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Downtown Roaring Springs photo by K. Ray Zabielski

RS Council hears plan for new business New restaurant proposed for downtown

By Carol Campbell

The City of Roaring Springs met in regular session January 12, 2009, at City Hall, convening with a full quorum, consisting of Mayor Corky Marshall, P.K. Green, Kelly Keltz, Timmy Brooks, James McCleskey, and Alex Crowder. Also attending was City Secretary Zella Palmer. Absent was City Superintendent Robert Osborn. Guests attending were Perry and Deannette Gullidge.

First on the agenda was a presentation by Deannette Gullidge on a request for a revolving loan for a new restaurant in Roaring Springs. Gullidge presented the council with a list of supplies needed to open

a new business, estimated at \$25,000. The restaurant, located in downtown Roaring Springs, would be named the Windmill Cafe.

"I love the hospitality world," Gillidge said. "I am determined to make it work here. This is our home," she added.

The Gillidge's worked for singer-songwriter Kenny Rogers for four years, she said. While she has never owned a restaurant before, she was trained by chefs and catered meals to more than 100 people at a time.

Following the presentation, the council voted unanimously to approve a \$15,000 loan from a city revolving account and to refer a request for

\$10,000 to the Economic Development Board, Part A.

In other business, Mayor Corky Marshall proposed placing Lots 27 and 28, Block 13, up for bid. The council voted unanimously to advertise for bids. These lots are located behind Travelers Inn on 2nd Street. Due to several attempted break-ins in businesses in Roaring Springs, the mayor was approached by some concerned citizens willing to form a volunteer night watch. This item was tabled for February, pending a full review by the city attorney.

The council voted unanimously to call for city elections for three council seats to be held May 9, 2009.

Generous Donation gives vital assistance to MVFD

By Matt Crawford

"It takes money to make money," it has been said in the business world. In the emergency services business, it takes money to provide essential life saving resources.

This week a very generous donation was made to the Matador Volunteer Fire Department. The donation was given by First National Bank of Floydada. Tom Farris, Chairman of the bank, presented MVFD secretary, James Gillespie with the check. The First National Bank of Floydada has been a generous contributor to the MVFD for a number of years. Over the years the donation has paid for new equipment, and provided training opportunities for department members. The bank's generosity

always has been and continues to be a big help to make MVFD the outstanding fire department Motley County needs.

Every donation given helps cover the costs to maintain and

enhance the Matador Volunteer Fire Department. MVFD gives a great big THANK YOU to the First National Bank of Floydada and to everyone who donates to the department.



First National Bank of Floydada Chairman, Tom Farris, presented MVFD secretary, James Gillespie with the check.

MCISD students hold bake sale to benefit Lockney High School



On January 13th, just two days after the tragic fire at Lockney High School, Motley County Elementary students held a bake sale to benefit the school. The event was held during a basketball game between Patton Springs and Motley County. Fans, staff, and students from both Patton Spring and Motley County purchased items and made contributions. The Student Council from Motley County also contributed to bring the total donation up to \$500.

R S Community Volunteers Continue Donations

The Roaring Springs Community Volunteers met at the home of Corky and Monta Marshall on January 13. J. N. Fletcher resigned the position of president and Walter Trammel, vice-president, presided as chair of the meeting. Expressions of appreciation were received from those who had been helped in December. Motions were passed to help with the purchase of a swing set at the Jayton Childrens Home and also help a local in-

dividual in need. Two Volunteer members donated money specifically for the help of the local individual. The shotgun was purchased for the December raffle and it was decided to sell no more than 200 tickets at \$10 per ticket. It was also decided that the Volunteers would limit the future donation efforts to one per month until July of 2009. The meeting was then adjourned.

MCISD 5th graders attend Lubbock Symphony

The Lubbock Symphony presented a program for area 5th graders this year that was called "Out of this World"! The concert was conducted by Tomasz Golka. The fifth graders from Motley County attended the program last Tuesday, January 13th. The music was from the orchestral suite, "The Planets" by Gustav Holtz, a British composer who lived from 1874 to 1934.

The Planets was composed during 1914-1916. Some of

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THIS WEEK'S NEWS

Matador News

Matador resident Nedra Clifton was honored with a reception on her 85th birthday

School News

Governor Rick Perry has proclaimed January as School Board Recognition Month to build awareness and understanding.

FSA News

Crop Disaster Program Sign-Up Ends February 27

Library News

Voting for photo winners is up to the residents of Motley County. Stop in the library and pick who you think should be the winner.

County Agent News

A showmanship clinic is scheduled for January 24 at the bus barn starting at 9:00am for all Motley County Jr. Livestock Show participants.

Foothill Country Connections

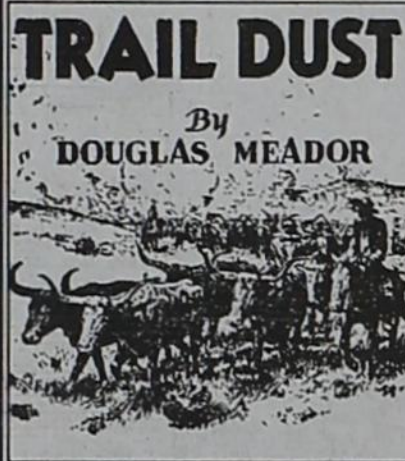
Community, Diversity, Art

By Larry Vogt

A 70-degree day just past the middle of January has a way of confusing a person. The calendar says it is winter. Other locations in the Northern USA have had some rough cold, snowy weather. And here we are in West Texas basking in the sunshine. We also need rain, the soil is dry and the wind seems to make it more so.

If you are confused, imagine what it must do to the animal and plant world. Trees feel the sunshine and warmth and threaten to blossom out just in time for

the next freeze. When the temperatures are unusually warm for a few days and then switch back to cold temperatures below freezing, our own bodies sometimes react with sickness. Is this just another myth? As I talk with people, it seems that most agree that weather constantly changing does seem to have an impact on health. As for me, a warm day once in awhile gives me a reprieve from the heavy coat days and I try not to let the power of suggestion fill me with the dread of an inevitable sick day that might follow.



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January 22, 1953

Wealth is a symbol which frequently becomes confused with the tarnished and twisted escutcheon above the portals of poverty. Modern affluence has become so complex that it's to the refreshing vales of simplicity. Recently an exclusive food store specializing in rare imported delicacies, advertising among its gastronomic delights, a new shipment of wild plum preserves. I can't think of anything more delightful but when my

shipment comes in I want that my board will provide different sweets than one which I have had during all the days of waiting.

