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Macedonia Baptist Church celebrates 85 years

Church organized in 1921

By Carol Campbell

The faithful have been gathering in Macedonia Baptist Church for more than 85 years. Organized in 1921, the church has come a long way from prayer meetings in homes to the building of the present day wood and stucco sanctuary.

According to church historians, land was donated in 1924 to build the church in east Matador where it still stands, a testimony to the many pastors, deacons, teachers and loyal congregation who have gathered over the years to worship.

When Matador was booming in the late '30s and early '40s, the community supported two vibrant African American churches, St. John's Baptist Church and Macedonia. But economics changed, cotton labor was replaced by machines, and families moved on. By the mid-1930s, the congregation of St. John's had joined the Macedonia Baptist Church; and remnants of this once large congregation still attend—short in number, but large in spirit. The faithful seven remain: Ranomia Campbell, Algaree Jones, Clara and Tim Mangrum, Bobby Brown, Jessie Mae Brown, and Jessie T. Sims.

Deacon George Mangrum, now deceased, still has his name on the sign in front of the church, reminding parishners of important worship opportunities for the week—Sunday Morning Worship Services, Sunday School, Wednesday night prayer meeting, Friday night choir.

To step into the church, is like a step back in time. The oak podium sits majestically in the center of the west wall, facing vacant oak pews; backs of benches hold songbooks for the dedicated-in-spirit, perhaps. Behind the podium on the west wall is a tapestry of the Last Supper and a framed Ten Commandments.

The choir loft, now empty, is relegated to cushioned seats on the left and right of the podium. Jessie T. sits in the choir loft, on the right of the podium—there in a place of honor, as deacon and church elder.

There are no musical instruments in the church, except for the human voice, but the faithful sing in the stylistic origin of African-American gospel hymns: "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot," "This Little Light of Mine," and "Near to the Cross." God is surely in this place, Jessie T. said, as he recites Matthew 18:20, "For where two or three have gathered together in my name, there I am . . ."

Ranomias lights the propane fire in the sanctuary on the cold Sunday mornings when their beloved friend and pastor, the Rev. Tommy Wilson, and his wife Ola, can attend. Rev. Wilson has been preaching at Macedonia for 20 years now, commuting from Hale Center in the Panhandle. The Reverend only comes on Sundays when Ola can attend. Ola is in battle with cancer, and sometimes her health prevents the trip. This Sunday the message was clear: "Be obedient to God," he said, "in sickness and in health."

"We were without a pastor for about three years before Rev. Wilson," Ranomia said. Ola had family connections in Matador. She was the aunt of George Mangrum. "Brother George Mangrum called me one night and asked me to render service," Rev. Wilson said. "And I have been rendering ever since."

During the 1970s-80s, Tommy Wilson sang professionally with a gospel group. "I was with a singing group in Lubbock called 'The Soul Seekers,'" Rev. Wilson said. This gospel group sang for the Lord "all over Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas," he said. "We helped build the Faith-Delivered Temple in Lubbock. I sang with this group for 16 years before I was called to preach in Matador," he said.

Jessie T. Sims is the last remaining deacon at Macedonia. He came to Matador in 1926 in a Model-T Ford from Memphis, Texas, he said, to "pull cotton" for dry-land farmers in the foothills of the Plains. He remembers picking cotton for .50 cents per 100 pounds for more than 10 years in Motley County. He worked for Hugh Lockett and lived in Roaring Springs from 1935-39, and except for a short sojourn to Oklahoma in 1936, he has spent his whole life in Matador. Jessie T. owned and operated a successful plumbing business in Matador for many years. Now retired, he is a regular at Senior Citizens, and occasionally is asked to participate in stage productions, pantomiming a famous saxophone player for a skit at the Chamber of Commerce Banquet.

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68th annual Motley County Junior Livestock Show set for Saturday, February 23



photo by Larry Vogt

LEXI OSBORN spends the last few days preparing her hog for the 68th Annual Motley County Junior Livestock Show set for Saturday, February 23.

The 68th Annual Motley County Junior Livestock Show is set for Saturday, February 23. Events will kick off early with a breakfast sponsored by Lowe's and cooked by Richard Turner and crew.

FFA and 4-H members will exhibit swine, lambs, goats, steers, rabbits and bucket calves.

The little ones will start off the show in Pee Wee Showmanship at 9:45 a.m. This much anticipated event gives future Motley County stock show exhibitors the chance to get some hands on experience. There are no losers in this event, everyone is a winner and receives a ribbon.

Swine classes will begin and 10:00 a.m., followed by the Bucket Calf show at 11:15 a.m., and Lambs at 11:30 a.m. The Rabbit show will begin at 12:30 p.m., followed by Goats at 1:00 p.m., and Steers at 2:00 p.m. The Premium Sale will begin at 2:30 p.m. All show times are approximate.

There will also be a Silent Auction Table with many nice things to bid on as well as chances to win the drawing for a \$500 shopping spree at Thackers will be for sale. The shopping spree is sponsored by the Association and Thackers. The Association is also sponsoring a concession stand which will be serving brisket sandwiches, rodeo wraps, chips, drinks, brownies and rice krispie treats.

The Junior Class will also be selling chances on a portable DVD player with accessories. All proceeds benefit the kids in the show. Everyone is encouraged to attend the show, enjoy the concession stand and support Motley County Youth.

Students participate in hands-on educational experience

Groundhog Shadow Day is an educational experience for students interested in obtaining hands-on learning instead of looking in a book.

Four Junior Class students participated in the South Plains Tech Prep Groundhog Job Shadow Day on February 6.

Participating students Courtney Alexander, Shane'a Russell, Kayla Simpson and Chandra Wolf provided the following commentary on the benefits and positive impact of the job shadowing program.

Courtney Alexander attended Lubbock Power and Light in Lubbock. While there, her mentor David Goode showed Courtney and eight other students from various schools the process used to produce electricity.

The students were also given a tour of three other electrical plants in the Lubbock area.

Courtney, who plans to pursue the study of engineering in college, state, "My Job Shadow assignment gave me an opportunity to witness firsthand how a mechanical engineer operates in the work field. I felt it was very beneficial."

Shane'a Russell was given an assignment at the USDA office in Lubbock. While there Shane'a and several other students from surrounding schools worked in the laboratory learning about protein in seeds, the genetics of plants, and how to dye cotton.

"Even though I have lived in a rural area around cotton all my life," Shane'a said, "it was very

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photo by Carol Campbell

THE FAITHFUL GATHER TO WORSHIP (Left to Right) Ranomia Campbell, Algaree Jones, Jessie Mae Brown, Tim Mangrum, Pastor Tommy Wilson, and Jessie T. Sims. Not pictured, Clara Mangrum and Bobby Brown.

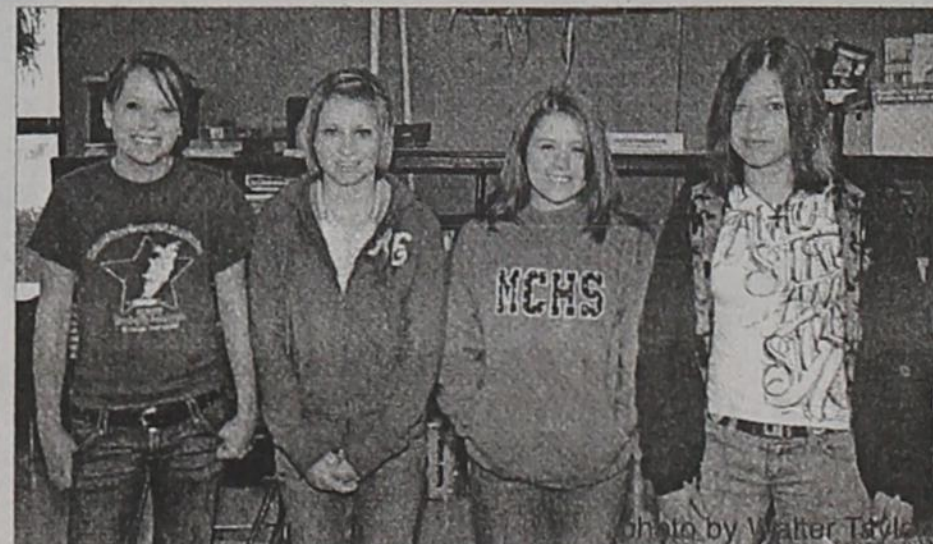


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JUNIOR CLASS STUDENTS participate in Groundhog Shadow Day in Lubbock. (Pictured, left to right) Kayla Simpson, Shane'a Russell, Courtney Alexander, and Chandra Wolf.

FOOTHILL COUNTRY CONNECTIONS

By Larry Vogt

There is a hint of hope in the air as the temperatures start to rise and the grass is starting to show little patches of green here and there. The Jr. Livestock Show is coming up and the young folks will be showing off their best efforts at the bus barn. The animals will be groomed and the young people will be trying for their best showing.

Seeing the pictures from past livestock shows reminds me of my various adventures with animal husbandry throughout the years. The agriculture classes in high school along with the livestock projects were instrumental in giving me a good background for all my attempts at self-sufficiency during the ensuing years.

by Laverne Zabielski

What an amazing place to raise your kids. Just look at the faces of the children participating in the Motley County Junior Livestock Show this week end. They are evidence of a lot of happiness and good health. And their experiences will create memories they will carry for many years.

Last week, Mom, Larry and I were discussing the carpet. I had read an article that said that carpets weigh four times more when you take them out than they did when you put them in. It's no wonder that when I vacuum the dog hair up the hairs fill the cleaner in no time. And I look away when I see the dust float in the air when the sun streams through the living room window.

I asked Mom what she thought about getting new hardwood floors. She smiled. "How long has that carpet been in?" I asked her.

"I can't remember," she said. "I can't remember" is becoming the dreaded phrase. Larry and I have made a point not to say it. We say things like, "I can't seem to recall that right now, or I'll have to think about it." "I can't remember" appears to be the prelude to dementia or Alzheimer and, hopefully, way before it actually happens. If not, I'm in big trouble. Yesterday I couldn't remember if I had turned the stove off.



photo by Larry Vogt

There was one incident that could only be described as a scene from a silent screen comedy. Leading a full-grown buck goat (with a nice set of horns) on a long tether, he (his name was Piper) decided to surprise me with a full run head butt and sent me flying. All I could do was laugh along with the person who witnessed this glorious spectacle and imagine how it might have appeared in an Abbot and Costello movie.

Cheer up, the flu and the cold weather can't last much longer.

The Tribune is starting "County Gardens Forum" and will feature questions, tricks of the trade, advice, local garden pictures, and features that can be submitted by anyone interested in the subject.

I can't remember sounds negative, when maybe it's a positive. Does my mother need to satisfy my curiosity by remembering the date the carpet was installed fifteen years ago when so much of her life has happened since then?

What she does remember is to turn the faucet to the left for hot water, to rinse the dishes before putting them in the dishwasher, to take a paper towel and wipe the faucets shiny, to find a jar for the rose she got at her sister's funeral, to feed her dog and give him water, to make her bed and arrange her pillows, wash her clothes and hang them up.

No, Mom's memory is not getting worse in regard to being in the moment.

Before I moved here and called her up I would be disappointed because we did not seem to have the same kind of long philosophical discussions that we used to have. That's because the phone calls were about me. I expressed my concern with a friend. "Why call," I asked her, "if she doesn't remember?"

"You call," she said, "because of the pleasure you give her in the moment." That's when I realized the purpose of the phone calls were about her.

These days, the stories she tells at the dinner table are the same kind of stories the kids in the Livestock Show will tell their children someday. We listen, intent.

WRITING COMMUNITY

Trees

by Monta Marshall

When I was a little girl, I often asked my granddad why he came to the plains which my grandmother called the prairie with no trees. They had lived in the 'coast country', Kerrville and other more interesting places where there were more trees. I figured that if they had stayed put, maybe I would have been born in a wooded area with lots of trees for shade, trees to climb upon and under which to build my playhouses.

