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"Grazers in the Cotton"

Photo by Ken Young

Titus Foundation meets Finalizes scholarship and grant criteria

By Juliana S. Koelbl

Foundation board members met Friday, January 23rd to discuss the specifics of monies held in trust by the Titus foundation, a foundation set up by James and Oneita Titus. Foundation monies totaled \$500,000 at the onset but the balance is currently \$373,115.65 due to market decline.

James Titus, in an effort to give back to the community of Matador to which he credits the happiest two years of his childhood and giving him his long time sweetheart Oneida, donated a sum of 500,000 to establish an educational foundation for the children of Motley County. Mr. Titus's early years in Matador were a key reason for his desire

to help the youth in this community. He has never forgotten the businessmen of Matador who in the late 1930's, moved him into town, gave him a place to live, a job and clothing, all to make it easier for him to excel at his school in Matador.

Members of the Foundation in attendance were: Earl Morse, Cathy Morton, Ed D. Smith, David Stafford, Russell Alexander, Andrew Siegrist, Marisue Powell, Pat Smith and Corky Marshall. Juliana S. Koelbl was also in attendance as a representative of the Motley County Tribune. Mr. Titus regrettably could not attend due to personal obligations but sent word he would try to attend the next meeting. Edward Fritz was also not in attendance.

Criteria for college scholarships as well as the teacher mini-grants were discussed, and additionally, in an effort to support absolute objectivity for the scholarship committee, the scoring matrix for scholarships was also discussed at length.

Criteria required for a scholarship award in order of importance are: GPA scores, leadership roles, extracurricular activities at school (including UIL), hand written essay, community activity, work history, ACT/SAT scores, and letters of recommendation. It was stated that board members would not be allowed to write letters of recommendation.

The ACT score criterion was discussed thoroughly after Russell Alexander

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James and Oneita Titus Educational Foundation Public Announcement

James and Oneita Titus have established an educational foundation for the purposes of providing scholarships to Motley County ISD seniors and mini-grants to teachers in MCISD.

Every senior at Motley County ISD is eligible to apply. Each senior student that applies and submits all required information will receive a \$1,000.00 scholarship. Moreover, the scholarships will be available to the students in the amount of \$2,000.00 each year for four years. A total of five scholarships in the amount of \$8,000.00 may be awarded. At no time will the scholarship exceed the total cost of tuition and books including other grants. Seniors of Motley County ISD must make application for a scholarship by the March 1, 2009 deadline.

Students are required to submit

the application forms and also a hand-written essay responding to the following questions: 1) What are your career plans/long term goals? 2) How will you give back to the community? 3) Why is a scholarship important to your college goals? 4) Why should you receive this scholarship? Each student's application will include a history of their extracurricular activities at Motley County ISD, cumulative GPA and ACT scores, leadership roles, community activity and work history. Students will also need to supply three letters of recommendation to the selection committee. The student scholarship selection committee includes two Motley County ISD faculty members Mrs. Shelley Cox, Mrs. Kathy Gillespie and one adjunct faculty member from Lubbock Christian Univer-

sity Dr. Cathy Morton.

Motley County ISD teachers may apply for mini-grants from the Titus Foundation in the amount of \$1,500.00 per teacher, per year. Every teacher at Motley County ISD is eligible to apply for a mini-grant. The purpose of the mini-grant is to allow teachers the opportunity to purchase supplies, materials or programs that will improve the quality of education provided in the classroom. The application deadline for a teacher mini-grant is April 1, 2009. The selection committee for teacher mini-grants is Mr. William Cochran, principal, Mrs. Jan Jones secondary faculty member and Mrs. Pam Thacker retired adjunct faculty member, all of Motley County ISD.

Wildfire season hands MVFD a busy month

By Matt Crawford with assistance from the AP & Lubbock A-J.

Wildfire season is here and one of the few things experts can agree on in forecasting the extent of this year's threat: Lots of rain or snow soon would help.

With the devastating 2005-06 wildfire season that scorched more than 3.5 million acres in more than 10,000 separate fires in West and North Texas still fresh in so many minds, forecasting this year's wildfire season seems critical.

This year already, high winds and dry weather has made conditions favorable for wildfires to ignite and burn across Texas, where fires have destroyed six houses, killed a man and blackened about 6,200 acres of grassland.

Sandra Rideout-Hanzak, an assistant professor and researcher at Texas Tech's Fire Ecology Center, said "Despite the lack of rain and the countless fires across the South Plains so far this season, such wildfires are not indicative of a repeat of 2006. Instead," she said, "this winter's fires are an expected, natural product of wildfire season. We're much better off than this time in 2006," Sandra said crediting the Sept. 11 rainfall and fewer extremely windy days reducing the wildfire threat. "I don't believe we're at the level of danger."

Nick Harrison, a spokesman for the Texas Forest Service, said the low humidity and high winds have created hazardous conditions across the state. "We're critically dry across the state," he said.

Motley County has felt the

effects of these conditions in the first month of 2009. January saw above average numbers of fires. January typically has six calls. MVFD responded to two structure fires, two wrecks, and seven wild land fires so far this month.

On the administrative side of the department; at the first business meeting of each year, new officers for the department were voted on. Seasoned veterans filled the significant duties while some fresh faces will learn responsibilities and duties associated with their new position.

Giving the department leadership with the experience of being a professional firefighter and seasoned veteran will be Fire Chief Lee Jones.

Sharing the responsibilities and backing Lee up will be 1st Assistant Fire Chief Brent

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Student Council makes appreciation presentation at school board meeting

The Motley County Independent School District Board of Education met in regular session on January 19. Board members present were David Stafford, Tina Brooks, J. D. Russell, Mark Seigler, Gilbert Guerrero, and Lewis Drum. Don Baxter entered at 8:50pm. Also present were Superintendent Dr. Andrew Seigrist, Business Manager Denise Ford, and William Cochran.

First on the agenda was a presentation by two student council representatives, Shane'a Russell and Courtney Alexander. The presentation was an expression of appreciation from the student body to the members of the school board. A proclamation

was read and the members were presented with a certificate.

In business matters the minutes from the last meeting were approved and there was a financial report that stated the usual list of expenditures and a letter from the TEA concerning an adjustment of funds that gave the school some monies from the previous two school years. There was also discussion about the HVAC units that need to be replaced. The board approved the engagement of Williams, Meriwether, Smith & Co, LLP as the auditing firm for the 2008/2009 school year. There was discussion concerning the age and condition of all the buses.

Contracts were approved for one elementary teacher, Randa Green, and one secondary teacher, Jessica Ballard. In the superintendent's report several items were presented and discussed including copy machine upgrades, Lockney ISD needs, replacement of the blower motor in the Ag shop, and the school year book which will be in color for the first time.

