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Ride 'em cowgirl...

Riley Smith, Motley County Pre-K student, joined her fellow classmates in some Rodeo fun last week at school. Mrs. Parks, partially pictured in background, organized the Stick Horse Rodeo as an ending to their study on Texas. Rodeo competition included a Barrel Race and a Flag Race. Students learned the state flower, Capitol and about the Longhorn as part of their Texas study. Four-year-old Riley is the daughter of Ty and Lacy Smith of Tongue River Ranch.

photo by Walter Taylor

Wind Farm interest grows in Motley County

There are several new and exciting developments happen-ing on the wind energy front that will have an effect on Motley County.

A meeting of area landowners and other interested parties will soon be held to give an up-date on progress being made toward wind farm development in the county. The details of this meeting will be announced as soon as they are finalized. The County Agent's column in the Motley County Tribune will be a source for further details about this meeting. about this meeting.

Several companies interested in building wind farms in Motley County plan to visit the county this week.

These companies are awaiting the Public Utility Commission's (PUC) decision regarding the boundaries of the Competitive Renewable Energy Zones (CREZ), which will have a major impact on where the wind energy companies will build wind farms.

During the process of the PUC's contested hearings, Sharvland Utilities LP backed up Airtricity, Babcock & Brown Renewable Holdings Inc., Celanese Ltd., and Occidental Energy Ventures, have put in a nomination that the Texas Pan-handle be designated as a

CREZ, and have proposed development of an 800-mile, 345 KV transmission loop. This nomination includes a plan to tie 4,200 MW of potential wind power in the Texas Panhandle to the ERCOT grid. This would allow approximately produced by both allow energy produced by both wind and other forms of electrical generation in the Panhandle to be sent to the larger cities in the south and east parts of the

It is interesting to note that nearly all of the letters and emails1 received by the PUC before the hearings were in support of Preliminary CREZ, the zone of which we are a part.

In addition, there have been 300 representatives of the Panhandle-South Plains region in Austin lobbying for this region's economy, including the support of wind energy development.

The citizens of Motley and surrounding counties are to be commended for their strong communication through letters, emails, and phone calls, to the PUC, that we are very much in favor of this region's being selected as a CREZ.

There is also good news on the state level. The new owners of TXU, who will assume ownership later this year, have announced that they will reduce the number of new coal-fueled

electrical generation plants from the previously proposed 11 to 3, and that they plan to double the company's purchase of wind power to more than 1,500 MW. TECO-Westinghouse and

Composite Technology Corporation have announced a Strategic Alliance Agreement to build the first wind turbine manufacturing plant in Texas. This plant, which was expected to be built in Utah or Louisiana will instead be build in Round Rock, Texas.

In addition, Governor Rick Perry has formed a Wind Energy Industrial Cluster initiative to retain and expand manufac-turing activity in Texas regard-

ing wind energy.
Stay tuned, exciting things are headed our way!

1 All letters and emails received by the PUC may be read on the PUC website at http://puc.state.tx.us/. On the left side of the home page, select "Filings/Interchange." Then select "Filings Retrieval." On the Interchange page select "Login" terchange page, select "Login." On the search page enter "31852" in the Control Number box and select "Search Now." If no specific date is selected, all communications for the past three months are listed, and specific documents may be selected from this list.

Comptroller Combs reports increases in state and local sales tax revenues

Austin -- Texas Comptroller Susan Combs announced last week state sales tax revenue in February totaled \$1.65 billion, up 7.0 percent compared to Feb-

'Post-holiday sales indicate the Texas economy and our sales tax collections continue to grow, though not at the rapid pace we experienced a year ago," Combs said. "We will continue to closely monitor our state's economic indicators such as oil and gas, the Texas housing market and consumer spending."

Combs delivered \$396.8 million in March sales tax pay- sales tax allocations are run-

ments to Texas cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts, a 5.6 percent increase compared to March 2006. So far this calendar year, local sales tax allocations are up 5.5 percent compared to the first three months of 2006.

State sales tax revenue for February, and March payments made to local governments today, represents sales that oc-curred in January.

Comptroller Combs sent

March sales tax payments of \$268.6 million to Texas cities, up 5.1 percent compared to March 2006. Calendar year-to-date, city

ning 6.5 percent higher than last year. Texas counties received sales tax payments of \$24.2 million, up 5.9 percent compared to one year ago. Calendar year-todate, county sales tax allocations are 7.6 percent higher than last year.

The 115 special purpose tax-ing districts around the state received \$11.8 million in sales tax revenue, up 9.3 percent compared to last March. Ten local transit systems received \$92 million, up 6.4 percent.

