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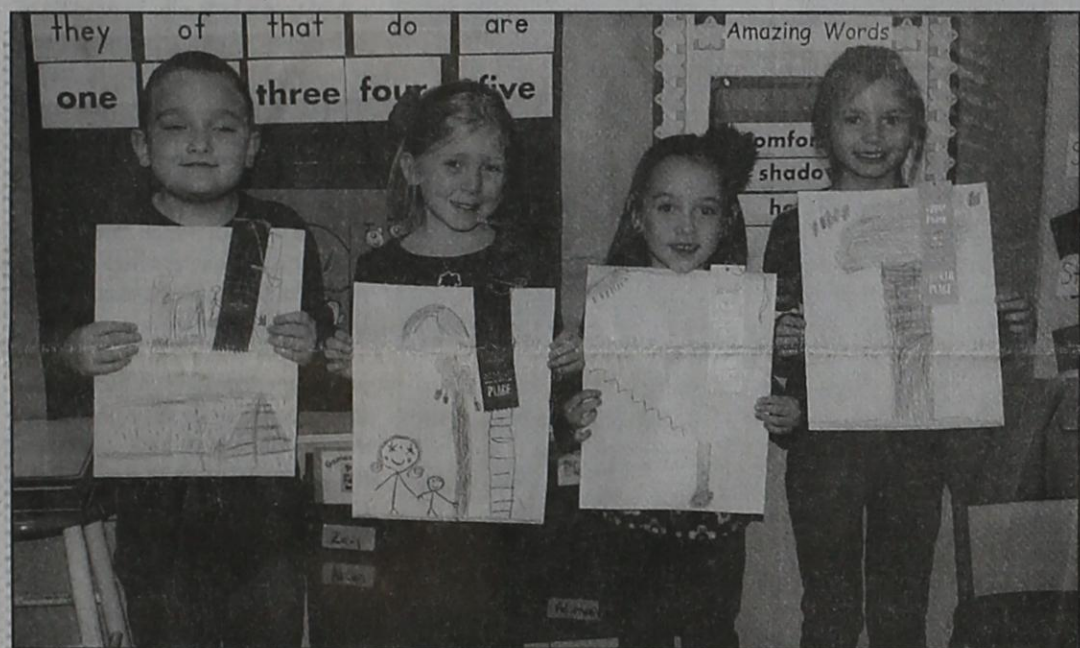
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Soil and Water Conservation District holds annual Poster Contest

The Upper Pease SWCD recently sponsored the annual conservation poster contest for Motley County ISD students in kindergarten through 5th grade. This year's theme was "Helpful Habits" and each student that participated designed an exceptional poster. The theme for this year is meant to teach the students that they can do their part to conserve our natural resources. The examples they chose to illustrate really conveyed that each student understood the importance of their responsibility.

The winners of this year's contest are:

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| Kindergarten | 3rd Grade |
| 1 st place – Tailor Green | 1 st place – Kason Degan |
| 2 nd place – Breann Brady | 2 nd place – Aston Quillimaco |
| 3 rd place – Bailea Lawrence | 3 rd place – Tyne Marshall |
| 4 th place – Reagan Davis | 4 th place – Grace Marburger |
| 1st Grade | 4th Grade |
| 1 st place – Nevaeh Martin | 1 st place – Joley Braly |
| 2 nd place – Arianna Sanders | 2 nd place – Kade Wampler |
| 3 rd place – Paisley Marburger | 3 rd place – Gabriel Rivera |
| 4 th place – Jolie Gressett | 4 th place – Krysta Guerrero |
| 2nd Grade | 5th Grade |
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Matador City Council Meets Three council seats up for election

By Carol Campbell
 Motley County Tribune

Matador City Council met at 6:30 p.m. February 14, 2013, to adopt a resolution to call an Election, approve lots for bid, discuss the recent disposal of tires, and to approve the proposed budget for 2013-14.

Attending were Councilmen Rodney Williams, Bobby Klodginski, Alvin Alexander, and Betty Roberts; and Mayor Pat Smith, City Secretary Debra Scott, and City Superintendent Steve Barton. Councilmember Shane Jones was absent.

Following an invocation by Rodney Williams, two citizens spoke in Open Forum. Carol Campbell presented a proposal in behalf of the Friends of the Historic Motley County Jail for a video project to document events that occurred during the Motley County

fires of February, 2011. The Friends group, with tax exempt status as a non-profit, will serve as the Applicant Organization to write grants to help fund the film project.

The project will involve personal interviews with survivors and heroes of the fires, capturing "real time" stories. "The goal of the project is to produce a high quality, feature length documentary to be used in the jail playback system and to be aired on PBS and at film festivals," Campbell said. "This effort could easily put Motley County on the map, bringing needed tourism dollars to our county." Campbell asked for \$2,500 from the Hotel-Motel Occupancy Tax Fund to support a production trip planned for April by Whistling Boulder Productions. "We are fortunate to have a professional husband and wife team that recently

completed *Old West Tales from Motley County* to tell this important story in our history," Campbell said. "I think it will have broad appeal and become a legacy for Motley County."

Also speaking in Open Forum was Jeromy Jameson. He asked the council to consider putting a "sewer system in the southwest part of town." Mayor Pat Smith thanked the individuals for participating in Open Forum.

