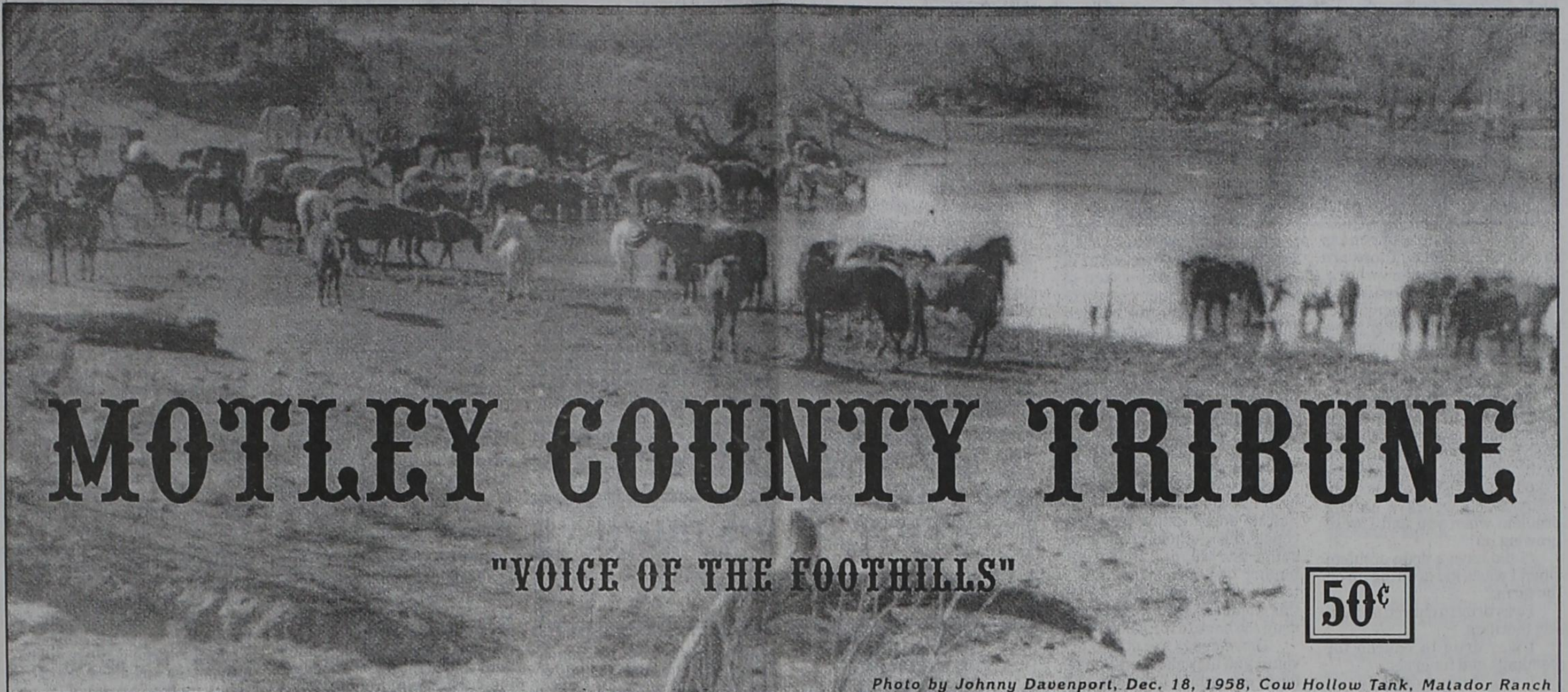


Spring Forward ... Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, April 3, 2:00 a.m.



# MOTLEY COUNTY TRIBUNE

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## Motley County Courthouse busiest place in the county Oil companies flock Clerk's office in search of land leases

The Motley County Courthouse has become the busiest place in the county. Representatives from various oil companies keep a steady stream in the clerk's office researching land records.

"Researchers are in the office everyday," according to Deputy Clerk, D'anna Russell. "On any given day there are at least five researchers here."

Mrs. Russell said several companies have filed land leases, including LaEsperanza of the Dallas area; Osado Properties of Midland; MTT, LP of Quitaque; Banker's Petroleum of Amarillo; Texas Exploration Co., LLC of Sulphur, Louisiana; and Marjon Exploration, LLC of Cypress, Texas.

An article in the *Lubbock Avalanche-Journal*, Friday, March 25, said that one of the hottest oil land plays is now unfolding in the Briscoe/Floyd/Motley tri-county area.

