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City Council approves new board members for Market Matador

Matador City Council met at City Hall on Thursday, January 12, 2012. Present were Councilmen Chuck Ream, Alvin Alexander, Shane Jones, Bobby Klodginski, Nathan Shannon, Mayor Pat Smith, City Secretary Debra Scott, Water Superintendent Steve Barton and CPA Dianne Washington. Also attending the meeting were Market Matador board members, Misty Jones, Roy Hobbs and Bobby Williams.

There was no outside participation in Open Forum. Steve Barton informed the council of current water levels and landfill usage. Steve reported progress is being made on dressing the roads within the city.

Secretary Debra Scott showed council the design for the State Championship sign saying final approval will be left up to Chuck Ream and Coach Bigham.

City Council then went into Executive Session to discuss equipment purchases, recon-

vening at 7:17 p.m.

Dianne Washington, CPA, then presented Council with a Financial Statement on Market Matador which had been excluded from the last audit. Mrs. Washington said Market Matador owns lots with an appraisal of \$19,605 and the bank balance as of March 31, 2011, was \$7,698.15. The necessary changes will be made to the 2010-2011 audit and corrected audits distributed to Council.

The non-profit documents necessary for Market Matador's tax exemption status has expired but they have until the end of 2012 to correct this and steps are being made to file and pay the \$100 fine. All lots owned by Market Matador were traced for the last three years with the sale of lots and accompanying receipts corresponding with deposits made into the Market Matador checking account.

Mayor Pat Smith expressed a concern with there being just one person listed on the bank signature card and urged the Market Matador board to try and sell individual lots scattered throughout the city to get the lots back on the tax roll.

Board members up for re-appointment are Roy Hobbs, Charlie Johnson and Bobby Williams. Secretary Debra Scott informed Council that Ron Bailey, Lindy Ward and Brandon Moore have expressed an interest in serving on this board.

After discussion, Alvin Alexander made a motion to appoint Ron Bailey to replace Charlie Johnson on the Market Matador board, seconded by Chuck Ream. The motion passed 4-1 with Bobby Klodginski voting against the motion.

Alvin Alexander made a motion to appoint City Secretary Debra Scott as an ex officio member of the board. This would not be a voting position but would give her the authority to keep the records and banking information at City Hall. The motion was seconded by Shane Jones and the motion carried 5-0.

Bobby Klodginski then made a motion to reappoint Roy Hobbs and Bobby Williams to the board. The motion was seconded by Alvin Alexander and the motion carried 5-0.

Alvin Alexander made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting, seconded by Chuck Ream and the motion carried 5-0.

A motion to table the purchase of a trash truck until the next meeting was made by Chuck Ream, seconded by Alvin Alexander and the motion carried 5-0.

A discussion was held about the progress of the bathrooms located on the north side of the courthouse. Plumbing and cleaning has been accomplished by Bobby Klodginski and volunteer help but further remodeling will require electricity. Chuck Ream will contact Bert Darsey about providing electrical power to the location.

Chuck Ream made a motion to approve the expenditures, seconded by Alvin Alexander and the motion carried 5-0.

Items for next month's agenda are to amend the current budget, the Centennial Celebration, Purchase of a Trash Truck, Installation of shut-off valves on all meters, and 2012-2013 proposed Budgets and Call of Election.

AAM applauds Department of Labor's decision on parental exemption rule

WASHINGTON (RuralWire), February 3, 2012 – President of the American Agriculture Movement (AAM), today applauds Department of Labor Secretary Hilda Solis' decision on withdrawing the flawed rule on a parent's ability to utilize children under age 15 in their farming operations, commonly referred to as "parental exemption." "Since farming began, parents have worked side by side with their children in the fields," explained Matlack, a grain and forage producer from "AAM urges the Department of Labor to use common sense by just withdrawing this rule change and not attempting to rewrite it!"

"AAM would like to thank House and Senate agriculture leadership on standing up for rural communities on the issue," stated Matlack. As Stabenow noted, "I am glad the

Department of Labor heard my concerns and the concerns of so many families in and decided to re-evaluate this rule. I was concerned when I learned about the proposed rules and urged the Department to have more conversations with farm families and listen to their views before making any new rules. Of course there should be safeguards to protect children from dangerous situations, but there needs to be an understanding that many children in rural communities learn about safety by helping their family on the farm."

"As a father, I can understand the need to keep our children out of harm's way," continued Matlack. "but this overregulation would have been disastrous to a fragile agriculture economy. As Donald Jobgen, a rancher from Scenic, SD stated at our recent annual meeting, this

rule as it was written would be the death of family ranching operations." As Secretary Vilsak said, "I want to applaud Secretary Solis and the Department of Labor for their decisions to re-propose this portion of the rule to ensure kids across the nation have the opportunity to learn the value and reward of good old-fashioned farm work, while still providing protection to children from the most dangerous aspects of farming."

AAM has been a leader in the advocacy of a strong agricultural community since their founding over three decades ago. Toward that goal, AAM is a very strong advocate for ensuring producers has a strong voice in matters affecting farmers and ranchers.

For more information about AAM go to the website, www.aaminc.org for more information.

USDA Announces CRP General Sign-up Landowners and Producers Will Have 4-Week Window Beginning in March to Enroll

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1, 2012—Acting Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services (FFAS) Michael Scuse announced today that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will conduct a four-week Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) general sign-up, beginning on March 12 and ending on April 6. CRP has a 25-year legacy of successfully protecting the nation's natural resources through voluntary participation, while providing significant economic and environmental benefits to rural communities across the United States.

"It is USDA's goal to ensure that we use CRP to address our most critical resource issues," said Scuse. "CRP is an important program for protecting our most environmentally sensitive lands from erosion and sedimentation, and for ensuring the sustainability of our groundwater, lakes, rivers, ponds and streams. As always, we expect strong competition to enroll acres into CRP, and we urge interested producers to maximize their environmental benefits and to make cost-effective offers."