The Board then took a break to enjoy some cake given by the Family and Consumer Science class. After the break, the Board went into executive session to discuss purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property and also some personnel matters.

THIS WEEK'S NEWS

Matador News

Nineteen units of blood were collected during the National Honor Society blood drive.

School News

4th grade constructed models of historic Alamo mission as a culmination of studying Texas History.

Writing Community

Features poems by Dorothy Pope and Laverne Zabielski.

Library News

Next book for book discussion will be "Because They Hate" by Brigitte Gabriel. A non-fiction written by a survivor of Islamic terror.

County Agent News

It's only 23 days till the 2009 Motley County Jr. Livestock show set for February 21, 2009 at the bus barn.

Foothill Country

Connections

Community, Diversity, Art

By Larry Vogt

Cold? Warm? Hot? All relative terms. Today, Monday, January 26, 2009 is, in my opinion, cold. Although the thermometer reads 25 degrees Fahrenheit, which is not cold per se, what makes it cold for me is the moisture and the slight breeze. The thermometer readings are almost irrelevant when you consider that one kind of day with the same reading of 25 degrees might seem warmer because the wind is down and the humidity is low.

Add to that the fact that each one of us feels the weather in a different way. Also we feel the weather in a different way on different days because of our health, and our emotional state. The smiling skier or snow boarder is feeling the 20-degree weather as

a good experience because he or she wants to be there on that mountain sliding down that snow. When I am tramping through the snow wearing the right kind of clothing and the sun is out and the landscape is incredibly beautiful, even though the temperature reading is 25 degrees, I am not cold.

When I was a paperboy and the temperature was 25 degrees and my mittens were dry, my paper route went like clockwork. Let the wind come up, and snow turns to sleet, then it was a struggle and I couldn't wait to get home to the coal stove and Ma's navy bean soup. If you're watching the weather channel and seeing the folks in Chicago or Cleveland digging out of a blizzard and the temperature is zero degrees, that's cold.

WRITING COMMUNITY

Cattle Drive Wedding

By Dorothy Pope

It was in the spring of seventy-two the Texas herds come driven thru, I can hear the thundering hooves of the steers as they rumbled by. The dusty trails swirling like an angry tornado coming down from the sky. Long Horns strung out across the plains, sights we will never see that have passed us by. Behind the herds cowboys cursed covered in dirt and sweat, those dimmed ole eyes I can still see them yet, as they rode past our poor dug-out. They'd wave at me with a friendly shout. I'd wave back and give em' a smile, to cheer their hearts over the lonely miles. Cowboys, some of them short, some of them tall, would hoop and holler, one and

all. It was a sultry day when one of them cowboys come ridin up to me, had an air about him that only I could see. The sound of his voice gave me a chill, his laughing eyes filled me with a thrill. He promised he would come back for me, sure enough in the fall of seventy three that man rode back and married me.

Behind that herd we rode away in my mind those memories will forever stay.

Now the Texas Long Horns and cattle drives have faded into the past, the cattle are covered with cement and nails and all that remains, live only in legends and around campfire tales.

Mother Warrior

By Laverne Zabielski

It was the lipstick floating on tissue paper that gave her away.

When my mother put that red across her lips

it not only changed her face it changed her stance

when she stood at the stove and stirred.



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sell Alexander posed a case where a student's college admission did not require an ACT or SAT score. The board decided if the ACT or SAT score was not an entrance requirement of the student's choice of college, that criterion would not be included in the assessment for the award. It was also decided, for this year only, that if a student did not take the ACT exam for their scores to be ready by the March 1st deadline, the committee would wait until that score came in if they took the next ACT exam in February.

The four questions required for the hand written essay are: What are your career plans/long term goals? How will you give back to the community? Why is this scholarship important to your college goals? Why should you receive this scholarship? It was stated that the second question was very important to Mr. Titus and in fact is the very same reason these students are receiving this opportunity.

Corky Marshall asked the board about the scholarship eligibility of students who are on a fast track and would finish high

school in 3 years instead of 4. It was decided that Juniors would have the same right to apply for the scholarship as the seniors in that case. Mayor Marshall also asked about the eligibility of high school drop outs that return to school to apply in their senior year and Dr. Morton answered in the affirmative.

All student applications will remain anonymous to the scholarship committee deciding the awards. The Foundation voted to rotate the scholarship committee yearly. This year's scholarship committee consists of: Kathy Gillespie, Shelly Cox and Dr. Cathy Morton. Dr. Seigrist will chair but will not vote. Reference to the \$150.00 honorarium was unanimously voted to be struck from the records since Dr. Morton, a salaried employee of the school district, declined to accept the honorarium offered. In the future this will be dealt with on a case by case basis since one member of the committee will be appointed at large and may be required to travel to Matador.

According to Dr. Seigrist, all seniors have already been informed about the availability of

these scholarships in a meeting with school principal, Mr. William Cochran. Given the necessary information needed to apply in time for the March 1st deadline he stated that he would personally see if there were any juniors on a fast track that did not get the needed information.

Five \$8000.00 scholarships are available to students and are to be used within a four year college career. In addition, each student who applies for a scholarship and provides all the data will be eligible for a \$1000 scholarship. Applications are available at the school. Dr. Seigrist volunteered to be the contact for incoming applications. Students applying for the scholarship may e-mail it to Dr. Seigrist at: aseigrist@motleyco.org, however, an original hand-signed copy will be required.

The criteria for teacher mini grant awards were: 1. Monies must be used for classroom supplies, technology supplies and programs (not to include computer hardware), student academic activities, or professional development. 2. Purchases cannot be ones that are made available through the district, state or

federal funding. 3. Ideas must be new, creative and innovative.

Each teacher applying can be awarded up to \$1,500.00. The sum is per teacher and not per application. Two or more teachers may turn in joint applications with the sum of the award increasing accordingly. The mini grant committee members decided on by the board were: Mr. Cochran, Jan Jones and Pam Thacker. Committee members serve a one year term. It was stated that committee members would not be eligible for grants in the same year they serve on the committee. However, they will be eligible for the following year's mini grant. It was discussed that if a teacher is awarded a mini grant in the summer and leaves the district prior to the following school year and does not use that money for the benefit of Motley County school children, stipulation could be written within the grant to include monies being paid back to the trust and perhaps deducted from that teachers last paycheck. No action was taken.

The next Foundation meeting is scheduled for March 27, 2009 at 10am.

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- 4 Tbs. Flour
- 1 Hard Boiled Egg (chopped)

Dice potatoes and cook with onion in salted water, add milk bring to a boil.

Brown flour in melted butter in heavy frying pan, stirring constantly until well browned. Stir into the soup and boil a few minutes until thickened. Season to Taste. Add the egg last.