Of course being that young, I never dreamed that to be ME, my dad would have had to meet my mother and their paths might never have crossed and so no ME!

Since we had few trees, Dad planted a row of Chinese Elms at the back which grew rapidly. The former residents had set out plum and cottonwood trees. The cottonwoods had large exposed roots that would mark the areas of my playhouse rooms. They had sticky 'fruit' that would be their seed pods that would into my long blond hair and make fierce tangles for Mama to contend with while I cried and tried to escape.

Since I felt so deprived not living a round trees, when we traveled to visit relatives near Weatherford, TX and in Central and East Texas I was fascinated with the trees. To go down in the Brazos River bottom near my great uncle's house and pick up large burr acorns was a marvel. To walk down to the creek and wander along the banks of Brady Creek on the farm where my mother grew up and sit in the shade and fish was a real treat.

A few times I my early years we were able to take a vacation to Red River, New Mexico and be among the beautiful pines and blue spruce trees of the mountains. Their fragrances seemed the freshest smell in the world in the high altitudes away from the dusty plains.

Since I love d trees so, I wanted to be able to identify the stately beings. Gardening books, encyclopedias, and Little Golden Books about nature were fodder for my soul.

When I became a home owner the first thing I wanted to do was to plant trees. I researched the types suitable for our region, the color and wonder of wonders — trees that bloomed. My lots were too small for a virtual forest not to mention the expense to meet the water requirements for so many trees. I would have gladly cut down on some of my seemingly luxuries to be able to have trees.

Two years ago we went on a trip to East Texas to see the dogwood trees in bloom. We took a train trip from Rusk to Palestine, Texas through wooded areas where the blooming dogwoods were the under-story trees of large towering pines. That was a memorable trip that somewhat satisfied my need to be among the trees.

I still would love to have a goldenrain tree, a smoke tree, a Japanese maple, dogwood and a magnolia tree. Perhaps my street in heaven will be tree lined!

Police

by Buffy Crutchley

Everyone seems to have some story from their past. A run in with the law. Maybe as a teenager, sneaking out of the house. Or as an irresponsible adult making a bad decision. Thankfully I cannot include myself in this group. I've always been an admirer of the law. Or a better word might be "Awe."

Watching my father make his career in law enforcement was how it started for me. I didn't realize it at the time, but I had, and still do have, a great respect for everything he went through. I always enjoyed eaves dropping on his stories with his buddies, and listening to him give Mom a recap of the day's excitement. I guess you could say this fascination never left me. I never could've imagined I would end up married to a policeman. Especially the Sheriff!!

I take my job as his wife very seriously, and am proud to be able to support him. In particular the times he gets called out. It's usually in the middle of the night. Still in his pajamas, it is my duty to help him prepare. There is tension in the air, but I always squeak the same four words: "What can I do?" and he shouts his orders. "Shoes." "Belt clips." "Tazer." I carefully set his supplies on the bed.

Then, after he's gone, and the calm has returned, I wonder where he's headed. What kind of person is waiting for him at his destination? Please God, let him return to me safely. I'm proud of what he does, and I like that he's a part of the greater good in the world. Some people don't like "Cops." Some people think all cops are jerks. Not me. No way, Man. I'm glad they're out there.

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"I have 14 children," Jesse T. said, "seven boys and seven girls." One son was killed in a car accident, but 13 children are still living. "All the Jessie's stayed in Matador," Jessie T said. "Jessie Mae, Jessie Jr., and Jessie Sr.," he said. "We had a family reunion last year."

In 1990, church historian and mainstay Mable Barrett, now deceased, wrote a church history for a church anniversary ceremony. Her words were copied, saved for posterity's sake.

These prophetic words written almost two decades ago are hauntingly familiar to Macedonia's reality today. After 85 years of faith and struggle, the little white church in east Matador, continues to minister to the faithful few, loyal to the end. Her speech follows in its entirety:

1990 Macedonia Church History

By Mable Barrett

The Macedonia Baptist Church was organized in August 1921 by the Rev. M.A. Thompson. They met several months for prayer meetings and Sunday School each Sunday morning. It was permitted to hold service in a one room dwelling house and in January of 1923, it went to an old build-

ing on the railroad tracks where school was held. That was nice compared to some of the other places the services had been held.

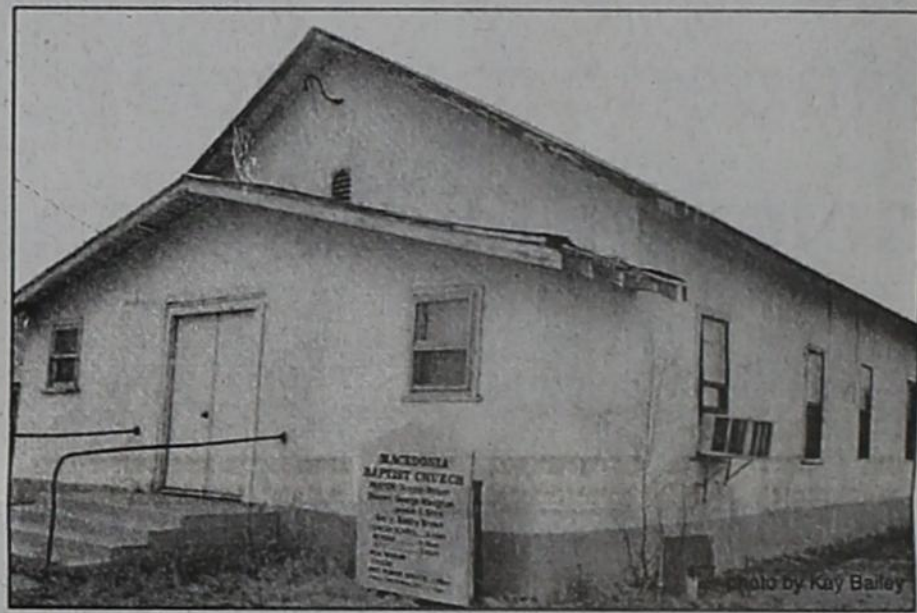
In 1924, some land was given to build a church where the present building is now standing. Rev. M.A. Thompson served as pastor for several years. Afterwards they came and they went.

Along with a carpenter, the deacons and pastor went to work in the early fall of 1924 to move in the church. By then more people had move (sic) to Matador. Rev. I.T. McClain began as pastor. The membership began to grow and the church progressed. Through many struggles and hardships and, of course, prayer, Macedonia is still alive. During these 69 years, Macedonia has had many Pastors.

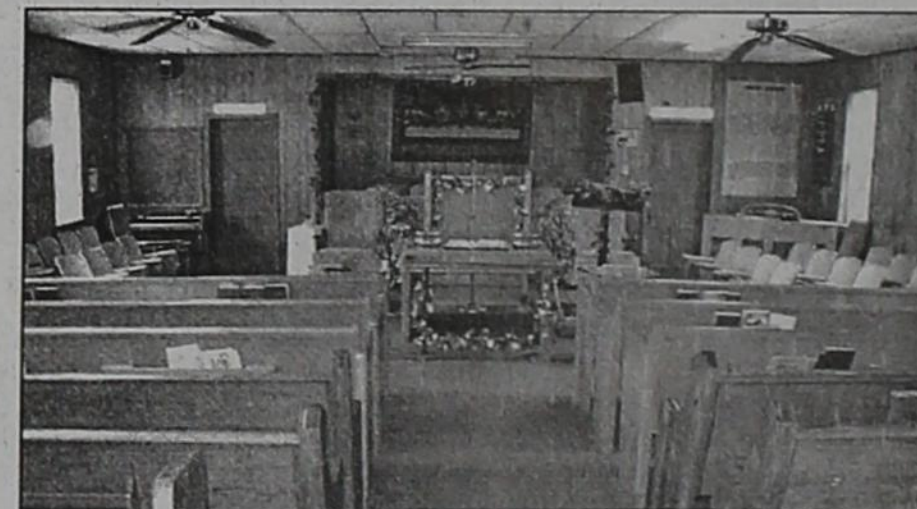
Macedonia has come a mighty long way from a private dwelling home where it got its birth to its present site under the leadership of many pastors.

We today thank God for these who struggled for us—for today, many of them are sleeping.

But through it all we sang and prayed together and have come this far by faith. Macedonia marches on--the race is not given to the swift nor the battle to the strong, but to those who hold out and endure; to prove faithful to the end.



MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH located in East Matador, was built in 1924. The church still holds Sunday School and Worship services for the faithful.



MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH interior, with the podium on the west wall, featuring a tapestry of the Last Supper.

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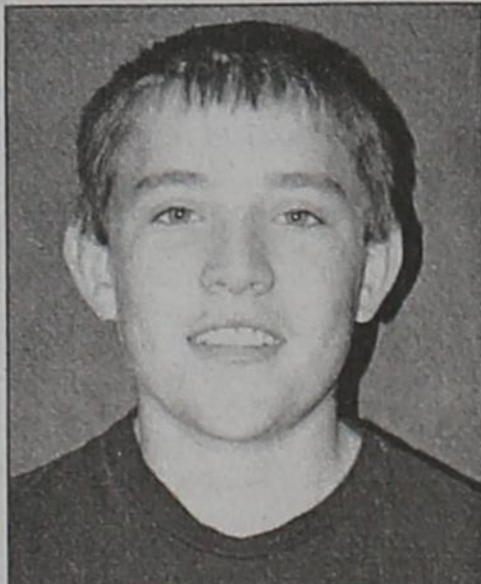
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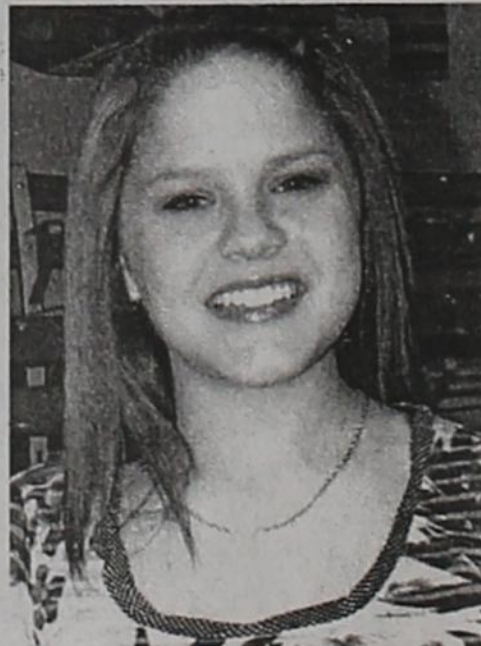


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Braden Mason

Jr. High eighth grader, is the son of Marvinna and Crawford Mason. He likes to play sports, mess with computers, and hang out with friends. He plans to become a preacher.



Emma Knowles

Senior, is the daughter of Richard and Molea Knowles. She has been accepted at Texas Tech and plans to major in Animal Science.



Cade Drum

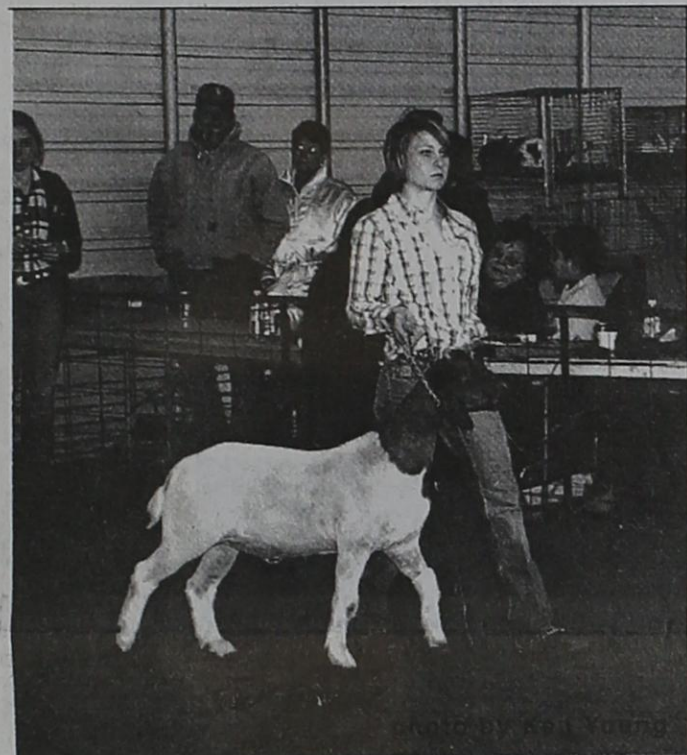
Second grader, is the son of Lewis and Lauren Drum. He is an honor roll student and participates in gymnastics.