Matador, with a rate of 2.000%, received a net payment

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County Commissioners meet in March court session Bid accepted for new motorgrader

Motley County Commissioners Court met for their regular meeting, Monday, March 12. In addition to Commissioners Ronnie Davis, Donnie Turner, Franklin Jameson, Russell Alexander, County Judge Ed D. Smith, and County Clerk Kate Hurt, attending the meeting were County Attorney Tom Edwards and assistant Carol Campbell, and Sheriff Jim Meador. Judge Smith called the meeting to order and Commissioner Turner gave the

Mrs. Hurt read the minutes from the previous meeting. The outstanding bills were reviewed, as well as reports by the Treasurer, Tax-Collector, Justice of the Peace, County Agent and Library. Bills were approved for payment and all reports were approved.

TxDOT representatives Ben Kautz and Rodney Murray met with the Court requesting their approval on FM 94 curve renovation. TxDOT is requesting the County to contribute \$300.00 for right-of-way easements from landowners. After discussion, the commissioners decided to table the request until the landowners can be contacted.

The court reviewed the corrected County Personnel Policy and adopted the policy.

The court discussed establishing a County Road Map. The map would include all roads that are maintained by the County. Commissioners approved.

Judge Smith presented to the court a Rural Business Op-portunity Grant Resolution. This Resolution would support an application by the City of Childress to the USDA for a Rural Business Opportunity
Grant to fund a project that will
benefit an 11 county area in
Texas and Oklahoma including Motley County. This grant will form a rural consortium dedicated to promoting the development of wind energy resources within the 11 county area. Com-

missioners approved.

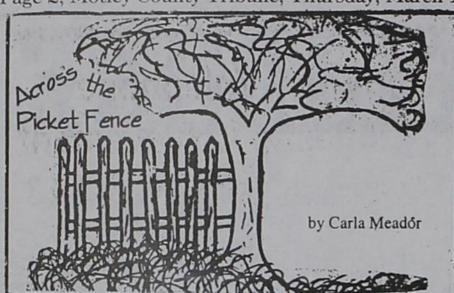
County Clerk Hurt requested the court's approval in moving polling places in Precinct 2 and Precinct 3 to the Courthouse for the May 12th Amendment Election. Commissioners approved. The United States Department of Justice will have to give pre-clearance for this request.

There were four bids presented to the court for the purchase of a motorgrader for Precinct 2. Yellowhouse Machinery presented a bid of \$204,000.00 for a John Deere Motorgrader, with a \$48,750.00 trade-in value on the old grader. This would leave 4 yearly payments of \$45,819.67. The first payment would not be due until November, 2008. The grader comes with a 7-year, 5,000 hour Full Warranty.

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SIGNS LETTER OF INTENT — Shane Newman, (second from left), a 6'5", 250lb. Senior from Motley County recently signed a scholarship agreement and letter of intent to play football at East Central Oklahoma University in Ada, Oklahoma. East Central is a NCAA Division II School and is a member of the Lone Star Conference. Shane's honors for the season include being named First Team All-District on offense and defense, First Team All-Region Noseguard, and Second Team All-State Noseguard. He will also represent the West in the Texas Six Man Coaches Association All Star Game this summer. "Shane Newman is a fine young man with a bright future ahead of him; we wish him the best of luck and will definitely miss him next year. We look forward to seeing him play again this summer and also in college," said Motley County Head Coach and Athletic Director Mike Bigham (pictured in back, left). Also pictured are MC Superintendent Randy Brown (standing right), and Shane's family, brother Justin, and parents Jeff and Pam Newman. photo by Walter Taylor



My column this week will have to be very short and hopefully a little sweet. Sweet from the sights and sounds of SPRING! The fruit trees are blooming all over town, a beautiful sight. The birds are singing and singing like they've been saving up all winter and couldn't wait to sit in the budding trees and sing a new song - a sweet sound. My backyard is as busy as a college campus and freshmen moving into their dorm rooms, with birds going back and forth to the birdhouses

building their nests. This morning (Wednesday) smelled fresh and clean with a little dampness left in the air from our Spring rain. Aahh ... Spring is almost

The only bad thing with the warmer weather is that the bugs and ticks are already crawling. I had hoped with our cold, freezing temperatures this Winter maybe some of the ticks had been killed out. I guess they were hiding in warm place.

My space is gone for this week. Think Spring!



Motley County Arts and Crafts Club had a very gratify-ing workshop on oil painting Monday, March 5 at the Senior Citizens Center.

The subject was an old shoe in a garden setting with a small mouse peeping out from a large hole in the toe of the shoe, with flowers and grasses. The results were extraordinary. It would incline one to call it "Darling!"