City Superintendent Steve Barton reported to the council that the new paving plans for the city would call for \$16,000 to buy materials, about 100 tons of rock and asphalt. Streets targeted for repair are Scotch Street, Walton Road, and Bundy Street on Park Hill. In addition, Barton said the new budget should include money for more dumpsters. Buy-

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RS City Council Appoints Jeff Thacker to council

Roaring Springs City Council met at City Hall on Monday, February 11, 2013. Present were Councilmen Timmy Brooks, James McCleskey, Alex Crowder and Kelly Keltz. Also present were Mayor Corky Marshall, Water Manager Robert Osborn and City Secretary Tina Brooks and Jeff Thacker.

Mayor Marshall called the meeting to order at 5:30

p.m. Keltz gave the invocation and Council joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Keltz made a motion to appoint Jeff Thacker to the vacant council position that was held by P.K. Green. The motion was seconded by Crowder and carried 4-0.

Minutes from the January 14, 2013, meeting were read. A motion was made by Keltz, seconded by

Brooks to accept the minutes as presented. The motion carried 5-0.

The bills were presented and reviewed by the Council. A motion was made by Crowder, seconded by McCleskey to approve the bills as presented. The motion carried a 5-0 vote.

Sealed bids for the buildings and Lots 2, 3 and 4 and 21 through 30, Block 12

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Hispanic and Women Farmers and Ranchers claims must be postmarked by March 25

WASHINGTON, February 8, 2013- Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today reminded Hispanic and women farmers and ranchers who allege discrimination by the USDA in past decades that there are 45 days remaining in the filing period closing March 25, 2013.

"Hispanic and women farmers who believe they have faced discriminatory practices in the past from the USDA have 45 days left to file a claim in order to have a chance to receive a cash payment or loan forgiveness," said Secretary Vilsack. "USDA urges potential claimants to contact

the Claims Administrator for information and mail their claim packages on or before March 25, 2013."

The process offers a voluntary alternative to litigation for each Hispanic or female farmer and rancher who can prove that USDA denied his or her application for loan or loan servicing assistance for discriminatory reasons for certain time periods between 1981 and 2000. As announced in February 2011, the voluntary claims process will make available at least \$1.33 billion for cash awards and tax relief payments, plus up to \$160 million in farm debt relief, to

eligible Hispanic and women farmers and ranchers. There are no filing fees to participate in the program.

The Department will continue reaching out to potential Hispanic and female claimants around the country to get the word out to individuals who may be eligible for this program so they have the opportunity to participate.

Call center representatives can be reached at 1-888-508-4429. Claimants may register for a claims package (by calling the number or visiting the website) or may download the forms from the web

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Foothill Country Connections

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



By Larry Vogt

That was a spectacular meteorite happening in Siberia last Friday. It was all over various sites on the Internet by evening. The video images of the fireball streaking across the morning sky were quite spectacular. Then the shock waves knocking out windows and glass and debris flying must have been very disturbing to the residents. And that was not even on anybody's radar. The flyby that we were supposed to be aware of did not come quite as close to our dear planet as predicted. That rock was pretty big and could have been a huge event if it had entered the atmosphere and exploded.

So we are told there are many objects in space, meteorites and the stuff we humans hurl into the sky, that are streaking around out there and most of them stay out there. I have stayed up all night looking at the various meteor showers that have been present in the skies during certain times of the year. "Shooting Stars," we called them when I was

a child and what a show the vast skies in the Plains do give us on those occasions. The sight of those shooting stars has stayed with me and still attracts me to view the skies at night when the time is right.

One of the videos that I viewed about the Siberian event last Friday had a sound recording of the sonic boom from the meteorite and that must have been especially disturbing. Some of those interviewed mentioned the loud noise and the fright associated with the event. I got enough of a scare just watching the videos to last me quite awhile. Just another day, driving to work and suddenly a fireball streaks across your view through the windshield. That is what it was for many commuters in the town of Chelyabinsk, in Siberia. Less than a day later, people in the San Francisco area in California saw a pretty spectacular fireball in the sky after dark that was bigger than most shooting stars but it appeared to be heading straight downward. Now there are predictions of more visits from space that could include objects that come rather close. I will probably watch these events but not from a window, since those pictures of the Siberian event show many square feet of glass blown into the structures, thereby injuring folks who were standing near a window.

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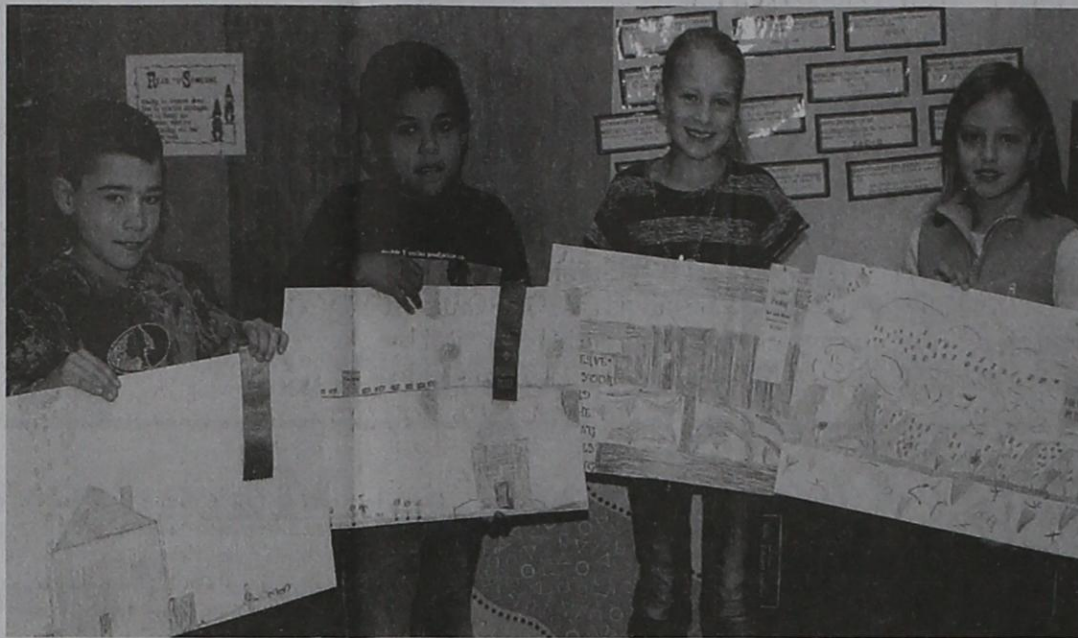
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RS City Council Appoints New Member