Banker's Petroleum Ltd. has acquired 190,000 acres in

the Palo Duro Basin where the Calgary, Alberta, Canada-based company is betting on a discovery well that yielded 2.8 million cubic feet of gas per day.

In the Lubbock article, H. Wayne Hughes, executive director of the Panhandle Producers & Royalty Owners Association in Amarillo, said "If they find what they think they're going to find, it will change those economies forever."

Blake Wood, a petroleum landman with Neil Wood Oil and Gas Properties in Lubbock, said "It's just crazy." Wood heads a team of five that has been scouring the local courthouses in an effort to secure leases for another oil company.

In a February press release, Bankers Petroleum said it is now acquiring additional acreage in the area — an area known more for cotton than oil and gas.

Bankers said it eventually plans to have 250,000 to 300,000 net acres under lease.

The company said in its release that it believes there are "significant" hydrocarbons that have been overlooked in the region.

Hughes said that if that assumption is correct, the area will see some of the first real wildcatting in five years.

Wildcats are exploratory wells that are drilled in unproven territories where generally there's no evidence to support the underlying strata.

The oil and gas play in question is located in the Palo Duro Basin, which is considered a northern extension of the Permian Basin of West Texas and eastern New Mexico.

In the Lubbock article, Hughes said, "I can tell you now there are major companies buying up leases in there, and chief among them is Bankers."

Hughes said Bankers plans to make a presentation on its land play before his organization on May 18.

He said what may challenge the entire project is finding people to work the wells.

"There just aren't any out there. The rigs we have operating up here (in the Panhandle) are working around the clock 365 days a year. We could put 20 more rigs to work tomorrow, but you can't find the bodies."

Hughes said regardless of the Palo Duro Basin exploration outcome, he believes the activity now going on in Briscoe, Floyd and Motley counties will change the cities and towns in these counties forever.

"And if they're (exploration companies) are right, you could see a few families spending a lot of time in Aspen," he joked.

Motley County residents are buzzing with talk about the unfolding events. Some residents see the possibility of finding oil or gas in this area, while others are leery about the reasoning behind the leases. Most company representatives in the area have been pretty hush-

hush about everything.

Matador Mayor, Paul Westbrook, said, "Of course there are pros and cons about anything new to an area, but the biggest hope is that Matador and Motley County will see a change for the better. I hope Motley County businesses can benefit from this, which would bring a positive change to the area."

## 30th Annual Whiteflat Homecoming Saturday

The 30th Annual Whiteflat Homecoming will be held Saturday, April 2, at the Senior Citizens building in Matador.

The building will be open at 9:00 a.m. and coffee will be ready for a morning of visiting before a covered dish meal at noon. A short business meeting will follow with President C.D. Garrison presiding.

Ex-students, former residents and friends are invited to attend for a fun time of fellowship and reminiscing.

## Summer Softball sign-up

April 1-7

Sign-up for the MCYO Summer T-Ball and Softball program will be held April 1-7. Forms will be handed out at school.

For more information contact Tim Ward at 347-2943.

## Second Operation Clean-up day Saturday

It's no April's Fool joke - the second Operation Clean-up day is scheduled for this Saturday, April 2, in Matador. This will be the second of four scheduled clean up days.

Volunteers are asked to meet at City Hall at 8:30 a.m., and bring gloves, rakes, hoes, etc. if possible.

Matador recently received a grant sponsored by South Plains of Governments and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality that allows for the clean-up efforts within the City.

## House passes School Finance Bill

AUSTIN — The Texas House gave final approval to an education overhaul package Friday, March 25, that would pump \$3 billion more into public schools, but postponed debate on a massive tax bill.

The education bill was narrowly adopted, by a 75-69 vote, almost along party lines. The measure now is eligible for consideration in the Senate. Rep. Hardcastle voted for the Bill.

Motley County ISD Superintendent, Rick Copp, said "The bill will allow a little more funding for schools, but will not pay for mandates included in the bill, which includes a \$2,000 teacher salary increase and insurance."

Those in favor of the Bill list the following reasons: eliminates Robin Hood, reduces the school property tax by 50 cents for maintenance and operations, provides a \$3,000 pay raise for teachers and is estimated to provide more than \$20 million over the next biennium. The bill also improves accountability.