The club dined at noon with the Senior Citizens on King Ranch Chicken, tossed salad, pinto beans, cornbread and fruit compote for dessert. It was delicious and plentiful.

Club President Joy Archer

held a business meeting, plans are still in progress for next year's programs. The club is fortunate to have talented members who are excellent teachers and outside instructors aren't necessary.

The club members extended "congratulations" to Jane King who married Rev. O.K. Neal of Kress on February

Members present were Joy Archer, Nova Dale Turner, Dorothy Knight, Joyce Meredith and Winifred Darsey.

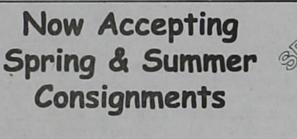
Joy Archer will teach a class on constructing frames in April. See you there!

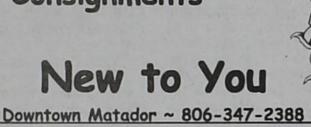
We would like to thank everyone who bought tickets for the DVD player-recorder, which helped our niece, Jessica, to go on her Senior Trip. The winner was Brittany Moore. God bless you.

Anna & Frances

Thank you for the cards, visits, phone calls and memorials after the death of Anthony. Your words of sympathy and concern

June Moss Glen & family Lee & family





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Developing Faith



Faith identifies one as a child of God. In that identity comes conflict with much that this world has to offer. There will be times of conflict. In those times, men and women of faith experience a very unique comfort from God. There is a need to develop faith in God before hardship or tragedy strikes.

Faith that is tried and proven rejoices in its strength. The conviction of a Christian is renewed when faith leads one through the trial rather than just reacting to it. We, as Christians, must prepare and "train" in matters of faith. The Bible says that "faith comes by hearing the word of God." So one needs to be familiar with the Bible. It is the source of our

There might be some who that view a life of faith as mundane or uninteresting. But practicing Christianity and developing faith is anything but uninteresting. Faith always has been a little scary and it will continue to be so. The Hebrony writer tells us in chapter 11-1 that "faith is the convinbrew writer tells us in chapter 11:1 that "faith is the conviction of things not seen." Sometimes faith requires us to get out on the limb and away from the trunk. It can be a little

There will always be some conflict as our faith develops. Why is this? Because right and wrong are always in conflict and that struggle goes on every day.

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BIBLE STUDY - 10:00 A.M. WORSHIP - 9:00 A.M.

Library Notes

By Suzanne Abbott Librarian

We appreciate the donations that the library received last week. We thank Carol Sheckler and Clarence Jones for their donations in memory of Marjoria Moore Harper. We also thank Dianne Dalton for her donation in memory of James Truman Groves.

New books in the library include Watchman by Robert Crais and Storm Runners by T. Jefferson Parker. The library also has the newest novel by Sandra Brown, <u>Alone</u>. We have Judith Gould's The Parisian Af-

The library offers the new-est, hottest book on nutrition, The China Study. People who have read this book say that it will change their eating habits. They say that it is one of the most important books about nutrition ever written and that reading it may save your life.

For the younger readers the library has two new books. One is Batta Batta Swing! This book is, of course, about baseball -"The wild old days of baseball," to quote the book cover. The other book will be in the Juveile Section of the library. It is Maude March on the Run! or Trouble is her Middle Name, by

Audrey Couloumbis.

Library Annex Open House set for March 25

The Friends of the Motley County Library and the Library Board will host an Open House at the Library Annex on Sunday, March 25, 2007. The doors will open at 2:00 p.m. and the program will begin at 2:30 p.m. Virginia Taylor will present some very special cowboy poetry for everyone's enjoyment. Marisue Powell will be the emcee for the afternoon.

Everyone is invited to attend this special event in order to tour the new facilities in the Library Annex. Refreshments will be served by the Friends of the Library.

Commissioners

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Warren Cat presented a bid

of \$235,000.00, with a \$65,000.00 trade-in value on the old grader.

ASCO Supply presented a bid for a Volvo Motorgrader for \$199,359.00, with a \$25,000.00 trade-in on the old grader. This would leave 4 yearly payments of \$50,826.63.

After discussion, Commissioners voted to accept the Yellowhouse Machinery bid.

Motley County Chamber **News & Views**

by Marie-Louise Leibe-Harkort

Consider:

Opportunity is missed by most because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work.

-- Thomas Alva Edison *********

Once upon a time, there was a boy, a young man, who lived with his parents on a cattle ranch.

Summer vacation from school was coming, and he was anxious to do something to earn some money, but he was also looking forward to rest and relaxation.

So it was with dismay that he reacted to the dictum of his father, that he would spend the holidays working on the ranch land, digging up the unwanted plants that were all over the land and needed to be removed.