RETRO NEWS

January 12, 1978

THE FIRST BABY- Born this year in Lockney General Hospital was Elizabeth Michelle Marin. Martin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ewell Gene Martin of Matador. The first 1978 birth at the Lockney hospital was at 6:40 am Monday, January 2. Elizabeth Michelle has one sister, LeJeanna, age seven. Her father works on a ranch west of Matador.

WRITING COMMUNITY

The Sandstone Dugout By Marisue Potts

The place looked so promising. When James Fields first rode up Jones Creek, he paused at the junction where the waterway feeding into the Salt Creek of the Middle Pease branched. This was the place to build a home for his growing family.

Here was wood, blue-berry cedar for fence posts and fuel, native sandstone for building, a cliff for protection against the blue northers, and most importantly, sweet water. Seeping springs would provide a constant water supply, and when he built a dam of sandstone rocks across a feeder branch, a small pond for bathing and washing clothes.

He unloaded his sharpshooter and began digging into the embankment warmed by the southern sun. From the unending supply of flat rocks provided by the foothills, he selected and fitted each stone with care. He chinked them only with a mortar made from clay and coarse river sand. As he worked alone, the silence was broken only by the cry of a curious coyote perched on a high bluff.

This was to be no ordinary dugout. When the census taker came around he would note that Fields had been a stonemason in his homeland of Ireland. No doubt, this skill went into building a

beautiful fireplace using a freestanding Masonic arch, a craft passed on by the brotherhood. Large hearthstones flanked the fireplace where his wife Maggie would prepare dutch ovens to cook on the coals, ever vigilant to see that her three small children did not get close enough to be burned.

Once the walls took the shape of a house built into the side of the hill, he cut a cottonwood ridge pole for the center and saplings for the side supports. Sotol sticks and cedar branches provided a network for the sod roof. The earth would be warm in the winter and cooling in the summer, never mind the centipedes and scorpions that fell onto their table and bed. In the dirt floor, he buried a small embossed tin box to hold the few meager coins hoarded from other jobs, like the two-story sandstone dugout at Old Lyman stage stop.

Although the creek wasn't far, he dug a well in front of the dwelling and lined it too with sandstones. At the door, he built a step and topped it with a large rock table where she could work or wash up with a splash from the water bucket. Up behind the house he piled some rocks beneath a dripping spring to serve as a springhouse where perishable food could

be kept cool.

His efforts at providing a home where they could stake a claim on land were well established. Other factors he could not control. The big ranch that surrounded this little survey mistake, now open to be homesteaded, was not friendly to squatters. Hired guns harassed the homesteaders who strung the dreaded barbed wire and sometimes mavericked the syndicate's cattle. Drought, dust and wind threw pebbles against the dugout doors, and slowly killed the livestock on the over grazed land.

A harsh winter had taken its toll. The family was in dire straits. Gone was the last bit of coffee, the last bit of cornmeal, the last bean. He had shot turkeys as long as the ammo held out, trapped quail as long as the coveys came around, and finally he was down to chasing rabbits. The children could pretend a rabbit leg was a chicken leg like they used to have on Sundays back east in Sulphur Springs.

There, the rabbit went in the hole. Just a little closer. Gotcha...not a rabbit. Too late he heard the angry rattle of a disturbed, wintering snake striking blindly at an intruder. There, near the dugout, she found him at sunset, the west aglow with the red of a winter sun.

January 2009 is School Board Recognition Month

By Dr. Seigrist

Governor Rick Perry has proclaimed January as School Board Recognition Month to build awareness and understanding of the vital function an elected board of education plays in our communities. The Motley County ISD is joining with other districts throughout the state to thank board members for caring so much about the future of every child enrolled in our public schools.

"Texans benefit every day from the dedicated energies

and countless hours devoted by a group of more than 7,000 men and women across the state. These public servants are elected to serve by local citizens who voluntarily tackle the enormous job of governing school districts. Their actions and decisions affect the present and future lives of all our children," said Dr. Andrew Seigrist, Motley County ISD superintendent.

"Even though we are making a special effort during January to show appreciation to our school board members, we

recognize their work reflects a year-round commitment," Dr. Seigrist said. "Every day Motley County ISD trustees demonstrate strength and dedication as they focus on excellence for their district programs, their teachers, and most importantly their students. They unselfishly contribute their time and talents toward the advancement of public schools, and represent a continuing commitment to local citizen control and decision making in education," he said.

"I am so pleased to see the

positive, heart-felt dedication of our board members and how they work together to serve the interest of the students. Our board members are focused on the best interest of our students and their leadership is priceless," Dr. Seigrist said.

The men and women serving Motley County ISD are: David Stafford-President, Lewis Drum-Vice President, Tina Brooks-Secretary, and members Mark Seigler, Don Baxter, JD Russell and Gilbert Guerrero.



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MOTLEY COUNTY TREASURER'S REPORT
QUARTERLY REPORT
OF EVA BARKLEY, COUNTY TREASURER OF MOTLEY COUNTY, TEXAS
RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FROM OCTOBER 1, 2008 TO DECEMBER 31, 2008