Proponents of education will argue that the state should provide more money for education, but Representatives in favor of the bill say they think the bill does a good job of providing an adequate education system, based on the performance of students and the way they are improving. Additionally, the bill reduces the local share of the cost of education from 60 percent to 40 percent and increases the state's share from 40 percent to 60 percent.

Known as House Bill 2, the school finance bill would add about \$1.5 billion a year to public schools over the next two years. Each of the state's school

districts would get an average of a 5 percent increase in funds.

"Motley County school district would get only a 3% increase in funds," Mr. Copp said.

The tax proposal is an effort to replace revenue from a school property tax relief measure. If the measure is approved, Texans would be paying a higher sales tax up to 7.25 percent from the current 6.25 percent and will be paying an additional 3 percent tax on snacks. A new \$1 tax on a pack of cigarettes also would be levied under the plan.

Most of the revenue in the legislation would come from businesses, most of which now avoid paying the franchise tax through loopholes in the law. Under the proposal, the loopholes that now allow most Texas businesses to avoid paying would be closed. Businesses also would be given the option of paying a new payroll tax of 1.15 percent.

"This bill may look good on paper, but it will not help Motley County ISD at all financially," Copp concluded.

The bill's author, Republican Rep. Jim Keffer of Eastland, said the plan would "make Texas more efficient, more modern and more germane to the type of economy we have."

Only Texans making more than \$100,000 a year would receive a net tax cut under the tax bill, according to a legislative analysis released earlier this week. The poorest 1.7 million households—those making less than \$23,000 a year—would see their tax burden increase more than 5 percent under the bill.

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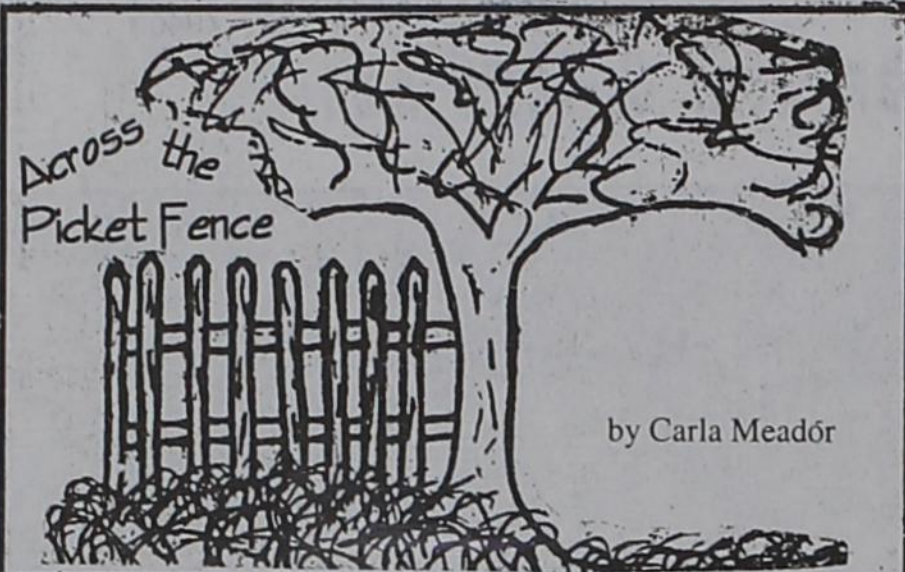


## Relay Hand-off

Chance Bingham hands-off the relay baton to Kenny Johannes during their race at last Thursday's track meet held at the Motley County field. Details of the meet were not available due to Coach Cooper's illness, but will be printed when available.

(photo by Walter Taylor)





April is Drug Awareness month. We all know there are drug problems everywhere. But, this email received from a friend, speaks of another kind of drug problem. Certainly more kids need this drug problem today!

**Drug Problem**  
The other day, someone at a store in a small town read that a methamphetamine lab had been found in an old farm house in the adjoining county and he asked me a rhetorical question, "Why didn't we have a drug problem when you and I were growing up?"

"I did have a drug problem when I was a kid growing up on the farm."  
I was drug to church on Sunday morning.  
I was drug to church for weddings and funerals.  
I was drug to family reunions and community socials no matter the weather.  
I was drug by my ears when I was disrespectful to adults.  
I was also drug to the woodshed when I disobeyed my parents, told a lie, brought home a bad report card, did not speak with respect, spoke ill of the

teacher or the preacher... or if I didn't put forth my best effort in everything that was asked of me.