CRP is a voluntary program available to agricultural producers to help them use environmentally sensitive land for conservation benefits. Producers enrolled in CRP plant long-term, resource-conserving covers to improve the quality of water, control soil erosion and develop wildlife habitat. In return, USDA provides participants with rental payments and cost-share assistance. Contract duration is between 10 and 15 years. Producers with expiring contracts and producers with environmentally sensitive land are encouraged to evaluate their options under CRP. Producers also are encouraged to look into

CRP's other enrollment opportunities offered on a continuous, non-competitive, signup basis.

Currently, about 30 million acres are enrolled in CRP; and contracts on an estimated 6.5 million acres will expire on Sept. 30, 2012.

Offers for CRP contracts are ranked according to the Environmental Benefits Index (EBI). USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) collects data for each of the EBI factors based on the relative environmental benefits for the land offered. Each eligible offer is ranked in comparison to all other offers and selections made from that ranking. FSA uses the following EBI factors to assess the environmental benefits for the land offered:

- Wildlife habitat benefits resulting from covers on contract acreage;
- Water quality benefits from reduced erosion, runoff and leaching;
- On-farm benefits from reduced erosion;
- Benefits that will likely endure beyond the contract period;
- Air quality benefits from reduced wind erosion; and
- Cost.

Over the past 25 years, farmers, ranchers, conservationists, hunters, fishermen and other outdoor enthusiasts have made CRP the largest and one of the most important in USDA's conservation portfolio. CRP continues to make major contributions to national efforts to improve water and air quality, prevent soil erosion by protecting the most sensitive areas including those prone to flash flooding and runoff. At the same time, CRP has helped increase populations of pheasants, quail, ducks, and other rare species, like the sage grouse, the lesser prairie chicken, and others. Highlights of CRP include:

- CRP has restored more than two million acres of wetlands and two million acres of riparian buffers;

- Each year, CRP keeps more than 600 million pounds of nitrogen and more than 100 million pounds of phosphorous from flowing into our nation's streams, rivers, and lakes.

- CRP provides \$1.8 billion annually to landowners—dollars that make their way into local economies, supporting small businesses and creating jobs; and

- CRP is the largest private lands carbon sequestration program in the country. By placing vulnerable cropland into conservation, CRP sequesters carbon in plants and soil, and reduces both fuel and fertilizer usage. In 2010, CRP resulted in carbon sequestration equal to taking almost 10 million cars off the road.

In 2011, USDA enrolled a record number of acres of private working lands in conservation programs, working with more than 500,000 farmers and ranchers to implement conservation practices that clean the air we breathe, filter the water we drink, and prevent soil erosion. Moreover, the Obama Administration, with Agriculture Secretary Vilsack's leadership, has worked tirelessly to strengthen rural America, implement the Farm Bill, maintain a strong farm safety net, and create opportunities for America's farmers and ranchers. U.S. agriculture is currently experiencing one of its most productive periods in American history thanks to the productivity, resiliency, and resourcefulness of our producers.

For more information on CRP and other FSA programs, visit a local FSA service center or www.fsa.usda.gov.

Roaring Springs Lions Club meets

By Corky Marshall
Motley County Tribune

On Thursday, February 2, 2012, the Roaring Springs Lions met for their regular monthly meeting at the Windmill Café and enjoyed a chicken fried steak dinner. Attending were 12 members and two guests, Tom Edwards and Lisa Perryman. Vice President Tommie Jo Cruse opened the meeting in the absence of Boss Lion Floyd Carter, who reported ill.

Program Chairman Wes Campbell introduced Tom Edwards of Matador as guest speaker. Tom brought a very interesting program on different theories of the age of the earth.

The Lions helped furnish 26 food boxes to qualifying families for the South Plains Food Bank program. The Lions voted to send Texas Boys Ranch at Lubbock \$450.00 for help with building a new therapy center.

Valentine
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Deadline extended
February 10th



Capital Farm Credit Declares Record \$126.6 Million Patronage Refund

The Capital Farm Credit Board of Directors recently declared a total patronage refund of \$126.6 million. Of that, \$38.4 million is in cash to be paid to stockholders in March, and \$88.2 million is in the form of allocated equities and is eligible for future cash payouts.

The refund, based on 2011 earnings, continues a long-standing tradition by the rural lending cooperative of sharing its earnings with its customers. The amount declared by the board represents the return of almost 100 percent of Capital Farm Credit's net earnings from 2011, setting it apart from other financial institutions.

"Our board of directors and

management are committed to returning patronage to our customers and standing by our cooperative principles," said Ben Novosad, chief executive officer. "Capital Farm Credit delivers value to our customers, and sharing our earnings is a tremendous value to them."

Capital Farm Credit is the state's largest rural lender and has 95 years of experience providing financing to farmers, ranchers and other rural property owners. Headquartered in Bryan, it has more than 70 offices located throughout Texas. For more information about Capital Farm Credit, its patronage program and its office locations, visit www.CapitalFarmCredit.com.

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Connections

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



By Larry Vogt

From the story about the Senior Citizens fund raising event last Saturday evening, I would have to say that Bingo struck a positive nerve somewhere. To have over 100 people show up to have dinner and play Bingo plus raise that amount of money

shows community support for the Citizens Center and also the attraction of an event for people to get together and have some fun.

I love these kinds of gatherings. I will go to any kind of communal meal just for the fellowship and the fun of visiting. This all goes back to my childhood when the pot luck meals in the church basement always meant lots of fun for the kids and plenty of food to go around for everyone present. The homemade pies were too good to be true.

Hats off to the organizers of the event at the Seniors Center and we all look forward to the next event.

Trash to Treasure ladies' luncheon to feature music from area churches

All women of the area are invited to attend and bring their friends to the upcoming Trash to Treasure Ladies' Salad Luncheon on Saturday, February 18, at 12:00 noon at First Baptist Church, Matador.

Trash to Treasure, a musical focus on God's redemptive work within us, will feature music presented by several area churches. The theme is based on Psalm 51:10, "Create in me a

clean heart, O God."

Guests who would like to bring a salad are encouraged to do so, but this is not required. Also, women attending as a group are asked to bring one salad for every two or three women in the group.

The event is hosted annually by the Women on Mission of the church's WMU.

For more information, call Doris Moore (347-2875).

Card of Thanks

The family of Ann Seigler would like to take this means to say a heartfelt "thank you" to all of the folks who expressed their concern for her during her illness and their sympathy at her loss.