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Original Town of Roaring Springs, and Motley County, Texas, was opened. Joey Thacker submitted the only bid submitted. A motion by Keltz to accept the bid presented by Joey Thacker, seconded by Crowder carried 4-0, with one abstaining vote by Councilman Jeff Thacker.

Sealed bid for the J3055 Water Jetter and trailer was received by Matador Ranch. A motion was made by Crowder, seconded by McCleskey to accept the bid from Matador Ranch. The motion carried 5-0.

Three sealed bids were opened for the scraping and painting of City Hall in Roaring Springs. A motion by Brooks, seconded by McCleskey to accept a bid from Kenneth Marvel. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Certificates of Deposit maturity and interest rate held by the City of Roaring Springs was discussed. The City is looking into extending the terms of the CD's that are currently held at the First State Bank of Seymour, Matador Branch. At this time no action was taken.

Several past due loan notes were discussed. The Council asked that a letters be sent to the borrowers stating that if there is no attempt to pay the money owed to the City of Roaring Springs action would be taken against the note holder.

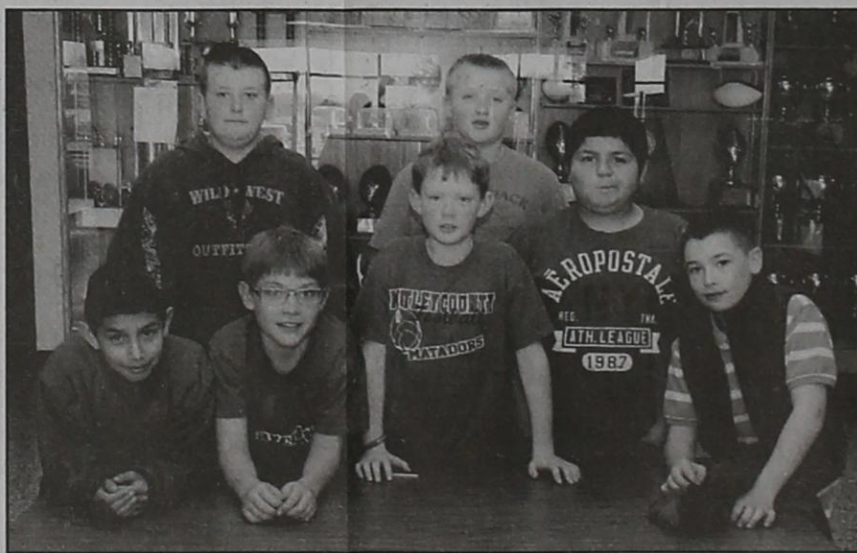
Mayor Marshall stated that Starlett Freeman has asked to use the Roaring Springs Community Center for a fundraiser to help a missionary.

A property in need of cleanup was discussed. The council feels that a certain property presents a safety hazard and eye sore for the City of Roaring Springs. The Council has asked that a letter be sent to the owner asking them to address these concerns.

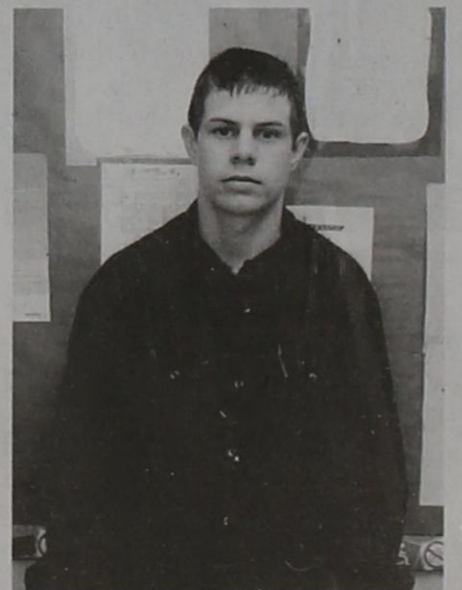
City Secretary Tina Brooks informed the council that they have received notice of rate increases on employee insurance rates.

After no further business, a motion was made by Thacker, seconded by McCleskey and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Motley County Shining Stars



These middle school boys help Mrs. Brown everyday in the cafeteria during the first few minutes of their study skills class by moving cafeteria tables, sweeping, carrying out trash, and putting the tables back up. We want them to know that their volunteerism is greatly appreciated. front row l-r. Erin Gonzales, Ethan Mason, Logan Jones, Eddie Reyes, and Kyler Degan, Back row l-r. Cameron Stafford, and Bryson Elliott.