This was hard work, digging up plants in the hot summer, and to top it off, his father was not going to pay him for his work that would benefit the whole family

Bummer.

But there was no way around it. Digging up plants was how he would spend the sum-

But this "once upon time" story took place in the 21st century, and the young man was not to be defeated in his plans. So he thought and thought.

He realized that what was a plague to his family, the plants, were saleable items. People pay good money for plants in many places all around the country

The trick was to get the nuisance, the plants, from him to people who were willing to pay money for them.

Enter the internet, and eBay, an internet website where people auction off almost anything to people who want it. It is big business, made up of lots of people selling small amounts of

So he dug up his plants, and offered them for sale on eBay (www.ebay.com). He had done his homework, and calculated the shipping costs within the 48 states and was ready to sell his plants to the highest bidder.

Lo and behold, people wanted his plants and were willing to pay good money for them. In fact, they bought up all the plants he could dig up.

There is, of course, a happy ending to this true story. But it is worth thinking about. Motley County may be in a rural area, but we are not cut off from the opportunities to develop business possibilities, if only we look

Thank you for reading the Motley County Tribune



CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY — Cora Hall celebrated her 93rd birthday, November 22, 2006, with a party at her home in Whidby Island, Washington. Cora was a longtime resident of Matador before moving to Washington to be close to her fam-

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- Set air-conditioning thermostats to the highest possible comfortable setting and dress accordingly.
- Turn off every appliance you are not using including lights, televisions and radios. Use the "sleep" feature on your computer equipment.
- Only cool rooms that you use. Close vents and doors in unused rooms. Be sure to close closet doors.
- Check your air-conditioning filter every month and replace as needed.
- Keep windows that let the sun in covered when the sun is shining on them. Weather strip and caulk around windows and doors to prevent drafts.
- Close your fireplace damper when the fireplace is not being used.
- Use fans to help circulate the air in your house.
- Air-dry dishes in the dishwasher.
- Lower the temperature on your hot water heater to warm during the summer, take short showers and wash only full loads of clothes in the laundry.

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JR. HIGH TRACK TEAM — Pictured left to right - Keyan Kautz, Reagan Elliott, Nayo Santos, Braden Mason, Chase Buckner, Sarah Ferguson, Colby McCleskey, Kyla Simpson, Andrew Martin, Leanne Jameson, Hailey Blanco, Ashley Brackeen, Jonathon Osborn, Angelica Meredith, Ky Christopher, Skylar Tomlinson, Alyx Smith and Christian Brooks.

photos by Walter Taylor

Cap Rock Telephone **Scholastic Achievement** Award deadline April 13

The deadline for the 2007 CapRock Telephone Scholastic Achievement Award is Friday, April 13. In order to qualify, the parents or guardian of a 2007 high school graduate must be a member of CapRock Telephone and live within CapRock's service area. The winners of these scholarships will be notified at their respective school gradua-

Since the inception of the scholastic award program, CapRock has provided \$72,000 for area youth to continue their education. Last year's recipients represented the following area schools Paducah High School, Motley County High School, Spur High School, Jayton High School, Valley High School, Patton Springs High School and Guthrie High

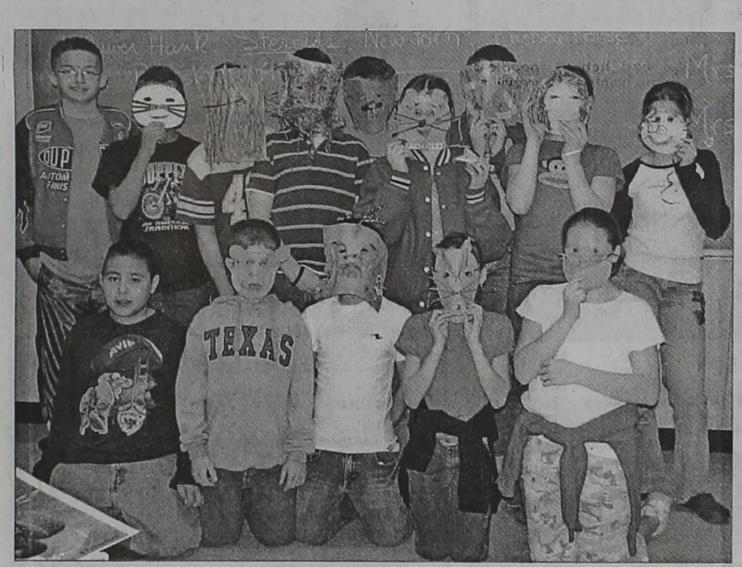
If you know an interested, qualifying student and would like a scholarship application, contact your school counselor or call CapRock Telephone at 800-692-4242 or 806-271-3336. Applications may also be found at www.caprock-spur.com



MEDALISTS — Receiving medals for their success at the recent Spur Track Meet are (left to right) Sarah Ferguson, Alyx Smith, Hailey Blanco, Kyla Simpson, Leanne Jameson and Angelica Meredith. More details will be printed when made available.