FUND	BALANCE October 1, 2008	RECEIPTS	DISBURSEMENTS	BALANCE December 31, 2008
GENERAL FUND Operating	\$ 4,396.32	\$ 295,690.97	\$ 294,076.85	\$ 6,010.44
GENERAL FUND - Investment	\$ 76,350.00	\$ 163,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 209,350.00
SPECIAL FUND	\$ 797.47	\$ 4,723.90	\$ 3,993.09	\$ 1,528.28
SPECIAL FUND - Investment	\$ 43,500.00	\$ 800.00	\$ -	\$ 44,300.00
ROAD & BRIDGE # 1 Operating	\$ 136.30	\$ 24,566.88	\$ 22,682.89	\$ 2,020.29
R+B # 1 - Investment	\$ -	\$ 9,400.00	\$ -	\$ 9,400.00
ROAD & BRIDGE # 2 Operating	\$ 2,551.17	\$ 30,101.72	\$ 31,443.70	\$ 1,209.19
R+B # 2 - Investment	\$ -	\$ 13,700.00	\$ -	\$ 13,700.00
ROAD & BRIDGE # 3 Operating	\$ 1,946.37	\$ 24,378.04	\$ 23,737.70	\$ 2,586.71
R+B # 3 - Investment	\$ 30,250.00	\$ 13,500.00	\$ -	\$ 43,750.00
ROAD & BRIDGE # 4 Operating	\$ 986.33	\$ 24,130.19	\$ 23,680.52	\$ 1,436.00
R+B # 4 - Investment	\$ 1,650.00	\$ 11,500.00	\$ -	\$ 13,150.00
LATERAL ROAD	\$ 10.00	\$ 11,301.24	\$ -	\$ 11,311.24
LATERAL RD - Investment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
CAPITAL ACQUISITION	\$ 105.29	\$ 69,895.14	\$ 69,987.49	\$ 12.94
INVESTMENT	\$ 196,610.00	\$ 17,800.00	\$ 60,550.00	\$ 153,860.00
COUNTY FUNDS TOTAL	\$ 359,289.25	\$ 714,488.08	\$ 560,152.24	\$ 513,625.09
STATE COURT COSTS	\$ 3,876.85	\$ 6,994.40	\$ 6,441.20	\$ 4,430.05
LIBRARY	\$ 12,185.46	\$ 5,603.20	\$ 6,508.42	\$ 11,280.24
HOT CHECK	\$ 4,245.03	\$ 366.76	\$ 760.01	\$ 3,851.78
TOTALS	\$ 379,596.59	\$ 727,452.44	\$ 573,861.87	\$ 533,187.16

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF MOTLEY

BEFORE ME, THE UNDERSIGNED AUTHORITY, ON THIS DAY PERSONALLY APPEARED EVA BARKLEY, MOTLEY COUNTY TREASURER, WHO BEING SWORN, AND UPON OATH, SAYS THAT THE WITHIN AND FOREGOING IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

Eva Barkley
COUNTY TREASURER

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME THIS 13th DAY OF JANUARY, 2009

ELAINE HART
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES
February 1, 2012

Elaine Hart
Notary Public

Motley County, Texas

"Texas the State of Flowing Water" TV Documentary To Air Feb. 12

AUSTIN, Texas — The one-hour video documentary Texas the State of Flowing Water will air at 8 p.m. central time, Thursday, Feb. 12 on all Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) stations in Texas. It is the fourth in an award-winning series of water resource documentaries produced by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and broadcast in partnership with PBS stations.

Texas the State of Flowing Water examines water resource threats facing Texas and looks at what people can do to protect the state's most precious natural resource. The documentary features images of rivers, springs, bays and estuaries, plus interviews with a wide array of experts, stakeholders and policy makers.

The documentary is made possible in part by a grant from the federal Sport Fish Restoration Program, which funds nearly \$18 million in Texas

conservation efforts each year from boater and angler purchases of fishing equipment and motorboat fuels. It is part of a multi-year TPWD communication initiative called "Texas: The State Of Water," supported this year with additional sponsor funding from the San Antonio River Authority, Brazos River Authority, and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation.

The program explores human use of rivers and water resources in several ways, including the trend of off-channel storage reservoirs to meet future water demands. Impacts to the natural flow of rivers will be examined, including a profile of the Fastrill Reservoir project, which is proposed for the same area where a new national wildlife refuge is being created on the Neches River. It will look at recent legislation designed to determine the amounts of

fresh water that should reach the coast to maintain healthy bays.

Climate change is a new topic explored in this latest TPWD documentary, which looks at how changing conditions could alter the ecology of Texas. It will also examine the importance of keeping Texas rivers flowing into coastal estuaries and bays. It will look at how increasing municipal demand has elevated the importance of water conservation measures. It explores the link between creek beds and aquifer recharge. It shows how more Texans are gaining an appreciation of our rivers and bays through the ever increasing number of designated paddling trails.

The documentary includes a brief look at the trend of green building and how simple steps people can take can collectively do a lot to diminish future water shortages.

Obituaries

Robena Formby Duncan

ROBENA FORMBY DUNCAN, 87, passed away on January 14, 2009, in Richardson. She was born October 19, 1921, in McAdoo, Texas, to Marshall and Mae Formby. Mrs. Duncan was preceded in death by her husband Frank L. Duncan, District Conservationist for the United States Department of Agriculture in Vernon, Texas.

She was a loving mother to five children: Franki Duncan Locke and her husband, Tom, of Fort Worth; Carol Duncan Wright and husband Tim of Plano; Mary Duncan Burgess of Washington DC; Senator Robert Duncan of Lubbock; and Jill Duncan and her husband, Mike Powers, of Austin.

Mrs. Duncan was a fun grandmother to her 12 grandchildren: Cheryl Locke Pingel of Fort Worth; Tim Locke and his wife, Misty, of Fort Worth; Danielle Locke Smith of Fort Worth; Tony Wright and his wife, Kathy, of Wylie, Texas; Greg Wright of Fort Worth; Timothy Wright and his wife, Christie, of Plano; Flynt Burgess of Houston; Claire Burgess of Washington, DC; Vanessa Burgess of Lubbock; Lindsey Duncan of Lubbock; Matthew

Duncan of Lubbock; and Kelsey Hladic of Austin.

She was also blessed in her lifetime with five great-grandchildren: Chase, Adrienne and Zander Pingel of Fort Worth; Andie Smith of Fort Worth; and Nathan Wright of Wylie, Texas.

Mrs. Duncan was preceded in death by her brother, the former Senator Marshall Formby, and she remained close to his wife, Sharleen Formby. She grew up with her cousin, Clint Formby, of Hereford, a celebrated radio broadcaster.

Much of her family history is intertwined with that of Texas Tech University. She was a student at the Lubbock university, where she met and later married her dear husband, Frank L. Duncan. They celebrated a marriage of more than half a century, 55 years, before he passed away. Mrs. Duncan later married Joe King, who had been her high school sweetheart. The couple moved to San Marcos, and later Roaring Springs. She was residing in Richardson, TX near her daughter, Carol, when she passed away.

Robena Formby Duncan was a lively spirit, even as her body



slowed down with age and illness. She still took pleasure from the golf course, and her bright mind continued to delight her family and friends. Her love for the Lord, commitment to family, and loyalty to her friends will continue to be an inspiration. She will be deeply missed.

A public service took place on Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2009, at 10 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church of Vernon, 3029 Wilbarger, Vernon, Texas 76384. Internment followed immediately after the service.