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Our Sincere Thanks,
Ron and Kay Bailey

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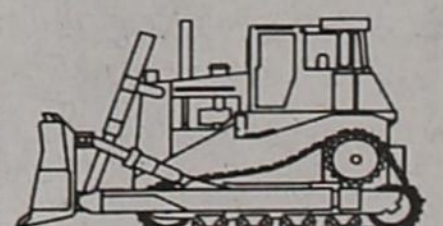
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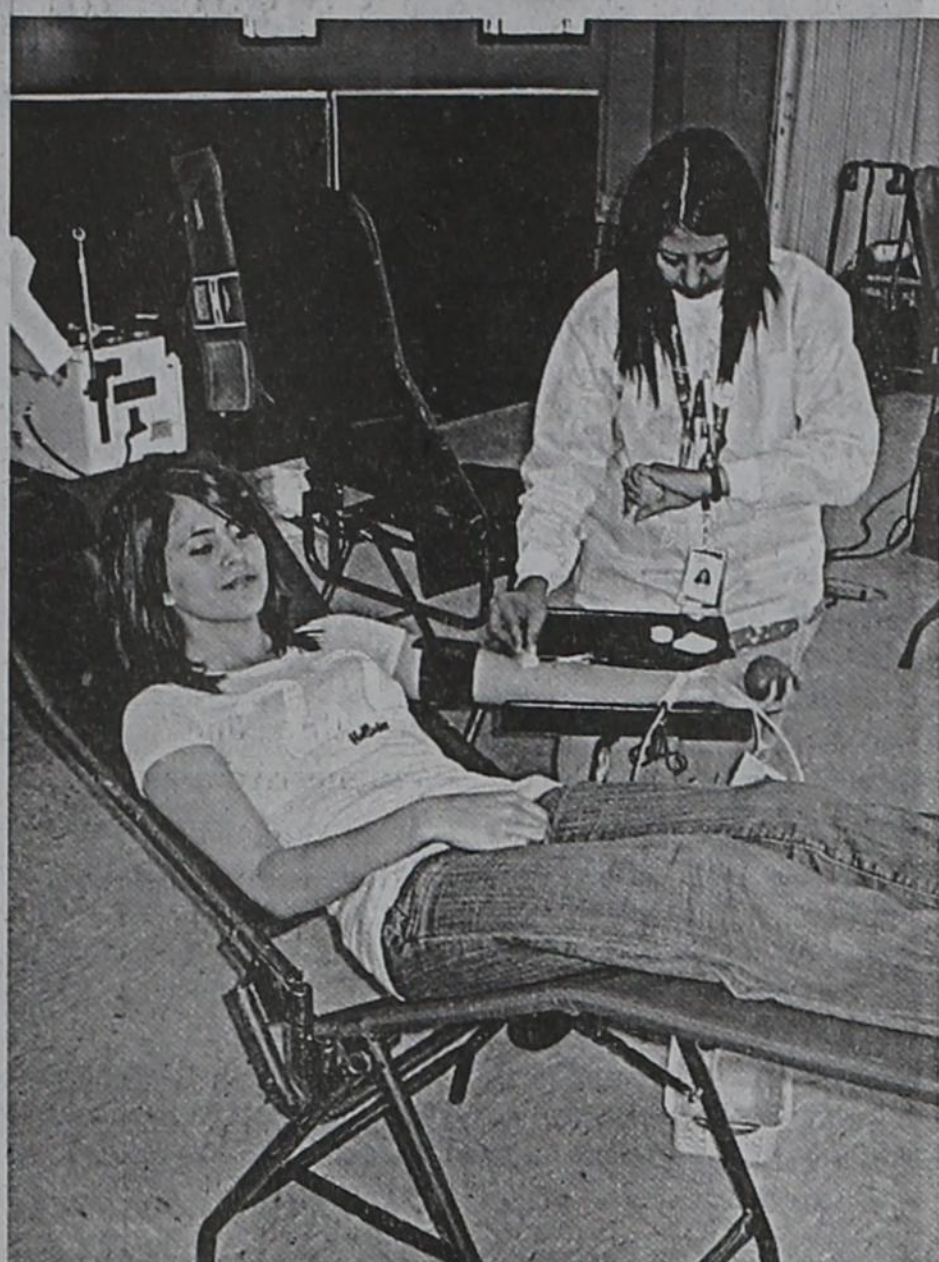
NHS Sponsors Blood Drive

The MCHS National Honor Society sponsored a blood drive on Tuesday, January 20. This particular blood drive was the "Be a Hero" blood drive. United Blood Services of Lubbock sponsored "Be a Hero."

Connie Hollinshed, UBS representative, presented a program to grades 1 - 5 on Wednesday, January 14. During the program, she explained the importance of donating blood, how the blood donation process works, and announced that prizes would be awarded to the students who recruited donors and to the class that recruited the most donors.

The following elementary students who participated were Zowie Barton, Kyler Degan, Seth Markey, Rivers Marshall, Carley Turner, and Jake Weiser. The second grade class recruited the most donors.

Nineteen units of blood were collected during the blood drive. The NHS wishes to thank the community members who donated blood. The NHS also wishes to thank the elementary students who participated in the contest.



Hailey Blanco gives blood during Mrs. Gillespie's blood Drive.