MEDALISTS - MC boys receiving medals for their success at the Spur Track Meet are (left to right) Chase Buckner, Colby McCleskey, Andrew Martin, Jonathon Osborn and Ky Christopher. More details will be printed when made available.



THEATRE ARTS - Mrs. Kay Bingham's 6th grade theatre arts class made masks and presented a story to the Pre-K class recently. Class members show off their artwork in this photo.

School Menu

MONDAY, MARCH 19 Breakfast: French Toast Sticks, or Cereal, Toast, Juice,

Milk. Lunch: Pizza, Salad, Pineapple Chunks, Vanilla Wafers, Milk.

TUESDAY, MARCH 20

Breakfast: Cheese Omelet, Toast, or Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Steak Fingers, Creamed Potatoes, Gravy, Green Peas, Hot Roll, Honey.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21 Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Sliced Pears, Milk.

Lunch: Corn Dog, Baked Beans, Salad, Jello, Milk.

THURSDAY, MARCH 22 Breakfast: Biscuit,

Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, or Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk. Lunch: Cheese Enchiladas, Salad, Corn, Tortilla Chips, Sherbet, Milk.

FRIDAY, MARCH 23

Breakfast: Pancake, Sausage, or Cereal, Toast, Fruit,

Lunch: Hamburger, Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle Slices, Potato Chips.

Family Fun Night Banquet set for April 20

The Annual Family Fun Night Banquet has been set for April 20. The event will begin at 6:30 p.m. and will be held in the School Gym.

Family Fun Night is a com-bination of the Mother-Daughter/Father-Son Banquet and is sponsored Eternas Study Club. Look for more information in future issues.

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- John Ruskin

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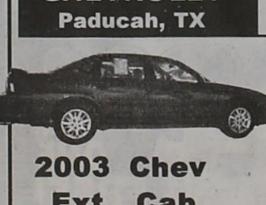
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News Around the County

Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

I just had to get out these pretty days and work in the yard a little. Hasn't it been beautiful and a good soaking rain to top it off? We had 1 1/2 inches of ran in our gauge. I have heard reports that south of Afton had much more. It finally rained on our farm south of Lorenzo, we had missed some of the rains we have had here. Income tax has just had to wait for awhile!

Lea Peacock was taken to the hospital in Lubbock on Thursday afternoon. She was able to go to her daughter-in-law, Sharon's by late evening. Bill accompanied her on the ambulance. Sharon Peacock brought them home on Friday. Anna Ortiz went to Lea's aid when she became ill at Anna's Mexican Restaurant. Her illness wasn't related to her food; she got so sick she didn't eat. She had a kidney stone. Anna took her to the clinic.

Ruby Hipp is in Covenant Hospital. She is in room 476 South. She has double pneumonia.

Rita Groves is back in the hospital also. I believe she is at Covenant Lakeside in room 465. Her phone number at the hospital is 806-725-2465.

Anna Daniell is visiting her grandparents, Glennard and Edith Daniell during Spring Break. Today, Edith and Anna kept a dentist appointment and had fun shopping in

We had a note from Dorothy Lee. She wanted to thank everyone who helped her while she was ill to get her electric bill paid. She has gotten settled and is glad to be near her family. Her new address is: Dorothy Lee, #805 West Avenue K, Muleshoe, TX 79347.

Gary Simpson reported that Louise Perryman is having emergency surgery tonight at the hospital in Plainview. He said that her condition was critical. Please pray for Louise and her family.

METHODIST GUILD MEETS

On Wednesday afternoon Lea Peacock hosted the First United Methodist Church Guild. Those present were President, Pearl Patten; Secretary, Callie Giesecke; Treasurer, JoEtta Bumgardner; Donalda Letkeman, Joy Beeson, Billie Stuckey, Chelsea Read. Edith Johnson, JoEtta's cousin was a special guest. The lesson was brought by Chelsea Read. The lesson was the story of Esther, Queen of Zerxes or Ahasuerus (his Biblical name) of Persia, and how she changed from a self-centered young lady to a heroine who saved the Jewish Nation from being completely killed out by a prime minister in Xerxes' court.

The group also made further plans for the bake sale coming up the first weekend of May

Corky and I met friends, Jack and Mary Lyn Reitz, from Montana in Odessa, Tuesday, for a short visit. Our friends spend the winter in Yuma, AZ and were in route to Houston to visit their son. They called and said they would be not too far away and if we could to meet them for an evening's visit. We were home again Wednesday evening. Last year we met them in Las Cruces and spent three days together. A few years ago, we visited them in Montana in their beautiful home on the Missouri River. They travel quite a bit so we have met them several times in different areas for a few days. We always have such a good time.