High School Shining Star-- Dillon McCleskey-- Dillon has given extra time during school hours to help maintain the cleanliness and appearance of the gym during basketball season this year.



Matador City Council Meets

Three council seats up for election

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ing new dumpsters to replace the aging dumpsters in place would be cheaper than repair, he said.

Following approval of the minutes for January, 2013, the council was asked to sign a resolution in support of calling for an Election for May 11, 2013. There are three council member-up for reelection: Bobby Klodginski, Alvin Alexander, and Shane Jones. City Secretary Debra Scott said early voting will begin on April 29 through May 7, 2013. To be placed on the official ballot, citizens must file by 5:00 p.m. March 1, 2013. Councilman Alvin Alexander made a motion to accept the resolution, seconded by Bobby Klodginski, and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

Scott said the city had been approached by three citizens requesting the purchase of lots either adjacent to their property or sandwiched between lots owned by these individuals. Daniel Gressett said he was interested in owning Lot 32, in Block 81, on Newlin Avenue; Donnie Jackson was interested in Lot 24, Block 60, on Hackberry Avenue; and Ron Bailey was interested in bidding on Lots 25, 27, 28, on Block 59, on Hackberry Avenue. Following discussion, a motion was made by Alvin Alexander, seconded by Bobby Klodginski, to put the lots up for bid. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

In the next item of business, Mayor Pat Smith said that the *Motley County Tribune* had incorrectly reported that Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) had contacted the city regarding a violation in east Matador. He said, in fact, he received a call from County Judge Jim Meador that TCEQ was conducting a complaint investigation on property owned by Motley County (Block 23); City of Matador (Block 24), Market Matador (Block 25), and C. C. Beck (Blocks 26-32). He said that he looked at the lots with Judge Meador, and they estimated that about 1,500 to 2,000 tires were discarded on the

property.

Through a statewide search of businesses that are certified and registered with the state to transport and dispose of tires, Scott found Tyre King of Plainview that charged \$2.50 a tire, including pickup and transport. "We're charging \$3.00 a tire at our landfill to accept old tires," Scott reported. Tyre King agreed to pick up the tires, Scott said, and the estimated 2,000 tires turned into 4,000 tires at a cost of \$11,712.00.

Mayor Smith said he then met with Commissioner's Court, who voted unanimously to pay one-quarter of the costs at \$2,989.00. A called meeting of Market Matador next week will also discuss paying a quarter of the costs.

Additionally, Tyre King called the City Secretary and said if the bill could be paid by Friday, they would pick up the check and also pick up and dispose of the remaining tires at no cost to the city. There is an estimated 200 plus tires still on the property. Further, Mayor Smith reported, "my plan is to get two track loaders from the landfill and clean up the whole block. It has been an eye sore for a long time," he said.

"I would like to know who made the complaint," Councilman Bobby Klodginski asked. No one knew who had made the initial complaint, however, the TCEQ website reports that any citizen can make a complaint anonymously that may result in a Notice of Violation (NOV).

It was learned from TCEQ that a Notice of Violation for the Complaint Investigation was sent to Ms. Stephanie Beck in Kansas City, MO, on February 7, 2013. Specifically, the notice cites C.C. Beck Property, Lots 26-32, Block 53, 200 block of Hunter Avenue, Matador (Motley County), Texas. Compliance documentation is required to be sent to the Lubbock Regional Office by March 8, 2013.

After discussion on compliance requirements, Alvin Alexander made a

motion to pay the Tyre King bill and to agree to dispose of the remaining tires at this illegal dump. The motion was seconded by Bobby Klodginski, and passed by unanimous vote. The discussion then centered on submitting a Certified Letter to C.C. Beck to request payment of \$2,989.00 for illegal dumping on this property; and a discussion on moving funds from the General Fund or Water Works fund to pay for the tire disposal.

The remainder of the council session was centered on the proposed budget submitted by the City Secretary for 2013-14. Major factors discussed were adding dollars to the budget for city clean-up (\$2,500) and more dollars for the animal control line item (\$1,500). Interestingly, the sales tax collected in the city increased \$8,000.00 from last year, reflected in the proposed budget line item at \$80,000.00. It was speculated that sales tax from the transmission lines could account for the increase. Total income and expenses from the City General Fund is projected at \$176,850.00.

In the Water Works Fund, it was noted that water collections were down \$30,000 from last year. This is thought to have been caused in part by the conservation of water by customers during the extreme drought experienced over the last two years. The total projected income and expenses in the Water Works Fund was \$434,400.00.

Following an Executive Session called at 8:45 p.m., the council voted unanimously to budget dollars for an additional city employee to help with city projects; seek certification to enforce city ordinances and pursue animal control certification.

In addition, the council voted for a cost of living raise of 3-percent for city employees. Items for Future Consideration consisted of consideration of the film project; and a discussion on the cost of providing sewer services to homes in southwest Matador.

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN AIR PERMIT RENEWAL

PERMIT NUMBER 54684

APPLICATION Red Ball Gin Co. has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for renewal of Air Quality Permit Number 54684, which would authorize continued operation of a Cotton Gin located at Loop 42 at Walnut Street, Roaring Springs, Motley County, Texas 79256. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to application. <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=33.8988&lng=-100.8536&zoom=13&type=r>. The existing facility and/or related facilities are authorized to emit the following air contaminants: organic compounds nitrogen oxides, sulfur dioxide, carbon monoxide and particulate matter including particulate matter with diameters of 10 microns or less and 2.5 microns or less.

