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Spring storm dumps 2- to 4-inches of snow



late March spring storm dumped about 2- to 4-inches of snow in Matador, encasing tree limbs in ice. Temperatures hovered near freezing on Saturday, March 20, with gusting winds and light snow all day. This may be another season without fruit, as apricot, peach, and plum trees that had made a spring bloom were hit hard by the cold and snow. photo by Carol Campbell



Birds were scavenging for seeds during the recent snow storm that dumped 2- to 4-inches of snow in Motley County. The Spring cold-snap is a familiar visitor each year, often producing blizzard-type conditions that nips the fruit trees -- the promise of Spring is near. photo by Carol Campbell

RS City Council awards depot roof bid

The Roaring Springs City Council met in regular session on March 8, 2010, in the City Hall conference room.

Attending were: Mayor Corky Marshall, Council Members, PK Green, Kelly Keltz, Alex Crowder, Timmy Brooks, and James McCleskey; and Water Manager Robert Osborn, and City Secretary, Zella Palmer.

The February 8, 2010, regular city council meeting minutes were approved. The financial report was approved, and bills were approved to be paid as presented. The Council voted unanimously to place a bid in the regular city council meeting.

Bids were opened for the replacement of the roof on the Roaring Springs Railroad Depot. Two bids were received: Bobby Barton bid \$30,514.63 for a steel roof. Bobby bid \$52,540.00 for a Decra Roof, with no stacking of old tile for resale on either bid.

Marshall Bros., Inc, bid was \$17,300.00 for a steel roof, with an option of stacking old tile on pallets for resale; and cost with option for a steel roof was \$19,300.00. Marshall Bros. bid \$34,200.00 for

Motley County Tribune for a Decra roof, with the option the sale of the 1996 White of stacking old tile on pallets Ford Pickup. Bids will be for resale. Cost with option for opened at the April 12, 2010, Decra roof was \$36,200.00. The Council voted unanimously to award the bid to the Marshall Bros. for the Decra roof with the option to stack the old tile for resale.

Mayor Marshall reported he had received a complaint about the Brown house. The house is in very bad condition, he said, and stray dogs are living under the house. Reportedly, the dogs are killing goats in a nearby pasture. The Council voted unanimously to send a letter to the owner, asking for permission to tear the house down.

TxDOT Seeks Public Comment to Improve

Transportation Planning and Project Development Processes

For the next several weeks, Texans will have the opportunity to provide suggestions to improve the way their transportation system is planned. The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is soliciting comment on revisions to department transportation planning and programming rules in Title 43 of the Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 15. The request will be posted in the Texas Register on March 19.

Transportation Commission created the Transportation Planning and Project Development Rulemaking Advisory Committee made up of 11 representatives from metropolitan planning organizations, local government, transit organizations, tolling authorities and the Federal Highway Administration. The department and the advisory committee have been working on development of draft rules in order to establish a comprehensive transportation planning and project development program that is transparent, well-defined and understand-

Information gathered from public comments in response to the Texas Register Notice will assist in development of those rules.

Following this pre-review comment period, TxDOT On July 30, 2009, the Texas and the advisory committee will present draft rules to the Texas Transportation Commission for its consideration, with final approval likely later this year.

> The latest version of the draft planning and programming rules may be viewed on the TxDOT website, www.txdot.gov/public_involvement/ public_comment/planning_ programming input.htm.

Comments will be accepted until 5 p.m. on April 19. The Texas Department of Transportation The Texas Department of Transportation is responsible for maintaining nearly 80,000 miles of road and for supporting aviation, rail and public transportation across the state. TxDOT and its approximately 12,000 employees strive to empower local leaders to solve local transportation problems, and to use new financial tools, including tolling and public-private partnerships, to reduce congestion and pave the way for future economic growth while enhancing safety, improving air quality and increasing the value of the state's transportation assets. Find out more at www.txdot.gov.

For more information, call TxDOT's Government and Public Affairs Division at (512) 463-8588

IRS outlines additional steps to assist unemployed taxpayers and others

WASHINGTON - The Internal Revenue Service today announced several additional steps it is taking this tax season to help people having difficulties meeting their tax obligations because of unemployment or other financial problems.

The steps — an expansion of efforts that began more than a year ago -- include additional flexibility on offers in compromise for struggling taxpayers, a series of Saturday "open houses" offering taxpayers extra opportunities to work out tax problems face to face with the IRS, special outreach with partner groups to unemployed taxpayers and the availability of more information on a special section of the IRS Web site.

"Times are tough for many people, and the IRS wants to do everything it can to help people who have lost their job or face financial strain," IRS Commissioner Doug Shulman said. "We continue to make adjustments to key programs and expand ways for people to get help. We're doing everything we can to help ease the burden on struggling taxpay-

New Flexibility for Offers in Compromise

For some taxpayers, an offer in compromise -- an agreement between a taxpayer and the IRS that settles the taxpayer's debt for less than the full amount owed -- continues to be a viable option. IRS employees will now have additional flexibility when considering offers in compromise from taxpayers facing economic troubles, including the recently unemployed.

Specifically, IRS employees will be permitted to consider a taxpayer's current income and potential for future income when negotiating an offer in compromise. Normally, the standard practice is to judge an offer amount on a taxpayer's earnings in prior years. This new step provides greater flexibility when considering offers in compromise from the unemployed. The IRS may also require that a taxpayer entering into such an offer in compromise agree `to pay more if the taxpayer's financial situation improves significantly.

These immediate steps are part of an on-going effort by the IRS to ensure the availability of the Offer in Compromise program for taxpayers.

Hundreds of Saturday Open Houses to Resolve Taxpayer Issues

In addition, IRS will hold hundreds of special Saturday open houses to give struggling taxpayers more opportunity to work directly with IRS employees to resolve issues. The offices will be open on March 27 and three additional Saturdays in the spring and early summer. Dates, times and locations will be announced shortly.

During the expanded Saturday hours, taxpayers will be able to address economic hardship issues they may be facing or get help claiming any of the special tax breaks in last year's American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, including the:

- Homebuyer tax credit
- · American Opportunity Credit

- Making Work Pay credit
- Expanded Earned Income Tax Credit

In addition to these special Saturdays, taxpayers can take advantage of toll-free telephone assistance and regularly scheduled hours at local Taxpayer Assistance Centers. Taxpayers can find the location, telephone number and business hours of the nearest assistance center by visiting the Contact My Local Office page on IRS.gov.