I saw my first robin of the year Friday. Corky has opened up the purple martin house. They usually arrive on the 21st day of March. They send a scout earlier, sometimes as much as two weeks before the main flock arrives. We want to be sure their welcome mat is out! I am noticing quite a few flying insects so I believe they will find plenty to feed on. I hope they stay after the mosquitoes. The trouble is they always leave in July when it gets really hot. By then they have raised their hatching of babies. They quarrel a lot among themselves over their "apartments" we think. Corky loves to watch them. Often he sees one being evicted from one of their nests. Maybe they need apartment numbers: after all, the twelve doors all look alike!

Fruit trees are blooming; March is sure making way for Spring. When I see the mesquites beginning to leaf, I'll be ready to be-lieve it's really here and put out plants. Even the mesquites were fooled a couple of years ago!

Thank you for reading the Motley County Tribune

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

If the grass looks greener on the other side....Fertilize!

CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

Attending the fifth birthday party of Seth McDaniel last Sunday afternoon in the home of his parents, Shay and Jimmy McDaniel and brother, Luke in Lubbock were his great-grandmother, Mrs. B. Rogers and great uncle, Donnie Rogers of Flomot. Others attending the celebration were Donna Sue and Stanley Degan of Kalgary, Dane Degan and sons, Kyler and Kason of Crosbyton and Mrs. Shawna Abernathy and children, Jake and Allie of Abilene.

Before returning home, B. and Donnie were guests at a family dinner Sunday night in the home of Ronnie and Lou Rogers of Lubbock. Other guests were Mrs. Laura Dercherhause and son, Kolin of Idalou and Richard and Tina Rogers and son, Jerod of Lubbock.

Joe Ike and Anna Beth Clay

enjoyed basketball games in Miami last Saturday night. Their grandchildren, Walker and Ryleigh Carson of Turkey played in the games. Anna Beth visited in Panhandle Friday with son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Clay. She attended the Junior High Track Meet in which grand-

son, Tanner Clay competed. Mrs. Marihelen Wason of Matador, daughter and husband, Brenda and Darrell Cruse visited Friday and Saturday in Snyder with her other daughter and husband, Charla and Bennie Marricle.

Michael Davis and Virginia Segodia of Fritch visited Saturday and Sunday with his grandparents, Jack and Nada Starkey.

Betty and Dale Fowler of Grandbury visited Friday with her aunt, Mrs. Leona Degan. Mrs. Aleda Ross and

houseguest, son Tommy Ross of Castroville attended to business in Plainview, Saturday.

Mrs. Marilee Cooper of Borger visited the weekend with her father, Wilburn Martin.

SALES TAX from page 1

\$4,191.35 at this time last year, a 4.86% change. Payments total \$16,331.35 for 2007, compared to \$15,223.60 at this time last year, a 7.27% change.

Roaring Springs, with a rate of 2.000%, received a net payment of \$1,365.89, compared to

of \$4,395.09, compared to \$2,997.52 in March of 2006, a -54.43% change. 2007 payments total \$6,007.65, compared to a total of \$8,996.38 in March of last year, a -33.22% change.

> The Comptroller's next sales tax allocation will be made on Friday, April 13.



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Benny Goss

Littlefield -- Funeral services for Benny Goss, age 73, of Littlefield were conducted at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 27, 2007, at the First Baptist Church in Littlefield with Reverend Wayland Hutto officiating and Mickey Oglesby assisting. Burial was in Littlefield Memorial Park under the direction of Hammons Funeral Home of Littlefield.

Mr. Goss went home to be with

the Lord on February 22, 2007, at Lamb Healthcare Center in Littlefield. Benny was born on October 3, 1933, in Dickens County, Texas to Blueford and Lexie Goss. He married Wanda Mitchell on June 15, 1951, at his parents' home in Dickens County. He was called to serve God as a minister two months after his marriage to Wanda. Benny pastored in several churches in the West Texas and Eastern New Mexico area. He served as pastor for Sunset Avenue Baptist Church since 1968. Benny worked as a rural route postal carrier in Littlefield for over 20 years, served as the police department chaplain for about 20 years and hosted "Good News on The Radio" for over 30 years. Benny was a fan of the Littlefield Wildcats serving as announcer for Wildcat Football for many years and being

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the Wildcat signs you see around town today. Benny enjoyed painting and was a very good artist who created and published the Lamb County Sketch Book. He and his wife Wanda fostered 24 children between 1974 and 1981. He was a member of the Sunset Avenue Baptist Church in Littlefield and will be missed by many. He is preceded in death by 3 brothers and 2 sisters. Survivors include his wife, Wanda Goss of Littlefield; three sons, Curtis and wife Margaret Goss

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of Bolivar, MO, Lee and wife Cindy Goss of Maydelle, Brian and wife Debra Goss of Whitharral; two daughters, Sherlyn and husband Wayland Hutto of Fowler, CO, Sheila and husband Stan Edwards of Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; brother, Curtis Goss of Double Oaks, Texas; 22 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren.