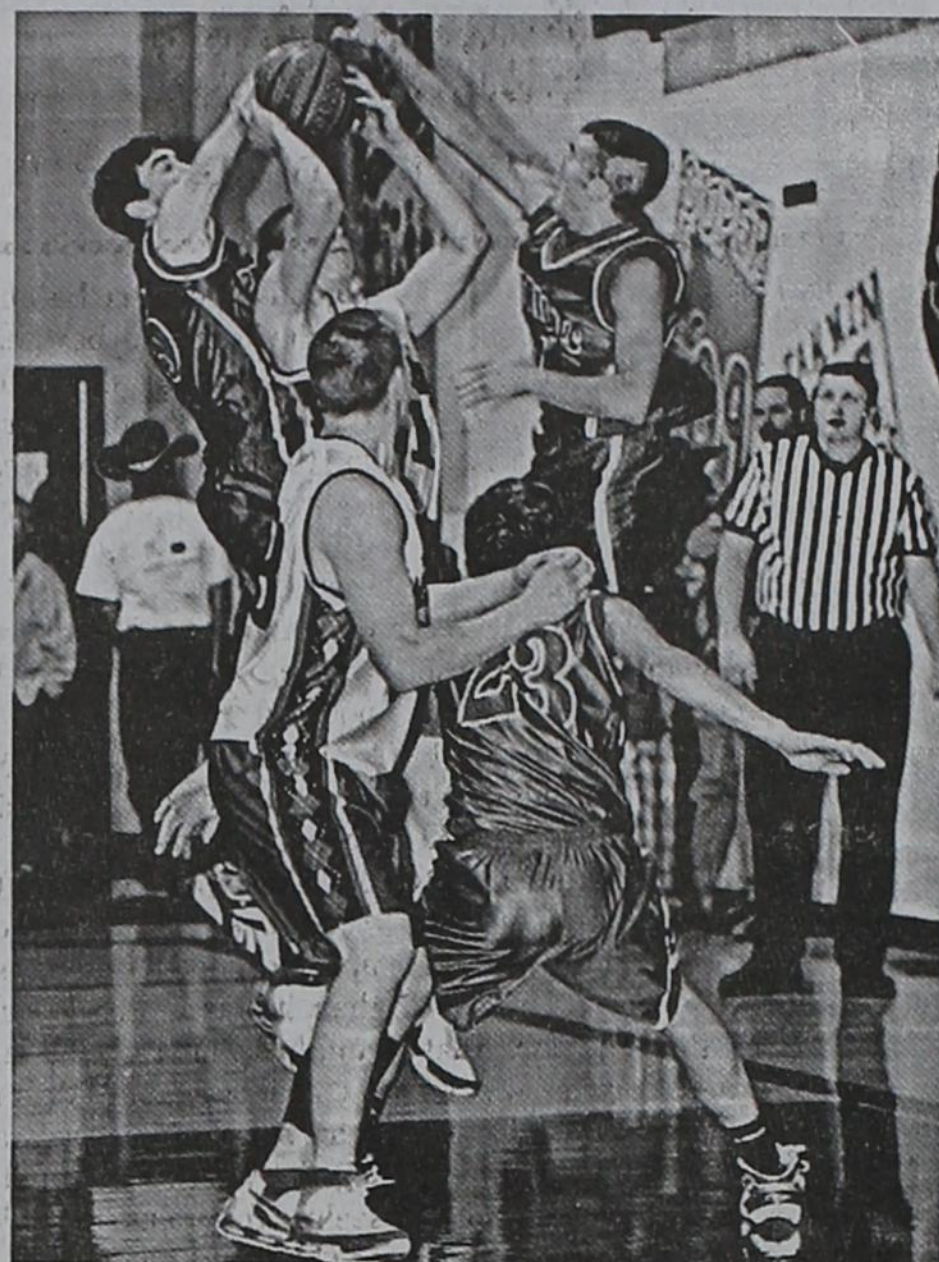
Kautz attends PSA conference in Austin

By Yolanda Kautz

Attending the PASA Conference in Austin was Mrs. Yolanda Kautz, Motley County's second grade teacher. PASA, which stands for Promoting Academic Success and Accountability for English learners, featured nationally recognized speakers who addressed critical issues in education for English language learners. The conference spotlighted effective practices, federal and state accountability systems, program monitoring, bilingual and ESL program designs and implementation, and the most current, research-based instructional practices proven to impact student achievement for English language learners.

"This was a wonderful workshop! I learned so many interesting things and lots of new strategies that I am excited about sharing and implementing!"

Motley County Basketball



Will Butler guards Justin Newman in Saturday's game against Valley. Final score, Valley 77, MC 36.

photo by Walter Taylor

4th grade constructed models of historic Alamo mission

As a culmination of a Texas History study of the battles leading to Texas Independence, the students in Lacey Rankin's 4th grade constructed models of the historic Alamo mission. In addition to becoming more knowledgeable

about Texas, the students used math to create the scale models. Each student chose a medium with which to work. Some of those chosen were clay, paper, wood, and salt dough.



Ruby Klebahn a student in Lacey Rankin's 4th grade class shows off her construction of the historic Alamo mission.

La Arena yearbook ads available



Kayla Simpson and Wichita Falcon selling ads for La Arena in Floydada.

Ads for the 2008-2009 yearbooks for Motley County ISD are now available for purchase. Ads determine the number of pages set for the rest of the book.

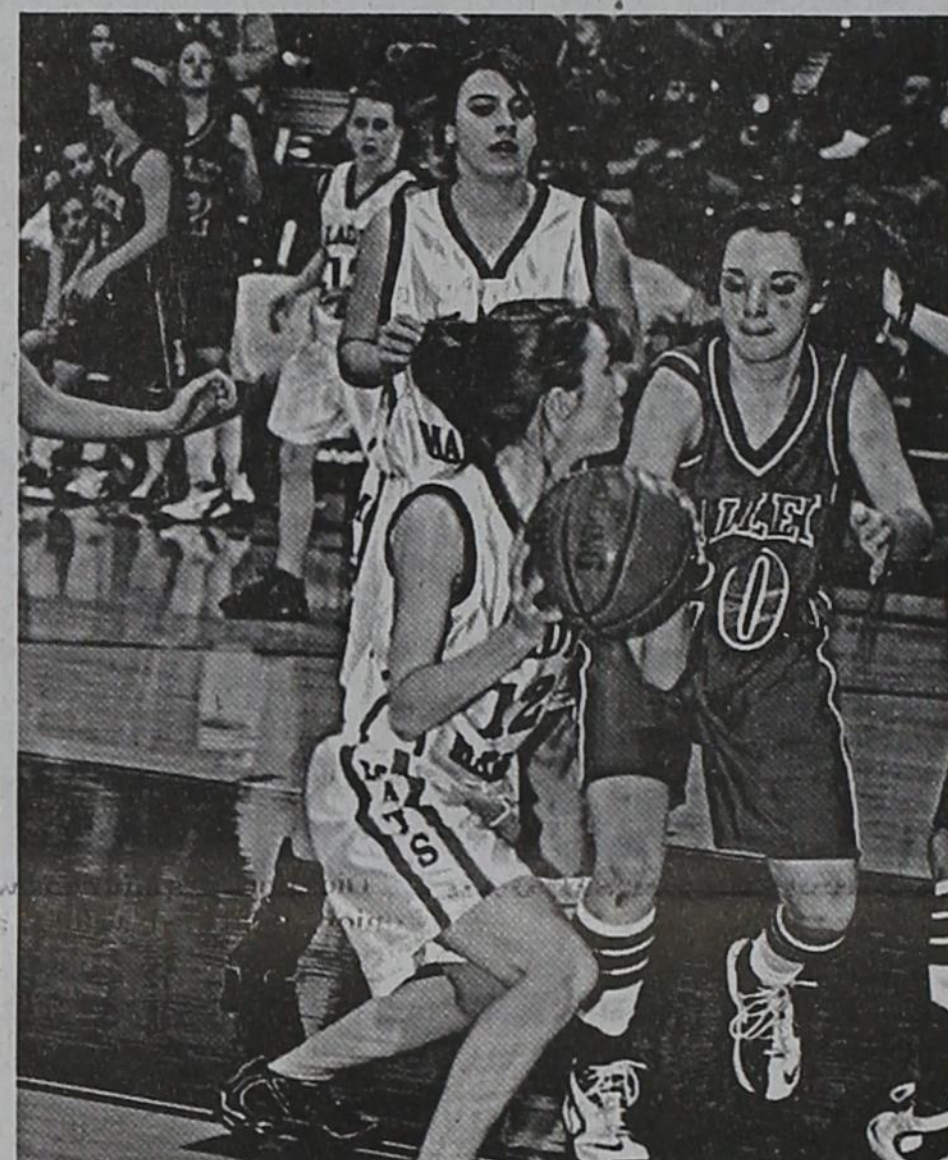
All general purchase ads need to be sold by the middle of February. The deadline for the Senior Ads is Spring Break. Senior Ads are messages from parents, relatives, and friends, consisting of pictures and personal messages.