I was drug to the kitchen sink if I uttered a profane four letter word. (I do know what Lye soap tastes like).

I was drug out to pull weeds in mom's garden and flower beds and cockleburrs out of dad's fields.

I was drug to the homes of family, friends, and neighbors to help out some poor soul who had no one, to mow the yard, repair the clothesline or chop some fire wood... and if my mother had ever known that I took a single dime as a tip for this kindness, she would have drug me back to the wood shed.

Those drugs are still in my veins; and they affect my behavior in everything I do, say, and think. They are stronger than cocaine, crack or heroin, and if today's children had this kind of drug problem, America might be a better place today.

"It's never too late to be what you might have been."  
- George Eliot

## National Day of Prayer to be observed May 5th

National Day of Prayer will be observed Thursday, May 5th. A prayer event is being planned for Motley County. More information will be released as plans progress.

According to Motley County coordinator, Carolyn Ewing, "We all need to be aware of this important date. More impor-

tantly, every day should be a day of prayer. We need to commit ourselves to a time of daily prayer and devotion. Just think of the blessings God has for each of us as we pray for the local leaders of our communities, our state leaders, and our national leaders, if we would only ask. God loves to hear from us."

## Library Notes

By Suzanne Abbott, Librarian

We appreciate the donation to the library made by Virgie Bannister in memory of Don Warren, Christine Briscoe and Pansy Spray. Donations such as this help the library keep an up-to-date collection of books and other materials.

On April 10, at 2:00 p.m., at the library, Lou Burleson will present a program on the Great Depression and World War II. Those of you who are acquainted with Lou know that she will present a lively, entertaining program. Mark your calendars with this date so you won't forget to attend. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

New books in the library include *As Simple as Snow* by Gregory Galloway and *Otherwise Engaged* By Eileen

Goudge. The library also has the newest book by Carol Higgins Clark, *Burned*, which is a Regan Reilly Mystery.

The Smithsonian Institution has an Adopt-A-Library program and the Motley County Library has been adopted by Tiana Scott from Albuquerque, New Mexico. The library will receive a gift subscription to the *Smithsonian Magazine* as a result of this program.

Along these same lines, the library is currently receiving a subscription to the *Wall Street Journal*. I can't find anyone who will admit to providing the library with this generous gift. If anyone knows our benefactor, please let me know so I can thank him or her. Our patrons enjoy reading this fine newspaper and we appreciate the gift.

## PROOF OF THE TRUTH

BY TOM EDWARDS

### THE DISCIPLES FROM COWARDS TO COURAGEOUS!

Many critics of the deity of Jesus cite the fact that the Disciples doubted Him also, and they did, but the critics irrationally avoid the setting and the rest of the story.

The Disciples certainly weren't theologians, and even the Jewish scholars were confused on scripture and prophecy, which until it occurs is at best - "through a glass darkly." To the most objective scholar, there appeared to be prophesied two messiahs - the suffering servant and the conquering king. Given the times, king is what they were looking for. The idea apparently never occurred to them of one messiah coming twice. If the scholars didn't get it, then it is not surprising that the Disciples didn't get it either - until later.

After the crucifixion, the remaining eleven Disciples can best be described as a bunch of scared, scattered, skeptical cowards. They were hiding out. Their hero had been publicly humiliated and horribly killed. Jesus was dead. To suggest that this shaky bunch set out to take on seasoned Roman guards, break the official seal on the tomb, (a death penalty offense), and steal a dead body so that they could set up a claim that would get them killed, is not rational. But something happened

which transformed this bunch of cowards into roaring lions of the Faith. What was it? They saw, touched, ate with, walked and talked with the risen Lord! Within a short time, they were boldly proclaiming it in the temple courtyard, even though Jesus had warned them that they would suffer horribly because of Him and they did.

Of the eleven Disciples, plus Paul and Jesus' half-brother, James, who became head of the Jerusalem church (after being a skeptic himself), only one, John, lived to a ripe old age. The rest were martyred, with many suffering torture and deaths too brutal to describe here. There were crucifixions, beheadings,

burnings, sawing in half, and Peter's family was killed before his eyes. They each could have avoided it simply by renouncing the risen Lord, but not one did!

The slam dunk point is this. Many people are willing to die for what they believe is a just cause, but nobody will endure horrible torture and death for what they know is a lie! The Disciples were transformed by the truth, refused to renounce it, and died for it! They knew that He arose, and wouldn't deny it.