Motley County Junior Livestock Show



Photo by Ken Young

SWINE SHOW—Brody Rankin, looking proud, was one of the participants in last year's show.



THE WALK—Shane'a Russell, a participant in Goat Showmanship in last year's Junior Livestock Show parades her goat.



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PEE WEE SHOWMANSHIP—L-R Cameron Stafford and Colton Martin show their prize hogs.

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68th Motley County Junior Livestock Show

February 23, 2008

Breakfast sponsored by Lowe's and cooked by Richard Turner and crew will be from 6:45am to 8:45am (sharp)

All animals must be weighed and in place by 8:30 am

Show Order

- 9:45 am Pee Wee Showmanship
- 10:00 am Swine classes start
- 11:15 am Bucket Calves
- 11:30 am Lamb classes
- 12:30 pm Rabbit classes
- 1:00 pm Goat classes
- 2:00 pm Steer classes
- 2:30 pm Premium Sale

Remember times are approximate

There will also be a Silent Auction Table with many nice things to bid on as well as chances for sale to win the drawing for \$500.00 shopping spree at Thacker's sponsored by the Association and Thacker's Concession Stand sponsored by the Association will be serving Brisket Sandwiches, Rodeo Wraps, Chips, Drinks, Brownies and Rice Krispie Treats. Concession Stand will be open from 9:00 am til. . . ?

All proceeds benefit the kids in the show. The Junior Class will also be selling chances on a portable DVD player with accessories.

4-H and FFA Exhibitors

Courtney Alexander
Braden Bigham
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Hance Davey
Reagan Elloitt
Matthew Faulks
Chloe Gleghorn
Jamie Jameson
Natalie Jameson
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Joshua Martin
Braden Mason
Parker Meredith
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Kaitlan Perryman
Domonique Quilimaco
Shane'a Russell

Seth Baxter
Mattie Brooks
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Coby Cochran
Hayden Davey
Shelby Elliott
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Lexi Osborn
Payden Perryman
Sabra Pope
Braden Pope
Thalia Quilimaco
Michael Seigler

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Kaylee Woolsey

Gabby Silva
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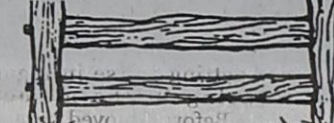
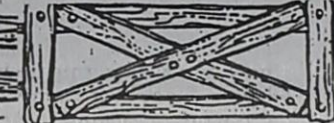
Bucket Calf Exhibitors

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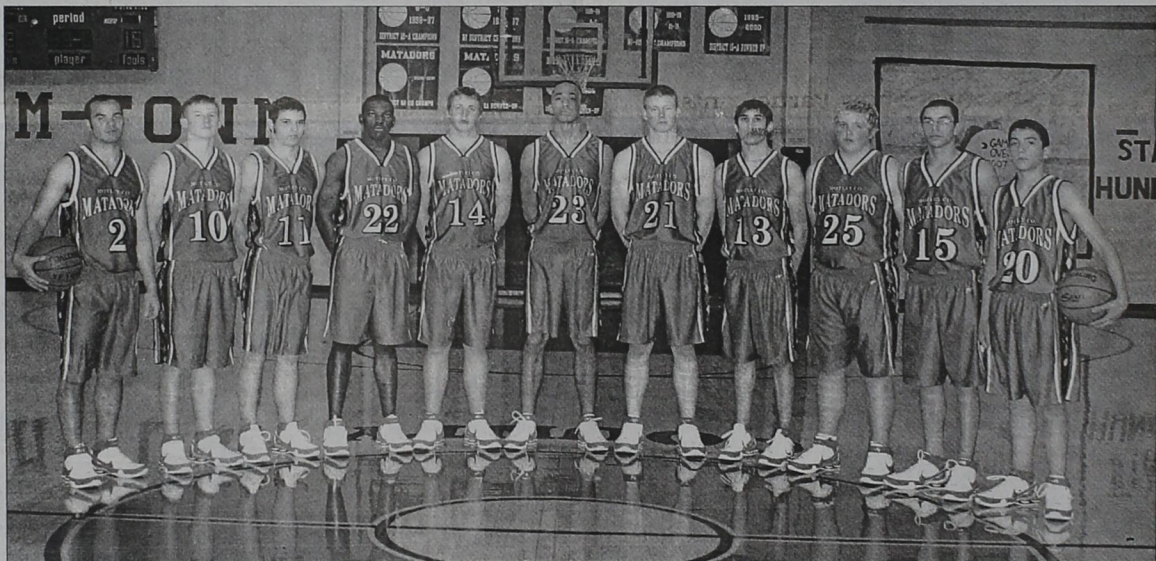
Matador

Motley County BASKETBALL



photo by Walter Taylor

MOTLEY COUNTY LADY MATADOR BASKETBALL PLAYERS: (Back) Coach Wiederstein, Melissa Flores, Sarah Ferguson, Courtney Alexander, Coach Cochran. (2nd row): Shane'a Russell, Danielle Stewart, Chandra Wolf, Hailey Blanco. (front row): Kyla Simpson, Karrie Valdez, Christy Smith, Savannah Rose, Alyx Smith.



MOTLEY COUNTY MATADOR BASKETBALL PLAYERS: (L-R) Isiah Archer, Stacy Perryman, Eric Simpson, Bradley Brown, Will Butler, Steven Webb, Justin Newman, Jacob Blanco, Dayne Butler, Andrew Martin, and Sam Fletcher.

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CAPROCK PLAINS WIND ENERGY ASSOCIATION SCHEDULES MEETING IN MATADOR

The Caprock Plains Wind Energy Association has scheduled a meeting on February 28, 2008 in the Motley County Courtroom. The Association grew out of a meeting in September of 2006 of the Floydada Economic Development Corporation. There was a great deal of interest in wind energy at that meeting and in May of 2007 sixty people formed a committee to study the possibility of forming a group to develop wind energy in this area of West Texas.

During June of 2007 by-laws for the association were discussed and by August 23 the by-laws were written

and adopted. A board of directors was formed and began the task of developing a mission for the group. The board met nine times and came up with three goals for the group: 1. Improve access to transmission lines. 2. Recruit and facilitate the development of the wind energy industry. 3. Strengthen the communities in this area.

The meeting on January 31, 2008 in Floydada drew an attendance of 130 interested people. The meeting on February 7, 2008 at the Hale Center was standing room only with over 200 people in attendance. The Association has grown to

200 members with over 99% of the members being landowners.

At the meeting on February 28 in Motley County, there will be updated information on transmission lines and development of the wind energy industry including the manufacture and construction of the wind turbines. The wind turbines that have been erected recently in the area were manufactured in Europe. The Caprock Plains Wind Energy Association is seeking to bring more jobs and economic growth to this area by locating manufacturing plants closer to this area.

Texas Workforce Commission Chair Urges Texans to Remember Veterans

AUSTIN - A Message from Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) Chair Diane Rath: The crisp paper has dulled and browned with age. The blue ink that once leapt off the page is darker now and smeared in some places. I was surprised to see the letter again after I had written it to a serviceman stationed in Vietnam more than 40 years ago. The sentiments I expressed then still hold true today.

At 14 years old and in my girlish scrawl, I wrote to a serviceman stationed thousands of miles from home, part of a class assignment while I was a high school freshman in San Antonio. The young man was in the Air Force, and stationed in Saigon as an electrician, when he received my letter. I never knew the man or if my letter was ever received. Recently, his son came across my letter while going through his father's belongings after his death and returned the letter to me.

I wrote about my hobbies, likes and dislikes. I wrote about my classes, family and other things that occupied a young teenager's mind.

The letter offers a snapshot of my world in December 1967, but, most importantly, conveys my respect for the sacrifice this young man was making for his country. Today's Americans should be aware that our brave men and women serving in the Armed Forces need the same words of encouragement and support I offered then and still do now. It only takes a few moments to sit down and send a note to a soldier, but it can mean the world to someone so far from familiar surroundings.

Thank you for taking an interest (while a student) in supporting our troops,' his son wrote to me. 'I know that my father appreciated your support, as evidenced by him keeping your letter all these years.' It means the world to me that I may have offered some encouragement to a serviceman years ago.

Today, as TWC Chair, I still strive to actively help veterans. For veterans seeking work, Texas Workforce Solutions, a partnership between TWC and 28 local workforce development boards, offers a complete range of employment services at 265 workforce centers across Texas.

Through Texas Workforce Solutions, returning veterans receive job-search assistance, resume preparation services and career counseling, all designed to help Texas workers find jobs or improve their careers. Veterans also may qualify for skills training, child care assistance, help with transportation challenges, and other services.

I encourage all Texans to lend the same support to our soldiers fighting to keep our country safe, today. You may not think it makes a difference, but believe me, it does.

Diane Rath is Chair and Commissioner Representing the Public for the Texas Workforce Commission. Governor George W. Bush appointed her to the three-member Commission in September 1996 and named her TWC Chair on June 2, 1998. Governor Rick Perry reappointed her as Commissioner and Chair on June 13, 2001. On July 11, 2007, President George W. Bush nominated Rath to serve as Assistant Secretary of the Administration for Children and Families at U. S. Health and Human Services. She is awaiting Senate confirmation.



photo by Walter Taylor

TWO MOTLEY COUNTY STANDOUTS give commitments to West Texas A&M. (Seated Front, Left to Right) Bradley Brown and Isiah Archer led the Matadors to the Six-Man Division II State Championship. Archer was named the Division II Player of the Year. Brown, was named the Division II Offensive MVP. Both players finished the season with over 2,000 yards rushing. An official signing ceremony was held in the school gym on February 15. Pictured with the athletes are (Left to Right) Harold Brown, Randy Brown, Bobbie Brown, Chicagra Brown, Kay Bingham, Alan Bingham, Mike Bigham.

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interesting to see how the product is used in study."

Kayla Simpson was sent to the Army Recruiting Office in Lubbock. When asked about her assignment, Kay said, "I've learned that recruiting is a tough job, but it helps supply reliable soldiers for our military, and is also a great way to earn extra income."

"It makes me proud to know that by recruiting I am supporting my country," she said.

Pvt. Simpson, who enlisted in the Army last November, and her mentor Sgt. Post met with

teens who are considering enlisting, answered their questions, and gave information about possible military careers.

Chaundra Wolf attended North Ridge Elementary in Lubbock. Chaundra is planning on pursuing a career in the science of animal care.

She reported that North Ridge Elementary is a unique school that has a total of 101 animals and reptiles living in the classrooms.

Chaundra's Job Shadowing mentors, Debbie Zac and Kim Shepard, gave her a tour of the school and allowed her to experience the animals in their habitats.

North Ridge teachers explained that while teaching students about animals which is a hands-on learning experience, instead of looking in a book.



All the students said that Groundhog Shadow Day was a "rewarding and educational experience."

County Garden Forum

Even though we still have cool temperatures, there are folks thinking about and working in their gardens. Of course, the rain on Saturday was much needed and appreciated and will help those who are brave enough to put out seeds this early for garden peas of different varieties. There is also time to get some pruning done to ornamental trees and shrubs and fruit bearers before they start to swell on the bud tips. And it is not too late to divide that clump of irises that has now grown to a rather large family, and spread them around your garden, or share them with folks. Deanie Edwards was kind enough to share some cannas and iris last week.