The yearbook staff is Wichita Falcon, Brittany Nutter, Jasmine Porter, and Kayla Simpson. The yearbook sponsor is Walter Taylor. "We welcome ads from any one or group," Taylor said. "For

example, youth groups could have a picture of all their members with the ad. We have a limited time we are out selling ads, so sometimes circumstances dictate that we do not get to everyone every year," he said. "We welcome 'walk-ins.'"

The yearbook comes out in September. Having a fall delivery insures the inclusion of senior prom, moving-up, graduation and all year-end activities, Principal William Cochran said.

"The 2008-2009 yearbooks will be in color," Cochran said. "In the past we have had only the senior pages in color. A price for the yearbook has not been



Kyla Simpson goes for a score against Valley. Final Score Valley 63, MC 29.

photo by Walter Taylor

By Eric Simpson

JH Mavericks still bring the heat with a 58-13 victory over the Patton Springs Rangers! Britt Simpson takes home two points in the game. Following Simpson is Coby Cochran with four points. Austin Taylor takes 12 points, Jaun Flores with 16 points, Jamie Jameson with two, Seth Baxter had six points, Korbyn Simpson with four points, Braden Biggam had five points and Conner Mason contributed six points.

High school girls suffered a small defeat by the Paducah Dragons Tuesday night on January 20, 2009. Shane'a Russell scored three points, Lexi Osborn scored six points. Kyla Simpson contributed six points followed by Melissa Flores with

four points, Alyx Smith with six points and Courtney Alexander with three points. The Paducah Lady Dragons edged out Motley County by a score of 69-31. Better luck next time girls.

High school boys faced a fierce opponent in the Paducah Dragons on Tuesday night, January 20th. Jonathon Osborn took two points, Andrew Martin with 16 points, Justin Newman with two points and Will Butler with 10 points, to come to a final score of 107-32.

Junior high girls were just edged out by the Patton Springs Lady Rangers in a close contest 30-21. Sabra Pope had two points, Virginia Gutierrez with two points, Catherine Ward with two points and Jaci Zingerman with 15 points. Great effort girls, get'em next time.

ACT at Motley County High School

The ACT is a college entrance exam given to high school students which compares them academically to other high school students across the United States. Colleges rely heavily on the ACT to determine academic readiness, and also to determine eligibility for scholarships. Students are tested in the areas of English, mathematics, reading, and science reasoning. A composite score is determined from those subject areas. Six opportunities to take the ACT are given throughout the year. Three of those test administrations, the October, February, and April, are given

at Motley County High School. It is recommended that students first take the ACT during the spring semester of their junior year. Students may register to take the ACT by filling out an application, which are located in the counseling office at Motley County, or by going online to www.act.org. A fee of \$29 is charged for each test administration. Additionally, a written essay can be taken for an extra \$10. For more information on test dates and applications, please see Tommy Gleghorn at the school, or please call 347-2676, ext. 2421.

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NEWS AROUND MOTLEY COUNTY

Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

On the warm pretty days I was thinking about digging and getting a garden ready. I bought zinc for the pecan trees, tulip bulbs and pre-emergence for the lawn. It was so dry I had to water around the trees to be able to work the zinc into the soil. Then the norther hit. All my plans will have to wait until the next warm spell. I guess you can't remove the desire for working in the dirt from her.

My body can't keep up with my 'want tos'. For years I heard my aunt lament about not being able to do what she wanted to do. Now I know!

Floyd Carter was taken by ambulance early last week to UMC in Lubbock. It was determined that he needed surgery immediately. He is back home and doing well. He is already out having coffee with the guys. You can't keep a good man down!

Rodney Long is in the V. A. hospital in Amarillo with lung problems. He is feeling much better and enjoyed family visits on Sunday.

Former resident Jeanie Carpenter, wife of the late Dick Carpenter, is very ill with cancer, she is under hospice care. She lives in Wimberly, TX.

On Tuesday evening, the Relay for Life group met at the Roaring Springs Community Center.

Kathy Oaks, manager for the Development of the Lubbock Field was the speaker. She encouraged team leaders to recruit teams for the Relay for Life event to be held June 19th and 20th at the Matador Football Field. New team leaders are welcome and each team leader with 7 or more on their team will receive a jacket. Registration is in progress now. Contact any of the local committee members to register. They are: Kathy Blanco, Britany Moore, Nancy Marshall, Pam Newman, Annette Hollingsworth, Rosalee Davis, Andi Henzler and Shonda Elliott. I believe that May 11th is the last date to register for the Relay events. Each team member will pay \$5.00 registration fee. This fee pays for team t-shirts.

Those attending from Roaring Springs were: Annette Hollingsworth, Pam Newman, Sean Newman, Amy Bearden, Kim Woolsey, Corky Marshall and Monta Marshall.

Remodeling work is being done at the First Baptist Church. Two new restrooms with handicap facilities are being built, some partitions removed to make larger class rooms and to facilitate larger crowds for fellowship meals. This is phase one which allows use of the building while work is being done.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

A woman walked into a lawyer's office and asked for a divorce.

The lawyer said, "Do you have grounds???"

"Yes," she replied, "a little over two acres."

"No, no!" the lawyer said, "Do you have a grudge?"

"Why yes," she said, "we have a two car grudge."

"You don't understand," the lawyer said. "Does he beat you up?"

"Are you kidding?" she said. "He never gets up before noon."

"Look! The lawyer asked 'why do you want a divorce?'"

"Because he claims I can't have an intelligent conversation, that's why!"

Joey and Brenda Lee of Clarendon, Robert and Jason Lee of Amarillo visited Sunday visited Sunday with Ruth and Orville Lee.

Mrs. B. Rogers and son, Donnie Rogers were in Lubbock, Friday to visit Richard Rogers of Lubbock, a patient in cardiac unit of UMC in Lubbock. It was reported that with medical treatment he will be fine.