Donations may be made in memory of Robena Formby Duncan to the American Diabetes Association by mail to 2499 South Capital of Texas Highway, Suite A-204, Austin.

Wildlife Intensive Leadership Development Summer Camp Seeking Youth and Adults

San Antonio, TX – Do something different with your summer! The Texas Brigades is seeking students age 13-17 with curiosity and enthusiasm about wildlife, habitat, and conservation. Each Texas Brigade camp is a five-day program focusing on one of four educational curriculums: Bobwhite Brigade (quail), Buckskin Brigade (deer), Feathered Forces (quail and turkey), or Bass Brigade.

Applications for the 2009 camp season are now available online at texasbrigades.org.

The Texas Brigades' mission is to empower high school youth with the necessary skills and knowledge in wildlife and fisheries, habitat conservation, land and water stewardship, team-building, communication, and leadership to become ambassadors for conservation in order to ensure a sustained wildlife and fisheries legacy for future generations. Six camps take place this year at locations across Texas.

South Texas Buckskin Brigade, Carrizo Springs, June 14-18.

Rolling Plains Bobwhite Brigade, Coleman, June 20-24.

South Texas Bobwhite Brigade, Pleasanton, June 28-July 2.

Bass Brigade, Mexia, July 13-17.

North Texas Buckskin Brigade, Albany, July 19-23.

East Texas Feathered Forces, Nacogdoches, July 26-30.

Each camp consists of intense, interactive, and hands-on learning from some of the top wildlife and natural resource professionals in Texas. Subjects covered include everything from biology, habitat management, watersheds, population dynamics, ecology, and botany, to photography, journalism, firearm safety, fishing, communication, critical-thinking, team building, and leadership.

Each camp needs adult volunteers to serve as Leaders every

summer. No experience is necessary, just a desire to learn and mentor youth. You will have the opportunity to aid a younger generation's consciousness of their responsibility to and understanding of their natural world. Not only are you enriching the lives of the participants, but you too will benefit from the experience.

An understanding of the importance of this program is represented by its cooperating partners, including Texas AgLife Extension, Texas Wildlife Association, USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service, Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, Texas Chapters of Quail Unlimited, and the National Wild Turkey Federation.

CONTACT:
Helen Holdsworth, Executive Director or Kassi Scheffer, Program Assistant
800-839-9453
www.texasbrigades.org

Arthur J. Harmon

Arthur J. Harmon, 83, died on January 11, 2009. Services were held January 14, 2009 in Memorial Park Chapel of Memories with Reverend Jerry Davey officiating, and military honors provided by DAV Chapter 26. Entombment was at Memorial Park Cemetery East Mausoleum.

He was born in Chillicothe, Texas on May 29, 1925 to Arthur M. and Dollie Mae Harmon. He graduated from Roaring Springs High School.

He enlisted in the Army Air Corps in August 1943, served in the European Theater, and achieved the rank of Staff Sergeant before being discharged in 1945. He married Yvonna Simpson in 1947.

He worked for the Texas Veterans Affairs Commission in Lubbock, Houston, Waco, and Amarillo for 23 years and retired in 1990. He was a member of Paramount Baptist Church, Amarillo.

Survivors include three Sis-

ters; Juanita Cooper of Matador, Lee Bradford and husband, Van, of Gruver, Vee Gordon and husband, Harold, of Matador; three Brothers; Lonnie Harmon of Hedley, Gordon Harmon and wife, Freddie, of Mansfield, and Billy Harmon and wife, Martha, of Lubbock; 11 nieces and nephews; and numerous other relatives and friends including Don and Rose Mary Rhoden of Amarillo. On line condolences may be made at www.mem.com.

**We are the
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We are all
in this together
We are one**

Thank You
Ken and I would like to thank our community for all the support and love shown us during these past months. Your generosity of calls, cards, prayers, and all the rest were amazing. Each of you know who you are that made it possible for us to keep going during this hard time.
God is faithful. Our deepest thanks and love go to you all.
Ken & Dinah Young

Thank You
I want to thank Tony Rose, Debra Scott and Seven Alexander for taking me to UMC Hosiptal back in November 2008 when I was hurting so bad. The EMS team took good care of me and I was glad we have them in Motley County. Also I want to thank everyone who sent me a Get Well cards and for all their prayers and for the foods. It is nice to live in Motley County. Thank you again.
Sincerely, Josie Raetz

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MCISD 5th graders
attend Lubbock Symphony

the planets represented are: "Saturn - The Bringer of Old Age," "Uranus - The Magician," and "Neptune - The Mystic." With each piece the conductor gave a background of the planet. Ironically, in Holst's The Planets Pluto had not yet been discovered. The idea has been proposed that perhaps it was not meant to be, since many scientists now believe that Pluto is not really a planet. The music was accompanied by a Powerpoint

presentation that gave pictures and information about each of the planets highlighted, as well as stars on the ceilings and walls.

Students also enjoyed a trip to the Texas Tech Museum before the symphony concert where they saw many displays from natural history, as well as a special Berenstain Bears exhibit that showed how one of their books was made step by step. Then a trip to Furr's for lunch always makes the