Special Outreach Efforts to Unemployed

The IRS is working and coordinating with state departments of revenue and state workforce agencies to help taxpayers who are having problems meeting their tax liabilities because of unemployment or other financial problems.

These coordinated efforts may include opportunities for taxpayers to make payment arrangements and resolve both federal and state tax issues in one place.

Special Section of **IRS.gov** Created

Taxpayers who are unemployed or struggling financially can find information in a new electronic tax center on the IRS Web site, IRS.gov. This online tax center has numerous resources including links to information on tax assistance and relief to help struggling taxpayers

Other Options Available for Taxpayers

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Foothill Country Connections

Community, Diversity, Art When you have history, you have pride.

By Laverne Zabielski

I'm thinking about what brings communities and families together.

Last night we streamed the movie "Selena." Iconographer Marc Burckhardt's image of Selena on the cover of this month's Texas Monthly stimulated my curiosity to watch the film. It's been 15 years since Selena was murdered by the founder of her fan club and manager of her boutiques. In the Latino community her death was compared to other assassinations. In the Anglo community, hardly anyone knew who she was. I wanted to know why.

The film, and the article "Dreaming of Her" by Pamela Colloff, an oral history of her family, band mates and friends, provide an insight of the difficulty Mexican Americans face. Especially in Texas. It was also an inspiring story of how a family can work together and address the issue of what to do when a child is very gifted.

Selena's father encour-

aged to sing from her heart and to learn the Spanish of her ancestors. He believed in Selena's talent and in the importance of keeping his family together. When he formed a family band, it was partly because of Selena's talent, but also it was a way for the family to have something to do together.

The Motley County Parents Club fund raiser to raise money for the All Night Party that is held after the graduation ceremony is another example of what brings communities and families together.

The phrase, "It takes a village to raise a child" is attributed to an old African proverb. Even though its exact origin seems to be lost in time, the essence behind it remains true today and is most definitely manifest at MCISD.

I must admit, as a parent having raised five children I think it is a true sign of commitment that the MCPC can create a graduation party that the students actually attend. Many parent clubs would love to know their secret.

WRITING COMMUNITY

Women as caregivers a focus of Women's History Month

Who provides the majority of the long-term care services in this country? Many Americans wrongly assume it's nursing homes.

In reality, family members --mostly women -- are the primary caretakers for people of all ages with disabilities and those who need help meeting daily needs.

As we celebrate Women's History Month in March, AARP Texas would like to take a moment to thank the many strong Texans who struggle to balance career and family responsibilities while caring for a loved one.

It's hard to overstate the importance of family caregiv-

ers. An AARP study found that families provide billions of dollars worth of care to loved ones each year. The economic value of this care is estimated at \$350 billion nationally and \$24 billion in Texas alone!

Informal, unpaid caregiving is the backbone of our nation's long-term care system. These caregivers help family members remain in their homes and communities, where most people prefer to receive care. But often times, our sisters, daughters and mothers pay a price for their service — financially, emotionally and physically.

Combining caring for a sick family member with work

and family demands can be a recipe for overload. Three out of four caregivers balance full-time jobs with providing an average of 20 hours per week of assistance. That's like having a second job!

Nearly two-thirds of caregivers report having shown up late for work, left early or taken time off to accommodate caregiving tasks. As caregivers are forced to take time off and work shorter days, they can face lower wages, reduced job security and loss of health insurance.

At home, caregiving responsibilities can burden family relations and strain pocketbooks.

More than half of caregivers

have less time for friends and other family members. Many find themselves paying for goods and services for their loved ones — out-of-pocket expenses that can quickly eat away at a household budget.

Caregivers also often place their own health at risk. Caregivers are more than twice as likely to have one or more chronic conditions.

Given the great impact these women have on our economy and our families, we must help their being overwhelmed by the demands placed on them. It's time to help family caregivers help the ones they love. AARP will continue to work with Texas Legislators to increase support for caregivers.

Profiles Of Texas Women In History By U.S. Sen. John Cornyn

Texas is home to a long line of strong, independent women who blazed trails in every area - from ranching and education to the arts and aviation. Names such as Lady Bird Johnson, Ann Richards, and Barbara Jordan are widely recognized across the country for their tremendous accomplishments. This March marks the 30th anniversary of National Women's History Month, which celebrates the many historic achievements of women. While the list of iconic Texas women is long and diverse, this month is a fitting opportunity to recognize a handful of these women who have created opportunities for women across Texas for generations to come.

Considered one of Texas' founding mothers, Rosa Maria Hinojosa de Balli, born in 1752, was a famous rancher known as Texas' first cattle queen. After inheriting 55,000 acres in present-day Harlingen, she proved a keen businesswoman, continually making strategic investments in new land, acquiring large herds of livestock, and managing her holdings from her headquarters at La Feria ranch. By the time of her passing, Balli had amassed more than one million acres of ranch land located in presentday Hidalgo, Cameron, Willacy, Starr and Kenedy counties. Nick-named, "La Patrona," Balli is considered one of the most influential Texas women of her time.

Also famous for her business savvy, Sarah Horton Cockrell built the first iron bridge over the Trinity River in Dallas in 1872. After her husband passed in 1858, Cockrell, a mother of five, started from the ground up, first paying back her husband's debts and eventually beginning to acquire property in what is now Dallas' central business district. Cockrell built Dallas' first three-story hotel, led construction on the first iron suspension bridge across the Trinity River, and bought, sold and leased commercial and residential properties from Dallas to Houston to Mineral Wells and Cleburne. In 1892, the year of her death, Cockrell owned nearly onefourth of downtown Dallas. It is said that her holdings were so extensive, her will had to be published in pamphlet form.