The Tribune wishes to solicit any comments, gardening tips, and photos from all readers. This column is for every gardener's benefit and this is your chance to share and pick up knowledge. Submissions can be sent by phone, email, or letter. Use the addresses or numbers listed on the last page of the paper.

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News Around the County

Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

It is sweet when your grandkids call to tell you they got their valentines and how happy they were to get them. Since Corky's 'grands' and 'great-grands' live here except for Kandi; it was fun delivering the valentines and playing with the kids a while.

When we were delivering valentines we found Lesa Keltz busy making corsages for a banquet and getting ready to prepare lasagna for the banquet. It is amazing how much a young mother can get done while keeping an eye on her children. What a tremendous amount of energy. I suppose my contemporaries did the same.

I remember teaching VBS, baking homemade cookies for refreshments and then writing a skit with another VBS teacher to be given at an awards banquet on the night the VBS closed. We had dramas each day to reinforce the Bible story of the day and the banquet honored the senior 'actors' who acted in the dramas. Then my friend and I made 'Hammy Awards' to be awarded at the banquet!

Bobby Welsh of Gillette, WY a 3 time overall National Finals Rodeo Bull Riding Qualifier will be speaking Sunday, February 24, 2000 at 10:45 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Roaring Springs. Everyone is invited.

The flu like virus going around is hitting some folks very hard. Dinah Young's daughter is still in ICU at UMC. She will have a second surgery to clean out her lungs of infection. Kenneth Ashley is also ill with this virus. Please pray for them.

Last week I wrote about the welcome reception given by the Roaring Springs Community Volunteers in advance so that it would be in the paper right after the party. There were about 30 people in attendance. Darleen Fletcher had made red and white tablecloths and decorated the center. It was decorated in a valentine theme.

Valentine chocolate Kisses, balloons and other valentine candies were scattered on the tables lit by red and white candles. Pearl Patten furnished a beautiful cake baked by Brenda Osborn. Monta Marshall brought a spring flower arrangement of fresh flowers. Darleen provided the punch. All the newcomers other than Travis Kline and Grace Zabielski were able to attend.

Perhaps I should not get in such a rush and wait to report after the event! Reporting gets in your blood, (I think the newspaper jargon is ink gets in your blood) and you try to get a scoop on the event!

Lions Club members Buzz Thacker, Corky Marshall, Ken Abbott and Alex Crowder put out 42 flags this morning in honor of President's Day. Don Stuckey also helped. Forty-two flags are a lot for a town of 265 people. I believe it speaks for their patriotism.

Mayor Corky Marshall has an appointment to meet with Tina Ewing from the Poly Pipe headquarters in Gainesville today to discuss the plans for the Roaring Springs Poly Pipe plant.

Another event of last week was a sweetheart banquet held at the Full Gospel Church. Twelve couples attended the banquet. Corsages were presented to each lady. The fellowship hall was decorated for a candle lit dinner in a valentine motif. An Italian dinner of lasagna, salad, garlic bread and dessert was served by the youth of the church. A very competitive Newly Wed Game was played for entertainment.

Kelly and Pennie Keltz won the prize in that event. Door prizes were given to the couple married the longest, Jon and Susan Ghar. Gary and Jane Bridge won the drawing for dinner for two at Logan's Steak House. At the end couples renewed their wedding vows. The youth of the church also provided child care.

Practice for the Full Gospel's Easter Drama will begin this week.

CLINTON CAMPAIGN OPENS OFFICE IN DOWNTOWN LUBBOCK

Lubbock, TX—Demonstrating its strong commitment to the Lone Star State, the Clinton Campaign opened a campaign office in Lubbock. The office, which is located on 4322 50th Street, will serve as a meeting place for Hillary supporters and volunteers.

"Our campaign is deeply committed to Texas and I am thrilled we are opening an office in Lubbock," said Hillary Clinton. "As I travel across Texas I am constantly struck

by the people I meet and the stories they share. Like the people of this great state, I believe in faith, family, and hard work. I am honored to have support in Lubbock."

"Throughout the state, thousands of people are coming together in support of Hillary," said Hillary's Texas Chairman Gary Mauro. "We are deeply committed to this state and believe if the people of Lubbock stand with Hillary that Hillary will do well in Texas."

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Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

I give thanks for growing up in America. While America is not without her bruises and blemishes, she is still by far the best when it comes to freedom, opportunity and progress. I give thanks for all of this!

APPRECIATED RAIN

Flomot and Whiteflat received the first measurable moisture since mid-December Saturday, February 16, and glistening ice was everywhere. Reported rainfall was 0.45 to one inch and was truly appreciated.

BOY SCOUTS IN PINE WOOD DERBY

Boy Scout troop 274 and Scout Master Tim Kendall competed in the Pine Wood Derby at 6:00 p.m., Sunday, February 17, at the Assembly of God Church in Matador. The Rev. Eric Sullivan was the host for the 25 entries.

Races were placed in a division according to age. The four scouts from Flomot who brought home trophies were: Jere Kendall, First in 3-4 grade class, most original car and Third in the Overall division; Jacob Kendall, First in 0-2 grade class and First Overall award; Will Farley, Second in 3-4 grade class; Ian Farley, First in 5-7 grade class and Tim Kendall was Second in the Overall competition.

TYLEE BARCLAY CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

Jerry and Sandra Barclay and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S.D. Barclay of Lockney were special guests at the birthday party given for their granddaughter and great granddaughter, Tylee Barclay Friday night, February 15.

The party was given in the home of her parents, Ty and Brit-

tany Barclay and twin brothers, Trent and Trevor of Matador. She blew out her three candles on a beautifully decorated cake featuring "My Little Pony." She was delightful when opening her gifts before refreshments were served.

Mrs. Cora Gail Trent of Albuquerque, N.M. was a luncheon guest of Ruth and Orville Lee, Tuesday.

Mrs. B. Rogers and son, Donnie Rogers visited in Quanah Tuesday with Mrs. Leona Degan.

Mrs. Christi Milam and daughters, Haley and Emily of Petersburg visited Friday with her parents, Kathy and Clois Shorter and grandmother, Mrs. Geneva Martin. Emily remained to visit and Clois accompanied them home Sunday.

Donna Sue and Stanley Degan of Calgary visited Sunday with her mother, Mrs. B. Rogers and brother, Donnie Rogers. They were en route home from Quanah where they visited his mother Mrs. Leona Degan.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay enjoyed the Panhandle High School girls varsity basketball game in Canyon Friday night. Their granddaughter, Kelsey Clay and PHS teammates defeated Tahoka team for the Bi-District title.

CAPROCK BAPTIST CONFERENCE

The Flomot Baptist Church hosted the Caprock Baptist Association Evangelism Conference Sunday night. The featured guest, the Rev. Gene Meecham of Plainview, area CBA missionary, showed films and Mrs. Kathy Shorter presented special music. Over 60 attended from Matador, Floydada and Quitaque. They served refreshments in the Fellowship Hall following the meeting.

Matador News

The Red Hatters celebrated Valentine's Day at Hackberry Creek Care Center on Wednesday, February 13.

Valentine red was the predominant color on the serving table as residents and staff were served a variety of cookies and punch.

Participating Red Rovers were Winifred Darsey, Beverly Vinson, Suzanne Abbott, Ray Baxter, Betty Henry and her spe-

cial guest, Edna Eades, Dorothy Day, Marihelen Wason, Joyce Campbell, Evelyn Garrison, Joan Patton, Norma Marrs, Dorothy Knight and Lucretia Campbell.

The next Red Rover function will be a trip to Wayland Baptist University in Plainview to see a play to be performed by the Wayland drama students. This trip will be February 21.

Anyone interested in that trip should call the Red Rover's Queen Mother Joyce Campbell.

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Roaring Springs City Council Meets

The Roaring Springs City Council met in Regular Session, February 11, in City Hall conference room.

Council members attending were: Mayor Corky Marshall, Mayor Pro Tem Alex Crowder, Timmy Brooks, Kelly Keltz, Patricia Green, Gary Simpson, Water Manager Robert Osborn, City Secretary Zella Palmer, and Mike Hackley.

Agenda items included the approval of January 14 minutes, and approval of the bills and financial statement.

The scheduled speaker, Tim Daniells, a representative of Whisper Energy, was unable to attend.

The council set May 10, 2008, for the election of mayor and two council positions.

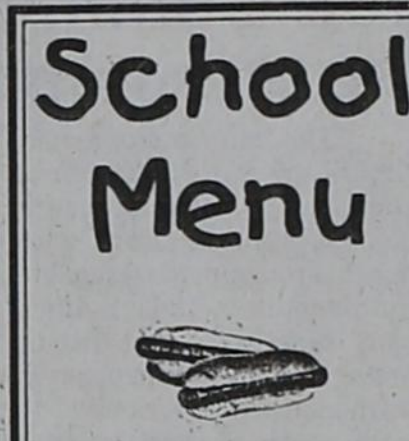
According to Mayor Corky Marshall, "Incumbents will most likely sign up by next council meeting."

The council meets the 2nd Monday of every month.

Further discussion included the unanimous vote to place a bid notice for the remodeling of city hall.

"We need to revise the bathroom and build a closet for filing cabinets. We need someone to look at it, and show them what we are thinking about doing, then negotiate the cost and work from there," Marshall said.

In further business, the council was informed that all



Thursday, February 21

Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, or cereal, toast, sliced pears, milk.

Lunch: Corn dog, baked beans, pickle spear, orange slices, milk.

Friday, February 22

NO SCHOOL

Monday, February 25

Breakfast: Cereal, toast, juice, milk.

Lunch: Chicken nuggets, creamed potatoes, gravy, corn, hot roll, honey, milk.

Tuesday, February 26

Breakfast: Cinnamon rolls, or cereal, toast, applesauce, milk.

Lunch: Assorted sandwiches, lettuce, tomato, pickle slices, potato chips, jello, milk.

Wednesday, February 27

Breakfast: Biscuit, sausage, or cereal, toast, juice, milk.

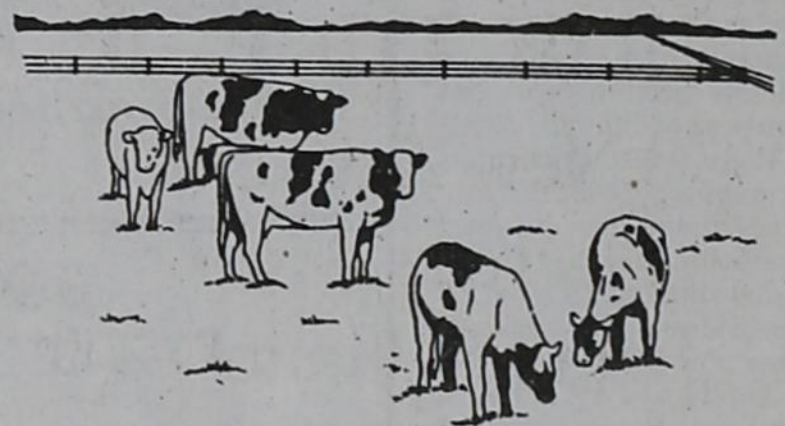
Lunch: Hamburger, lettuce, tomato, pickle slices, french fries, sliced peaches, milk.

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The winter irrigation rate is now in effect. You can take advantage of this lower rate now for watering wheat or pre-watering until meters are read in March, 2008. This rate went in to effect with the October, 2007 meter reading.

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UNSUNG HEROES

This week's unsung hero is a man that never retired.

He has served on every board and been involved in every major community project in Matador and the surrounding area for more than 20 years, post retirement.

Charles "Charlie" Johnson came to Matador in 1956 as Principal of Schools and Assistant Football Coach. He retired as Superintendent of Schools in 1986.

However, this career was a mere training ground for the work ahead.

He currently serves on the Motley County Library Board, Hackberry Creek Care Center Board, the District Hospital Board for the Motley County Clinic, Market Matador, and the Financial Board for the Methodist Church.

In addition, he volunteers. "He is the father of Lions Club," Roy Hobbs said.

"He spends more time helping the community than almost anyone—and he never wants to be recognized," he said.