Roger and Shonda Lee visited in Plainview, Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Davey.

Guests of Mrs. B. Rogers Sunday were Donna Sue and Stanley Degan of Kalgary, Mrs. Leona Degan of Quitaque, Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse of Turkey and Donnie Rogers of Flomot.

Visitors Saturday of Mrs. Erma Washington were Tim Washington of Roaring Springs, Mickey, Caleb, and Kenzie Clary of Matador, Clint

and Cara Cowart of Gail, Cory, Amy, Hudson and Madison Franks and Cary Franks of Idalou and Connie and Coy Franks of Flomot.

Mrs. Cally Sperry, daughter, Savannah and sister, Kelby Williams celebrated Savannah's tenth birthday with entertainment in Plainview last Saturday including the comedy movie, "Bride Wars". Sunday, Cally and Will Sperry, Savannah, Blayne, Cash and Gage were guests of his parents, Jackie and Terry Sperry of Quitaque.

Mrs. Nola Mary Long and son, Christian Long of Winnewood, Oklahoma arrived this Friday to visit the week with brother, Johnnie Starkey and brother and wife, Jack and Nada Starkey. Visiting them Sunday for a family luncheon was another brother, L.T. Starkey of Ralls.

Wilburn Martin visited from Wednesday until Saturday in Granbury with his sister and husband, Nita and Ervin Merritt. They visited in Austin Thursday and Friday and enjoyed a tour of the Bob Bullock Museum. He also visited with the Merritt's sons, Tommy Merritt, Steve and Susan Merritt and daughters of Granbury.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay were in Panhandle, Friday night and enjoyed their grandchildren, Kelsey and Tanner's basketball games.

Mrs. Gwen Mandrell and daughter, Peyton of Lubbock visited Sunday with her family, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert and Glen Calvert.

Visiting overnight Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter was daughter and family, Mrs. Christi Milam, Emily and Haley of Petersburg.

Matador News

Fourteen area school district superintendents and technology directors had a luncheon at Hotel Matador last Wednesday.

Colton Russell, son of J.D. and D'anna Russell, won first place in the Wild Cow Milking Contest and third place overall during the Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo last weekend. He works for the R.A. Brown Ranch and represented them in the Ranch Rodeo. In Fort Worth watching Russell perform were his dad and a friend, T.J. Kitchens of Stephenville.

The Tongue River Ranch earned fourth place overall distinction at the event.

Brogan Rankin, son of Ryan and Lacy Rankin and grandson of Barbara and Harold Parks, won two pairs of boots at the Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo for entering and riding in the Mutton Busting Contest. In this event the participants attempt to ride a ram for as long as they can. Brogan is a pre-school student at Motley County ISD.

In addition to Brogan Rankin, Cason Jones, son of Stoney and Sammie Jones,

who also work at Tongue River, won a pair of Justin boots in the Mutton Bustin' at the Fort Worth stock show.

Earl and Billie Morse of Colleyville were in town recently for a meeting of the Titus Education Foundation, organized to benefit MCISD students and teachers. Morris administers the foundation for Mr. and Mrs. James Titus of Fort Worth, formerly of Matador.

Don Behringer and David Morgan of Waco continued work on Behringer's new home on his land northwest of Matador.

Kenn and Charlotte Lutz of Aguilar, Colorado visited Matador last weekend. They are considering a move to the community and were looking at property that is currently available.

Jacquelyn Harris of Fort Worth was here helping with the annual audit of the Hackberry Care Center.

Gene Stewart of Dallas, a representative of United Nations, called on local businesses last week and stayed at Hotel Matador while he was in the area.

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Wildfire season hands MVFD a busy month

Marshall & 2nd Assistant Chief Craig Turner.

Learning the details, workings, and duties of the department will be new President Matt Crawford.

Veteran Fred Parson will handle those duties when Matt is not around as Vice President.

Continuing to provide the members with needed and appropriate training will be Training Officer Shawn Elliott, who has done an excellent job at equipping the department for several years.

Another dedicated veteran who has served as Secretary-Treasurer for more than a decade, James Gillespie will continue to serve in this capacity.

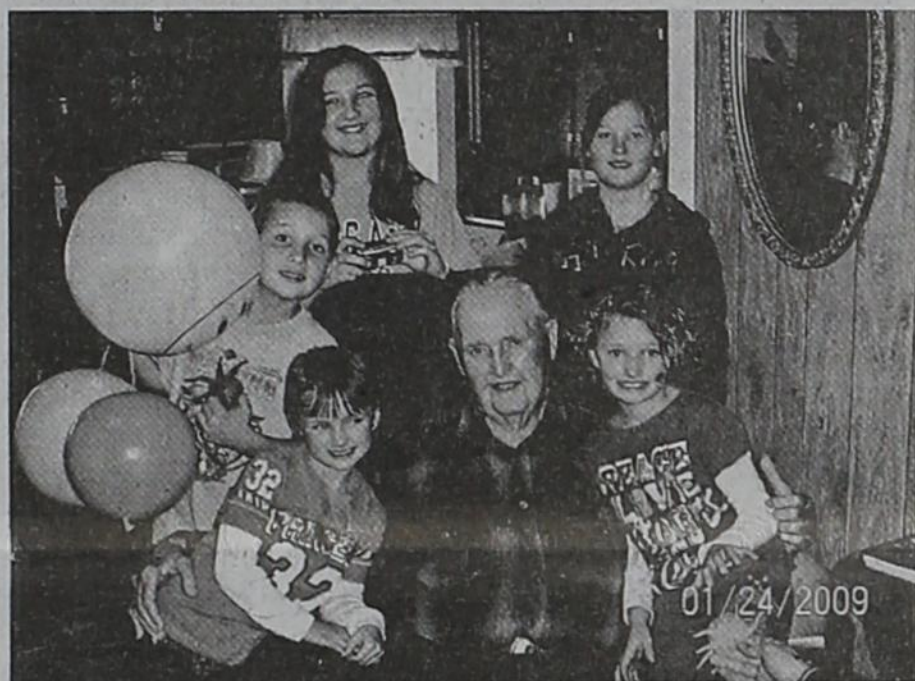
Building inspections and

fire code questions can be directed to Fire Marshall Kyle Moore or Assistant Fire Marshall Brain Marshall.

Stepping back from the chief's position but continuing to keep order at the meetings and assessing appropriate fines will be Tail Twister Rodney Williams and assistant Tail Twister Bert Darsey.

Keeping the public aware of department happenings, reporting fires, and events will be Reporter Matt Crawford.

MVFD is always looking for new members. Anyone curious about being a part of an excellent fire department and filling a vital role in the county can call Chief Lee Jones or stop by the station on the 1st or 3rd Monday of every month at 7 pm.