## MOTLEY COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWS & VIEWS

by Marie-Louise Liebe-Harkort



Consider:  
It is reported that Socrates once proposed that, because there were far more fools than wise men in the world, any majority decision must be worthless. His peers agreed and approved his proposition by a large majority.

-Bill Bonner  
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Will we get a majority in favor of our idea? That remains to be seen....  
The question is "What about wind turbines?"

Are those loud shouts of dismay in the background? Sure they are huge. We've all seen them. They are a blight on the landscape. They kill birds. The blades alone are between 100 and 200 feet long. The tower (that's what they are called, and it is certainly the right word) can be 300 feet tall. Some are reported to be taller than the Statue of Liberty.

But liberty is what the idea is all about. Freedom from economic want. Because they bring in money-to the landowners who are involved in the project by leasing some of their land, and to the county, because individuals with a more stable economic contribute more to the economy. And then there are the taxes they would pay.

There is also the advantage that they don't burn fossil fuel. And they create jobs.

So the idea that the Chamber is looking at is having a study done on the feasibility of starting a wind farm in the county. Wind we have (not just hot air), and wind speeds of 16 to 20 miles per hour are the best. The land is, for the most part, privately owned, so it would be possible to negotiate contracts with the owners if they see the benefit in the project.

There are several companies that set up wind farms, and one, Cielo Wind Power, has shown interest in pursuing the idea here in Motley County. This company has developments near Gail in Borden County, Snyder in Spurry County, White Deer in Carson County, and others. There is currently a wind farm project underway near Midway and Chalk, south of Paducah, with farmers and ranchers leasing their land for wind rights. The owner's land, except for the wind turbines and roads leading to them, will still be available for farming or ranching.

So think about the opportunity, not just the disadvantages, check out the Cielo Wind Power website at [www.cielowind.com](http://www.cielowind.com), and talk to the Chamber members about your thoughts.

## Spring Fling in Floydada will feature local speaker

The First Baptist Church of Floydada invites all the ladies to attend a very moving and inspirational time, Saturday, April 23, 12:00 noon.

Special music will be presented by music evangelists, Paul and Christy Newberry of Dallas, local talent Shirley Varner and Jo Payne and Women of Courage from Mt. Zion Church in Floydada.

Speaker for the day will be Mrs. Jo Boggs, wife of Rev. Jack Boggs, pastor of the First Baptist Churches of Matador and Roaring Springs.

Mrs. Boggs will share from her heart, funny and serious,

about life in the ministry for almost 50 years, "The Call - The Following - The Blessing."

Mrs. Boggs is a gifted teacher and prayer warrior. She has led conferences, sat beside those in pain, brought comfort to those grieving, and ironed many white dress shirts. She has been a servant role model full of compassion and mercy in whatever capacity she was needed.

The day promises to be a great day of blessings for all who attend.

This will be a salad lunch and ladies are asked to bring a salad.

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**Good Benefits**

One of the greatest benefits of being a Christian is belonging to the Lord. Becoming a part of the people of God is a wonderful thing. When one becomes a Christian their identity as well as their purpose in life changes. Where they previously may have been identified as belonging to the world, now they belong to God.

Christians are a part of a group of people who have received mercy from God. They understand that it is through the blood of Jesus that they are now numbered among the redeemed. As a part of this group they now enjoy fellowship with other Christians and with God Himself. The Apostle John writes of this in 1 John 1: 3-7.

No wonder that Christian people feel the way they do. Christians feel like they belong! And they do. Now that is a great benefit. As Christians our citizenship is in heaven and we are a part of God's family. Yes, there are many benefits to being a Christian. Don't you agree?

**Roaring Springs Church of Christ**  
Michael G. Crowley, Sr.  
BIBLE STUDY, 10:00 A.M.      WORSHIP, 9:00 A.M.

## Red Rovers enjoy week of activities

by Joan Patton

The Red Rovers were very active last week. On Monday, they attended their first dinner theatre in Matador, which was held at the Motley County School. About nine members made up the two tables.

On Thursday, the ladies met at the library for their regular monthly meeting. Ida Barker was welcomed as a new member.

Plans for future activities include a fourth anniversary celebration at the Traveller's Inn in Roaring Springs, April 5. The next regular meeting will be held April 21 and the group will enjoy a Childress tour April 28.