Minnie Fisher Cunningham of Galveston was an accomplished leader on behalf of women's rights. One of the first females in Texas to earn a degree in pharmacy, she

graduated from the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston in 1901. After working for a year as a pharmacist in Huntsville, Cunningham grew frustrated with the disparity in pay for women and said it "made a suffragette out of me." Cunningham went on to become president of the Galveston Equal Suffrage Association and began touring the state on behalf of the suffrage cause. In 1919, she helped to form the National League of Women Voters and served as its executive secretary. Eleanor Roosevelt would later say that Cunningham made her feel "that you had no right to be a slacker as a citizen, you had no right not to take an active part in what was happening to your country as a whole."

The first black woman to vote in Dallas County, Juanita Shanks Craft fought tirelessly to eliminate racial discrimination in Texas. The grand-daughter of slaves, Craft began her civil rights activism in 1935, when she joined the NAACP's Dallas branch. She was later appointed membership chairman and eventually, field organizer. All told, Craft, along with Lulu Belle White of Houston, worked to establish 182 NAACP branches across

Texas over an 11-year timeframe. Craft led the effort to desegregate the State Fair of Texas and also open up both the University of North Texas and North Texas State College to black students. Craft was recognized with several awards and honors during her 50 years of public service, including the Linz Award, Dallas' highest civic award, and the Eleanor Roosevelt Humanitarian Award for public service. Craft was invited to the White House on several occasions by presidents Kennedy, Johnson and Carter. Carter later called Craft "a living treasure."

While just a sampling of Texas' most influential female figures, these individuals made great strides that have opened doors and opportunities for countless women who followed them. As we celebrate National Women's History Month, I hope we can each take the time to celebrate the historic contributions of Texas women and also honor the mothers, wives, sisters, and daughters who have played an important role in shaping our own lives.

Sources: Womenintexashistory.org; Texas State Historical Association

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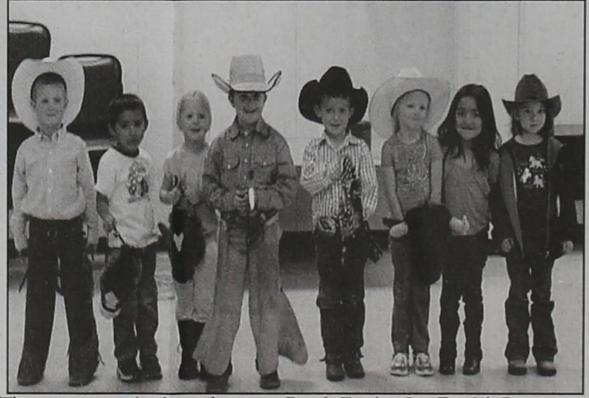
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Motley County Shining Stars



The contestants in the rodeo were Brock Fowler, Joe Daniel Guerrerro, Reese Marshall, Brogan Rankin, Kyler Beshirs, Trinity Ward, Naveah Salazar and Tylee Barclay.

PreKindergarten has been riding the range of "Texas" for the month of March. They learned about the different symbols and places of Texas. PreK concluded their unit by having a "Stick Horse Rodeo." The events they tried their skills at were Bronc Riding, Barrels, Flag Race and Bull Riding.



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IRS outlines steps continued from

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The IRS will continue to offer other help to taxpayers, including:

 Assistance of the Taxpayer Advocate Service for those taxpayers experiencing particular hardship navigating the IRS.

 Postponement of collection actions in certain hardship cases.

 Added flexibility for missed payments on installment agreements and offers in compromise for previously compliant individuals having difficulty paying.

 Additional review of home values for offers in compromise in cases where real-estate valuations may not be accurate.

 Accelerated levy releases for taxpayers facing economic hardship.

In addition, the IRS will accelerate lien relief for homeowners if a taxpayer cannot refinance or sell a home because of a tax lien. As previously announced, a taxpayer seeking to refinance or sell a home may request the IRS make a tax lien secondary to the lien by the lending institution that is refinancing or restructuring a loan.

Getting To Know Your Relay For Life Committee

By Monta Marshall

Editor's Note: This is the 4th article in a series about the Motley County Relay For Life Committee members.

Rosalee Davis got involved at the beginning like the other committee members I have interviewed so far. She attended the first meeting.

She told me that her husband Bob has had two sisters, a niece and a cousin who are all survivors of breast cancer. Rosalee's mother had cancer in the early 1960's.

Rosalee has had melanoma but fortunately it was caught in the early stages when it was still superficial. She does go back each year to be certain she remains cancer free.

Rosalee reminded me that everyone over 60 should have an examination by a dermatologist to make certain they have no moles that are precancerous or already cancerous.

Like the other committee members, she was ready to do something to help raise funds so that a cure can be found and no one has to have cancer. It sounds too good to be true, but think about people you have known over the years and how far cancer treatment has come. It can be a reality with research and a public that is aware of symptoms and the need for cancer screening. No lump, no symptom, or not skin cancer is too small to matter!

Bob Davis, Rosalee's husband, helps out when he can with the Relay For Life. His favorite job is to help in the concession stand. Their daughter, Jennifer Sands of Ropesville comes and helps with the Motley County Relay For Life, too.

The committee works about 10 months out of the year — having meetings, planning the Relay and talking about new ways to get more people involved. Rosalee is the Survivorship Chair, which means she is in charge of all the activities involving survivors. She is in charge of the survivor breakfast that will be held on April 10th at the Windmill Café in Roaring Springs. The time is tentatively set for 10:00 a.m.

All survivors need to stay in

touch. They can help lift a patient's spirits, share their struggle and give them hope. Rosalee especially asks that all survivors call her and register. All survivors and their caregivers are invited to the breakfast.

There are many survivors in Motley County; think what seeing someone else who has had the same problems and has survived means to those just beginning their treatments or just being diagnosed with cancer? We all need to talk to someone who has "been there and done that" as the saying goes. Information from a fellow patient is worth more than one can imagine if they have never faced the big C.

You may get in touch with Rosalee to register as a survivor; but you are welcome to the breakfast whether or not you have registered previously. Rosalee's phone number is 347-2237. Last year there were about 20 survivors and caregivers who attended. There are many more than that who are survivors in Motley County. We hope to see you there to encourage others and to celebrate with us the fact that we are alive.

Party for the Planet

to be presented by
Keep Childress Beautiful

Keep Childress Beautiful will be the host of an Earth Day celebration. The scheduled "Party for the Planet" will take place April 24, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Fair Park. The celebration will begin with a 5K run. All runners over the age of 14 are welcome to run in the 5K. Immediately following there will be a one-mile fun run that all school age children are welcome to participate in.