On Saturday, Jan. 24th, John Briscoe was honored with a birthday celebration by his family. John turned 90 years old on Friday, Jan. 23rd. In this photo he is with his great grandchildren, from left to right: Haley Solt, Donna Marie Solt, Jon Warren Solt, Karley Clifton, John Briscoe and Josie Clifton.

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OUR ASSIGNMENT

"And seeing the multitudes, He felt compassion of them, because they were distressed and downcast like sheep without a shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Therefore beseech the Lord of harvest to send out workers into His harvest.'"
(Matthew 9: 36-38)

In a single passage of scripture, our Lord has laid before us a challenge and our purpose. We are living in a world that is suffering anguish and violence. There is a desperate need for THE SHEPHERD. Many people are distressed and downcast searching for both foundation and meaning. The passage of scripture stated above teaches us that there is simple opportunity to share both the shepherd and His gospel. All we need to have is a revised vision. I mean by that, one that is focused outwardly.

"The fields are whit unto harvest." Interpretation: Opportunity surrounds. We need to be willing to take advantage of those opportunities while they exist. We will be amazed at the power of the Word of God to change hearts and lives. We just need to put it to use. That is our assignment.

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Notes from the Library

By Buffy Crutchley

As I write this column this week, I am beaming with pride. The residents of Motley County have completely exceeded my expectations! I have had an overwhelming response to the voting for our photography contest, and the people just keep streaming in. I've had several folks who do not normally visit the library come in just to vote. This tells me it's a success! So, if you haven't yet cast your ballot, stop in today to browse all the wonderful photographs. The last day to vote is February

3rd.

We've finally picked a book for our next book discussion. We will be reading "Because They Hate" by Brigitte Gabriel. This is a non-fiction book written by a survivor of Islamic terror. I have not read it yet, but everyone I know who has tells me it's something every American should read. I'm sure it will make for an interesting discussion. We have extra copies available for check out, so come in today to beat the rush.

Obituary

Margie McInroe Heinen

Margie McInroe Heinen, age 86, of San Antonio, was called home by our heavenly Father on Thursday, January 15, 2009. She was preceded in death by her husband, Hugo Heinen, and brother, Dean McInroe. Survivors include her daughter, Teddi Harlee and husband, Sidney; granddaughters, Melinda Harlee and Crisene Casper; dear friend, Jack Chidgey; sister, Jean Stetson; other family members and numerous

friends. The family wishes to express their gratitude to the caregivers at Odyssey Hospice.

Service was held January 19 at the Sunset Mausoleum in San Antonio, Texas

Those who desire may make memorial contributions to Odyssey Hospice. Entombment was in Sunset Memorial Park Mausoleum. You are invited to sign the guestbook at www.porterloring.com.

FDA investigates salmonellosis outbreak

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and other federal, state and local public health agencies continue to investigate a multistate outbreak of salmonellosis caused by a strain of Salmonella serotype Typhimurium.

There have been 486 cases of the bacterial illness reported from 43 states since early September, including six from Texas.

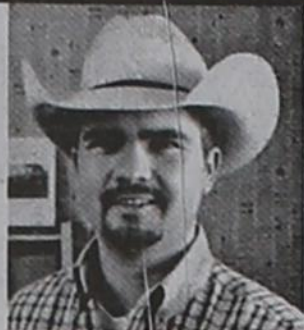
The six Texas cases are from Galveston, Harris, Tarrant

(2), Travis and Willacy counties and occurred in October, November and December.

Check FDA link below for products that have been recalled as a result of this investigation and CDC link for national outbreak information and advice for consumers. <http://www.fda.gov/oc/opacom/hottopics/salmonellatyp.html>.

FDA Recall Information <http://www.cdc.gov/salmonella/typho109/010809.html>, CDC Outbreak Information.

County Agent's News



by Ryan Martin, Agri LIFE EXTENSION Agent

Motley - Dickens Cotton Premier Program

Cotton production in Motley County accounts for more than \$7 million or 44% of the agricultural income for the county. With around 25,000 acres per year planted in cotton this is an important part of the agricultural makeup of the county. Changes made by producers in their production and management practices can have a large impact on the ag income of Motley County as well as each producer's personal income. The changing dynamics of cotton production makes the job of the producer very difficult unless they keep current with the new technology and information. Educational programs were developed to include new cotton varieties and traits, weed management, disease and pest management, soil fertility, economic risk management and harvest technology.

As a result, the Motley County Agricultural Committee and the Motley County Leadership Advisory Board worked with the County Extension Agent to develop educational programs for area cotton producers. Programs for 2009 are listed below:

Rolling Plains Cotton Variety Showdown and Pest Management Practices February 10, 12 noon Caprock Café - Dickens

An in depth look at new cotton varieties suitable for the Rolling Plains area. A buffet lunch will be served free of charge. Representatives from Delta and Pine Land Co., Syngenta, DynaGrow, Dow, and CPS (UAP) will be on hand to discuss new cotton varieties and chemicals.

2009 Farm Bill Impacts on Cotton Producers

March 16, 2009 Place and Time TBA

Current information on the new Farm Bill and how it will impact area producers. Also a side-by-side comparison of the previous Farm Bill to the new Farm Bill.

Motley - Dickens Turnrow Cotton Tour September 29, 2009

A turnrow meeting to let producers see first-hand the results of cotton variety test plots, harvest aid chemicals, and soil fertility.

Tours will begin that morning in Spur then onto Dickens to view cotton test plots in Dickens County.

Afternoon tours will begin in Matador then onto Whiteflat to view cotton test plots in Motley County.

Cotton Variety Trials

Cotton Variety Trial test plots will be implemented throughout Motley and Dickens County for producers to see first-hand how new varieties perform in the Rolling Plains. Locations will be announced once implemented. A full comparison of cotton varieties will be made available after harvest, once results are received from lab.

For more information on the Motley - Dickens Cotton Premier Program contact your local county Extension office.

All dates, times and places are tentatively scheduled. Confirmed information will be available at county Extension office or in local newspaper. TDA approved CEU's will be offered at these meetings for private applicators.

Motley County Jr. Livestock Show Interviews Featured on KCTX Radio

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Jay Scott and Jim Boles from KCTX Radio in Childress interviewed Motley 4-H and FFA members on January 27 about their livestock projects and the upcoming Motley County Jr. Livestock Show. KCTX Radio has graciously offered to air these interviews to help publicize and raise money for our county stock show.

During the interviews, exhibitors were asked questions such as "What kind of livestock project do you have?", "What have you been doing to prepare for the stock show?", and "What have you learned from your project?" Interviews will be aired through the month of February, so be sure to tune your radio to 96.1 KCTX to hear their answers.