A special thanks goes to Mike Crowley and Patrick Adair for their concern and visits while she was in the hospital, and for their words of comfort at the memorial services. Also thanks to Ben Zapata and staff for handling everything just as she wanted it done.

Also thanks to the ladies of the community for the family meal at the church. Also for the many cards, flowers, memorial contributions and words of consolation.

We will be eternally grateful.

Pat Seigler, Shelley and David And families

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Let America be America Again Langston Hughes

James Mercer Langston Hughes (February 1, 1902 – May 22, 1967) was an African American poet, social activist, novelist, playwright, and columnist. He was one of the earliest innovators of the then-new literary art form jazz poetry. Hughes is best known for his work during the Harlem Renaissance.

Let America be America again.
Let it be the dream it used to be.
Let it be the pioneer on the plain
Seeking a home where he himself is free.

(America never was America to me.)

Let America be the dream the dreamers
dreamed—
Let it be that great strong land of love
Where never kings connive nor tyrants
scheme

That any man be crushed by one above.

(It never was America to me.)

O, let my land be a land where Liberty
Is crowned with no false patriotic wreath,
But opportunity is real, and life is free,
Equality is in the air we breathe.

(There's never been equality for me,
Nor freedom in this "homeland of the
free.")

Say, who are you that mumbles in the
dark?
And who are you that draws your veil
across the stars?

I am the poor white, fooled and pushed
apart,
I am the Negro bearing slavery's scars.
I am the red man driven from the land,
I am the immigrant clutching the hope I
seek—
And finding only the same old stupid plan
Of dog eat dog, of mighty crush the weak.

I am the young man, full of strength and
hope,
Tangled in that ancient endless chain
Of profit, power, gain, of grab the land!
Of grab the gold! Of grab the ways of sat-
isfying need!

Of work the men! Of take the pay!
Of owning everything for one's own greed!

I am the farmer, bondsman to the soil.
I am the worker sold to the machine.
I am the Negro, servant to you all.
I am the people, humble, hungry, mean—
Hungry yet today despite the dream.
Beaten yet today—O, Pioneers!
I am the man who never got ahead,
The poorest worker bartered through the
years.

Yet I'm the one who dreamt our basic
dream.
In the Old World while still a serf of kings,
Who dreamt a dream so strong, so brave,
so true,
That even yet its mighty daring sings
In every brick and stone, in every furrow
turned
That's made America the land it has be-
come.
O, I'm the man who sailed those early seas
In search of what I meant to be my home—
For I'm the one who left dark Ireland's
shore,
And Poland's plain, and England's grassy
lea,
And torn from Black Africa's strand I
came
To build a "homeland of the free."

The free?

Who said the free? Not me?
Surely not me? The millions on relief to-
day?
The millions shot down when we strike?
The millions who have nothing for our
pay?
For all the dreams we've dreamed
And all the songs we've sung
And all the hopes we've held

And all the flags we've hung,
The millions who have nothing for our
pay—
Except the dream that's almost dead to-
day.

O, let America be America again—
The land that never has been yet—
And yet must be—the land where every
man is free.
The land that's mine—the poor man's, In-
dian's, Negro's, ME—
Who made America,
Whose sweat and blood, whose faith and
pain,
Whose hand at the foundry, whose plow
in the rain,
Must bring back our mighty dream again.

Sure, call me any ugly name you choose—
The steel of freedom does not stain.
From those who live like leeches on the
people's lives,
We must take back our land again,
America!

O, yes,
I say it plain,
America never was America to me,
And yet I swear this oath—
America will be!

Out of the rack and ruin of our gangster
death,
The rape and rot of graft, and stealth, and
lies,
We, the people, must redeem
The land, the mines, the plants, the rivers.
The mountains and the endless plain—
All, all the stretch of these great green
states—
And make America again!

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Outstanding EMS Award

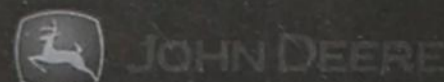


Seven Alexander won The Outstanding EMS person of the year at the Yearly SPEMS (South Plains EMS) conference in Lubbock. Her current students and past students will tell you that she is a fearless leader, a fantastic teacher, and has really earned this award.