## Men's Breakfast Saturday

The monthly Men's Breakfast will be held Saturday, April 2, at the First United Methodist Church in Matador, beginning at 7:00 a.m.  
All men of the county are invited.



**ALWAYS SHOP AT HOME FIRST!**

**Spring Gospel Meeting**  
**Matador Church of Christ**  
Matador, Texas  
Michael G. Crowley, Jr., Evangelist of Modesto, California in a series of Biblical Lessons entitled "MAKING A DIFFERENCE"  
Sunday, April 3 through April 6

Sunday Bible Classes - 10:00 a.m., "Personal Burdens"  
How do we balance community response with personal responsibility?

Sunday Morning Worship - 11:00 a.m. - "Team Lifting"  
How does the Church work together to bear one another's burdens?  
*Please stay and enjoy a potluck meal with us following the morning worship service*

Sunday Evening Worship - 6 p.m., "Rich In Mercy"  
Is the Church supposed to be like a kitchen table?

Monday Evening - 7:30 p.m., "What's My Mission?"  
Have you ever wondered what might be your purpose?

Tuesday Evening - 7:30 p.m., "What's My Ministry?"  
"Is there a place for me at the table?"

Wednesday Evening - 7:30 p.m., "Mystery Guest"  
You'll never believe who we've invited for dinner!

A Warm Welcome is Extended and All are Invited to Attend this Series of Gospel Meetings for the Matador Church of Christ  
Michael G. Crowley, Sr.



## Motley County ★ Class of 2005 ★ Senior Spotlight



**BRITTANY ANN MOORE**

Age: 18  
Date of Birth: November 7, 1986

Parents: Kyle and Jeannie Moore  
Siblings: 1 brother, Brandon Moore

Pets: 4 dogs; Raider, Duke, Buster, Buddy and 1 fish, Nemo

Who do you most admire and why? My Memaw Betty because she has always been a hero in my eyes and she has helped me become the person that I am today.

Favorite high school memory: Just hanging out with my friends because there are

too many memories to pick from.

Extracurricular activities (Sr. year): Basketball, Track, Tennis, Golf, One Act Play, Cheerleading, FFA, Student Council, U.I.L.

Special honors: District Co-MVP, Academic All-District, Academic All-State, and Miss MCHS

Words of Wisdom to the underclassmen: If you want something bad enough to risk losing it, then you don't want it bad enough.

Plans after graduation: Attend Clarendon College on a basketball scholarship and major in Kinesiology.

**FAVORITES:**

Food: Tacos

Hangout: My house or anywhere with friends

Movie: Steel Magnolias and Love and Basketball

Musical Group: Linkin Park

Color: Orange

Past time: Hanging out with my friends and spending time with my nephew Andrew

Soft Drink: Dr. Pepper

Book: Chicken Soup for the Teenage Soul

Song: My Own Prison by Creed

Teacher: Mrs. Bingham

Sport: Basketball

### Kid's Praise set for April 4th

It's Kid's Praise time again! All children in the community, three years old through 6th grade, are invited to Kids' Praise on Wednesday, April 4th, at 5:00 p.m., at the First Baptist Church in Matador. There will

be songs, crafts, a Bible story, food and fun for all.

Kids' Praise is a monthly event sponsored by the Women on Mission of the Church's WMU.

**SPRING**

To celebrate longer days and Spring sunshine we're having a sale...  
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Psalm 2:12

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# THE MATADOR

— SCHOOL NEWS & HAPPENINGS —



## Curtain closes for One-Act Play

by Annie Green

The Motley County I.S.D. One Act Play cast and crew journeyed to Jayton on Tuesday, March, 23 for their competition. They put on a production of the dramatic play entitled, "Voices." Although they did not advance, they put forth a great effort and showcased their talents for all to see.

Members of the One Act Play cast were; Brittany Moore as Claire, Matthew Martin as Robert, Savannah Rose as Mother, Veronica Mendoza as Jessica, and Brendan Wiltshire as John. Behind the scenes, many hard workers also spent long hours practicing for perfection.

