdez

Senior, lives with her aunt and uncle, Robert and Olivia Osborn. Her activities include cross country, basketball, and golf. She plans to attend South Plains College and go into child development.

Lubbock Symphony Orchestra sponsors classical education for area students

The 5th and 6th grade students at Motley County elementary attended a performance of the Lubbock Symphony Orchestra and Ballet Tuesday, January 15.

"Typically, only 5th graders attend the concert," teacher Lori Alexander said, "but our 6th graders missed out last year, so we 'snuck them in' this year. Since they're such a small class, we thought they too could use 'a bit of culture,'" she said.

Students were encouraged to dress nicely and reminded of concert etiquette before going on the trip. Students also spent some time in class discussing the Orient Express

and nationalism which were the themes of this year's performance.

"I feel it is very important for students at Motley County to have the opportunity to be exposed to the arts, particularly through music," Alexander said, "especially since we live in such a rural area and our school has a very limited music program and no band."

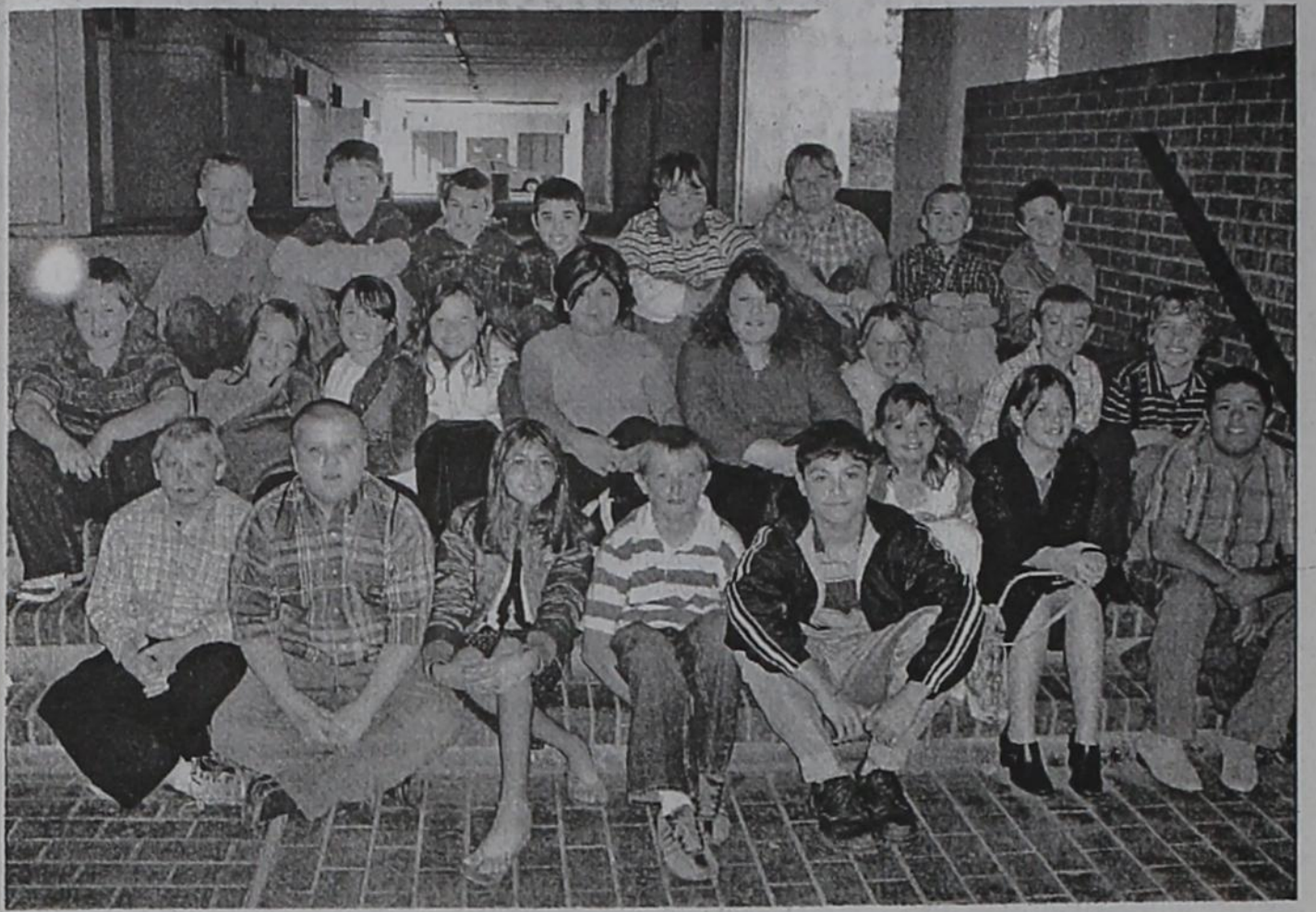
However, Alexander said, "many of the students have participated in the UIL Music Memory contest where they memorize classical music pieces and composers. Those students at least have an idea of the parts of the orchestra and have been exposed to some classical music," she said.