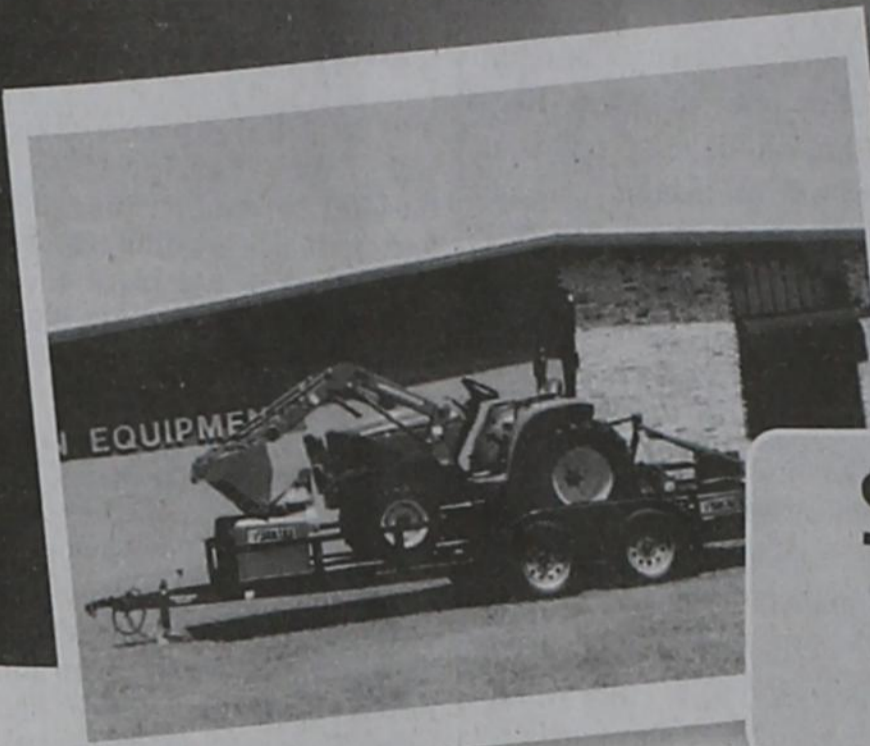
Medallion editor visits Matador



Andy Rhodes, Managing Editor of the Medallion, made a stop in Matador on Wednesday February 1, 2012, on a whirlwind tour of the Quannah Parker Trail in the Texas Plains Trail Region. In the spring issue of the magazine, the Texas Historical Commission publication will feature the massive public art project spearheaded by the TPTR and the Quannah Parker Trail initiative to "inspire people to travel to the region to promote heritage tourism." The Giant Arrow project will highlight the Comanche presence in the region. Following an interview with Carol Campbell and Marisue Potts at the Motley County Museum, Rhodes managed a photo op with the Giant Arrow, the first arrow of 22 now installed; and a tour of the historic jail before heading to Vernon, Quannah, Copper Breaks State Park and Caprock Canyons State Park.



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Official Notice of Nominating Committee Meeting

10:00 a.m. February 15, 2012
 Lighthouse Electric Cooperative, Inc. Headquarters
 East U.S. Highway 70
 Floydada, Texas

In accordance with Article IV, Section 4.06 of the Bylaws of Lighthouse Electric Cooperative, Inc., the Board of Directors has appointed a Committee on Nominations to prepare a list of nominations for Directors to be elected at the annual membership meeting of the Cooperative on April 26, 2012. Three (3) Directors, one each from District 2, District 5, and District 8, will be elected in 2012. Although Directors are nominated from the District they represent, all members in attendance at the annual meeting vote on all candidates who may be properly nominated.

SECTION 4.02 QUALIFICATIONS:
 No person shall be eligible to become or remain a director of the Cooperative who is a close relative of an incumbent director or an employee of the Cooperative, or is not a member in good standing of the Cooperative and receiving service within the District he/she represents; PROVIDED, that the operating or chief executive of any member which is not a natural person, such as a corporation, church, etc., or his/her designee, shall be eligible to become a director, from the Directorate District in which such member is located, if he/she or such designee (1) is in substantial permanent occupancy, direction or use of the premises served by the Cooperative, and (2) is a permanent and year-round resident within or in close proximity to an area served by the Cooperative; BUT PROVIDED FURTHER, that no more than one (1) such person may serve on the Board of Directors at the same time. No person shall be eligible to become or remain a director of, or to hold any other position of trust in, the Cooperative who does not have the legal capacity to enter into a binding contract or is in any way employed by or financially interested in a competing enterprise, or a business selling electric energy or supplies to the Cooperative, or a business primarily engaged in selling electrical or plumbing appliances, fixtures or supplies to, among others, the members of the Cooperative. No person shall take or hold office as a Director who is the incumbent of or candidate for an elective public office in connection with which a salary is paid.

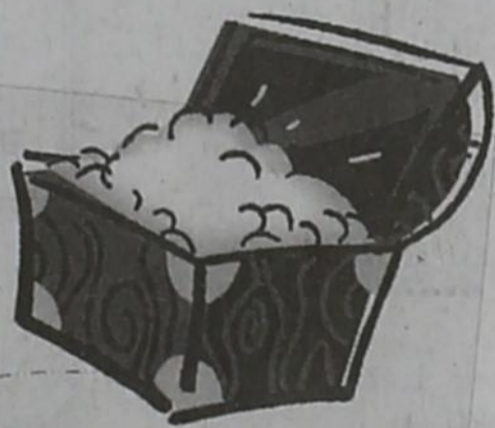
SECTION 4.05 DIRECTORATE DISTRICTS
 The territory served by the Cooperative shall be divided into nine (9) Directorate Districts. Each District shall be represented by one director and the Districts are described upon the map of the territory served by the Cooperative attached to the Bylaws and made a part hereof.

SECTION 4.06 NOMINATIONS
 It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to appoint, not less than thirty (30) days nor more than one hundred eighty (180) days prior to the date of the meeting of the members at which directors are to be elected, a Committee on Nominations, consisting of not less than five (5) nor more than eleven (11) members. The Committee shall prepare and post at the principal office of the Cooperative at least twenty (20) days prior to the meeting a list of nominations for directors to be elected, listing separately the nominee(s) for each Directorate District from or with respect to which a director must, pursuant to this Article, be elected at the meeting. The Committee may include as many nominees for any director to be elected from or with respect to a Directorate District as it deems desirable. Any fifteen (15) or more members of the Cooperative, acting together, may make additional nominations in writing over their signatures, listing their nominee(s) in like manner, not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting, and the Secretary shall post such nominations at the same place where the list of nominations made by the Committee is posted. The Secretary shall mail to the members with the notice of the meeting, or separately, but at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the meeting, a statement of the names and addresses of all nominee(s) for each Directorate District from or with respect to which a director must be elected, showing clearly those nominated by the Committee and those nominated by petition, if any. The chairman at such meeting, after all nominations so made have been duly announced, shall call for additional nominations from the floor and shall ascertain and announce, after any nominations made from the floor, the particular Directorate District from or with respect to which any additional candidates have been nominated.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR 2012

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District 5	
Charles Huffman 701 CR 77 Lockney, Texas 79241	Boyd Jackson 170 CR 72 Lockney, Texas 79241
District 8	
Milton Beasley P.O. Box 336 Memphis, Texas 79245	Eddie Braidfoot RR 2 Box 143 Memphis, Texas 79245

"Create in me a clean heart, O God."
 Psalm 51:10



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Ladies' salad luncheon
 12:00 noon, Saturday, February 18
 First Baptist Church, Matador

Join us and bring a friend!

Groups are asked to bring one salad for every 2 or 3 women attending.

For more info, contact Doris Moore, 347-2875



NEWS AROUND MOTLEY COUNTY

Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

On a personal note

Did you ever hear of a vain dog? Well Dixie is. She is fascinated by her image that she can see in Corky's display case in the den. She will run and play and every once in a while come running and put her paws up on a box and stand so she can check herself out. She is certainly a busy little live wire; she can find more to get into and chew up faster than any pup we ever had. Needless to say there are several closed doors barring her from having the run of the house. Pets are so fun; their personalities intrigue me.