This application was submitted to the TCEQ on January 14, 2013. The application will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, TCEQ Lubbock regional office, and the Motley County Courthouse, 1105 Main Street, Matador, Motley County, Texas, beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Lubbock regional office of the TCEQ.

The executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. In addition to the renewal, this permitting action includes the incorporation of the following authorizations or changes to authorized facilities related to this permit: alterations, amendments, and permits by rule. The reasons for any changes or incorporations, to the extent they are included in the renewed permit, may include the enhancement of operational control at the plant or enforceability of the permit. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Public Education Program toll free at 1-800-687-4040. **The TCEQ may act on this application without seeking further public comment or providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.**

PUBLIC COMMENT You may submit public comments, or a request for a contested case hearing to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. **The deadline to submit public comments is 15 days after newspaper notice is published.** After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the TCEQ's jurisdiction to address in the permit process.

After the technical review is complete the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. If only comments are received, the response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will then be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who is on the mailing list for this application, unless the application is directly referred to a contested case hearing.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING You may request a contested case hearing. The applicant or the executive director may also request that the application be directly referred to a contested case hearing after technical review of the application. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. Unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 15 days from this notice, the executive director may act on the application. **If no hearing request is received within this 15 day period, no further opportunity for hearing will be provided.** According to the Texas Clean Air Act § 382.056(o) a contested case hearing may only be granted if the applicant's compliance history is in the lowest classification under applicable compliance history requirements and if the hearing request is based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission may only grant a hearing on those issues raised during the public comment period and not withdrawn.

A person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number, and fax number, if any; (2) applicant's name and permit number; (3) the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing;" (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the facility; and (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility. If the request is made by a group or association, the one or more members who have standing to request a hearing and the interests the group or association seeks to protect must also be identified. You may also submit your proposed adjustments to the application/permit which would satisfy your concerns. Requests for a contested case hearing must be submitted in writing within 15 days following this notice to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

If any requests for a contested case hearing are timely filed, the executive director will forward the application and any requests for a contested case hearing to the Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. Unless the application is directly referred to a contested case hearing, the executive director will mail the response to comments along with notification of Commission meeting to everyone who submitted comments or is on the mailing list for this application. **If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact relating to relevant and material air quality concerns raised during the comment period.** Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to address in this proceeding.

MAILING LIST In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list for this application by sending a request to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. Those on the mailing list will receive copies of future public notices (if any) mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk for this application.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION Public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at www.tceq.texas.gov/about/comments.html, or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. If you communicate with the TCEQ electronically, please be aware that your email address, like your physical mailing address, will become part of the agency's public record. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Public Education Program toll free at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained from Red Ball Gin Co., P.O. Box 119, Roaring Springs, Texas 79256-0119 or by calling Mr. J. Kelley Green, Texas Cotton Ginners' Association at (512) 615-1102.

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site. All those interested in learning more or receiving information about the claims process and claims packages are encouraged to attend meetings in your communities about the claims process and contact the website at any time or call center telephone number Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Eastern Time.

Website: www.farmer-claims.gov
Phone: 1-888-508-4429
Claims Period: Septem-

ber 24, 2012 - March 25, 2013.

Independent legal services companies will administer the claims process and adjudicate the claims. Although there are no filing fees to participate and a lawyer is not required to participate in the claims process, persons seeking legal advice may contact a lawyer or other legal services provider.

Under Secretary Vilsack's leadership, USDA has instituted a compre-

hensive plan to strengthen the Department as a model service provider and to ensure that every farmer and rancher is treated equally and fairly as part of "a new era of civil rights" at USDA. In February 2010, the Secretary announced the Pigford II settlement with African American farmers, and in October 2010, he announced the Keepseagle settlement with Native American farmers. Both of those settlements have since received court

approval. Unlike the cases brought by African American and Native American farmers, the cases filed by Hispanic and women farmers over a decade ago were not certified as class actions. The claims process provides a voluntary alternative to continuing litigation for Hispanic and female farmers and ranchers who want to use it.

Audio and video public

service announcements in English and Spanish from Secretary Vilsack and downloadable print and web banner ads on the Hispanic and women farmer claims process are available at: http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usda/usdahome?contentidonly=true&contentid=PSAs_Print_and_WebBanner_Ads.xml

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NEWS AROUND MOTLEY COUNTY

Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

Community News

Tonight is the first meeting of the Roaring Springs Alumni to begin planning the upcoming Roaring Springs Reunion.

The school reunion coincides with Roaring Springs Centennial Celebration which should make it bigger and better! Be thinking about your school years and things that took place during the years, things your parents or grandparents told you about, pictures, athletic jackets, cheerleader outfits, annuals and anything that would be of interest to be displayed.

For the Centennial, old deeds, ledgers of by-gone businesses, pictures, vintage clothing, tools, journals any sort of memorabilia you or your family might have kept would make an interesting display.

I'm excited about these celebrations even though I didn't grow up here or attend school here. I hope enthusiasm is catching and many will get excited about being a part of this 100-year celebration.