The 5K fee will be \$25, which will include a free t-shirt for the first 50 pre-registered participants. The children's entry fee is \$1 and they will receive a special gift donated by The Personal Touch. The \$1 will purchase seed packets, which will be given to the Roach Unit to grow fresh produce for our local food banks.

Information, food and product booths will be under

a tent to the north of the Rotary Bowl. Each booth will be provided with a 10X10 space, along with an 8-foot table and two chairs. The information booth fee will be \$10 and the product or food booth fee will be \$25. Local science teachers will provide experiments that will be hands-on for children. The CHS Jazz Band will be performing throughout the day. There will be paddleboats along with inflatable toys.

Overall, the "Party for the Planet" will provide something for everyone. Come be a participant or a spectator. This will be a memorable day for Childress.

If interested in having a booth, pre-registering for the 5K or finding out more information about this event please contact the Chamber of Commerce, 940-937-2567.

Diálogo Ecológico De los Redactores de E/ La Revista Ecológica

Querido DiálogoEcológico: Trabajo para una firma que vende copiadoras, faxes, computadoras e impresoras. Cada año salen nuevos modelos haciendo que los viejos caigan en desuso. Como resultado, tenemos montones de máquinas usadas dadas de pie a cambio de nuevas y no sabemos qué hacer con ellas. ¿Qué podemos hacer con estos equipos viejos? -- Jeff P., Worcester, MA

El desecho electrónico, o "E-desecho" como se le llama, es un problema creciente en Estados Unidos y en el extranjero, a medida que computadoras obsoletas o rotas y otros equipos electrónicos capturan cantidades cada vez más preciosas de espacio en los basurales y potencialmente dejan escapar sustancias peligrosas a los ecosistemas circundantes.

El grupo no comercial Silicon Valley Toxics Coalition informa que 70 por ciento de los metales pesados en vertederos de EEUU provienen de artículos electrónicos desechados, aunque el Edesecho representa sólo dos por ciento de la basura total por volumen. La Agencia de Protección del Medio Ambiente de EEUU reporta que los desechan norteamericanos dos millones de toneladas de artículos electrónicos cada año, seis veces la cantidad que reciclan. Y para complicar la cosa, las compañías de EEUU a menudo envían equipos viejos a naciones pobres cuyos vertederos y quemadores de basura están mal equipados, exponiendo así muchas poblaciones pobres al cadmio, el berilio, y otros contaminantes.

De modo que ¿qué se puede hacer? Si sus unidades viejas todavía trabajan pero solamente han sido eclipsadas por modelos más nuevos, entonces por supuesto dónelas a una causa necesitada que o los pondrá a buen uso o los revenderá para ayudar a financiar sus programas. Usted ganará una deducción de impuestos por donativo caritativo y, al mantener el equipo vivo, prevendrá que se fabrique nuevas unidades, lo cual, al menos ligeramente, reducirá la huella ecológica de sus operaciones.

Pero no todas las caridades aceptan equipos viejos, y nadie quiere pasarse todo el día pegado al fono tratando de encontrar una que lo haga. Un lugar bueno a investigar, entonces, es Goodwill, que aceptará su equipo y lo revenderá en cualquiera de sus 1.500 tiendas detallistas a través del país. Los fondos así recaudados financian programas de ayuda a los incapacitados, analfabetos, los sin hogar, y los que dependen de la asistencia social al proveer programas de capacitación de empleos y programas de colocación. El Ejército de Salvación ostenta programas semejantes y también acepta típicamente donaciones de equipos de oficina viejos.

Otra opción es donar su equipo a escuelas necesitadas, o directamente a través de un servicio como iLoveSchools. com, que ayuda a los maestros a encontrar materiales y equipos gratis para sus aulas. La Fundación Nacional Cristina también empareja la tecnología donada con escuelas necesitadas y organizaciones no lucrativas. También, el sitio web GreatNonprofits.Org mantiene una lista de caridades que necesitan varios tipos de equipo de oficina. Usted también puede desprenderse de equipos a través de Freecycle, un servicio gratis que ayuda a encontrar recipientes para materiales descartados.

Aunque encontrar un nuevo usuario para sus equipos usados es preferible, el reciclaje es también una opción. Los recicladores "cosechan' ciertas partes de los equipos viejos que puede ser vueltos a emplear o revendidos. Varios sitios web, incluyendo My Green Electronics, E-cycling Central, y Earth911, listean recicladores de artículos electrónicos a través de EEUU. Algunos de estos comerciantes cobran una modesta cantidad para reciclar un artículo suyo; otros lo pueden hacer gratis. También, Office Depot, Staples y algunas otras tiendas aceptan productos electrónicos usados-inclusive si no se hayan comprado allí-generalmente por una suma mod-

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Dear EarthTalk:

I see a lot of "healthy snacks" being marketed for kids that list "natural flavors" but don't identify them. Should I use these products? -- John Stein, Methuen, MA

Beloved food writer Michael Pollan recommends steering clear of foods that advertise their green attributes on their label. According to his line of reasoning, why give a child a fruit roll-up when you can give him or her a piece of fruit? Only processed foods need to advertise what's natural about them, whereas an apple speaks for itself, providing wholesome nutrition without the need for marketing hype.

But most of us depend on the occasional packaged or processed food, so choosing between the lesser of two evils sometimes has to be the way to go. If a product lists natural ingredients on its label—anything from real fruits, vegetables and nuts to cereals, grains and other healthy foods you can recognize without a food dictionary on hand—it's probably better than a food reliant on artificial flavors and sweeteners.

"One way for your kids to enjoy healthy snacks is to get them started on naturally sweet foods," says Christine Steendahl of Kid Approved Meals, which sells menus and shopping lists to parents looking for guidance in meal preparation. "Since most kids crave sweets...naturally sweet foods such as fruits are perfect," she says. Real bananas, oranges, apples, cherries, strawberries and other fruits are popular with most kids. "You can mix in yogurt or even make a fruit smoothie with some milk and a drop of chocolate or other natural flavors," Steendahl suggests.