Motley County Jr. Livestock Show

It's only 23 days till the 2009 Motley County Jr. Livestock show set for February 21, 2009 at the bus barn. So mark your

calendar to attend. All 4-H members need to pick up and fill out a livestock project form and have it turned in by February 16. I will look over these forms and return them to you after the stock show so you can complete them. Exhibitors may also pick up a copy of the 2009 Motley County Jr. Livestock show rules at the Extension office.

If you have a bucket calf project, you also need to fill out a bucket calf project form and turn it in. We are also in the process of ordering plaques for the bucket calf projects, so we need to know who has a bucket calf. Please call the Extension office at 806-347-2733 to let us know.

With major stock shows coming up and the county show just around the corner, several exhibitors have been getting their animals ready, washing and clipping at the bus barn. So if you are driving around the bus barn, please watch out for these kids and their animals.



Standing from Left to Right: Becky Hinze, director of 26:12; Kim Woolsey, Accolade, Jayton; Christi Warren, Accolade, Denton; Rhonda Brendle, teacher @ Guthrie CSD; Melissa Hernandez, Accolade Hospice, Yokum; Brandi Mitchell, Accolade, Lubbock; Annie Cardona, FMS, Denton; Candace Bill, FMS, Denton; Emily Obert, 26:12;

Community members travels to Denver for Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child is one of the many amazing programs run by Samaritan's Purse, a Christian organization that serves the poor and needy of the world.

Every December they distribute shoeboxes prepared for needy children in third world countries. Individuals around the United States fill these boxes with toys, clothes and hygiene products.

In order to prepare for this project, several warehouses around the country are used to sort and process every box for delivery. This year, some people from our own community were

able to volunteer at the processing center in Denver, Colorado.

Kim Woolsey, who works at Accolade Home Care, traveled with a group of 10 people from throughout Texas who also work for her company. A non-profit organization called Twenty-Six: Twelve helps these employees to serve in various ways by planning trips like this and assisting with the cost and time off for those who want to serve.

Rhonda Brendle, a teacher at Guthrie CSD, joined the group for the trip. The women who went with Kim and Rhonda calculated that they processed 6,000 shoeboxes in their three

days working at the warehouse.

Kim says, "This was the most rewarding and touching work I have ever done, just to know that the needy and less fortunate children all over the world will receive a gift, and the best part is that they will hear about our Lord Jesus Christ! It was an honor and pleasure to be a part of the Operation Christmas Child. I plan on returning this year to help once again."

Rhonda Brendle says "Christmas was even more special this year knowing that children around the world were receiving presents. All day I thought of the smiles on their little faces."

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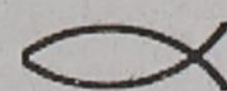
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January

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February

2 MC JRHS BB Paducah, Home 5:30pm
3 MC BBHS vs Guthrie, Home, 6-8pm
3 Matador Lions, Methodist Church 12:30 pm
4 Kids Praise
5 RS Lions
5 Friends of the Library meeting @ the Library,
3:30pm
5 MC JRHS Tournament
6 MC HSBB vs Paducah Home, 6-8pm
7 MC JRHS Tournament
7 Mens breakfast, 7am at the Methodist Church
8 Charley Johnson Retirement Reception at the
Library, 2:00-4:00
9 Commissioners' Court 9:30 am
9 RS City Council
9 MC JRHS BB VS VALLEY 5:30
10 MC HSBB vs Valley, Away, 6-8pm
10 Confidential heart health screenings are being offered by Accolade Home Care as part of Heart Health month, a national initiative of the American Heart Association. Dickens Senior Citizen Center, 511 Montgomery Dickens, 10am-2pm.
10 RSCV
10 Rolling Plains Cotton Variety Showdown and Pest Management Practices, 12 noon, Caprock Café - Dickens
11 Hospital Board, 7 am
12 Matador City council
16 MCISD School Board, 7:30pm

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NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN AIR PERMIT

PROPOSED AIR QUALITY PERMIT NUMBER 86874

APPLICATION Allen Butler Construction, Inc. has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for issuance of Air Quality Permit Number 86874, which would authorize construction of a Rock Crushing Facility near the town of Flomot in Motley County, Texas. The applicant provides the following directions to the site: from the intersection of Highway 62 and Highway 70 in Matador, travel 15.6 miles north on Highway 70 to CR 240. Turn right (east) onto CR 240 and travel .8 mile to the pit entrance on the left. The facility will emit the following contaminants: particulate matter including particulate matter less than 10 microns in diameter, nitrogen oxides, sulfur dioxide, carbon monoxide and organic compounds.

This application was submitted to the TCEQ on December 2, 2008. The application will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, the TCEQ Lubbock regional office, and the Motley County Library, 1105 Main Street, Matador, Motley County, Texas beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Lubbock regional office of the TCEQ.

The TCEQ executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING You may submit public comments, a request for a public meeting, or request a contested case hearing to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. The deadline to submit public comments is 30 days after newspaper notice is published.

The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or ask questions about the application. A public meeting about the application will be held if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

If only comments are received on the application, the response to comments, along with notice of the executive director's action on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted comments or is on the mailing list for this application.

If a hearing request is timely filed, the executive director will complete the technical review, issue a preliminary decision on the application, and a Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the final deadline for submitting public comments.

After the final deadline for public comments following any required Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. If comments are received, the response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will then be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or is on a mailing list for this application.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING You may request a contested case hearing. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. Unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 30 days from this notice, the executive director may approve the application. A contested case hearing will only be granted based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decisions on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on issues raised by you or others during the public comment period and not withdrawn.

A person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number, and fax number, if any; (2) applicant's name and permit number; (3) the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing"; (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the facility; and (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility. If the request is made by a group or an association, the one or more members who have standing to request a hearing and the interests which the group or association seeks to protect, must also be identified. You may also submit your proposed adjustments to the application/permit which would satisfy your concerns.

If a hearing request is timely filed, additional notice may be provided. Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the executive director will forward the application and any requests for contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. **If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact relating to relevant and material air quality concerns raised during the comment period.** Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to address in this proceeding.

MAILING LIST In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list to receive future public notices for this specific application mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk by sending a written request to the TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

INFORMATION Written public comments or requests for a public meeting or contested case hearing should be submitted to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, or electronically at www.tceq.state.tx.us/about/comments.html. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040. General information regarding the TCEQ can be found at www.tceq.state.tx.us.

Further information may also be obtained from Allen Butler Construction, Inc., 24 South Lakeshore Drive, Ransom Canyon, Texas 79366-2403 or by calling Mr. John E. Rantz, P.E., Environmental Consultant, Benton & Associates at (806) 783-9944.

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