Roy served on the school board in the '60s when Charlie Johnson was Superintendent of Schools.

When he retired, the board floundered a bit. "He had been doing so much behind the scenes; and he was so good at his job—when he left, he left a big hole," he said.

Johnson used his skills as an organizer when the tornado hit Matador in '84, he knew how to organize the work crews to get the cleanup done, Hobbs said.

"He is always involved in any kind of community project," Ed D. Smith said, "from building fence at Hackberry Creek, cleaning up trash on the highway, and helping tear down the old building for the new library annex.



"He is always there to help," Smith said.

"He is very focused," his wife Opal admits, "I see a player on the field, he sees the whole field."

His community pride was instilled in him as a child, Opal said.

"Charlie's dad was involved a lot in the community of Hedley when he was growing up.

"His role models taught him that if you did something well, then you could be proud of it," she said.

I guess you could say his motto was: "You do to learn, and learn by doing."

For more than 12 years, Charlie volunteered in a church mission program called: Volunteers In Mission.

He and other Matador volunteers spent their summers working at Ceta Canyon, Tulia, a Methodist Camp for children. He repaired windows, rebuilt pews, put in windows, and built buildings.

Charlie Johnson is a true unsung hero. Thank you Charlie for all your years of service.



Notes from the Library by Buffy Crutchley

Algae Jones' quilts are on display until Friday! If you haven't had a chance to look at them, please come on down! And to celebrate the occasion, I have a quilt coloring page that I want the kids to do. I'd like to get a nice display built in the window. I even colored one myself! So stop in and pick one up today!

I've done a little rearranging with the Classics section, and added a few new books to that category. So, if that's something you like to read, come check it out. We've got the regular books you expect to see, like Dickens, Salinger, and Austin. But I

stumbled on to a book while I was working that I didn't expect to find. "The Last Picture Show" by Larry McMurtry. It was wonderful! I felt like I was reading a description of Matador! So, the next time you're in the library, browse the classics. You'll be glad you did.

We're still collecting the Friends of the Library dues for 2008. If you haven't paid, now's the time. It's a great way to keep up with all the news and events at the library. Plus, lets not forget having the privilege of being the first to shop at the book sale every year!



Arts & Crafts news

By Winifred Darsey

Motley County Arts and Crafts Club met Monday, February 4, at the Senior Citizens' Center.

Mrs. Jo Trammell taught a workshop on watercolor technique. It was informative and pleasurable. It was enjoyed very much and the greeting cards were charming with decorative flowers, birdhouses, or something of their choosing gracing the front page.

Club President Joy Archer presided over the business meeting. Vee Gordon read the minutes of the previous meeting and

discussion of the new business included programs for the next year, projects, parties, and new items for the Fall Bazaar.

The club dined at noon with the Senior Citizens. The food was delicious and plentiful.

Members present were: Joy Archer, Vee Gordon, Nova Dale Turner, Ray Baxter, Joyce Meredith, Dorothy Knight, Jo Trammell and Winifred Darsey. Jane King Neal is still on the sick list.

Dorothy Knight will teach a class of needle work for the March 3 meeting. See you there!



HACKBERRY CREEK Valentine Party King Bill McKelvey and Queen Sylvia Martin celebrate.

Chamber News & Views



By Marie-Louise Liebe-Harkort

Consider:

Pleasure is spread through the earth in stray gifts to be claimed by whoever shall find.

--William Wordsworth, 1806

In the interests of spreading pleasure, the Chamber of Commerce has planted a stray gift to be found by GPS treasure hunters.

It has already been announced that the Chamber was setting up such a site, and that it would be announced when the site was ready. It is not only ready now, but there have already been visitors.

The GPS treasure hunt, also called Geocaching, revolves around the GPS units that many people have installed in their cars. Such units tell the owners very precisely where they are at any given moment. So if someone knows the coordinates of a certain place, they can find it.

The Chamber has now set up a Geocaching site at 34 00' 43.32' N and 100 49' 41.27' W, and you are welcome, nay encouraged, to go find it if you have GPS. (GPS stands for Global Positioning System, and is based on 24 satellites what orbit the Earth.) Our site has been rated as easy to find in easy terrain.

What is the treasure? Ah, that you will only know when you have found the site, but the cache contains a logbook for finders to sign and write comments in, and something for them to take away with them. If you

find it, you will know in a flash what it is, and it is something none of your neighbors have.

What is the point? Well, there is a competition in Texas for participants to find one site in every Texas county, and the first person to find our site was from Austin, and is participating in the Texas county competition.

But people also make their own travel routes according to several sites, and take off and see surrounding areas, just to have fun and to have a goal in their travels.

Where can you find out more? By going to the internet web site at www.geocaching.com, that will explain in much more detail how to get started, how to find the caches, and how to set up a travel route to find several where you want to visit. You have to be a member to participate, but basic membership is free. When you are a member, you will receive E-Mails that alert you to new sites in your area, and you can write about what caches you have found so others know about your travels.

And why has the Chamber set up such a cache? Well, we love to have visitors find our county, and enjoy the shops and restaurants we have to offer. By setting up the site, we are making Motley County better known, and giving lots of people another reason to come visit us. So you may start to see more strangers around, and they may have been lured here by our cache. Talk to them, find out about them, and make them feel welcome.

4-H Valentines at Senior Citizen's Center

Motley Co. Senior Citizen's Thursday game night was treated by Motley County 4-H. A group of 4-Hers got together on Wednesday before Valentines and stuffed treat sacks made by Clothing Project participant Chloe Gleghorn who is a 3rd grade student at MCISD.

Chloe, with instruction from Jan Jones made 12 little treat bags out of pink with brown polk-a-dot cot-

ton material finishing all the seams with a pinked edge.

The group of kids stuffed the sacks with chocolate, games, a heart sucker and a conversation starter card all tied up with a brown bow.

This idea was thought of by Teen Leader, Shane'a Russell. 4-Hers helping out that day were Mattie Brooks, Jaci Zingerman, Seth Baxter, Chloe Gleghorn, Gabby Silva, and Cassidy Turner.

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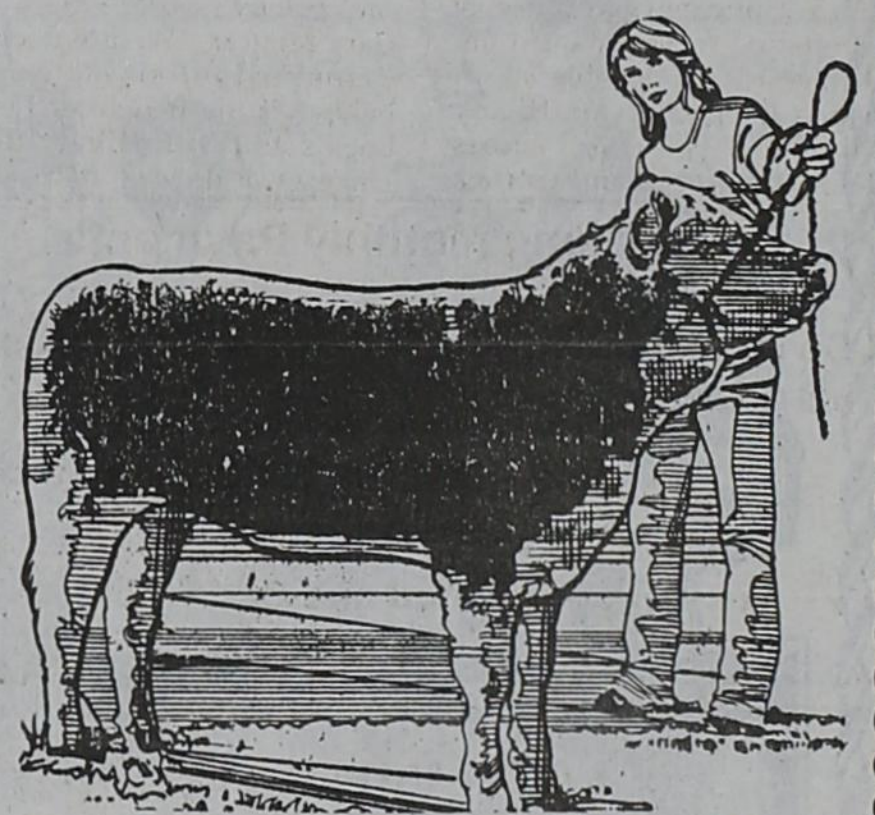
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by D. Meador

Moving like water from an inexhaustible reservoir, time flowed through the delicate lock of the cowboy's watch. His wind-washed eyes watched the second hand point to each mark and continue. He looked at the sun, then at the empty road that threaded its way among the brown hills. Presently his horse raised his head and pointed with his ears. A heavy man held the reins over a span of matched sorrels hitched to a buck-board as the rig appeared from behind a screen of hills. The cowboy replaced the watch in his unbuttoned vest pocket and waited. The transaction was brief and the riding man signed his name to the document, then held out his weather-beaten hand while the greenback was counted. He rode back to the claim for another look before heading north. At the well he lowered a rusty bucket and drank the warm, sweet water with relish, wiping his face with the sleeve of his shirt. He went into the half dugout and returned with a small roll which he tied behind the saddle. A few embers glowed in the earth fireplace and he emptied the half-filled water bucket on the ashes. The sun was much lower when he stepped into his saddle. Shadows spread across the little valley like a dark blanket. He looked at his watch, then touched his horse with spurs.

RETRO NEWS

Matador Tribune,
February 21, 1946

Bill Tilson Buys 5 Years Reading From Home Paper

Bill Tilson, who read the Matador Tribune when he was with the British 8th Army that first proved Hitler's supermen were not so super, plans to continue reading his home paper for quite a while.

Returning to "Civilian First Class," Tilson, who contributed his part with the American Air Force that aided in turning the German army back for the first time in Africa, purchased a five-year subscription to the Tribune last week. However, since his present plans are indefinite, he will send his address back, when he gets settled. Tentative plans are to attend an electrical school in Illinois.

Girls Golf Team brings home the Gold

The Motley County Girls Golf Team started their season with a bang when they competed in their first tournament on Monday, February 18th at the Childress Country Club. Competing against teams from Holliday, Iowa Park, Paducah, Quannah and Vernon, the girls brought home first place honors.

The team was comprised of members: Courtney Alexander, Emma Knowles, Karrie Valdez, Kyla Simpson and Hailey Blanco.

The girls began practicing two weeks ago with Coach Kay Bingham. Coach Bingham stated, "This is a really hardworking group of girls who set some high goals for themselves, and have agreed to do whatever it takes to make those goals a reality."

The girls will play their next tournament in Wellington on Monday, February 25th.



MCISD GIRLS GOLF TEAM placed 1st at the Childress Golf Tournament on Monday, February 18. L-R Kyla Simpson, Emma Knowles, Karrie Valdez, Coach Kay, Hailey Blanco and Front, Courtney Alexander.

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COMMISSIONER STAPLES ASSURES TEXANS THAT BEEF SUPPLY IS SAFE

Texas Department of Agriculture Working with Schools to Dispose of Recalled Beef Products

AUSTIN - Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples today assured all Texans that the state's food supply is safe, and that existing federal safeguards and procedures are working to protect all Americans.

"I can say with confidence the nation's beef supply is safe. There are multiple protections in place so if there is a lapse in one instance, other systems continue to ensure the food we serve our families is safe and healthy," Commissioner Staples said.

On Feb. 17, the Westland/Hallmark Meat Co. recalled 143 million pounds of beef after a U.S. Department of Agriculture investigation revealed some cattle did not receive complete and proper inspection at the plant. USDA determined beef

processed from the company is unfit for human consumption.

When allegations began in early February, the Texas Department of Agriculture ordered all schools to put any meat from the company on hold and to stop serving the specific beef to students.

Currently, 462 Texas school districts and other en-

tities enrolled in the school breakfast and lunch programs are reporting they have recalled products. TDA is partnering with USDA to establish proper destruction practices for all of the beef and will be issuing those instructions soon.