"One thing to recognize about children is that if they

try enough types of natural and healthy snacks, they will find one that they enjoy," says Steendahl. "The problem is that many times parents give up trying to find the snacks that their kids like and settle for popular junk foods instead." She stresses the importance of teaching kids which snacks to eat and which to avoid early in life so that they can sidestep obesity problems altogether. Nuts and dry cereals, for example, are good alternatives to chips and other

junk food.

According to California-based pediatrician and author William Sears, who markets his own line of healthy kids snacks called Lunchbox Essentials, parents should make sure that any snack foods they give their family members provide both fiber and protein, which give the feeling of fullness, and taste good as well. He adds that parents should learn to read labels so they

can tell which products contain hydrogenated oils, artificial colors, preservatives and high-fructose corn syrup—all of which should be avoided.

As a last resort for especially finicky kids, parents can find packaged snacks that might look like junk food but are actually healthy and nutritious, including certain brands of fruit roll-ups and granola bars. Look in the snack aisle of your local natural foods market for such items, and don't be afraid to ask store personnel for recommendations. It's important to take your child's nutrition seriously. Whether he or she ever realizes it, you are setting patterns that will enable them to live healthier and longer lives.

CONTACTS: Michael Pollan, www.michaelpollan.com; Kid Approved Meals, www. kidapprovedmeals.com; Dr. Sears' Lunchbox Essentials, www.drsearshealthykids.com.

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How truly majestic is the name of our God! What a joy it is to be able to praise, worship and honor The God who is above all things. Psalm 8 and other scriptures teach us that there is only one God whom we should serve. This Lord's Day why not join with us in

worshipping and honoring our God. We delight in giving Him praise and glory for the blessings of our lives. To be alive is an awesome tribute to God's power.

Breathe. Do we really need to be reminded to breathe. Our lives were created by the very breath of God. How majestic! His powerful breath brought us into being. Isn't it wonderful to have breath? God has designed us in such a way that we don't even have to think about the process of breathing. It is essential for our very survival.

If our breath is so essential and gives us power for living, what about the breath of God? The Bible tells us that by His word all things were created, and that He upholdeth all things by the Word of His power. The Scriptures tell us in II Timothy 3 that the Holy Scriptures were breathed by God. Psalm 33 tells us ...For He spoke, and it came to be; He commanded, and it stood firm." How majestic!

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

NEWS AROUND MOTLEY COUNTY

Roaring Springs News By Monta Marshall

On a personal note . . .

What do you do when you can't sleep? Maybe get up and do what needs to be done early in the morning, because you know that by then you will really be a dead-head and you won't be worth killing! After two hours of tossing and turning and trying to get comfortable with one hour in between, then getting up to read and relax, I finally gave up. A long Sunday afternoon nap ruined my regular schedule. Sometimes it doesn't seem to matter and I sleep like a baby, but Sunday night it just didn't work.

Roaring Springs had .4-inch of moisture from the rain and snow. Every little bit is welcome. I was reading a report from the High Plains Water District that said the Plains did not have as much deep moisture as this time last year. That is hard to believe! They were speaking of moisture 3- to 5-feet deep where cotton tap roots get most of their moisture during the hot summer. We still have maybe six weeks on the Plains before planting time and longer than that here. Maybe we will have more rain. They estimated that almost three inches was needed to wet down the soil that deep. Buzz Thacker reported that the total rainfall for the year in Roaring Springs is 5.47 inches!

In the community . . .

Margie Payne's granddaughter Carline and her husband and children, C. B., Avery and Andi of Stephenville, Texas, visited during spring break. Carline is the daughter of Carter and Betty Luckett.

Johnny and Tammy Palmer visited Johnny's mom, Zella Palmer, this weekend and attended church with her to hear the West Texas Watchmen in concert.

Tony and Sherry Rose visited her parents, Joe Glenn and Joyce Meredith and attended church services with them.

Frances Brandon was another guest that came to hear her brother, Stanley Martin sing.

Kenneth Abbott's mother died at her home in Salida, Colorado, on Thursday, March 18. Her family was a pioneer family in Lubbock; the city of Wolfforth was named after her father. Her home was in Lubbock until her later years when she moved to Colorado to be near one of her daughters. A graveside service at the City of Lubbock Cemetery was held Monday, March 22, at 2:00 p.m.

Lyn Montgomery had her daughter and family, Todd and DeeAnna and Tristan Goode of Cedar Hill, Texas, visiting during the spring vacation. They came on Tuesday, March 16, and stayed until Saturday, March 20. Her nephew and family of Lawton, Oklahoma, Kevin, Amy, Michael and Matthew Montgomery came on Saturday, March 20, and returned home on Sunday, March 21.

Steven Byrd reported that Bobby Fletcher was released from the hospital in Lubbock and returned to Arlington, Texas, to be with his son Peyton Fletcher.

Visiting with the Glennard Daniell's last week were Edith's brother, Clyde Gillentine and sister-in-law Marie of Mesquite, Texas. They came on Monday and visited until Thursday. Edith Daniell underwent surgery on March 8 and is doing well.

Buzz Thacker was feted with a birthday party at the Travelers Inn. Tince and Jeff and Pam Thacker attended as well as the 3:00 o'clock coffee drinkers. The coffee bunch included, Diane Carter, Alex and Jo Crowder, Donna Kennedy, and Glennard and Edith Daniell. Buzz is 83 years young!

The West Texas Watchmen brought an inspiring sermon in song at the First Baptist Church at the morning worship service. The trio consists of Stanley Martin, Randy Erwin, and Danny Bennett. Randy Bennett has family buried in the Roaring Springs Cemetery. They are his father's parents, the Erwins, and his mother's people the Camps. He is interested in returning to find their graves. Danny Bennett's wife Jenny accompanied them. Melisa Martin was unable to come because of her work schedule.

Billy Pat Peacock reported that his mother Lea Peacock has had a pacemaker put in to help her heart on March 18, 2010. Everything went well and she is recuperating. Her surgeon stated that she responded well to the procedure. Pat said it might be a few days before she was up to answering her email. Her address is: Lea Peacock, Cottage Seniors Living Community, 110 Frankford Avenue #7-C, Lubbock, Texas 79416.