Trail Fixin's

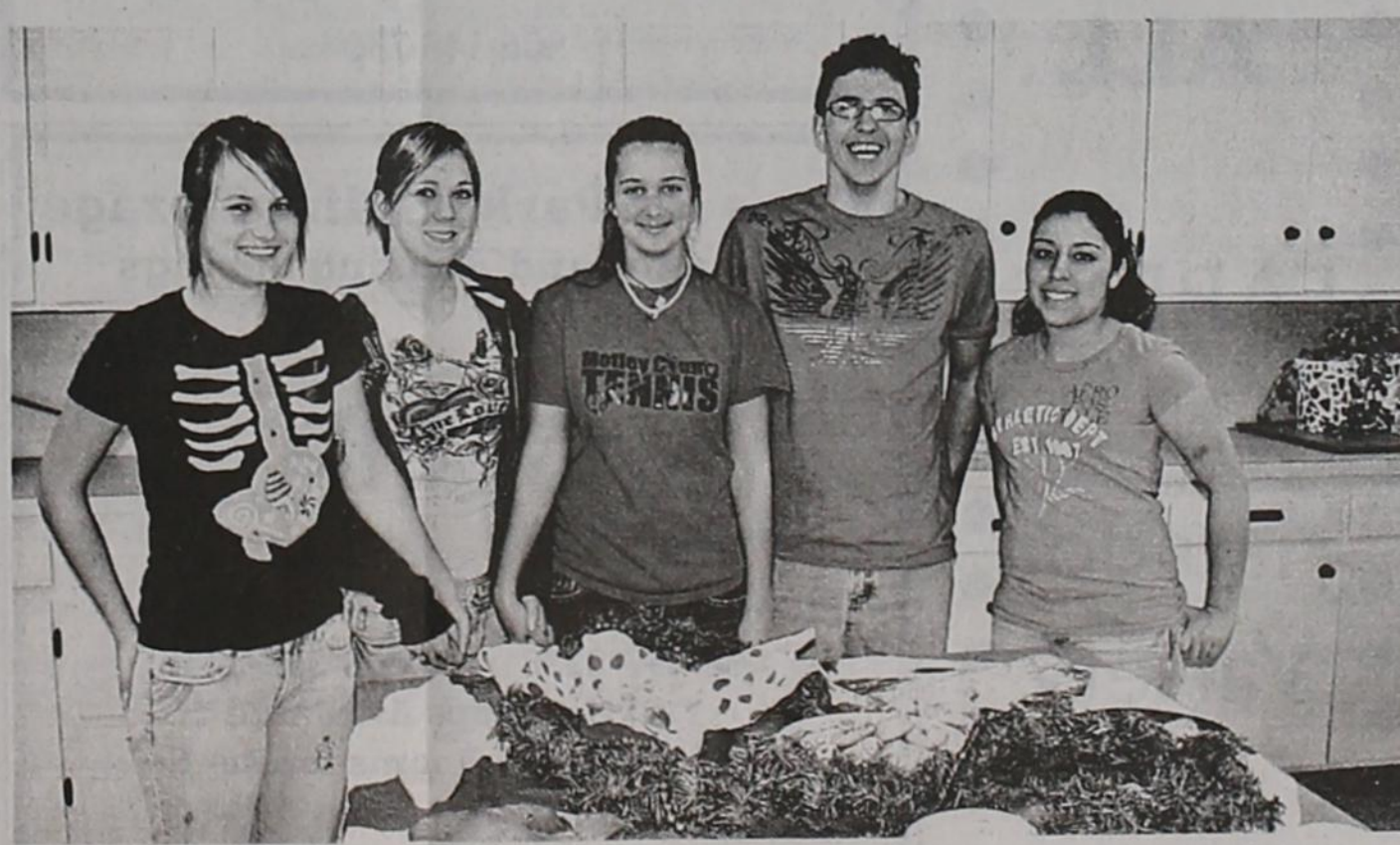
By Dorothy Pope
January 20, 2009 marks a day in history. How could we not know? That's all we've heard about for weeks. Maybe some rights can undo the wrongs and we can get back on the side of prosperity. So if you're feeling rich here is a rich recipe.

Neiman Marcus Cake
1 pkg-(18ozs) yellow cake mix
½ cup butter, softened
1 egg
1 cup pecans chopped
3 eggs
1 box powdered sugar (16 ozs)
1 pkg (8ozs. Cream cheese)
1 cup coconut
Mix first 3 ingredients together; flatten in the bottom of a 13x9 inch pan.
Pat pecans on top of mixture.
Combine 3 eggs, powdered sugar, cream cheese and coconut.
Beat together until well mixed and pour over other mixture,
Bake 1 hour at 350 degrees

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Family and Consumer Science students, (L-R) Sarah Ferguson, Anna Daniell, Danielle Stewart, Ky Christopher and Jessica Reyes prepared tasty apple pies and pound cakes. The baked goods were then presented to the Matador and Roaring Springs Lion's Clubs for use in the Holiday Gift Baskets. The students felt that this worth while project contributed to our community

NEWS AROUND MOTLEY COUNTY

Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

We have another cat. I mentioned that we had two that needed homes two or three months ago. They were dropped off. Of course we got attached to the kitten. Corky took him and had him neutered last week. He is a pretty shorthaired blue cat. He has lots of personality and his name is Fred. Lil' Toot is very angry about his presence. She slaps him every time she can. It seems Fred just ignores her but he is quickly growing into a larger cat. Perhaps they will make peace soon. To Clyde, the eldest cat, neither Lil' Toot nor Fred exist. He seems oblivious to them. He never makes any effort to make friends. Prissy, the outdoor dog tolerates all the cats. Wixie really enjoys playing with Fred and they play chase quite a bit inside. Now Fred thinks roughhousing is more fun and Wixie quickly gets enough. If Wixie is sleeping when Fred comes in he goes to her bed and slaps her to wake her to play. Soon Fred will be banished from the house because he will be shedding. They are fun to watch and it is interesting to see how different their personalities are and how they react to each other. Lil' Toot gets plenty of attention outside. She is my companion when I work outside. She loves taking dirt baths and looks quite dirty most of the time. She is a very pretty cat I think when she is clean. (When we get rain and there is no dust, she will be black and snow white again.)

Several Roaring Springs residents enjoyed celebrating Larry Vogt's birthday and Larry and Laverne's first anniversary of owning the Motley County Tribune. Larry and

his daughter Susanna provided musical entertainment. Those attending from Roaring Springs were: J. N. Fletcher, Thelma and Kathy Hughes (Thelma was also celebrating a birthday.), P. K. Green, Mike Mach, Ken and Suzanne Abbott, Lyn Montgomery, Ken and Dinah Young; Grace Zabielski, and Corky and Monta Marshall.

Word was received last Friday that McAdoo native and former Roaring Springs resident, Robena Formby Duncan King died. She had been living near her daughter in Plano, TX since she became ill and unable to live alone. Her funeral was held in Vernon, TX on Tuesday. Robena was a well liked, happy person that was involved in the community when she lived here. She will be missed.

Attending Charles Hipp's funeral from Roaring Springs were: Corky Marshall, Joyce Rowe and former residents Bill and Lea Peacock. His service was held at the South Plains Church of Christ in Lubbock.

The Roaring Springs Community Volunteers have purchased a shotgun to be raffled at the next late night shopping event. They plan to limit the number of tickets sold to two hundred. The tickets are \$10.00 each. Over thirty tickets have already been sold.