School districts, the public and the media can monitor updates at www.tda.state.tx.us.

TDA officials are working closely with school districts to answer questions and provide information as it becomes available. It is important all school districts follow proper guidelines for disposal and documentation to ensure reimbursement and/or beef replacement.

"We thank our remarkable partners in the school districts across Texas who are working hard to make sure all the proper procedures are carried out and healthy food continues to reach our students," Commissioner Staples said.

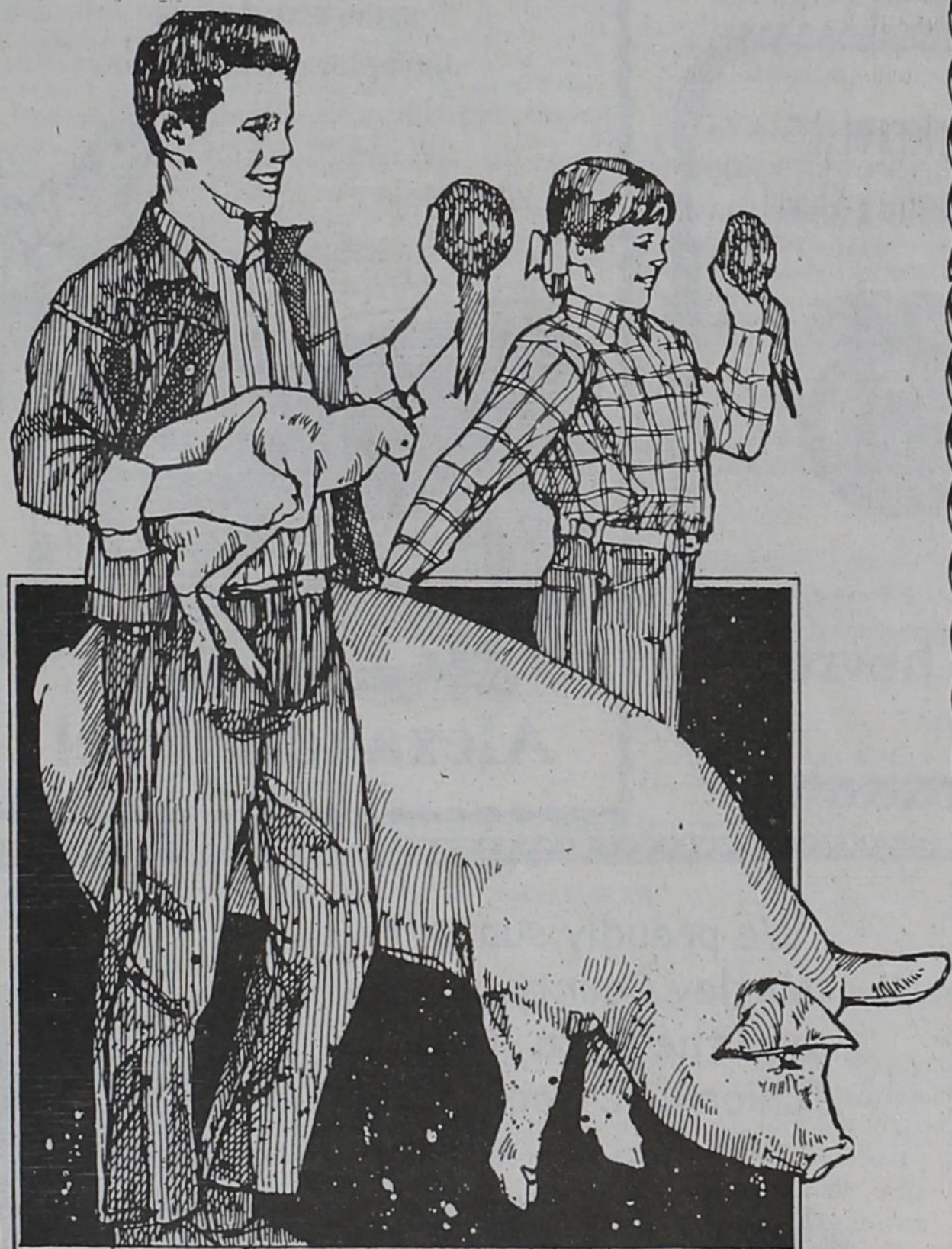
The Texas school breakfast and lunch programs do have other suppliers of beef, and new shipments of beef products will reach schools soon.



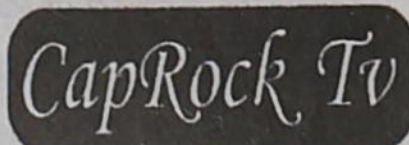
JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW participant from last years show, Matti Brooks, gets ready to walk her lamb.

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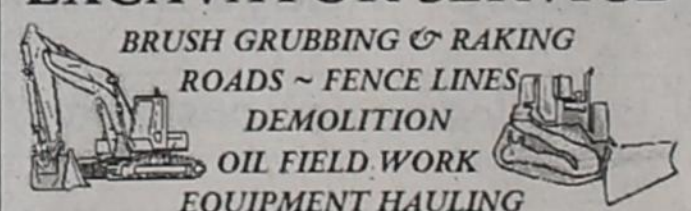
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New EM Coordinator named for Motley County

Severe weather awareness week set for February 24

James Gillespie was named by the county judge as the new Emergency Management Coordinator for the county.

According to Judge Ed D. Smith, who also acts as the Director of Emergency Management services in Motley County, Mr. Gillespie's duties include coordinating with the South Plains Association of Governments (SPAG) in case of any incident like a wildfire or tornado; as well as seeking grants and implementing plans already in place by SPAG.

"When you have an incident, like the tornado that hit Matador in 1984, you have an Incident Commander," Ed D. Smith said. "If we had a major emergency, I would call the Incident Commander in Lubbock for assistance, who would then assist the local Emergency Management Coordinator in implementing plans."

"SPAG realizes that local people have more knowledge of geography in their own area," Smith said.

"SPAG would assist the local coordinator in obtaining assets like bulldozers, and other equipment in a timely way," he said.

May will represent the 25th anniversary of the most violent storm in Motley County history, leaving many destroyed and damaged homes.

The emergency weather watchers were in place May 1, 1984, when Matador was hit by a large tornado.

According to newspaper accounts at the time, the path of destruction was a mile long and a quarter-mile wide. While no life was lost, the area suffered extensive damage.

It was the quick actions of local law enforcement and local weather watchers that are credited with giving the citizens early warning, cutting down on loss of life and injuries.

The Division of Emergency Management, Governor's Office,

has set Severe Weather Awareness Week in Texas for February 24-March 1, 2008.

Each year, the National Weather Service and emergency managers throughout Texas join together in a public awareness campaign to prepare the public to deal with severe weather events.

The main message: Tornadoes can strike day or night any place at any time of the year.

When a tornado is sighted, get low and stay low. If you can, get inside—away from windows.

Prepare, plan and practice before a tornado hits. For example, ask about tornado plans in offices, learn the locations of interior shelters.

"One major shelter that citizens need to be aware of in Matador is the basement of the courthouse, Judge Ed D. Smith said.

"The courthouse belongs to the citizens of Motley County, and it is always available to people as a shelter."

This year, a small tornado struck in Texas at 7 a.m. January 13, damaging a building and cars in San Marcos. Florida tornadoes struck four counties after midnight on February 2, killing 20 people.

The Emergency Management Coordinator position in Motley County has been vacant for almost two years. Upgrades, plans, and additional training are in the works for Gillespie in his new position.

"Matador has one advance warning siren," Gillespie said, adding, he was in the process of securing funding to get two additional sirens and updating the old one.

If his efforts are successful, "the new sirens could be remotely activated," he said.

In addition to updating the current warning system, Gillespie said there was a "host of additional training that needs to be accomplished to bring our preparedness level up."

Upper Pease Soil and Water Conservation sponsors contest

Each year the Upper Pease Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) sponsors a poster contest with the Motley County ISD students in the area.

The Upper Pease SWCD is the local district and has the goal of promoting land stewardship and water conservation.

According to James Timmons, Chairman of the Upper Pease SWCD, the poster contest has been in place for more than 40 years.

"The SWCD sponsors the poster contest to raise awareness of youth and promote conservation and soil stewardship," he said.

The board of directors consist of James Timmons, James Bearden, Coy Franks, Ronald Clay and Marisue Potts-Powell.

Workshop to be held at Matador Wildlife Management Area

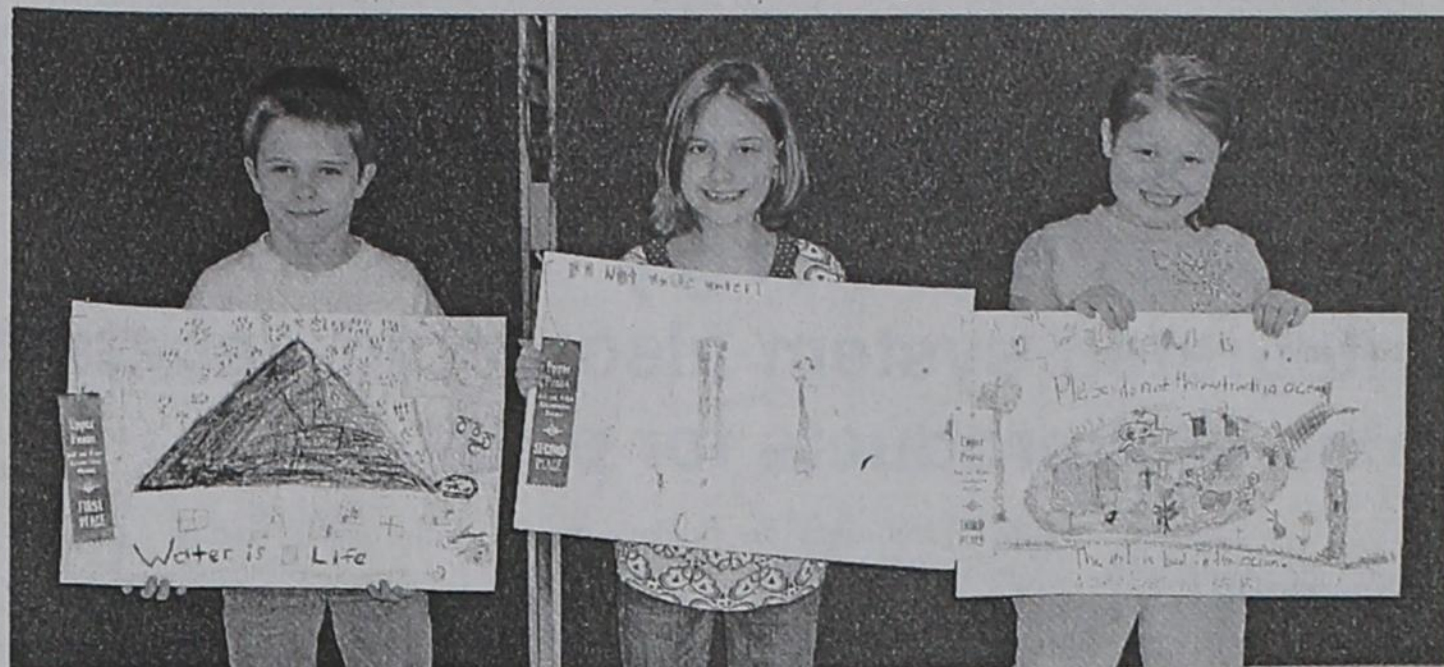
Prescribed fire is an important habitat management tool for wildlife as well as livestock. Here's an opportunity to learn more about prescribed burning and get the experience and confidence to carry out the practice without technical assistance.

The Matador Wildlife Management Area (WMA) will be hosting a workshop on prescribed burning on Tuesday, February 26.