Don Dillard remains in the hospital in Crosbyton. He is much improved and is trying to do some re-hab to strengthen him. Dana said she was not sure how long he would be there.

Bill Hand was released from the Heart Hospital in Lubbock last Wednesday; he was moved to the Plaza Rehabilitation Center, directly behind the Heart Hospital. (Note: the center is new and I could not find a phone number or address for it).

Flomot News By Earlyne Jameson

Overheard

"A man was driving near a state mental hospital when one of his tires went flat. He pulled over to the side of the road near a tall wire fence and prepared to change the tire. He jacked up the car, used his wrench to take off the lug nuts, and being sensible, he placed them in the hubcap.

"Unfortunately, as he was putting the spare in place, he hit the hubcap and the lug nuts flew into the air and fell down into a storm drain. The poor guy was overwhelmed. I'm already late for work, and now this!" he moaned. "What am I to do now?"

"He heard a voice behind him, turned and saw a man standing on the other side of the fence. "Did you say something?" asked the motorist.

"Yeah," said the man. "I said why don't you take a nut off the other three wheels and put them on that one? It'll get you to the service station."

"It was the perfect solution! The motorist followed his advice, but just as he was putting his tools back in the trunk, it dawned on him that he was next to the state hospital and the man watching from behind the fence was a patient!

"Hey," said the motorist, "if you can think like that, why are you in there?"

"The man replied, "The reason I'm in here, buddy is that er Hughes of Floydada. I'm crazy not stupid!"

Chris and Denice Wints and son, Hayden Maudin of Tucson, Arizona and Ellen and

Shannon Roy Nall of Amarillo visited Mrs. B. Rogers and Donnie Rogers, Monday.

Mrs. Lucretia Dockery and daughter, Brittany of Vernon visited from Friday until Sunday with her parents, Carolyn and Arnold Johnson. They also visited in Turkey with Kayla and Neil Guest.

Johnie Starkey suffered broken ribs and bruises when falling over a tree stump, Wednesday. His nephew, Floyd T. Starkey of Ralls visited him Thursday.

Wilburn Martin had a medical appointment in Amarillo, Thursday. He visited in Borger with Mrs. Marilee Cooper and Mrs. Kendra Roughface and baby daughter, Cheneya.

Mr. and Mrs. Coy Franks accompanied home grandchildren, Madison and Hudson Sunday who visited here during their spring break holidays. They visited their family, Mr. and Mrs. Cory Franks and Heston of Idalou.

Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton attended to business in Floydada, Monday and visited Mrs. Lou Burleson.

Visiting Monday night and Tuesday with Butch and Janice Hughes were grandchildren, Kendal and Kason, children of Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Hughes of Floydada. Visiting them Tuesday were grandchildren, Tara and Reagan, Children of Mr. and Mrs. Rog-

Kathy and Clois Shorter attended the West Texas Watchmen concert Sunday night at the First Baptist Church in Matador.

Matador News

Attend Caprock District FWC Spring Convention

Mrs. Wilda Dixon attended the Caprock District Texas Federation Women's Club Spring Convention held in Lubbock Saturday, March 20 . She is serving as the Caprock District President.

From Friday until Tuesday of last week, Wilda visited in Lovington, New Mexico with her family, Mrs. Ted Hester and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hester.

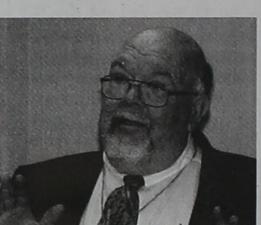
Word was received by family members last week that Ruth Irwin Bourland Parish,

93, of Yuba City, California, passed away on March 14. She was born August 1, 1916, in Matador. Among those who preceded her in death were her husband, William Bourland, and her second husband, Jack Parish. She is survived by her daughters, Billie Ruth Dodson and family, of Sutter, California, and Dora Faye Becker and family of Fresno, California, her sister-in-law, Edna Ruth Green of Matador and Marue Bourland Maginnis of Lubbock. Ruth was an aunt of Billy Paul Simpson.

Local Pastor promotes prayer ministry

Rev. O. K. Neal of Matador, Texas, spoke to Acts Ministry, Inc. on Tuesday, March 16, 2010, in Stephenville, Texas. The 27 participants were given an overview of the Acts Ministry Prayer Circle and urged to join this dynamic ministry which receives prayer requests from around the world.

Along with the presentation by Rev. Neal, International Prayer Pastor for Acts Ministry, the balance of the three-day meeting was designed to "strengthen connection and communication within the fellowship," said founder Dr. Paul Collins of



Springfield, Missouri.

The Neal's will travel on to Panama City, Florida, to attend Vision Resources Network's seminar for internet communications. Rev. Neal works with VRN as a mentor to pastors beginning internet

Red Rovers visit KK's Craft and Antique Mall in Lubbock

The Red Rovers donned their red hats and purple attire and went to KK's Craft and Antique Mall in Lubbock on Tuesday, March 16. They enjoyed delicious soup, salad and sandwiches in the Tea Room. There were also assorted deserts to finish off

the lunch. After lunch they browsed the mall. Attending were Queen Mother Joyce Campbell, Norma Marrs, Dorothy Knight, Winifred Darsey, Dorothy Day, Marihelen Wason, Ray Baxter, Mary Jones, Pauline House and guest Diane Carter.

Exes **Basketball Games** Saturday March 28th Starting at 9 a.m.

RETRO NEWS

Matador Tribune March 10, 1960

Twins are Born to **Alexanders of Post**

Coach and Mrs. Vernard Alexander of Post are announcing the arrival of twin daughters on Tuesday, March 2. The babies were born a few minutes past midnight last Monday in the Garza County Hospital. Linda, who was born at 12:08 a.m., weighed 5 pounds 12 ounces, and Diane, at 12:10 a.m. weighed 6 pounds 11 ounces. The mother is the former Patti Pipkin, who was reared here. The Alexander's oldest daughter, Leslie Ann, will be three years old in June. Grandparents of the children are Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Alexander of Dallas, and Mr. and Mrs. W. N. (Bill) Pipkin of Matador.