The Volunteers met for their January meeting at the home of Corky and Monta Marshall. Fourteen members enjoyed homemade bean soup, stew cornbread, apple cobbler and a special cheesecake made by Laverne to honor her mother, Grace Zabielski on her birthday.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

My wife left the car unattended for only a minute, but it was long enough for our two year old to climb in, throw the car into reverse and crash into a lamppost. He was fine, but the car wasn't, and I had a hard time explaining who was behind the wheel to the insurance company.

Visiting during the weekend with Janice and Butch Hughes were sons and families, Bengie, J.J and Kaitlynn Hughes of Royce City, Ricky Hughes of Floydada and Roger Hughes and son, Brody of Floydada. Saturday afternoon, they attended a party at Unity Community Center celebrating the sixth birthday of Kendal Hughes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Hughes of Floydada. She was presented gifts, a High School colorful decorated cake served with punch. In the large center the guests were able to enjoy riding bicycles and skateboards!

Ken and Dinah Young of Roaring Springs honored Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton

with a breakfast on her birthday at the Hotel Turkey Saturday morning in Turkey.

Michael Davis of Lovington, N.M. visited Sunday with his grandparents, Jack and Nada Starkey. Jack was in Amarillo Tuesday at the Veteran's Hospital to have stitches removed from his ear following surgery.

Weekend visitors of Mrs. Erma Washington were cousin and wife Mr. and Mrs. Gary Nall of Amarillo.

Wilburn Martin attended to business in Plainview Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvia Joe Calvert of Dumas visited Sunday with his family, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert and Glen Calvert.

Mrs. B. Rogers and son Donnie Rogers were in Abilene Saturday to visit Shawna and Jeff Abernathy, Jake and Allie. They celebrated the fifth birthday of Jake. Others attending were Donna Sue and Stanley Degan of Calgary, Mr. and Mrs. Dane Degan of Lubbock and Shay and Jimmy McDaniel, Seth, Luke, and Colt of Sundown.

Matador News

Juanita Cooper and Jack Samford attended funeral services January 14, 2009 for her brother Arthur Harmon of Amarillo. Services were held at the Chapel in Memorial Park in Amarillo with burial in the Mausoleum. Other family members attending were Lonnie Harmon of Hedley, Gordon Harmon and wife, Freddie, of Mansfield, Bill Harmon and wife, Martha, of Lubbock, Lee Harmon Bradford and husband, Van, of Gruver, and several nieces and nephews.

Mary Helen and B.C. "Doc" Cross of Plainview visited

Sunday with Earlyne and H.R. "Skeet" Jameson.

Mrs. Wilda Dixon visited overnight recently in Lovington, N.M. with her mother, Mrs. Ted Hester. They attended the funeral services the following day in Denver City held for her cousin, Leslie Steele. Wilda was in Lubbock Tuesday for a medical appointment and tests.

Lucretia Estes Campbell was a recent patient at Cogdell Hospital in Lockney. She is home recuperating from pneumonia.

American Legion Meeting

Post 337 of the American Legion will meet on Monday evening, Jan. 26 at 7PM at the Motley County Senior Center. All legion members and any other veterans of the Armed Forces and their spouses are invited to attend. The meeting will include a covered dish supper. A video presentation of one branch of the armed forces in action in the Vietnam war will be shown.

School Menu

Thursday, January 22

BREAKFAST-
Cereal, Toast, Milk, Juice
LUNCH
Ham Chef Salad, Baked Potato, Crackers, Jello, Milk

Friday, January 23

BREAKFAST
Biscuit, Sausage, or Cereal, toast, sliced pairs, Milk
LUNCH
Macho Nachos, Salad, Corn, sliced peaches, Milk

Monday, January 26

BREAKFAST
Cinnamon Rolls or Cereal, Toast, Applesauce, Milk
LUNCH
Hamburger/Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle Slices, French Fries, Slice Pears, Milk

Tuesday, January 27

BREAKFAST
Breakfast Pizza, or Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk
LUNCH
Spaghetti/Meat Sauce, Salad, Cheese Sticks, Jello, Milk

Wednesday, January 28

BREAKFAST
Egg/Cheese, Omelette
Toast or Cereal, Juice, Milk
LUNCH
Cornrod, baked beans, Pickle spear, sliced peaches, Milk

Thursday, January 29

LUNCH
Assorted Sandwiches
Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Potato Chips, Orange Slice, Milk

Nedra Clifton celebrates 85th birthday



Matador resident Nedra Clifton was honored with a reception on her 85th birthday Sunday, January 18, in the fellowship hall of Matador Church of Christ.

The ladies of the Church of Christ hosted the event serving cake, several types of hordevours, cookies and punch, to about 40 guests. Several guests from Spur and Dickens were there for the occasion as well as Matador, Roaring Springs, and Dickens.

Out-of-town guests from Spur were: Gwyn and Janis

Long, Dexter and Judy Clay, Harry Bob and Mary Lena Martin, and Tony and Donna Ratliff.

Also, Lila Smithy and Nancy Hager of Girard; Bo and Donna Whitaker of Hackmont; and Kay and Eddie Laster and Herman and Leannora Houwen, all from Dickens; and Russell and Lori Alexander, and Jaci Zingerman, Roaring Springs.

Guests from Matador were: Joyce Campbell, Norma Marrs, Dorothy Knight, Nova Turner, Ben, Dvonna and

Justin Grundy, Dorothy Russell, Ethel Smith, Mary Jones, Cathy Turner, Carley Turner, Cassidy Turner, D'anna and Shane'a Russell, Marion Woodruff, Mike and Judy Crowley, and Melea Knowles.

On Saturday Nedra was honored with a lunch at her granddaughter Dvonna Grundy's home. Nedra's brothers Coy Carr, Johnny Carr, and Franklin and Connie Carr all of Graham, Texas, joined the festivities along with Ben Grundy and great-grandson Justin Todd.

Senior Citizen Menu

Thursday, January 22

Grilled Chicken Sandwich, Oven fries, Tomato, Lettuce, Onion, Cherry cobbler.

Friday, January 23

Oven Roasted Brisket, Potato Salad, Okra, Wheat Bread, Baked Apples

Monday, January 26

Beef enchiladas, Refried Beans, Tomatoes, Tortilla,

Tapioca Pudding

Tuesday, January 27

BBQ Chicken, Broccoli, Baked Potato, Bread and Butter Pickles, Cinnamon Apple Sauce

Wednesday, January 28

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Michael G. Crowley, Sr.