Grandchildren served as pall-

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PROPOSITION 1 (SJR 13)

SJR 13 would amend the Constitution to authorize the legislature to adjust the public school ad valorem tax or tax rates for taxpayers who are aged 65 or older, or are disabled, and who are owners of an exempted homestead. The amendment would thereby allow the legislature to provide tax relief to such elderly or disabled taxpayers who did not receive tax relief as a result of the school tax rate reduction passed in the 79th Legislature, 3rd called session.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for a reduction of the limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed for public school purposes on the residence homesteads of the elderly or disabled to reflect any reduction in the rate of those taxes for the 2006 and 2007 tax years."

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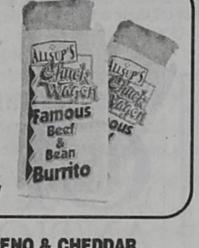
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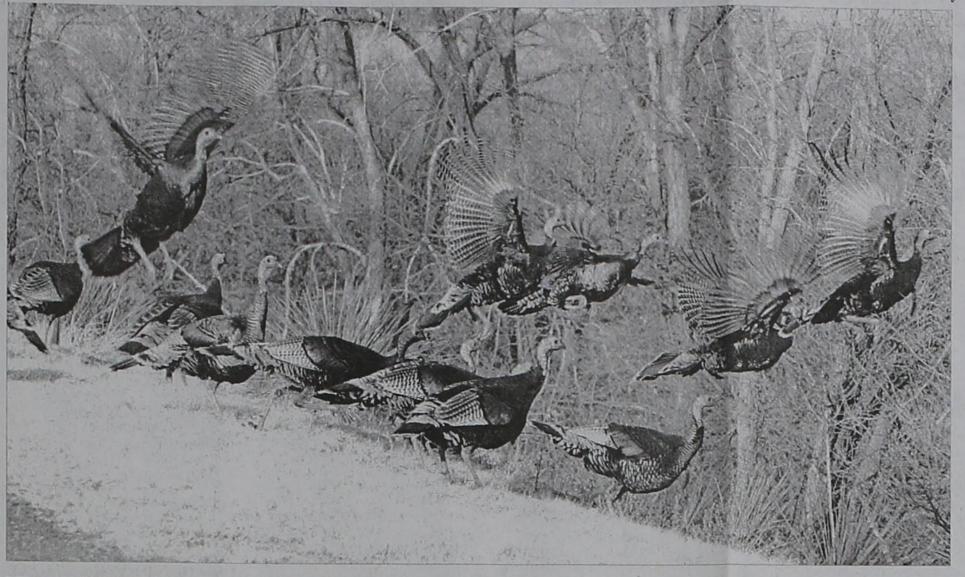
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Renewable Energy, Conservation key issues in making new Farm Bill

Austin -- Farmers and ranchers could soon be looking harder at forage production as biomass crops become more lucrative and sought after by new biofuel plants popping up across the U.S.

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"If we don't get feed stocks started now, these plants are going to be built and people are going to be looking for material with no (place) to go," said Peterson, chairman of the House Agriculture Committee at the 2007 Ag Forum held in February in Austin.

As work continues on a new farm bill that looks to weigh heavily on energy and conserva-

tion, some of the most traditional practices on the nation's farms could be changing, he

"I tell my people at home instead of growing sugarbeets, you might be growing switch-grass," Peterson said. "This (re-newable energy) is the most exciting thing that has ever hap-pened in my lifetime in agricul-

To help illustrate the opportunity that awaits agricultural producers, Peterson described recent equity offerings for new ethanol plants in his home state.

"We have an equity drive, we have farmers being the first in line, camping out so they can buy stock," he said.

Government getting more involved in biofuel plants' financing wouldn't be in the best interest of agriculture, Peterson

"I'm not a big fan of government getting too involved and making it harder for these equity drives," he said. "There are a lot of bills out there that would do more harm than good, but we'll have to sort through that."

Biofuel production and conservation programs are a few key components of the new farm bill legislators hope will be delivered to President Bush by September. However, though farm government spending is far below 2002 levels, Peterson said the current food stamp program is taking chunks of money

The debit card system has made the system more efficient and cut down on fraud and abuse, he said. However, it's also expensive.