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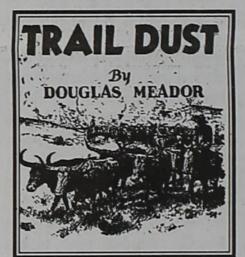
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History might have written a different story if the wagon yard had offered a heated swimming pool, radiant heat and television. People are reluctant to give up luxuries and the horse might have stayed with us longer if the accessories to travel had been a little less barbaric.

The stigma of poverty is concealed as long as our credit is sufficient to buy an automobile on terms and the grocery man insults his judgement by allowing an extension of his bill.

The distance between two points is not always a straight line, if the two points in the problem are bars.

The essence of ignorance is to suffer from the malignance without being aware of it.

When youth is gone like the shadow of a cloud and the years rush by as stampeding horses, one by one, there is an urgency to saddle the moment and follow. But place is irrelevant if it affords a sanctuary in which the music of memories may be heard above the sound of time's tempestuous sandals.

In theory it is impossible to cross a bridge until we reach it, yet on the other hand the series of bridges in a highway cloverleaf are not attained without reversing the course or the epigram.

This Week's Local Forecast Relay For Life April 23 Tuesday Wednesday Monday

Weather Trivia

in the United States?

Thursday

Partly Cloudy

What was the costliest hailstorm

Answer: In July 1990, Denver had damages

Friday

Mostly Sunny

Weather History

Saturday

Mostly Sunny

March 25, 1948 - For the second time in less than a week, airplanes were destroyed by a tornado at Tinker AFB in Oklahoma City. A March 20th tornado destroyed 50 planes, and the March 25th tornado destroyed another 35.

Sunday

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Notes from the Library

Ann Potts

Well I have to tell you, The Motley County Library has been a very busy place during Spring Break. Lots of kids have visited the library, some from out-of-town, discovering and exploring our children's and young teen section. I just want to remind you that we have many interesting reads for kids such as, The American Girl series, by Valerie Tripp, featuring Kit and Molly. Girls we also have Meagan McDonald's Judy Moody series and for you boys, the series, Diary of a Wimpy Kid by Jeff Kinney. And don't forget the true children's classics such as, E. B. White's Charlotte's Web, Robert Louis Stevenson's Treasure Island, Jack London's Call of the Wild and the Hank the Cow Dog series by John Erickson, a Texas native by the way. The older kids may enjoy the Vampire Diaries

by L. J. Smith and Twilight, Director's Notes by Catherine Hardwicke, who tells her story of how she and her crew developed the book into a major motion picture.

Just in case you don't know, our library receives many book donations from the community and I would like to thank Mirtle Nead for her sizable donation of non-fiction religious books and Kathy Gillespie for her fiction mystery/western reads. Many of our children's books, and adult fiction paperbacks are donations from our loyal patrons so I want to take this opportunity to thank those of you who have donated and continue to donate, gently read material, to our library. And please excuse me if I didn't note your name of a recent donation.

Have a great week reading.

AgriLife Extension offers rainwater harvesting for the home course

April 30 do-it-yourself course will be held in San Antonio

SAN ANTONIO - The Texas AgriLife Extension Service will present a day-long course on rainwater harvesting for home use April 30 at the Antique Rose Emporium, 7561 East Evans Rd., San Antonio.

"This course goes beyond a basic rainwater harvesting class and gives participants a more detailed understanding of how they can capture and use rainwater for indoor purposes," said Billy Kniffen, AgriLife Extension program specialist in biological and agricultural engineering.

Kniffen said the course would cover rainwater harvesting for both potable and non-potable uses, and attendees will learn how to filter and disinfect rainwater to meet drinking water quality standards.

The program will begin with registration at 8:30 a.m. with sessions from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

"The course also covers methods of using non-potable water separate from the municipal water supply, how to set up a system for gray water

and to learn about cross-connection prevention," Kniffen said.

The morning's sessions will begin with a welcome and introduction, followed by background information on water issues, incentives, codes and regulations, then a presentation on rainwater-harvesting basics.

Afternoon sessions will address in-home-use rainwater harvesting specifics, including system conveyance, filtration, storage and pumping components, followed by presentations on system sanitation and maintenance. The course will conclude with a question-andanswer and evaluation session beginning at 4:30 p.m.

The fee is \$70 for advance registration and \$95 on-site. Registration is online at the Texas AgriLife Extension Conference Services Web site, http://agrilifevents.tamu.edu

For more information, contact Kathryn Nachlinger at 979-845-5385 or k-nachlinger@tamu.edu.

Applications Now Being Accepted for Texas Game Warden Academy

AUSTIN — Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is seeking qualified applicants for the 56th Game Warden Cadet Class. Applications will be accepted through May 31.

More than 500 people applied for the 46 positions in the current cadet class that is graduating in July.

Applicants must be 21 years old on or before entering the academy and have a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university. The degree requirement must be met prior to Sep.1. Applicants must turn in a State of Texas Application for Employment, an Applicant EEO Data Form a copy of their college transcript, an Authorization and Consent for Disclosure of Criminal History and an Information Veteran's Preference Survey if applicable.

To be accepted, applicants must meet the minimum eligibility requirements and successfully complete a regional interview, an extensive background investigation and a physical agility test. Applicants must be able to do 21 sit-ups in one minute, 13 push-ups in one minute, run 1.5 miles in no more than 21 minutes and 36 seconds and

run 300 meters in no more than 109 seconds. They must also pass a handgun stability test and a swim test. Each step of the application process must be successfully completed before advancing to the next step.

After graduation, the new game wardens will be assigned to vacant stations throughout Texas with the responsibility of protecting the state's natural resources. Game wardens also protect lives by enforcing the Water Safety Act and conducting standard peace officer duties.

All documents must be turned into the Game Warden Training Center, any law enforcement division regional office or the Human Resources Division of TPWD. More information on game warden cadet requirements may be obtained on the Law Enforcement Career Opportunities page on the TPWD Web site or at TPWD Law Enforcement offices.

For additional information, contact Texas Game Warden Recruiter Royce Wells via e-mail at Royce.wells@ tpwd.state.tx.us or toll-free by phone at (877) 229-2733.