Our Roaring Springs youth are finished with basketball and volley ball and will now focus on tennis, golf and track. Mattie Brooks, Kaylee Woolsey and Meagan Ford will be going out for track. Autumn Woolsey and McKenna Ford will be participating in Junior High track. Grant Bates will be involved in track and Jacob Woolsey will be competing

in golf. Mattie Brooks will also be playing golf. If I left anyone out let me know and I will put a correction in next week.

Glennard and Edith Daniell attended the 80th birthday party for Edith's brother, James Guillentine in Abilene on Saturday. It was held at the church he attends. About 35 people were in attendance. The Daniells were also celebrating - both passing their stress tests with flying colors last week.

Several ladies from Roaring Springs attended the 'He's My Song' ladies luncheon at the First Baptist Church in Matador on Saturday. They were: Zella Palmer, Dinah Young, Lyn Montgomery and Joyce Meredith. They really enjoyed the fellowship, music and food.

Joe Thacker has purchased the Thacker Hardware building from the City of Roaring Springs. He has plans to do some repairs on the roof and the windows to get it ready for future businesses.

Kenneth Ashley is still in California with his family while he recuperates from surgery on his leg. He is looking forward to being released by his doctors and returning to Roaring Springs.

Laura Long and LaNita Geer have returned home after being in Arizona with Laura's mother to be with her during her hospital stay and two weeks following her heart surgery.

MCISD Basketball

On Tuesday, February 12, the boys Junior Varsity team played Spur at a home game. The score was Spur 39 and the JV team 28. Scoring as follows: Taylor 10, Ortiz 6, Bates 4, Martin 4, Woolsey 2, and Pope 2.

The boys Varsity team also

played that evening with the Spur Varsity and the score was Spur 84 and Motley County 23. Scoring for the team was Cochran 8, Mason 5, Taylor 4, Clary 2, Flores 2, Martin 1, and Mason 1. These games concluded the regular playing season.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

Overheard

The Good Book says we can have three great blessings, Faith, Hope, and Love. The way I look at it, Faith is for today, Hope is for tomorrow and Love for all the days in between and beyond.

Community News

Visiting Sandra and Jerry Barclay Sunday was his mother, Mrs. Geneva Barclay of Lockney and sister, Mrs. Bobbie Bowman of Plainview.

Darrell and Brenda Cruse, his mother, Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse of Turkey and her mother, Mrs. Marihelen Wason of Matador were guests in the home of Charla and Bennie Marracle in Snyder Saturday. They celebrated the birthdays of Bennie, Derrick Cruse and son, Cash with all the trimmings including beautiful decorated cakes.

Weekend visitors of Connie and Coy Franks were sons and families, Cary and Mary Franks and son, Cal, Cory Franks and children, Madison and Heston of Idalou.

Aleda Ross visited overnight last Friday in Lubbock with daughter and

husband, Elisa and Stan Wiggle.

Bessie and Clifton Reid of Amarillo visited Saturday with her mother, Mrs. Nada Starkey.

Brooke Sehon of Wolf-forth visited from Wednesday until Friday with her grandparents, Clois and Kathy Shorter.

L.T. Starkey of Ralls visited Thursday with brother, Johnie Starkey.

Visiting Sunday with Mrs. Janice Hughes was son Roger Hughes, grandsons, Brody and Kason Hughes of Floydada.

Joey Lee of Clarendon visited Sunday with his parents, Ruth and Orville Lee.

Donna Sue and Stanley Degan of Kalgary visited Sunday with her mother, Mrs. B. Rogers and brother, Donnie Rogers.

Wilburn Martin and Dr. David Martin attended to business and enjoyed entertainment in Plainview Saturday.

Joe Ike and Anna Beth Clay were in Pampa Friday night at the playoff basketball games including the Panhandle team vs. Wellington. Granddaughter Sarah Clay's Panhandle team was defeated to their disappointment.

Matador News

By Marilyn Hicks

It is scary when your child is ill or hurt. Our daughter Lara had some surgery last week, and we went to help with the children and with her care. She is doing well and even felt up to attending church this morning, but I think of the medical knowledge and skill that enable medical professionals to handle situations that only a few decades ago would have been life-threatening, and I am grateful.

I got to attend the lady's salad lunch and musical inspiration at the First Baptist Church on Saturday with Mom and Caron. The women who offered worship in music and song were amazing. I envy anyone who can perform with such inspiring effect. I offer my thanks to the church and to the women who worked so hard to make it a lovely success. (And just so you know, Caron did win a door prize. She does that at each place she enters for a drawing.)

The thing we love most at the Hotel is the experience with the guests. "Our" hunters were in this weekend to work on their lease. They know that on Sunday night there is no place to get dinner so they usually bring something to cook; this time it was lasagna, French bread, and a marvelous spinach-strawberry salad. At the same time, we had a call for a reservation from a couple traveling through Texas from Austin to Boulder, Colorado but who are from France. The guys asked them to join them for dinner, and they accepted. The conversation was lively, bilingual, and extended. The hunters were Mike Caruthers, Johnny Allen, Garland Head, and Butch Prince. The couple from Locmaria Plouzane, Bretagne, France was Rene and Joelle Garello. West Texas Hunters cook for French tourists . . . only in Matador. They

were further treated when Randy fried quail for them for breakfast.

Jordan Owens and Lindsay Nichols of Lubbock and previously from Houston celebrated a Valentine get away from their studies in law school at Texas Tech.