"Food stamps are 67 percent of what we are going to spend," he said. "In the old days,

kind of an entitlement."

Though conservation will be another key component of new farm legislation, it's set to take a 30 percent cut in funding, Peterson said, but those cuts could be restored.

"There's going to be quite a bit of interest in new spending," he said. "One thing that would be helpful is if we can get people in Texas, whether in agriculture or not, to support us to get extra resources for the ag committee to support the farm bill." For other new programs to be runded, the agriculture committee is being asked to look at cutting other programs, Peterson

"Americans want us to pay our bills and be fiscally responsible," he said. "We're not complaining. But in order for us to get more money, it's what you can give up."

Meanwhile, the outlook for grain farms is the best since fall of 1995, while cotton and rice will still show red, said Dr. James Richardson, co-director of the Agricultural and Food Policy Center at Texas A&M Univer-

The outlook on future farm policy is that fruits and vegetables will get subsidies of some kind and more emphasis will be placed on renewable fuels research.

"Don't discount the emphasis of conservation in the next farm bill," he said.

"It's very likely" that many of the same programs will be in the 2007 Farm Bill "not because that's what everyone wants, but because it may be the best safety net we can afford," he

we got a lot of urban support. Now (the program has) become

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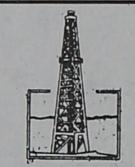
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BRISCOE COUNTY: Turner Transportation has filed an Amendment to their April 27, 2006 drilling permit for the pro-posed Commercial Disposal Facility Well, the Turner 50/50 SWD Lease Well #1 to be located 683 feet from the North line and 1940 feet from the West line of Section 69, Abstract-89, Block B-1, Beaty, Seale & Foxwood Survey, 2 1/2 miles East of Silverton, South of Highway 86. Turner filed the amendment to change the operator name from Turner Transportation to Turner Energy SWD, LLC and to change the permitted total depth from 4150 feet to 6000 feet. The completion depth for disposal remains unchanged listed at 2750 to 3890 feet in the Brown Dolomite of the Upper

Wolfcamp Formation. FLOYD COUNTY: The Maurice Campbell Lease Well #1 location, the joint venture of BASA Resources, Inc. and Tyner Texas Operating Company, has been prepared and is awaiting the moving of the drilling rig to location and the spuding of ding of the well. The Patterson-

UTI Drilling Rig #712 is scheduled to move from the D.M. Cogdell Estate in Motley County to the Maurice Campbell loca-tion. The Maurice Campbell #1 is located 12 miles East of Floydada and 3/4 of a mile North of the PetroGlobe Energy McIntosh Well #1077.

Drilling continues on the PetroGlobe Energy U.S.A. Ltd. McIntosh Lease Well #176.

HALE COUNTY: Workover Unit has been on the PetroGlobe Energy U.S.A. Ltd. Ramsower Lease Well #1113 since last week.

SWISHER COUNTY: On Friday, March 9, 2007, PetroGlobe Energy U.S.A. Ltd. filed an application for drilling permit for the second well on the Young Lease. The Young Lease Well #2032 will be located 2640-feet due North of the Young #1032, 1320 feet from the North line and 1320 feet from the West line of Section 32, Abstract-1181, block M-14, EL&RR RR Co./W. Adams Survey, 4 miles southwest of Claytonville. The Young #2032 is applied for a depth of

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New Risk Management Specialist hired by Extension

Amarillo Warminski is ready to help producers look into the future in his new position as a Texas Cooperative Extension specialist of risk management.

Warminski, a White Deer native, will work with the Financial and Risk Management Assistance program (FARM Assistance), a strategic-planning program offered by Extension, in conjunction with DeDe Jones, also an extension risk management specialist in Amarillo.

FARM Assistance allows specialists to consult with farmers and ranchers on a one-onone basis to help run projections and computer models that out-line a 10-year operational plan, Warminski said.

The program allows the individual to make hypothetical alterations to an operation, such as the purchase of more land or equipment or changing the crop rotation, and determine how the changes will impact the overall financial situation, he said.

Prior to taking the Extension position, Warminski worked with the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District in White Deer as education coordinator and field lab technician.

He earned his bachelor's degree in agricultural econom-

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ics in May 2004 from Texas Tech University and a master's degree in agricultural business and economics from West Texas A&M University in August.

"This job fits my education background and it's what interests me," Warminski said. "I want to stay in the agriculture industry, and if I can help give producers educational assistance or guidance, that would be fulfilling to me."

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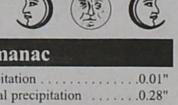
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