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County Agent's News



by Ryan Martin, Agri LIFE EXTENSION Agent

Right choices now mean **High Plains cotton** profits later

LUBBOCK – It's cold, wet and rainy across the Texas High Plains, but armchair decisions made now by cotton farmers could well mean the difference between a profit or loss at harvest time, said a Lubbock cotton expert.

Wet weather has kept many of the region's cotton farmers out of their fields, but once dry weather returns, preparation for the 2010 crop and its major accompanying expenses will commence said, Dr. Randal Boman, Texas AgriLife Extension Service cotton agronomist at Lubbock.

"With the advent of transgenic cotton, such as Roundup Ready Flex and Bt (specifically Bollgard 2 and Widestrike), as well as the excellent seed treatment technology we now have, many producers have to make a decision concerning how to spend a high percentage of their overall input dollars at planting," Boman said.

"With the new transgenic cotton seeds running at \$200-300 per bag (depending upon what variety and technology) or, \$50-75 per acre or more (depending upon what technology and seed treatment packages are used) once the decision of what variety to plant is made, it can't be changed. Whether that commitment is good or bad, they're married to that crop through harvest."

Boman said today's skyrocketing input costs have made preplanting strategies as important to success as adequate moisture once the crop is in the ground.

"Cost of seed should not neccriteria though," he said. "The date information." value of a carefully chosen highyielding cotton variety with biotech traits, though expensive, can greatly reduce management costs and hassles and provide considerable convenience especially when multiplied over many acres.

"We're also continuing to see disease pressure building (verticillium and fusarium wilt and root-knot nematodes) in the High Plains," Boman said. "Tests targeting these diseases are providing excellent results for producers who are dealing with these issues. The main thing to remember is to plant

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diseased fields with the best varieties to use under those conditions."

If disease is not a concern, then Boman advises producers to scrutinize all possible university trial data available to see what specific varieties have performed well across a series of environments and, if possible, across years.

"It's really best to consider multi-year and multi-site performance averages when you can," he said. "However, many varieties now being released are being sold without multi-year university testing and some with no university testing at all."

Boman said maturity or "earliness" of a variety is another key factor needing selection attention now.

"Producers should be looking very hard at the relative maturity (time from planting to possible harvest) and micronaire (fiber quality measurement) values of the new varieties," he said. "Don't expect a long season cotton variety to work well in a short season environment where an early or early-mid season cotton might work best."

Boman said there is considerable information available on the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center at Lubbock's website under the Focus Newsletter banner.

"I know that Dr. David Kerns. AgriLife Extension entomologist at Lubbock, provided sound advice on entomology issues, Dr. Jason Woodward, AgriLife Extension plant pathologist at Lubbock, covered diseases really well and Drs. Peter Dotray, AgriLife weed and herbicide scientist and Wayne Keeling, Texas AgriLife Research agronomist, discussed pre-plant weed essarily be the main selection of control. It is all excellent up-to-

> To learn more on these topics and how to avoid the many pitfalls of High Plains cotton production, go to: http://lubbock.tamu.edu/focus/ or contact Boman at 806-746-6101, r-boman@tamu.edu.

Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Lab to be expanded in Amarillo

WHAT: The Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory in Amarillo will hold groundbreaking ceremonies for a new Biosafety Level 3 Laboratory addition and other renovations

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. Construction on this facility is expected to begin in late March and be concluded in early 2011.

WHERE: The new addition and renovations will be built at the site of the current Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory at 6610 Amarillo Blvd. W.

WHEN: An invitation-only reception will begin at 1:30 p.m. followed by a program at 2 p.m. March 22 at the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center-Amarillo, located at 6500 W. Amarillo Blvd. (Media are invited to these two events.) The group will move next door to the veterinary laboratory for the groundbreaking ceremonies at 3 p.m., and the general public

is invited to attend this portion. WHO: State Sen. Kel Seliger; State Rep. David Swinford; Dr. Larry Boleman, Texas A&M System; Dr. Tammy Beckham, veterinary medical diagnostic laboratory state director; Dr. Robert Sprowls, resident director for the Amarillo lab; Mike Engler, Texas Cattle Feeders Association; Ken Horton, Texas Pork Producers Association; Darren Turley, Texas Association of Dairymen; and Clay Birdwell, Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association.

WHY: These renovations will provide new BSL-3 laboratory space, which will help expand the veterinary diagnostic lab's capacity to rapidly respond to and recover from a high-consequence agricultural and/or zoonotic disease event. A newly renovated sample receiving area and a new bio-secure sample drop-off area is also planned for the Amarillo laboratory.

Texas International **Cotton School** accepting enrollments

Students can enroll online for the thirtieth Texas International Cotton School which begins Monday, August 9 2010 and continues through Friday, August 20th.

The school is a cooperative effort between the Lubbock Cotton Exchange and the International Textile Center at Texas Tech University. The program comprises hands-on instruction of all phases of cotton production, harvesting, ginning, classing, testing, preparation and processing. Students also undergo in-depth training in many phases of marketing, futures, indexing and other sectors of the ever-changing economic climate for cotton.

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1 RS Lions sponsors bingo

2 Good Friday Evening Service 7 p.m. FUMC

3 Men's breakfast, Methodist Church in Matador 7am. 4--Easter cantata, "I know My Redeemer Lives," FBC,

Matador, 11 am

6 Matador Lions 6 Horse Management Workshop in Lubbock

7 Kids Praise

9 Matador Chapter of the Eastern Star, in Floydada. Meal at 6:30pm meeting at 7:30 pm

10 Whiteflat Homecoming, 10 a.m. Senior Citizens

12 District Golf - Childress, Boys & Girls

12 Commissioner's Court

12 RS City Council 13 RSCV

15 M City Council

15 Matador Masonic Lodge, 6:30 pm

19 MCISD School Board, 7:30pm

19 Regional Golf - Baird

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BID NOTICE

The City of Roaring Springs is now accepting bids for the sale of a 1996 White Ford Pickup. Bids may be mailed to City of Roaring Springs, P.O. Box 247, Roaring Springs, Tx. 79256, or brought to City Hall, Monday through Friday, during regular business hours, 8 AM to 12 noon. Bids must be received by noon, Friday April 2, 2010. The City of Roaring Springs has the right to refuse any or all bids.

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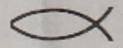
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