Hunting with Jim Ballard, father of Devin, were Jim and Sally Bauer and TD O'Connell from Wichita Kansas. Jim and Sally make and install granite cabinet tops. TD owns seven restaurants called Hog Wild in the Wichita area.

Anthony and Heidi Stupavsky of Wolforth had a quiet evening in Matador to celebrate Valentine and to relax. Tony sells paper goods to businesses and Heidi works in several domestic abuse centers with Life Skills International. Their son is working at the youth camp in Roaring Springs. Another tie to the county is that their church helped to support the founding of the Cowboy Church in Roaring Springs.

Van Bradford has helpful company for the long weekend. His daughter, Vana Mans, from Gruver and granddaughter Chelsea Anderson, of Perryton were painting and hanging wallpaper. Vana works as a secretary in Spearman and from her home as a private accountant. Chelsea works as a caseworker in a crisis center for abused women and children. Van joined them for breakfast each morning, and they seemed to be having a great time and finished some creative wall coverings.

Sam George and Melissa Sikes from Tyler enjoyed a long weekend of hiking and resting. Sam is an attorney and Melissa works in a center for abused women.

Stacy Leonard surprised her husband, Scott, with a get-away on the occasion of his birthday and for Valentine Day. Stacy is the Special Education director for the Lamesa ISD, and Scott is a CPA.

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Natchez thornless blackberry named New Texas Superstar

COLLEGE STATION – Say “blackberry” today and most people will think of smartphone first and the fruit second.

Like the phone, there is an upgrade available to Texas growers: Natchez thornless blackberries, one of the new Texas Superstar selections for 2013, said Dr. Larry Stein, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service horticulture specialist in Uvalde who works mainly with pecans, fruits, grapes and vegetable crops.

Blackberries have a long history of being grown in Texas, and for good reason, Stein said. The fruit is easy to grow and densely packed with antioxidants, dietary fiber, vitamins C and K, and folic acid, as well as manganese, an essential mineral.

These were only some of the reasons the Texas Superstar board has chosen Natchez thornless blackberries as one of the 2013 Superstars, he said.

“Of all the thornless varieties we’ve looked at, this one has been the best one to date,” Stein said.

Usually thornless blackberries aren’t as productive and flavorful as the thorned varieties, Stein explained. But Natchez, which was developed by a University of Arkansas breeding program, is the exception, producing large berries with lots of flavor.

Texas Superstar plants undergo extensive tests throughout the state by Texas A&M AgriLife Research and AgriLife Extension horticulturists, said Dr. Brent Pemberton, AgriLife Research horticulturist, Overton, and chair of the Texas Superstar executive board.

To be designated a Superstar, a plant must not just be beautiful but also perform well for consumers and growers throughout Texas. Superstars must also be easy to propagate, which should ensure the plants are not only widely available throughout Texas but also are reasonably priced, Pemberton said.

Natchez easily fulfills all the basic Superstar requirements, Stein said.

“Like other blackberries, you plant them one year and they will fruit the next year,” he said. “Typically, you establish them from root cuttings, which simply is a piece of the root. Plant in mid-to-late January or early February, cover it with soil, and in the spring, it pushes up a shoot, and away you go. The fruit will ripen (next year) in late May to early June.”

“Container grown plants are also often seen for sale in nurseries and garden centers,” Pemberton said. “These can be planted anytime they are available, but are best planted as dormant plants in mid-winter when they can have an entire growing season to become established so that a nice crop of berries can be harvested the following year.”

There were no substantial common diseases observed in the Texas trials, Stein added.

“The fruit are elongated, somewhat blocky and very attractive with an exceptional glossy, black finish, and it stores well,” he said.

Natchez’s fertility needs are not exceptional, about the same as other fruit plants.

“Typically, we just need a nitrogen fertilizer. Although, if the soil pH is low, you can use a 3-1-2 (ratio) fertilizer, something like a 15-5-10,” Stein said.

Like many fruit crops, blackberries should be planted where they have sunlight all day long, according to Pemberton.

“Only minimal bed preparation is needed as long as the soil is well drained. Control weeds as needed,” Pemberton said. “But in many cases you could just dig a hole and set the cutting or container plant in and have success.”

Dr. Mike Arnold, AgriLife Research horticulturist and another Texas Superstar board member, said, “In areas where soil characteristics are not conducive to in-ground culture, plants can be grown successfully in large patio containers or raised beds using commercial potting mixes. Alternatively, where regional water quality, for instance in areas with salty water, presents challenges, irrigation with collected rainwater or reverse-osmosis treated water can permit successful culture.”

Stein also noted Natchez thrives in U.S. Department of Agriculture plant hardiness zones, which includes not only all of Texas, but much of the rest of the U.S.

One other thing to note is that Natchez is a semi-erect plant, which means it will need a trellis.

Depending on growing space, some growers may consider Natchez’s vigor a little excessive, but this is easily managed, Stein said.

“What a lot of people will do when they have excessive growth is to prune it, and when they do, that just makes it grow more. The best thing to do is just pinch the top out of it, which will typically slow it down.”

Texas Superstar is a registered trademark owned by AgriLife Research, a state agency that is part of the Texas A&M University System. More information about the Texas Superstar program can be found at <http://tex-assuperstar.com/>.