"After the performance the students got to go eat at Furr's at the 'All You Can Eat Buffet,'" Alexander said. "No one went away hungry!"

And speaking of Motley County Pride, Alexander has reviews for the behavior of students participating.

"As always when we participate in events such as this where other schools are involved, I am always so proud of how well-behaved our students are in comparison," she said.

"I think it's a reflection of the good manners they are learning at home. We always get compliments from even strangers. It's just another example of our Motley County Pride."



5th and 6th grade students from Motley County attended a concert in Lubbock, performed by the Lubbock Symphony Orchestra and the Lubbock Ballet. Exposing students to classical music is the focus of an educational concert series, *All Aboard the Orient Express!*

Bigham named coach of the year

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Mike Bigham, All State and Lubbock Avalanche Journal Coach of the Year.

"Casey did a great job of blocking all year long, paving the way for two running backs with over 2,000 yards each," Coach Bigham said.

"We feel that Casey was definitely the best blocking center in the state. He played in the State Championship game with an injured knee, and he had a great game," Coach Bigham said.

"This type of effort shows how tough and determined Casey and our team was this year," Coach Bigham said.

Coach Bigham was named the Six-Man Division II and Lubbock AJ Coach of the Year.

"It has been great to see Coach Bigham get recognition for the great job he has done here at Motley County," Superintendent Randy Brown said.

"He has been great for our athletic program and school," Brown said. "Some people questioned him when he left Silverton to come here, but he had a vision of what he could achieve here and he got it done."

"Most importantly, he has challenged these young men to achieve more than they ever thought they could," Brown said.

"It's going to be fun to see them take the lessons they have learned here and apply them to their life."

"Coach Bigham is a great young coach with a bright future ahead of him," Brown said, adding, "he has revived a great tradition here at Motley County."



Judy Cooper, Carolyn Johnson, Kathy Blanco sort out the State Champion t-shirts.

Students review symphony and ballet

My favorite part about going to the symphony was the Can Can and the "Radetzky March." Then we got to go to Furr's. One day I would like to go back.
Korbyn

Going to the symphony was fun because of the music and going to Furr's to eat. I liked the triangle. It was fun to watch the girl hit it.
Braden

My favorite part was the ballet dancers dancing to the music. The danced to the "Dance suite."
Catherine

I enjoyed the songs and how funny it was when the director moved around.
Jamie

It was the most awesome thing I've ever seen. The music sounded very good. I wish we could go back.
Shayla

My favorite part about the symphony was hearing the violin, again. My favorite song was "Orpheus in the Underworld." One day I hope to finish my violin lessons with my own violin.
Tallon

My favorite thing about going to the symphony was the Waltz. It was just fantastic to listen to. The conductor knew how to direct the people with the instruments. They knew how to play the strings, the brass, the percussion, and the woodwinds. They were excellent when the conductor did the moves. It sounded like heaven. It was just so great.
Shelby

I had the best time at the symphony. I got to listen to all of the different kinds of music and see how they play it. I loved the way the conductor was going to forget the part when it came to all the different songs.
Meagan