Roaring Springs Church of Christ
Michael G. Crowley, Sr.
BIBLE STUDY 10:00 a.m. Worship 9:00 a.m.

Notes from the Library

By Buffy Crutchley

We've had an overwhelming response to our photography contest. I had more entries than I anticipated, which I'm grateful for! Now comes the fun part! The voting for the winners is up to the residents of Motley County. So, as you're out and about over the next two weeks, stop in the library and browse all the wonderful photos, and pick who you think should be the winner. Each resident can only vote once, so I need as much help as I can get! The photos really are worth seeing. Stop in today, and help two lucky winners have a chance at \$50! The last day to vote is February 3rd!

It's the beginning of another year, so that can only mean one thing! Friends of the Library dues are now being collected! This is your chance to be a part of the planning process for all our wonderful programs. Single memberships start at just \$5, so stop in today to join this worthy cause.

And while we're talking about the Friends of the Library, I want to remind you that our next meeting is rapidly approaching. Mark your calendars for Thursday, February 5th at 3:30pm. As always, there's lots to discuss, so I hope you'll join us.

FSA News

By Amt Hackler

Crop Disaster Program Sign-Up Ends February 27

Washington The USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) Administrator Teresa Lasseter announced that the sign up period for the 2005-2007 Crop Disaster Program (CDP) will end Feb. 27, 2009.

The ending date of Feb. 27 applies to the receipt of a signed and completed FSA-840 application along with all supporting

documentation and required forms available at your County FSA Office. No late filed applications will be approved after the Feb. 27th deadline.

All application determinations will be made by March 27, 2009. For further questions about CDP and the sign up deadline, please visit your County FSA Office or visit FSA's website at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

Cotton News

Weather wreaks havoc with Texas High Plains 08 cotton crop

By J.D. Bilbro
Contributing Writer

The Texas High Plains 2008 cotton crop will not match the 2007 crop and will be smaller than earlier predictions.

"The United States Department of Agriculture crop production report for November called for the High Plains area to produce 3.41 million bales, down from the previous month's estimate of 3.57 million bales. The estimate released August 12 was for 3.67 million bales. As usual, the weather is the main culprit," said Shawn Wade, Communications Director with Plains Cotton Growers Inc.

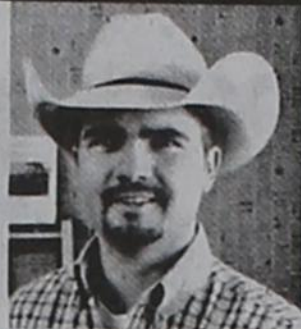
Wade said the reasons for a declining High Plains crop estimate can be traced to the start of the 2008 growing season.

"The weather was persistently dry and windy and provided little planting moisture. Those conditions led to failure of approximately one million acres of mostly dryland cotton that never came up and a smaller percentage of irrigated acres lost to hail or blowing sand.

"In addition, during the growing season the area lost several hundred thousand acres from scattered hail events and other causes. Altogether an estimated 1.32 million acres of cotton were abandoned on the High Plains," Wade said. "And most of the 1.97 million acres of cotton that remained were classified as being 'fair' to 'good' with very few acres garnering an 'excellent' rating.

"Despite the challenges, by mid-season things appeared to be turning around. Timely rains enabled the remaining crop to set abundant, but late, bolls.

County Agent's News



by Ryan Martin, Agri LIFE EXTENSION Agent

Motley 4-H Showmanship Clinic

A showmanship clinic is scheduled for January 24 at the bus barn starting at 9:00am for all Motley County Jr. Livestock Show participants. Topics that will be covered include showmanship, feeding and preparation for lambs, goats, pigs and rabbits. We will not cover steers at the clinic due to the difficulty in getting the steers to the bus barn, setup and cleanup. If you have steers and would like help working with them, please call to make arrangements and I will come to your facilities to help.

The showmanship clinic will begin at 9:00am with goats, then lambs, pigs and rabbits in that order. You do not have to bring your animal to the clinic if you do not wish to, but please come and listen. If you do bring your animal, the scales will be set up for anyone wanting to weigh their animal and after the presentations you will have time to work with your animal.

Ethanol production will have to increase to meet government mandates

AMARILLO – Ethanol plant construction has come to a halt, but the mandates by government are not declining, which could mean prices could jump again. Producers should prepare for round two, a Texas AgriLife Extension Service specialist said.

"Expanded ethanol production is probably a given; however, the pace is expected to slow due to capacity limits and policy," said Dr. Steve Amosson, AgriLife Extension economist.

The president-elect and U.S. Secretary of Agriculture are both big supporters of renewable fuels, Amosson said. President-Elect Barack Obama has stated, "I have established a goal to have 60 billion gallons of our fuel come from sustainable, affordable biofuels in 2022..."

The reality right now is that nationwide 213 ethanol plants were in production or under construction in September 2007, with many more on the drawing table, he said.

Nine months later, some of

the plants that were under construction have come into operation, but no new plants have started construction.

Bill Tierney, former Kansas State University grain marketing economist and former head of the U.S. Department of Agriculture wheat and feedgrains forecasting division in Washington, D.C., said the global "credit crisis" came at just the right time to stop the U.S. ethanol industry from seriously overbuilding capacity relative to the market share.

"In early August 2007, the industry was well on its way to overbuilding, much as the U.S. biodiesel industry already has," Tierney said.

The credit crisis and declining ethanol margins dried up financing for 11 billion gallons of "probable" projects, he said.

"Ethanol production is and will continue to suffer from growing pains," Amosson said.

Recent analysis shows that ethanol plants are losing money given the current prices of ethanol and distiller's grains by-products, after taking into consideration the cost of the primary inputs natural gas and corn, Amosson said. However, he said, considering oil prices are expected to start going back up and "we may be falling below producing enough ethanol to meet the amount necessary to meet the renewable fuel standards, ethanol prices should rise."

The energy bill signed into law in December 2007 requires 36 billion gallons of ethanol to be available for use by 2022, Amosson said. Twenty-one billion gallons is supposed to come from feedstocks other than corn.

"The renewable fuel standards will not hold up – it can't," Amosson said.

The renewable fuels standard mandate enacted under the Clear Air Act applies to blenders but has never been enforced, he said. The Environmental Protection Agency is the enforcement arm.

According to the standards, 11.1 billion gallons of ethanol nationwide, or 10.21 percent of the national energy supply, must come from renewable fuel

COW POKES

By Ace Reid



"Have you noticed that we only got two kinds of weather in this country – miserable hot and miserable cold?"