In the community

There will be a youth event this coming weekend. Several area churches are helping to sponsor this for our teens. It is called DiscipleNow (D-Now); it will begin on Friday evening at Roaring Springs Full Gospel and continue at First Baptist Church Matador through Sunday morning. The Josh Burgett Band will lead worship all weekend and Shaun Lynch of Grace Point Church in Little Elm, TX, will be the speaker. Other musical groups will be Manic Drive; Loftland News from Verona and Shine Bright Baby. Registration fee is \$45.00. Host families are needed to provide a place to stay for out-of-town speakers

and teens. Contact Cameron Lynch at FBC Matador. Registration can be done online at ConcentricYouth.com or you may contact Cameron Lynch.

Lisa and Aaron Perryman attended the DCR Championship Bull Riding contest in Lubbock. Her friend Shelly Baker and her son Wesley met them to watch 50 bull riders participate. Tuff Hederman held his place as the champion bull rider.

Pearl Patten is doing well. She is beginning to enjoy where she lives more. She hopes to get to come to Roaring Springs to visit this week. Her son Willie is planning to bring her.

Lou Largent was taken to the Crosbyton to the hospital by ambulance last week. She was treated and released.

Ken Young will host a Herbalife demonstration to tell people what is available in the way of nutrients and other products on Saturday at 10:00 a.m. at Hotel Matador. The public is invited. He is really pleased with the products he and Dinah have used and he decided to be a distributor.

Ralph Roming and Glennard Daniell celebrated their birthdays last Wednesday afternoon during the Coffee Drinkers gathering. Attending were Buzz and Tince Thacker; Ken Abbott; Ralph Roming, Don Stuckey, Alex Crowder, Glennard and Edith Daniell, and Corky and Monta Marshall.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

Overheard

I can do some things well. I make peach cobbler to die for. I can write a news article and creditable poems for almost any occasion. My sons' wives give me accolades as a mother-in-law, but at some things I fail miserably!

Community News

Anna Beth and Joe Ike Clay visited in Clifton from Thursday until Sunday of last week with daughter and family, Lori and Kevon Kleibrink, Karlee and Kyler. They continued to Terrell Sunday and visited until Tuesday with his brother and wife, Mark and JoAnn Clay.

Mrs. Iona Lane and daughter, Mrs. Donna Proctor of Amarillo visited Wednesday and Thursday in the home of Mrs. Lane in Turkey. Mrs. Mary Jo Calvert visited Mrs. Lane, her sister and cousin, Donna in Turkey, on Wednesday and brought a delicious lunch for them to enjoy.

Mrs. Mary Hughes of Sublette, Kansas is visiting Mrs. Janice Hughes. Sunday morning they attended the baptism of Kendal Hughes held at the First Baptist Church in Floydada. Kendal is the granddaughter of Janice and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rickey Hughes. They were luncheon guests of the Hughes family before returning home.

Cash and Paisley Cruse of Snyder visited the weekend with grandparents, Brenda and Darrell Cruse. Their parents, Derrick and Christina Cruse of

Snyder visited Sunday and accompanied them home.

Celebrating their birthdays at Galvan's Restaurant in Turkey Saturday with a luncheon were Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton of Flomot, and her nieces, Mrs. Marisue Potts of Mott Creek Ranch and Mrs. Lou Burleson of Floydada. They returned home with Dude and enjoyed visiting Saturday afternoon.

Justin Calvert of Dumas visited overnight Wednesday with her grandmother, Mrs. Mary Jo Calvert and uncle, Glen Calvert.

Attending the birthday party for Tylee Barclay in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ty Barclay of Matador were great grandmother, Mrs. Erma Washington and aunt, Mrs. Connie Franks. Tylee blew out her seven candles on a beautiful decorated cake. Her grandparents, Sandra and Jerry Barclay of Flomot were on the sick list and unable to attend.

Ruth and Orville Lee attended to business in Plainview Saturday.

Clois and Kathy Shorter met grandchildren, Brian and Brooke Sehon of Wolforth in Lubbock Saturday and celebrated the 12th birthday of Brian. Brooke and Brian returned home with them and Sunday met their parents, Keri and Kevin Sehon of Wolforth in Lockney, who accompanied them home. They visited Everett Shorter who is having rehabilitation treatments in Lockney following hip surgery before returning to respective homes.

Matador News

By Marilynn Hicks

BINGO. There were probably over 100 people at the Senior Citizens building on Friday evening to play bingo and enjoy stew, cornbread, and good company. There was a plethora of prizes to be won. We had to leave before it was over, but my guess is that there will be a repeat event.

Cassidy Turner, one of our high school helpers, had her 15th birthday with an accompanying celebration last week. Hope you had a great day, Cass.

Morris and Barbara Hill spent the weekend with their son, Tim, and wife, Keitha, and the girls. They attended a basketball game or two as well as played bingo. They live in Forney and indicated that their current occupation is visiting with their eight children and their families. That, my friends, is a nice occupation.

David and Debbie Davis from Amarillo spent an evening in Matador as a getaway.

Seven Alexander received a regional award as a result of her outstanding service as a member of the Motley County

EMS and her involvement in its related services. In order to receive the award, several community organizations wrote recommendations for her. We are lucky to have such a person in that service and as an active member of our county. Seven was surprised at this well-deserved recognition.

Bob Kilmer traveled to Nashville last week to participate in the National Cattlemen's Beef Association. The Matador Ranch was recognized for being a regional award winner.

Jake Braun from Saskatchewan, Canada, was in Texas last week and stayed overnight at the hotel. He has been sending and hauling hay to the area all summer and fall. His son, Steve Braun, and friend, Laird Burke, both from Whitesboro, accompanied him. As a boy, Jake lived next to land where the Matador Ranch had summer grazing in Canada and was interested in the historical accounts of the ranch. He found some familiar names in the books and is planning a return trip in the near future.

Happy Valentine Day!

Red Rovers attend the movies

The Red Rovers of the Red Hat Society traveled to Plainview on Tuesday, January 31, 2012. After a meal at the Cotton Patch, the group attended the movie Joyful Noise with Queen Latifah and Dolly Parton. Prior to the movie, the group toured an antique shop.