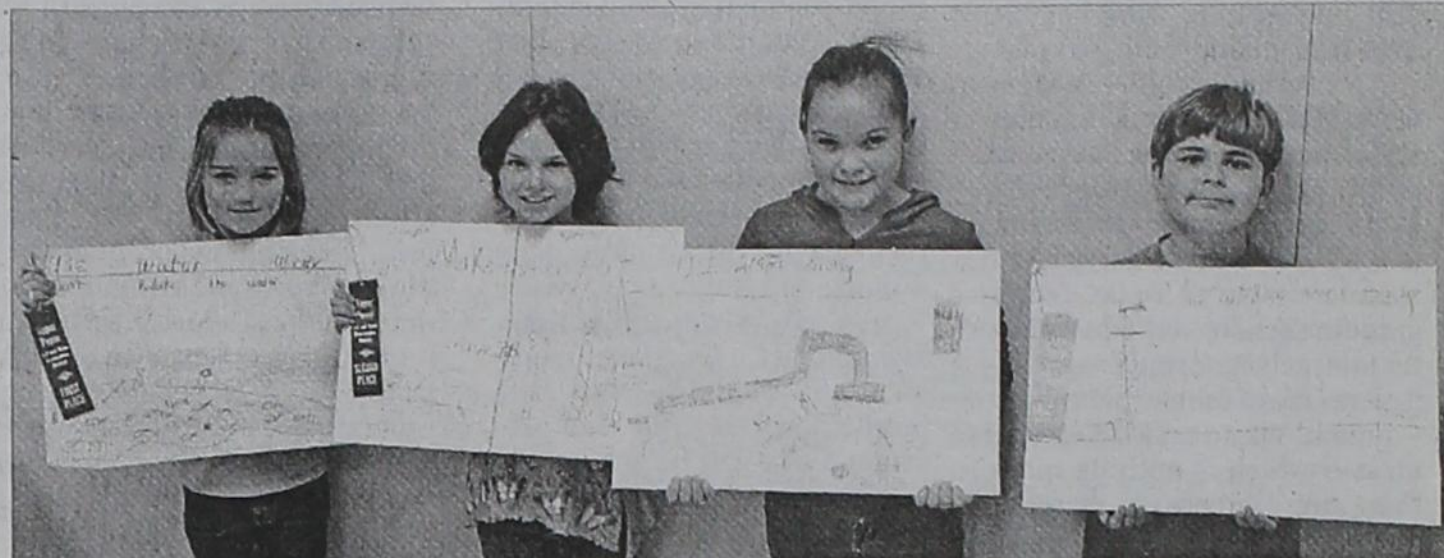
The Matador WMA is located approximately eight miles north of Paducah or 22 miles south of Childress on Highway 83 and 2.5 miles west on FM 3256.

Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. Weather permitting; most of the day will be hands-on field demonstrations and firing techniques with a few classroom presentations in the morning. Presentation topics will include Prescribed Burning and Vegetative Responses, Implementing Burn Plans to Maximize Wildlife Benefit, and Planning a Prescribed Burn. The workshop will end at approximately 4:00 p.m.

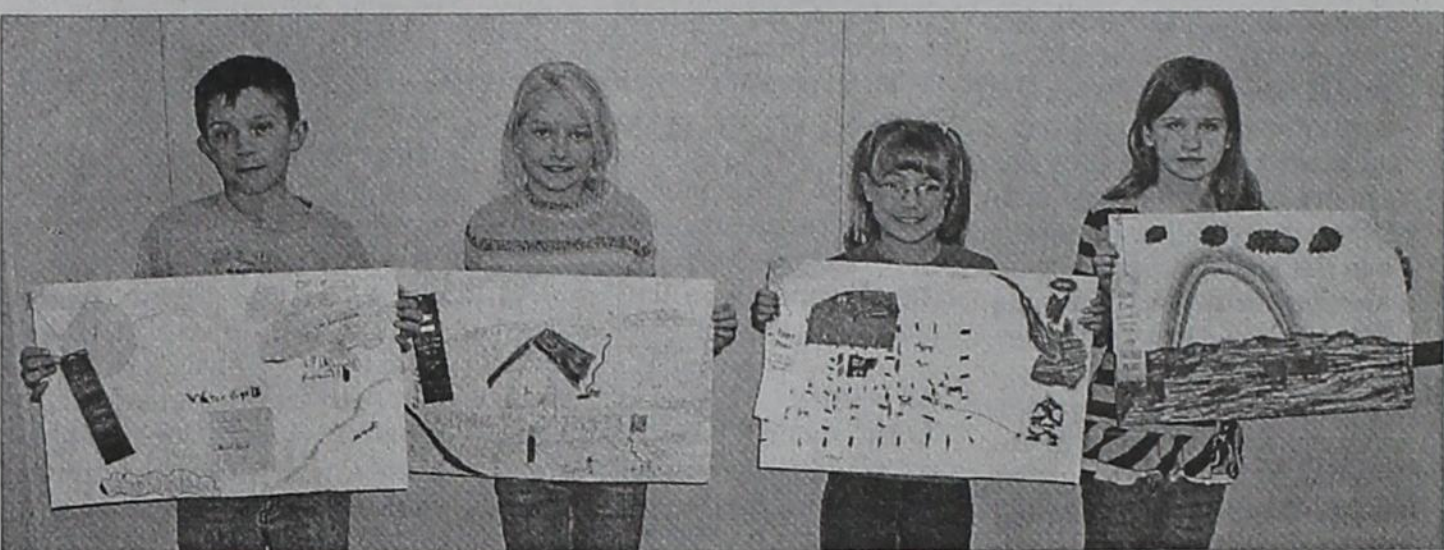
Space is limited to 50 people, so please pre-register by February 19. You can register by calling Diana Mayo or Kory Perlicheck, Matador WMA at 806-492-3405. Cost of the workshop is \$15 per person, which includes refreshments and lunch. Participants can earn Continuing Education Units (CEUs) by attending the workshop.



2ND GRADE WINNERS of the Upper Pease Soil and Water Conservation District poster contest. (Left to Right) 1st Place, Brody Rankin; 2nd Place, Dode Gleghorn; 3rd Place, Mikenna Ford; Not Pictured, 4th Place, Bryson Elliott.



3RD GRADE WINNERS of the Upper Pease Soil and Water Conservation District poster contest. (Left to Right) 1st Place, Autumn Woolsey; 2nd Place, Chloe Gleghorn; 3rd Place, Sage Guerrero; and 4th Place, Grant Potts.



4TH GRADE WINNERS of the Upper Pease Soil and Water Conservation District poster contest. (Left to Right) 1st Place, Bryant Taylor; 2nd Place, Natalie Jameson; 3rd Place, Bailee Perryman, and 4th Place, Kaylee Woolsey.



5TH GRADE WINNERS of the Upper Pease Soil and Water Conservation District poster contest. (Left to Right) 1st Place, Cassidy Turner; 2nd Place, Michael Martin; 3rd Place, Tallon J. Pollard; Not Pictured, 4th Place, Shelby Elliott.

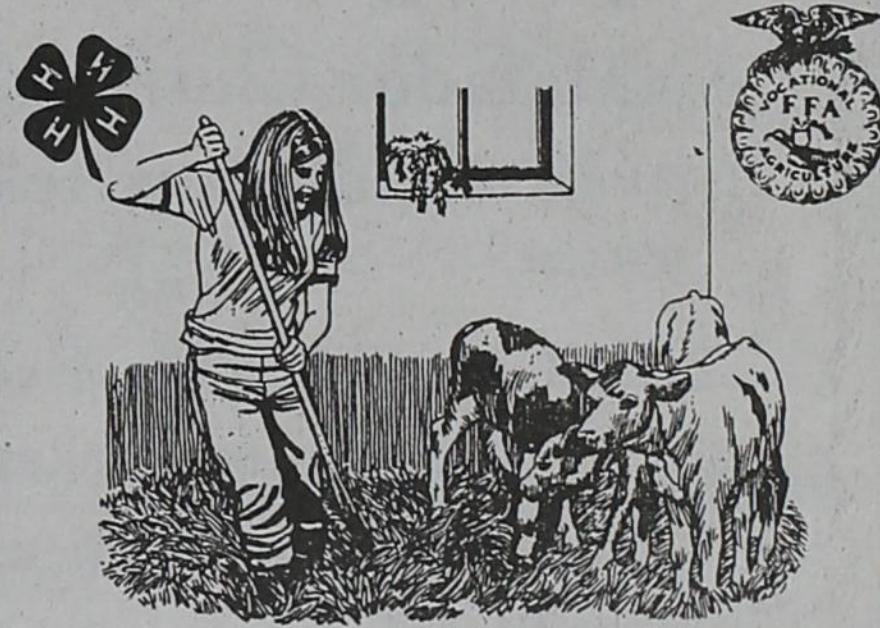
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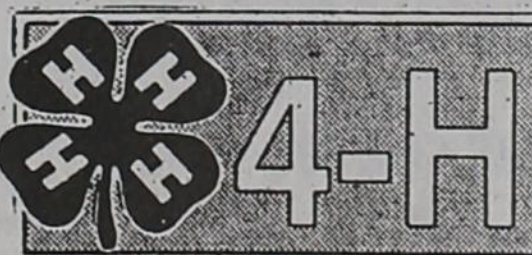
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Waste Recycling System Could Supply 80 Percent of Nation's Energy

Integrated system also could generate high-end products for profit

If all of the cattle, swine and poultry waste across the United States could be collected and converted to electricity, the resulting energy could produce 80 percent of the nation's current electrical power needs, while also generating marketable high-end plants and extracts.

And the system works, at least on a smaller scale, according to research by a Texas Tech University civil engineering professor.

Clifford Fedler, also an associate dean at Texas Tech's graduate school, says the country is largely ignoring an unlimited source of renewable energy - animal waste and other biomass - which is nothing more than any dry organic material - yard clippings, paper, residual material from cotton fields or other agricultural leftovers.

Fedler funded the research with a grant from the State Energy Conservation Office (SECO). He recently received a second grant from the organization to research an economic analysis of his biomass recycling system. Other departments across campus are assisting in the analysis; agricultural economics to assess marketing costs, and industrial engineering to assess the engineering economics of the system.

"The U.S. Department of Agriculture put out a report two years ago that says in the future, there will be 1.2 billion tons of biomass available for energy production," Fedler said. "What I have found is that if animal waste is recycled into biomass (dry material) rather than using fresh water sources, we have the potential to produce more than 4 billion tons annually, which is

sufficient to produce nearly 80 percent of the nation's current electrical energy usage."

In addition, the heat produced in the conversion process could be used in ancillary businesses such as greenhouse vegetable systems for year-round production, Fedler said.

Biomass energy has several advantages over wind and solar energy - mainly that it can be designed to be available 24/7, whereas wind and solar energy are site specific and rely heavily on climatic conditions and time availability.

By integrating various technologies together, such as water recycling with fish production, not only can additional biomass be generated, but negatively impacted water can be remediated, resulting in a cleaner environment. Additionally, integrated systems have the potential to produce valuable by-products that result in more economically viable systems, new jobs, and sustainable economic growth, particularly in rural communities.

Fedler's integrated modular production system would operate slightly differently in different parts of the country, depending on the resources available at a given locale.

For example, in an arid or semi-arid region like West Texas, cattle waste from a feedlot could be fed directly into a gasification system for conversion to energy. The feedlot runoff water is treated in a pond, and then would flow to a series of smaller ponds where aquatic plants such as cattails and water hyacinth are produced. The plants are another form of biomass that also can be supplied to the gasifier, increasing the total energy output from

the cattle feeding operation.

After this level of treatment, the water could produce a high-protein plant, such as duckweed, for use in the cattle feed. After the duckweed treatment, the water is of high enough quality that it can be used to water the cattle or to produce fish that can be sold in the aquarium market. If fish are grown in the system, the duckweed would be collected and used as the fish feed instead of adding it to the cattle feed. If the biofuel produced by the gasifier from the biomass is not used to produce electricity, it could be burned as an energy source for feed processing or separated to produce hydrogen gas and carbon fiber, a high-strength structural material.