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this year, Amosson said. The amount gradually steps up from there.

Penalties for blenders not meeting the mandates include having to return any profit from non-renewable fuels and a fine of \$25,000 per day, he said, so that may be enough incentive to keep them moving in that direction.

One bushel of corn will produce 2.8 gallons of ethanol and 17 pounds of dried distiller's grains, Amosson said.

CEM-Infected Stallion Confirmed in Texas

The Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) reports that laboratory tests have confirmed that a stallion in Texas is infected with contagious equine metritis (CEM), a highly contagious, venereal disease of horses.

The Texas-born quarter horse had spent the 2008 breeding season in Kentucky, where CEM was detected in a stallion during routine testing in mid-December. As of January 15, a total of nine infected stallions have been detected: four in Kentucky, three in Indiana, and one each in Wisconsin and Texas. All of the infected stallions have epidemiological links to one or more CEM-infected equine during the 2007 or 2008 breeding

season. State and federal authorities are continuing to seek the source of the infection.

At least 38 states are involved in a nationwide epidemiological investigation and testing of about 275 horses that may have been exposed to CEM through natural breeding or artificial insemination. The disease can be spread among stallions, if strict biosecurity measures are not maintained during the collection of semen.

CEM is not routinely spread through casual contact or shared boarding facilities, and horses can be treated with disinfectants and antibiotics to wipe out the infection. Potentially exposed and infected equine animals are being held under movement restrictions by state animal health authorities, until they test negative for the disease or they complete veterinary treatment and are certified as CEM-negative.

Currently, the TAHC is working with accredited private veterinary practitioners to test another stallion and 21 mares with potential exposure to CEM. In some cases, CEM may cause infected mares to abort.

CEM is not known to affect humans. The equine disease was first detected in the U.S. in 1978, then again in 1979. In both instances, the limited outbreaks were eradicated.

NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

City of Matador
PO Box 367
Matador, TX 79244

Motley County Tribune
January 22, 2009

TO: All Interested Agencies, Groups and Persons:

On December 24, 2006, the City of Matador, Motley County, Texas requested that the Office of Rural Community Affairs (ORCA) release Federal funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-383) for Project No. 726411.

Exempt Activities

Administration
Planning and Engineering

Environmental Assessment Activities

Water System Improvements in Matador, Texas

Finding of No Significant Impact

It has been determined that such a request of release of funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and accordingly the City of Matador has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190). The reason for such a decision not to prepare such a Statement is based upon the fact that all environmental concerns could either be minimized or mitigated.

This notice is to notify the Office of Rural Community Affairs and the Public that the City of Matador, has examined the amendment (as of December 2008) to its Texas Community Development Program project and re-evaluated the Environmental Determination of the original project. The City of Matador has determined that the original Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), is still valid (24 CFR 58.47) for the following reasons:

- 1) The amendment does not make substantial changes to the project or add new activities not anticipated in the original scope of the project that are not covered by the original environmental determination or Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI).
- 2) No new circumstances or environmental conditions have arisen during project implementation.

An Environmental Review Record for the proposed project has been made by the City that documents the environmental review of the project and more fully sets forth the reasons why such a statement is not required. The Environmental Review Record is on file at City Hall, City of Matador, PO Box 367, Matador, TX 79244, and is available for public examination and copying upon request between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Public Comments on Findings

All interested agencies, groups and persons, disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the City to the following address: SPAG, Attn: Kelly Davila, 1323 58th St., Lubbock, TX 79414. Such written comments must be received at the address specified within seven (7) days after this publication. All such comments so received will be considered and the City will not request the release of funds or take administrative action on the project prior to the date specified in the proceeding sentence.

Release of Funds

The City of Matador will undertake the activities described above with Community Development Block Grant funds under Title I from its Program Year 2006 under grant numbered 726411 from the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. New additions to the project include an extension to Stewart and Lariat Street and the inclusion of water line from Main to Bailey to Lariat Street. The City is certifying to ORCA that Mr. Pat Smith, in his official capacity as Mayor, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision-making and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval, the City of Matador may use the Block Grant funds and it will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. ORCA will accept an objection to its approval only on one or more of the bases and the procedures described in 24 CFR Part 58.75. Objections are to be addressed to the Office of Rural Community Affairs, P.O. Box 12877 Austin, Texas 78711.

Objections to the release of funds on bases other than those stated above will not be considered by the ORCA. No objections received later than seven (7) days after this publication will be considered by ORCA.

Pat Smith, Mayor
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- 23 Titus Foundation Meeting
- 23 Varsity BB boys & girls vs Valley at Home 6:00pm
- 26 JH BB vs Guthrie Home 5:30 pm
- 26 American Legion Post 337, 7 PM at the Motley County Senior Center
- 27 Varsity BB boys & girls vs Spur at Home @ 6:pm
- 30 Varsity BB boys & girls in Patton Springs @ 6pm

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The City of Matador is considering a proposed amendment to its approved 2006 Texas Community Development Block Grant Program (TxCDBG) contract with the Office of Rural Community Affairs to include additional water system improvements associated with this contract. The improvements included in this contract amendment request are proposed to be made on Stewart Street, Lariat Street, Main Street, Eubank Street, Somerville Street, and Bailey Street in the city of Matador. These improvements will be in the general vicinity of other water system improvements already under construction as part of the city's approved TxCDBG project.

A public hearing concerning the proposed amendment is scheduled to be held at 5:05 p.m. on Monday, January 26, 2009, at the City Hall, Matador, Texas. The purpose of this public hearing will be to discuss the proposed amendment and solicit citizen input on the proposed change in the scope of the city's 2006 TxCDBG project.

All citizens are encouraged to attend this public hearing and present their views to the city. The City Hall is accessible to the disabled; disabled individuals who might have difficulty in attending this public hearing should contact Mayor Pat Smith's office to arrange for special assistance. If anyone interested in attending the public hearing requires a translator, please contact Mayor Pat Smith's office prior to the public hearing so arrangements may be made. If you cannot attend in person, written comments may be submitted and will be accepted by the city until this public hearing is concluded.

A copy of the proposed amendment is available for review during normal business hours at the City Hall address listed above. For further information concerning the city's 2006 TxCDBG project and/or this proposed contract amendment, please contact Debra Scott, City of Matador, at (806) 347-2255. ct4

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