Attending were Queen Mother Joyce Campbell, Mary Jones, Norma Nell Marrs, Joan Patton, and Winifred Darsey.

The Red Hat Society is a open membership. For more information, ask a member or the Queen Mother.

Matador Ranch News

We've said goodbye to our friends from Drury Outdoors, who filmed their last-of-the-season Dream Season shows at Matador Ranch.

These hunters enjoyed Matador Ranch ... and we are blown away by the nice things they said about their hunting and lodging experience. They loved hunting wild hogs as well as whitetail deer.

While Texas deer season is over, it's not too soon to think about hunts later this year.

We invite you to check us out at www.matadorranch.com and be ready to book the hunt of a lifetime.

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Red flag fire warning in Motley County

High winds and lack of rain contributing factor

By Earlene Jameson
Motley County Tribune

Motley County residents are trying their best to stop looking at the weather through "Rose Colored" glasses.

Lack of rain and windy conditions in January gave Motley County a red flag fire warning. Daytime temperatures were mild with winds depleting any soil moisture. A wall of blowing dust with gusts up to 60mph blew through the county Sunday, January 15.

Farmers are doing some field preparations including listing and stalk cutting. Livestock pro-

ducers have continued supplemental feeding with hay and feed as pastures suffer from dry conditions. The cattle are in fair condition, but many ranchers are worried that poor grazing will affect breeding. The winter wheat is suffering from drought and high winds.

Motley County National Weather Service Volunteers verify lack of moisture in January 2012: Buzz Thacker; Roaring Springs, 0.08; Ron Bailey, Matador, a trace; Betty Simpson, Northfield, 0.09; Lawrence Allen, Whiteflat, 0.00 and Clois Shorter, Flomot, 0.06.

Bingo game was big hit

By Carol Campbell
Motley County Tribune

The Motley County Senior Citizens Site Committee and Board sponsored a Bingo game on Saturday, February 4, 2012, at the Senior Citizens Center. More than 100 participants flooded the Center, board member Judy Renfro said. The Center earned about \$1,850 in donations, Renfro said, adding, "\$350.00 was for the meal deal

of soup, cornbread, drink and dessert."

"We ran out of room to seat people, and had to get more tables and chairs," she said. "It was a big success - everyone seemed to have a great time."

Gift donations from neighboring communities and from local merchants kept the fun going well after 10:00 p.m. "We will probably do another game in March," Renfro said. "There are a lot of nice prizes left." Arlyce Manney and Bobby Klodginski called the Bingo numbers. "They did a really good job," Renfro added.

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Taking God's name and His holy words from our institutions and governing bodies has caused a lack of respect for the very name God. Modern television is our proof of that statement. Listen to a great leader of this nation in years gone by. Thomas Jefferson said this to say, "And can liberties of a nation be thought secure when we have removed their only firm basis, a conviction in the minds of the people that these liberties are a gift of God?"

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Weather Trivia
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Weather History
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Library Journal

by Carla Meador
Librarian

Today is the day for our Sweet Afternoon at the Library! Thursday, February 9 at 4:00 p.m. All kids, ages 3-12, are invited to participate. We will make Valentine cards, enjoy story time and refreshments. Don't forget to bring your kids! I can just about guarantee they will have a fun afternoon!

Our Valentine fundraiser is going well. If you haven't been by the Library lately, come by and see the hearts displayed in our windows. Each one features the names of someone special to our contributors. It's not too late to get in on the fun. Just make a donation of \$3.00 or more to the Library and we will put the name of your special someone on a heart! We truly appreciate all donations to the Library!

We thank Marihelen Wason for her donations in memory of Ann Seigler and Stan Hanesworth.

The Friends of the Library held their quarterly meeting at the Library last Thursday afternoon. Thirteen enthusiastic members attended. If you're not a "Friend" of our Library, we welcome you to join this wonderful organization. Dues are only \$5.00 per person per year. For more information, give me a call at 347-2717.

Plans are already being made for our Summer Reading Program to be held in June. We don't have the exact dates and times set for everything yet, but we have some great surprises planned. I'll let you know all the details as soon as possible.

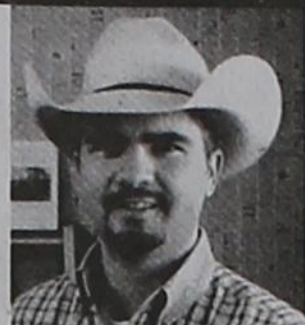
We have several donated books cataloged and ready for check out on our shelves. Some we may have had before, but if so, surely not everyone could have read them, so now you have the opportunity to catch up. We have *The Innocent* by

Harlan Coben, an electrifying and thrilling novel. We also have *At War With the Wind* by David Sears, the epic struggle with Japan's World War II Suicide Bombers; *Game Change* by John Heilemann and Mark Halperin, a definitive account of the campaign of a lifetime; *The Imperial Cruise* by James Bradley, the story of the largest diplomatic mission in American history dispatched by President Theodore Roosevelt in 1905; *The Flat Belly Diet* by Liz Vaccariello, health and weight loss; *The Lost Ships of Robert Ballard* by Robert D. Ballard and Rick Archibald, an unforgettable underwater tour of the world's leading deep-sea explorer; *Forever Odd* by Dean Koontz, an audio book on CD. In our children's section we have *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow and Rip Van Winkle* by Washington Irving, *Treasure Island* by Robert Louis Stevenson, and *Mickey and the Beanstalk* by Teddy Slater. We appreciate book donations and hope you will enjoy these selections.

Kathy Grant of Matador was the winner of our quote contest for last week. The title of the book was Pinocchio. This week's quote comes from another great classic. "I made up my mind to explore the island properly. I wanted to get to know my surroundings. Maybe it would help me to think of the island as a home and not as a place where I was trapped." If you think you know the title of the book this quote comes from give me a call, 347-2717, or email me at motleycountylibrary@hotmail.com. You might win a prize!

Library hours are Monday, 2-5 pm; Tuesday - Thursday, 1-6 pm; and Friday, 9 am - 2 pm. See you at the Library!