In other areas of the country where confined animal feeding operations are prevalent, the modular system would require additional steps. As with the other example, the runoff water can be used to produce fish as another product to market for profit. The water from the fish production system could be used to produce other edible plants such as organic tomatoes or other organic food plants.

In either case, plants could be grown specifically for their profitable extracts to be used in nutritional supplements, with all of the by-products being consumed on-site. Many of the plant extracts are of much higher value than traditional plants, allowing this portion of the processing to provide additional income from the integrated recycling process. CONTACT: Clifford Fedler, professor, Department of Civil Engineering, Texas Tech University, (806) 742-2801 ext. 255, or clifford.fedler@ttu.edu.

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott Files "Friend Of The Court" Brief In Washington, D C Gun Ban Case

Texas, 30 states urge high court to uphold individual gun ownership rights

AUSTIN - Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott filed a brief with the U.S. Supreme Court Monday defending Americans' constitutional right to keep and bear arms. Writing on behalf of 31 states, Attorney General Abbott urged the Supreme Court to uphold a federal appeals court decision striking down Washington D.C.'s handgun ban. In District of Columbia v. Heller, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit struck down the District's handgun ban as unconstitutional.

"The United States Constitution protects the right to keep and bear arms," Attorney General Abbott said. "By banning all handguns while rendering rifles and shotguns inoperable, the District of Columbia unconstitutionally prohibits citizens in the District from owning operational firearms. We respectfully urge the Supreme Court to uphold the appeals court decision striking down Washington D.C.'s firearms ban."

D.C. City Council passed an ordinance banning all handguns and requiring that rifles and shotguns be disassembled or encumbered by trigger locks at all times. Washington D.C. Special Police Officer Dick Heller, who carries a handgun while working at the Federal Justice Center, sued the city after it denied his application to keep a handgun at his private residence.

Summer basketball camp set; all skill levels eligible

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A federal district court disagreed with Heller, who appealed his case to the federal court of appeals with jurisdiction over the District of Columbia. At that stage of the litigation, Attorney General Abbott defended individuals' right to bear arms in a 'friend of the court' brief submitted on behalf of Texas and 12 other states. In an opinion by Judge Lawrence Silberman, the federal appeals court held that the District's gun ban violated the U.S. Constitution. The U.S. Supreme Court, which will hear District of Columbia v. Heller in March, has not considered a Second Amendment case since 1939.

Texas and a bipartisan group of 30 state attorneys general argue that the District of Columbia violates the Second Amendment by banning all handguns in D.C. residents' private homes. According to the state attorneys general, the Second Amendment protects individuals' right to keep and bear arms. The Second Amendment's text explicitly protects "the right of the people," a phrase that also appears in the First, Fourth, Ninth and Tenth Amendments describing personal, individual rights.

Attorney General Abbott and the other state attorneys general argue that "because the Second Amendment's text recognizes a 'right,' not a 'pow-

er,' and guarantees that right to 'the people' and not 'the States,' it necessarily secures an individual right to keep and bear arms." Thus, Texas argues that the "collective rights" theory is unfaithful to the Constitution and undermines Americans' individual rights.

Texas' brief also notes that, under the Second Amendment, gun ownership is not limited to citizens who participate in military exercises. The state argues that citizens have the right to "... wear, bear, or carry' arms, regardless of whether they are engaged in military activity connected with a state militia." By requiring that rifles and shotguns in residents' private residences be either disassembled or encumbered by a trigger lock, the District's ordinance rendered the firearms inoperable. Thus, Attorney General Abbott argues the city violated its residents' constitutionally protected right to bear arms.

Notably, every state that signed the brief, including Texas, argues that some firearms regulations are both permissible. For example, the vast majority of states support prohibiting violent felons from owning guns. All of the joining states, however, are likewise united in the belief that the Second Amendment protects the individual right to keep and bear arms.

Panhandle-Plains Land Bank announces patronage

AMARILLO, Texas - Panhandle-Plains Land Bank, FLCA, CEO Robert R. Williams Jr. announced the approval of the 2008 cash patronage, approved by the board of directors at their January meeting. This is the fourth consecutive year the local coop has returned profits to their stockholders in cash.

The Association board met January 17, 2008 in Amarillo to review end of year numbers from 2007 and approve the 2008 business plan that includes the cash patronage payment. Association Board Chairman Dennis Babcock explained, "The 2008 cash patronage of \$2.835 million will put cash in our stockholder's pockets this winter. Our goal is to get these cash payments to our members as quickly as possible."

Babcock further described a new process for delivering the patronage. "Each office will hold a Customer Appreciation Meeting the first week of March. We hope our stockholders will join us for fellowship, a meal, and most importantly, to pick up a check!" He explained that stockholders will be notified of the upcoming meeting by mail.

CEO Williams elaborated on the 2008 payment. "It's the cooperative concept that enables Panhandle-Plains to continue our business plan focusing on competitive rates and a cash patronage. Fixed and variable rates have dropped significantly during the month of January. Our cash patronage is simply a reward to our member/borrowers for their hard work. The association continues to grow and our credit quality is just phenomenal." Williams explained, "Our goal is to provide long-term agriculture mortgages with superior service, and at the lowest possible cost."

Panhandle-Plains FLCA provides long-term credit to farmers, ranchers, and agribusiness in 17 counties of the Panhandle and South Plains. Offices are located in Amarillo, Pampa, Perryton, and Plainview. It is under the direction of a stockholder-elected board of directors. Members include Larry E. Fairchild of Adrian; Dennis Babcock of Groom; Randy Darnell of Amarillo; Ronnie N. Hopper of Petersburg; Don James of Plainview; Rusty Henson of Quitaque; Daniel Krienke of Perryton; Wayne Garrett of Gruver; Steve Rader of Canadian; and Steve Brown of Floydada.

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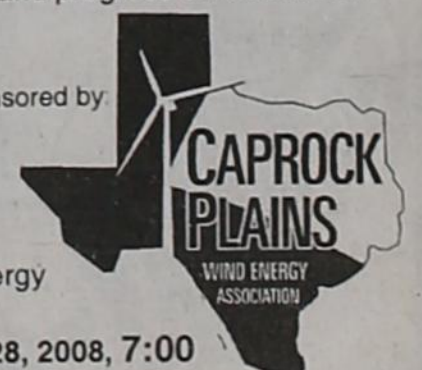
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Symposium explores ranch and nature photography

KINGSVILLE, Texas -- Images for Conservation Fund (ICF) and Texas Agrilife Extension, in conjunction with Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, present Nature Photography Symposium: Ranch Nature Photography for Fun and Profit March 29 in Kingsville. The symposium is designed to educate both amateur and professional photographers as well as landowners on the details involved in developing dynamic settings on private land for optimal photography.

ICF is a Texas-based, non-profit organization dedicated to the creation of a sustainable, self-funded wildlife conservation industry based upon nature photography tourism. This new industry will establish exciting nature photography destinations while simultaneously generating significant income for the private landowners who lease them. To raise public awareness of these opportunities for both landowners and photographers, ICF has created the Pro-Tour of Nature Photography and a number of supporting events.

The day-long symposium on Saturday will follow the photo contest launch party Friday night, which will team pre-selected landowners from the Coastal Bend with professional photographers. The Launch Party will kick off the month-long 2008 Pro-Tour of Nature Photography: Coastal Bend of Texas competition to run April 1-30 in a 19-county region along the middle Texas coast. Both the launch party and symposium are open to the public.

The symposium will begin with a morning session that

both the landowners and photographers will attend to learn about the industry of photo tourism. Following a networking lunch, the afternoon session will target the two groups separately. The photographers will learn techniques for capturing and editing images from award-winning photographers while the landowners will learn about marketing and planning from experienced landowners and tourism experts.

The symposium will be held 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. March 29 at the Texas A&M University-Kingsville Student Union Building. Admission is \$75 and includes lunch. The launch party will begin at 6:30 p.m. March 28 at the Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Research Center at the Texas A&M University-Kingsville. Admission is \$60 and includes dinner. For more information or to register for the events please visit the ICF Web site.

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Texas cotton prospects dimming with strong winds, no rain

LUBBOCK, Texas - Cotton producer Doug Hlavaty looks across his South Plains fields and sees the potential for trouble. The region has gone 60 days without significant rain, humidity has been low and windy conditions have prevailed since early January. The gusty conditions - with winds sometimes blowing more than 65 mph - have sucked valuable moisture from fields.

"Right now we couldn't plant at all," Hlavaty said. "I could use a rain, a good rain."

It's still about 10 weeks until farmers start planting in the world's largest contiguous cotton patch, but the arid, windy conditions already have them fretting.

While lack of rainfall isn't entirely unusual for the South Plains this time of year, the heavy winds don't usually come for another month or so. The wind robs moisture from the soil's surface, damaging the subsurface moisture that newly planted cottonseed needs to germinate and grow.

"We're starting to get concerned about the top layer of soil crusting and turning to sand when strong winds blow," said Roger Haldenby of the Plains Cotton Growers, which serves a 41-county region on the South Plains. "Without future rain, that drying continues to deepen."

Last year, heavy rainfall throughout Texas, the nation's leading cotton-producing state, led to the second-largest crop on record last year: 8.1 million bales, 5.3 million from the South Plains.

Dry conditions are worse for dryland cotton producers, who rely on rainfall only to grow the plants. But switching to other crops such as corn doesn't make much sense because those crops would need more water.

"Cotton is kind of an arid-tolerant plant, and it's the ideal crop choice for this area," Haldenby said. "Whatever you're going to plant you're going to need moisture."

For irrigated cotton producers, who have the capability to pump water as a supplement precipitation, a lack of rain "is just going to cost us more money," Hlavaty said. They'll have higher input costs to pay to pump water from the Ogallala Aquifer, the main source of agricultural water in West Texas. Hlavaty plants half dryland, half irrigated on his 5,000 acres in Lubbock.

With a strong La Nina influencing weather patterns, the chance of heavy rain isn't good, weather officials said. The last significant rainfall came Dec. 11, dew points have dipped below zero and humidity has reached single digits.

"So we're below normal, but not that much below normal," National Weather Service meteorologist Justin Weaver said. "There's plenty of time to catch up."

If conditions improve, it will help Texas growers who are expected to account for about half (4.8 million acres) of the nation's 9.5 million acres planted this year, the National Cotton Council announced Friday.

Texas' tally is a drop of 2.3 percent from last year; the U.S. number is a 12 percent decrease from 2007.

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NOTICE OF ELECTION

The City of Matador will hold a City Election on May 10. Applications will be accepted to fill (2) 2-year terms for council and for a 2-year term for Mayor.

February 9 will be the first day to accept applications for a place on the ballot. March 10 will be the last day to accept applications for a place on the ballot.

Applications may be obtained and filed at Matador City Hall located at 706 Dundee, between regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Ballot position drawing will be at 10:00 a.m. at Matador City Hall on March 12.

Events Calendar

February

- 21 Guild, RS Methodist Fellowship Hall, 3:30
- 21 Matador Masonic Lodge, 6:30pm
- 23 Motley County Jr. Livestock Show
- 25 MC Girls Golf, Wellington
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- 26 MC JR HS Track, Guthrie, There, TBA
- 28 MC Appraisal Board, Courthouse, 6:30
- 28 Matador Eastern Star, 6:30pm
- 28 Caprock Plains Wind Energy Asso Mtg, Motley County Courtroom, 7pm

March

- 3 MC Girls & Boys Golf, Clarendon
- 4 MC Oversight Committee, 4pm
- 4 Matador Lions, Methodist Church, 12:30
- 5 Kids Praise, First Baptist Church, 5pm
- 6 RS Lions, Hitchin' Post, 11:30
- 6 Friends of the Library, 3pm
- 7 MC Track, Silverton, 3:30
- 10 Commissioners' Court, 9:30am Courthouse
- 10 RS City Council, City Hall, 6:30pm
- 10 MCHS Boys Golf, Tahoka
- 11 RS Volunteers, Community Center, 7pm
- 14 MC Track, Jayton, 12pm
- 12 MCHS Girls Golf, Tahoka
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