The best part was listening to the tunes and going to Furr's to eat. You had to listen to the music. My favorite song was "Radetzky March" when we clapped.
Caleb

My favorite thing about the symphony was that the ballerinas were doing different moves and my favorite song was "Orpheus in the Underworld."
Gabby

It was a great and extraordinary experience. My favorite piece was the "Can-Can."
Conner

I really liked the last song and it was really fun.
Dillon

The best thing about going to the symphony was to listen to the music. My favorite song was the Radetzky March because we got to clap. I thought the conductor was going to have a heart attack because of his movement.
Hayden

My favorite thing about the symphony was watching the conductor act like he was about to have a heart attack.
Seth

What I liked about the symphony is when the conductor moved so fast and funny. The song I liked even more was "Orpheus in the Underworld."
Michael

My favorite song was the Bauern Polka. It was funny when the conductor did his actions. I liked the ballerinas because they spun around. After we left we went to Furr's and ate. It was delicious.
Cassidy

The symphony was very fun. My favorite part was the Can Can and the Viennese Waltz. I would go there again if I could.
Virginia

The music was great! The conductor was very enthusiastic.
Colby

It was great! Hundreds of people.
Jacob

I liked the way the conductor moved his head. I also liked the song called Can Can. I hope we get to go there again someday.
Logan

The best part about the symphony was the ballet and the "Underworld," and going to eat at Furr's.
Allison

The best part I liked was to clap. It was funny when they moved their boy. I liked the drum player playing the drums. Going to eat at Furr's was fun, too.
Luis

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Church of Christ

Highway 70, Matador
Sunday
Bible Class 10:00, Worship 11:00, Evening 6:00
Wednesday Evening 7:00

Assembly Of God

910 Bundy, Matador
Sunday
School 10:00, Worship 10:50, Evening 6:00
Wednesday Evening 6:00

Macedonia Baptist Church

230 Hunter, Matador
Sunday
School 9:45, Worship 11:00

Flomot Baptist Church

Flomot, Tx
Sunday
School 10:00, Worship 11:00, Evening 6:30

Flomot Church of Christ

Flomot, Tx
Sunday
Worship 10:30
Wednesday Evening 7:00

Roaring Springs Full Gospel Church

603 2nd St., Roaring Springs
Sunday
School 9:30, Worship 10:30, Evening 6:00
Wednesday Evening 7:00

First United Methodist Church

Downtown on Broadway, Roaring Springs
Sunday, 9:30

Roaring Springs First Baptist Church

310 Broadway
Sunday
School 9:30, Worship 10:45, Evening 6:00
Wednesday Evening 6:00

Church of Christ

3rd & Walnut, Roaring Springs
Sunday
Worship 9:00, School 10:00
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State adopts rules to promote clean energy projects

Incentives will mean more, cleaner power for Texas

AUSTIN, Texas — Texas House Energy Resources Committee Chairman Rick Hardcastle of Vernon today applauded the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for adopting final rules for the implementation of House Bill 3732, the most significant clean energy bill approved by the Texas Legislature in 2007.

Using a mix of tax, financial and regulatory incentives, HB 3732 encourages the development of clean energy projects, will help local communities build clean power facilities, and will spur energy companies in Texas to make existing plants cleaner.

The legislation gives Texas the most stringent emissions standards in the nation for plants seeking to be designated as advanced clean energy projects.

"The rules adopted by TCEQ will maintain the focus of this legislation on the development in Texas of new clean energy projects. I commend the TCEQ and its staff for a thorough analysis of HB 3732 and for adopting rules that carry out the intent of the legislation," said Hardcastle, the author of HB 3732.

A 1994 amendment to the Texas Constitution allows owners of pollution-control equipment to apply for exemptions from ad valorem taxes on that equipment. The process for granting those exemptions at the TCEQ, however, has been lengthy and the new rules will expedite that process.

Hardcastle pointed out the Texas Conference of Urban

Counties and the Texas Taxpayers and Research Association supported the new rules, testifying at the TCEQ hearing that HB 3732 is unlikely to adversely affect county tax revenues.