County Agent's News



by Ryan Martin, AgriLife EXTENSION Agent

AgriLife Extension sets Hale/Swisher Counties Crops Conference Feb. 10

PLAINVIEW The Texas AgriLife Extension Service will conduct the Hale/Swisher Counties Crops Conference beginning at 8:30 a.m. Feb. 10 at the Ollie Liner Center, 2000 S. Columbia St. in Plainview.

The conference will feature presentations on cropping systems using less water, water management for reduced risk, crop considerations for 2012 and a presentation on pesticide laws and regulations.

Other topics will include talks on 2012 crop insurance, a water district update, 2011 cotton production review and variety performance, the discovery of a new thrips species, replacing Temik and the latest on transgenic corn and miticides.

There will be five Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units offered and an additional five continuing education units available for certified crop advisors.

Individual registration is \$15 and includes lunch. Those planning to attend should RSVP by Feb. 6 by calling the AgriLife Extension office in Swisher County at 806-995-3726.

Ranch Management University set for April 9-13

COLLEGE STATION - The Texas AgriLife Extension Service's Ranch Management University is scheduled April 9-13 at the G. Rollie White Visitor's Center on the Texas A&M University campus in College Station.

"This unique landowner workshop is designed to help new landowners improve their understanding regarding management of the various resources they find on their ranch properties," said Dr. Larry Redmon, AgriLife Extension state forage specialist.

Registration is \$500 and attendance is limited to the first 50 people who enroll. To register online and to obtain additional information, please go to <http://agriliferegister.tamu.edu> and enter "ranch management" into the search window.

Redmon said they have offered the workshop twice a year for two years, and so far attendance has been tremendous. Attendees say they are very satisfied with the program and indicate on exit surveys they expect to receive great economic benefits from what they learned, he said.

"Our attendees have said there were impressed with the knowledge they gained about managing their natural resources in an ecologically sound manner," Redmon said. "In fact, one participant noted after attending the program she felt she could retain ownership of the ranch and not be forced to sell."

Spring program topics will be: soils and soil fertility, forage species selection, hay production, weed and brush management, winter pasture establishment and utilization, beef cattle breed selection, nutrient requirements and feeding strategies for livestock, grazing management strategies, chute-side talk live animal handling and demonstrations of vaccinating, dehorning and castration of cattle. Horse, sheep and goat production also will be covered.

An agricultural economist will cover profit plans, marketing plans and alternative enterprises, he said. Additionally, wildlife management topics such as white-tailed deer and turkey management, fisheries management in ranch ponds, and what to do with the feral hog will be addressed.

Field demonstrations will include learning how to assess body condition scores for cattle,

how to obtain proper soil and hay samples, and how to assess the fish populations in the pond, Redmon said. There will also be a discussion regarding pond weeds and a demonstration on hog trap design.

Meals and break refreshments are covered by the registration cost, as well as a resource CD containing more than 100 publications covering ranch resource management.

For additional information, contact Redmon at 979-845-4826 or lredmon@tamu.edu.

Private pesticide license training scheduled Feb. 9 in Amarillo

AMARILLO - Texas AgriLife Extension Service in Potter County is offering "Private Pesticide Applicator License Training" on Feb. 9 at the AgriLife Extension office, 3301 E. 10th Ave., Amarillo.

The training session begins at 8 a.m. and will conclude before noon, said Brandon Boughen, AgriLife Extension agent for Potter County. The training will give participants the needed information to take the private applicator license test, which will be administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture.

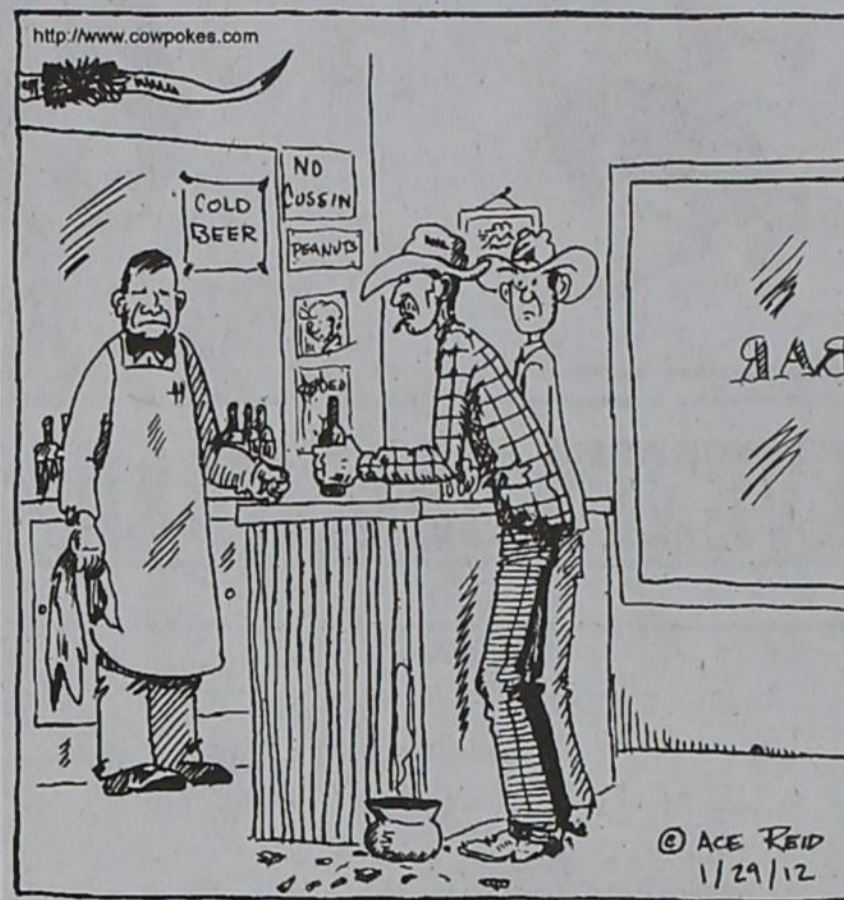
Cost is \$60 and all materials will be provided, Boughen said.