Last week was a very busy and successful week at the Library. On Monday and Tuesday Computer classes were held in the Annex with 20-25 attending each session. Reports are that the classes were thorough and informative. Thank you to everyone who attended and took advantage of this opportunity. We hope to be able to offer more classes in the future.

On Wednesday of last week we hosted our 2nd annual “Sweet Afternoon at the Library”. Twenty kids enjoyed the party which consisted of making Valentine cards, playing a Valentine game, refreshments and story time. Thank you to all the kids who attended and the Moms for getting them here.

We have some new books to add to our shelves this week including *Watching the Dark* by Peter Robinson, *Touch & Go* by Lisa Gardner, *A Texas Destiny: The Saga Begins* by Joe G. Bax, *Footprints in the Sand* by Mary Jane Clark, *House of Earth* by Woody Guthrie, *Deadly Stakes* by J.A. Jance, and *Little Wolves* by Thomas Maltman.

Since we had just received several new and wonderful books from our Libri Grant, I have purchased several new DVDs for our children’s section with funds raised by Granny’s Tea Party. Now available are *Madly Madagascar*, *Once Upon a Stable*, *Alice in Wonderland*, *Cinderella*, *Hotel Transylvania*, *Dumbo*, *The*

Perfect Game and *Tarzan*.

We were also able to purchase an awesome wooden puzzle for our children’s section. Thank you to the ladies at Hotel Matador for hosting this event and to all the girls who attended.

Other new DVDs include James A. Michner’s *Centennial*, *Taken*, *The Pact*, *House at the End of the Street*, *Winter’s Bone*, *Mrs. Brown*, *The Greatest Game Ever Played*, *The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel*, *Alex Cross*, *Flight* and *Lawless*.

We also have a new Audio book, *The Perfect Lover* by Stephanie Laurens.

We thank Marisue Potts for her donation of a book for our Genealogy Department, *The Family of Wilson Barton and Mildah McKinney* by Karla Cox Smith.

Our featured book this week is *Little Wolves* by Thomas Maltman. Set on the Minnesota prairie in the late 1980s during a drought season that’s pushing family farms to the brink, *Little Wolves* features the intertwining stories of a father searching for answers after his son commits a heinous murder, and a pastor’s wife who has returned to the town for mysterious reasons of her own. A penetrating look at smalltown America from an award-winning author, weaves together elements of folklore and mythology while being driven by a powerful murder mystery. This book will be a page-turner!

Hernandez, Lawler; new Lion and Lioness

By Jennifer Lawler
Motley County Tribune

The Matador Lions Club held their monthly meeting last Tuesday, February 12. After the delicious meal made by Boss Lion Chris Spence, there were several topics covered, one discussion was about the programs that could be contacted or have been contacted to help the Lions Club with donations so that the Lions could continue to help people. There was also a discussion about the upcoming dates

for the Food Boxes and the next Pancake Supper.

Anthony Hernandez and Jennifer Lawler both received their new Lion/Lioness pins and were welcomed as new members. Lions attending the meeting were Boss Lion Chris Spence, Lion Secretary Larry Hoyle, Tail Twister Jim Watson, Roy Hobbs, Patrick Adair, Charlie Johnson, Vaden Hays, Bill Manney, Ed D. Smith, Ronnie Vandiver, Anthony Hernandez, Jennifer Lawler, and Tom Edwards.

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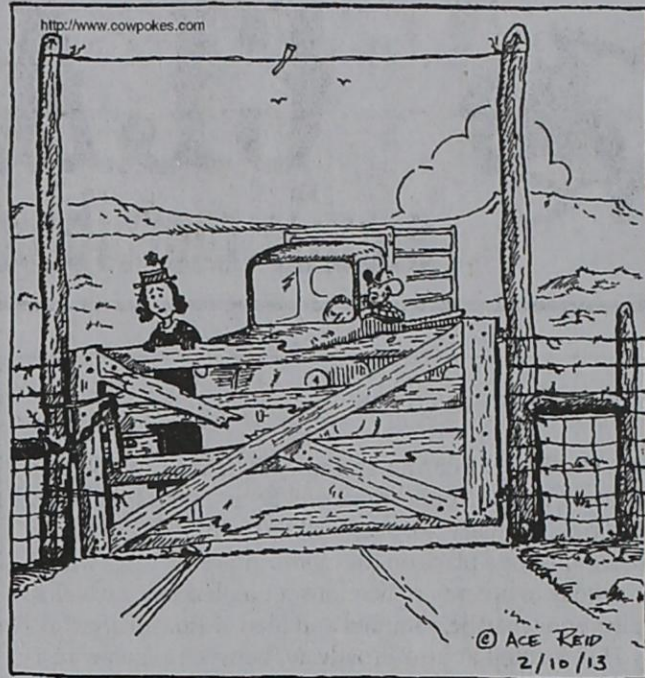
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bells on the harness of the horses were to be considered holy. Theses bells were attached to the every day working rigs that the horses wore in hauling the trade goods and other things of commerce in and about the land of God’s people.

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The apostle Paul tells us in Romans 12 that “it is our reasonable service.” The

thought that it is simply reasonable, in light of God’s blessings upon us, to live our lives understanding with an understanding of holiness. If “bells or “pots” are counted as holy unto the Lord, how about the Lord’s Day? Would it be counted as holy as “bells or “pots? Just wondering? Holiness might be a strange word to some, but the Bible says in Hebrews 12:14 “... holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord.” (KJV).

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City Secretary Tina Brooks ct8

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