Don Lee, executive director of the counties association, testified that all equipment and property that will be eligible for tax exemptions under HB 3732 are already eligible for exemption.

HB 3732 "didn't change or expand the kinds of property that could be tax exempt, but simply provided an expedited review process," Lee said in his testimony.

The rules adopted by TCEQ also include a list of equipment that the commission would consider exempt, consistent with the legislative language in HB 3732.

"The energy projects that will be developed under HB 3732 are facilities that all Texans should be proud of," Hardcastle said. State Sen. Kip Averitt of Waco sponsored the bill in the Senate.

To be designated as an advanced clean energy project, and to be eligible for the incentives, under the TCEQ rules, an energy plant in Texas will have to meet the following emission standards — emission goals the federal government has set as targets for the year 2020:

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Governor's award for historic preservation

SAN ANTONIO, Texas — The Texas Historical Commission (THC) recognized the San Antonio Conservation Society (SACS) with the prestigious Governor's Award for Historic Preservation on Jan. 18 at a reception at the Southwest School of Art and Craft in San Antonio. Gov. Rick Perry presented the award to SACS President Marcie Ince.

"Texas is blessed to have organizations like the San Antonio Conservation Society to play a vital role in preserving our state's rich history for the enjoyment and education of future generations," said Gov. Perry. "I am pleased to honor the Society with this award, and hope they will continue their good work."

The Governor's Award is the THC's most prestigious preservation honor and was created to recognize the outstanding achievement of an individual or organization in preserving Texas' prehistoric and historic heritage.

Founded in 1924, the SACS is one of the oldest and most active community preservation groups in the United States. SACS's mission is to protect and encourage the preservation of historic buildings, objects, places and customs relating to the history of Texas. The Society has strived to protect a number of historical structures that are key to San Antonio's success as a visitor destination, including the city's Spanish colonial missions, as well as various downtown districts and landmarks.

Two other notable SACS projects include Casa Navarro and the Ursuline Convent and Chapel, where the award presentation took place. Casa Navarro State Historic Site, recently acquired by the THC, includes three limestone buildings

built in 1850 by famed Texas patriot Jose Antonio Navarro. When the site was threatened by street widening, the SACS's advocacy helped save the complex. SACS went on to purchase and

restore the property as a museum in the 1960s, resulting in its eventual listing on the National Register of Historic Places in 1972. The Ursuline complex, now the Southwest School of Art and Craft, was pur