Anyone in the Panhandle is encouraged to participate if they need a private pesticide applicator license, he said. The private pesticide applicator license is for agricultural producers and landowners who apply restricted-use pesticides to their own property.

Boughen is requesting attend-

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By Ace Reid



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Calving clinic set for Feb. 13 in Amarillo

AMARILLO - A "Calving and Proper Drug Use" clinic will be conducted by the Texas AgriLife Extension Service in Potter County Feb. 13 at the AgriLife Extension office, 3301 E. 10th Ave. in Amarillo.

The clinic will be presented by Dr. Floron "Buddy" Faries, AgriLife Extension state veterinarian at College Station, said Brandon Boughen, AgriLife Extension agriculture and natural resources agent in Potter County.

Faries' morning demonstrations will be on assisting difficult calving and heifer selection and development for calving ease, Boughen said. The afternoon session will focus on the proper use of drugs in food animals and market show animals.

The clinic will begin at 9 a.m. and conclude around 3 p.m. A \$20 registration fee includes lunch and will be payable at the door. Registration forms must be received by Feb. 9 and can be found online at <http://potter.agrilife.org/forms/>. Checks must be made payable to Potter Agriculture Committee.

For more information, contact Boughen at 806-373-0713 or bwboughen@ag.tamu.edu.

Obituary

Raymond Eugene Brannon

Raymond Eugene (Pa Gene) Brannon, 84, passed away on Monday, January 23, 2012, at his home in Roaring Springs. Gene was born August 19, 1927, to John D. and Hattie I. (Hays) Pernel in Dickens County, TEXAS.

Gene could do whatever he set his mind to do. As a young man, he and his cousin Charles Edwards could build anything with a motor and wheels - the faster, the better. His waltz across Texas began in Dickens, went through Houston, out of state and country, then back to Texarkana, Lubbock, San Antonio, Roaring Springs, Smiley, Aransas Pass and back to his final resting place, his beloved Roaring Springs.

Gene graduated from Milano High School in 1947 and attended Paris College and Southwest Texas State College where he received his bachelors' degree in 1955. After two tours of military service, one in the Navy serving on the USNTC Bainbridge and the USNB Pearl Harbor; and one in the Marine Corps, Gene was awarded several medals to include two Purple Hearts for wounds received in the Korean Conflict in 1951. His other awards include the Korean Service Medal with three stars; the United National Service Medal and the World War II Victory Medal.

Upon his return to the states he was greeted by his first wife, Nelda Brannon (deceased) and children Mark Brannon and

Paula Brannon Nielsen. In 1963, he married Juanita Weaver Huffman of Bula, TX. with her children Barbra Huffman Carroll, Eli Huffman, Jr., and Earl Huffman.

Gene is survived by his sister Mary Stanfield of Houston, TX, and children Mark and Rebecca Brannon of Roaring Springs, TX; Paula Nielsen of Texarkana, TX; Eli and Laurie Huffman of Albuquerque, NM; and Barbra and Charles Carroll of Sandwich, NH.

Grandchildren include Mark and Trinity Brannon, Jr.; Julie and Reed Goewey; Ken and Melissa Brannon; Keith Carroll; Jason Balmain; Michael Brown; Jason and Yvonne Clauser; Eli Robert and Mary Nan Huffman, III; Ryan Huffman, Kris Huffman, Shanea Hickman Westen, and Joshua Huffman.

Great-grandchildren include Victoria, Daniel, Delaney, Katie, Teagan and Sammie Brannon; Logan, Emily and Kelli Goewey; Alexis Balmain; Trevor Clauser; Joey and Faith Brannon; Haley, Ty, and Shelby Brown; Nicole and Skylar Westen.

Gene is preceded in death by his wife, Juanita Brannon; sister Lois Brannon Nicar; brothers Skeeter Brannon, John Brannon and Bob Brannon; and son Earl Huffman. A memorial will be held at a later date. Contributions may be made to the Roaring Springs Cemetery Association, Roaring Springs, TX 79256.

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Under freezing conditions, and following snow or rain events under freezing temperatures, it would be advised to stay away from the towers.

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EVENTS CALENDAR

February

- 7 Matador Lions
- 7 Senior Night, last Home game against Guthrie
6:30p.m VG, PIP at Varsity Girls game
8:00p.m VB
- 8 Hospital Bd meets in the back of the ambulance barn 7 am
- 9 Matador City Council
- 9 Matador Chapter of the Eastern Star, Floydada, Meal at 6:30 pm, meeting at 7:30 pm
- 10 Last Home game for Varsity boys VS Jayton, JV Boys 6:30 p.m, V 8:00 p.m
- 13 Commissioners' Court
- 13 Roaring Springs City Council
- 13 MCISD School Board meeting
- 16 Matador Masonic Lodge, 6:30 pm
- 18 Trash to Treasure Ladies' Salad Luncheon, First Baptist Church, Matador, 12 noon.
- 21 Matador Lions

March

- 5 Motley County Arts and Crafts Club, Motley County Senior Citizen Center in Matador

Notice of Availability of Electronic Communications

MOTLEY COUNTY — Under a new law, chief appraisers of county appraisal districts, appraisal districts, and appraisal review boards may communicate electronically through email or other methods with property owners or their designated representatives. Written agreements are required for notices and other documents to be delivered electronically in place of mailing.

How does it work? Certain guidelines must be followed for this local option communication:

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- Public notice regarding the availability of agreement forms authorizing electronic communications may be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the district on or before Feb. 1 each year, or agreement forms may be delivered on or before Feb. 1 each year to property owners shown on the certified appraisal roll for the preceding tax year.
- The chief appraiser may determine the medium, format, content and method to be used for electronic communications other than notices required by Section 25.19 of the Tax Code, which are prescribed by Comptroller rule.
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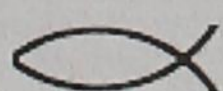
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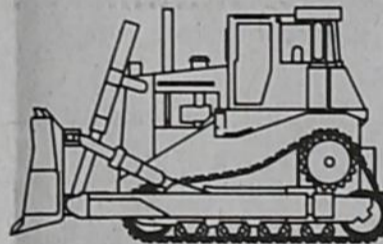
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