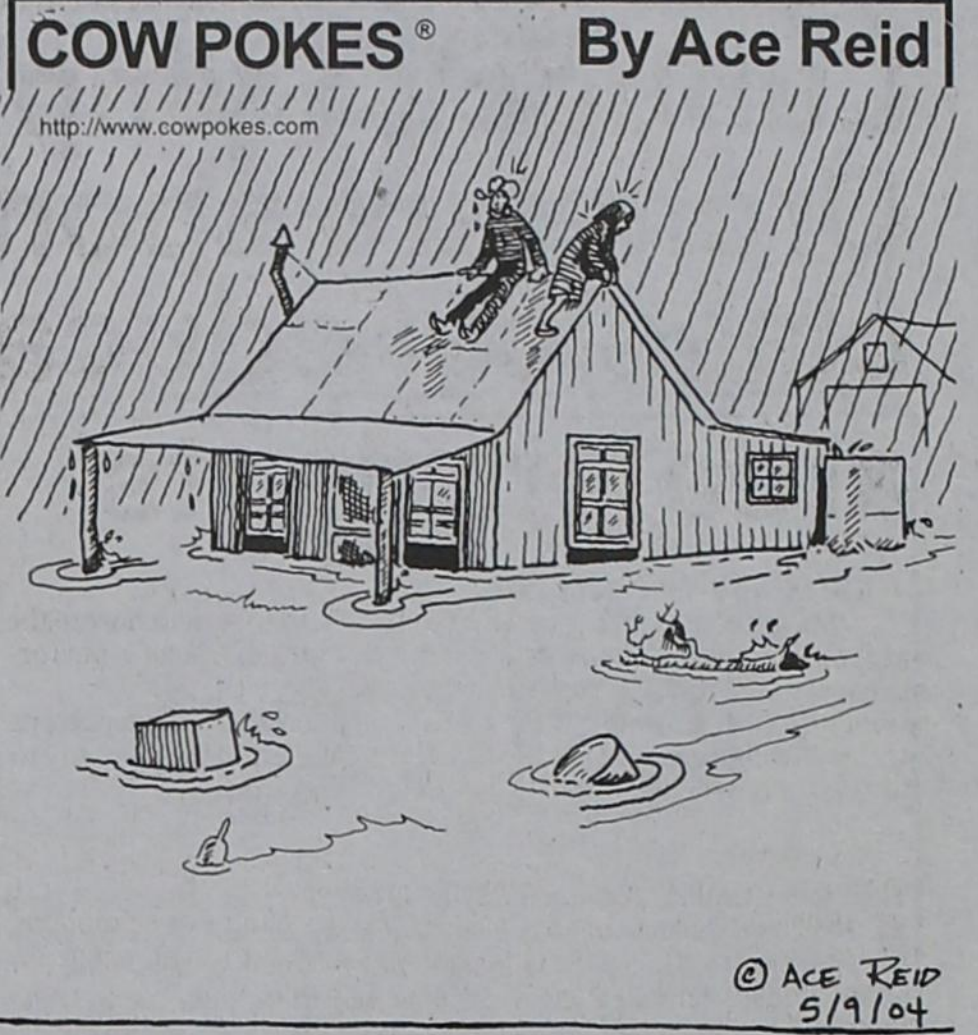
chased in stages by SACS beginning in 1965. SACS was instrumental in preserving this largest known example of rammed earth construction in Texas, which has been recognized by the 2006 National Preservation Honor Award from the National Trust for Historic Preservation and is listed as a Registered Texas Historical Landmark.

"In 1924, when the founders of the San Antonio Conservation Society penned the purpose of their new organization, 'to keep the history of Texas legible and intact,' they set the stage for the far-reaching accomplishments of today," said SACS President Marcie Ince. "We are truly honored by this prestigious award."

Originally founded by 13 women, the SACS community has grown to more than 2,500 members who work with the city of San Antonio, Bexar County and a host of other organizations to accomplish shared historic preservation goals. Since 1948, the SACS has hosted the annual Fiesta week activity "A Night in Old San Antonio" in historic La Villita, which has helped to fund the society's diverse preservation projects throughout the city.

THC Vice-Chair David Gravelle, who assisted in presenting the award, said, "If the way we care for our history reflects how we honor those Texans who have gone before us, then the San Antonio Conservation Society cares deeply and for that the Texas Historical Commission says a most sincere, Texas-sized thank you."

The Texas Historical Commission is the state agency for historic preservation. The agency administers a variety of programs to preserve the archeological, historical and cultural resources of Texas.



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- 25 Writing Workshop, Library Noon
- 26 Pease River Opry, 7pm, Goodlet, TX
- 27 Library Performance & Review 2pm
By Laverne Zabielski & Larry Vogt
- 28 American Legion Post 337, Senior Citizen Center, 7pm
- 28 Jr. High MC vs Valley, home, 6:30
- 29 MC VS Patton Springs, home, 6:30
- 30 Blood Donor Month, MC ISD 11-2:30

February

- 1 MC HS BB, Silverton, There 6:30/8:00
- 2 MC JRH BB, Valley Turn, TBA
- 2 Men's Breakfast Methodist Church 7:00am
- 4 MC JRH BB, Silverton, There, 5:30
- 5 MC HS BB, Paducah, Here, 6:30/8:00
- 5 Matador Lions, Methodist Church, 12:30
- 5 Matador Lions Pancake Supper 5:30 pm
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- 7 RS Lions, Hitchin' Post 11:30
- 7 Friends of the Library, 3pm
- 9 First Baptist Church annual ladies salad luncheon 12N at FBC. Speaker is Debbie Skimmer, a Bible teacher with a paintbrush
- 11 RS City Council, City Hall, 6:30pm
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