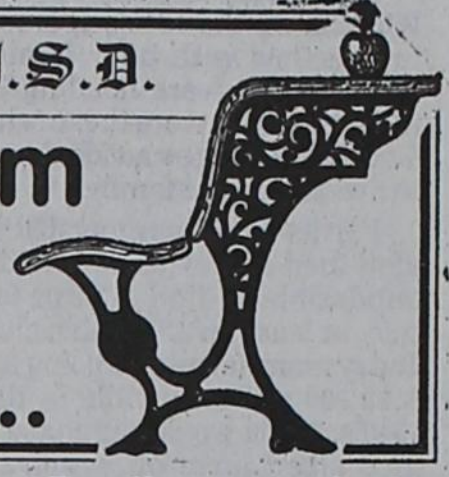
Members of the crew were; Casey Carnes- Lights, Cameron Jeffcoat-Sound, Brittany Watson-Curtain, Set, and Design, and Angelica Mendoza-Set, Design, and Dress.

The One Act Play Directors were Yolanda Kautz and Marsha Jeffcoat. The directors commented, "All students should be commended for doing a fantastic job. They were highly praised for their good performance and good technical abilities.

Congratulations to the One Act Play cast and crew for a job well done and a special congratulations to Savannah Rose for being named to the Honorable Mention All-Star Cast.

## Motley County I.S.D.

### A Note from the Office ...



The one-act play competition was last week and the play went off very well. It was probably their best performance. One of the benefits of this competition is that the students get to see what others are doing. On Thursday of this week, many of our students will be going to the district UIL competition. During the advisory period of the day, the students have been working on math, science, writing and speaking events. If you see any of them, please give them a word of support for this extra work. Next week will be the district athletic events at various places in the district. And we end next week with the ACT test for some of our juniors and seniors.

Even if we try very hard to do some things early so that April and May won't be full of activities, it doesn't seem to help. I like the bustle of the months, but it really bothers some.

By the time this paper comes out, we will have elected cheerleaders and mascot for next year. Just watching them practice makes me optimistic about the squad.

We will be trying to work in some educational field trips after the state testing. There are many interesting places in our area. If you have an idea of something we might not think about, please call and let me know.

## Life Lessons

By Annie Green

I managed to come across some quotes and sayings that can be found in a variety of places. They are very interesting and true. I hope you enjoy them.

- \*Give Satan an inch...and he'll be a ruler.
- \*In each life a little rain must fall, who's your umbrella?
- \*They see our methods, He sees our motives.
- \*You can't walk with God and hold hands with Satan at the same time.
- \*A hypocrite is a person who is not himself on Sunday.
- \*Seven days without prayer makes one weak!
- \*Don't let troubles get you

- down...except on your knees.
- \*If you think you are perfect...try walking on water.
- \*Be an organ donor--Give your heart to Jesus!
- \*The key to Heaven was hung on a nail.
- \*Don't miss Heaven for the world.
- \*What you are is God's gift to you...What you make of yourself is your gift back to God.
- \*Lean on the rock and you will always be steady.
- \*Smoking or non-smoking...where do you choose to spend eternity?
- \*If God is no longer close to you, who moved?

## School Menu

**MONDAY APRIL 4**  
Breakfast: Cereal, Blueberry Muffin, or Toast, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Sloppy Joe, Lettuce Tomato, Pickle, Potato, Chips, Peaches, Milk.

**TUESDAY APRIL 5**  
Breakfast: Biscuit, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, or Cereal, Toast, Pear Slices, Milk.

**WEDNESDAY APRIL 6**  
Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: BBQ Ribs, AuGratin Potatoes, Black-eyed Peas, Assorted Desserts, Milk.

**THURSDAY APRIL 7**  
Breakfast: Pancake, Sausage, or Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Milk.

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

**FRIDAY APRIL 8**  
Breakfast: Cinnamon French Toast, or Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Bean/Beef Burrito, Salad, Corn, Chips, Jello, Milk.

## MCYO to possibly add Little League traveling team to program

MCYO (Motley County Youth Organization) discussed the possibility of adding a machine pitch Little League baseball team to the summer program. The team would be for 7 and 8 year olds and would travel to area towns, such as Spur, Crosbyton, Ralls and other surrounding communities for games. The team will only be added to the program if there is enough interest.

A sign up fee of \$15 would be required.

All interested parties should contact James Stephens no later than Sunday, April 3, by 8:00 p.m., at 689-2302, or Lewis Drum at 348-7029.

## MCYO

# Enchilada Supper

April 25, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
Motley County School Cafeteria

Tickets: Children - \$3.50  
Adults - \$7.00

For tickets or more information contact Danika Jameson at 347-2930

## Reaching out during National Alcohol Awareness Week

April 1st marks the date of the 19th Annual Alcohol Awareness Month, which is the time for parents, schools, communities, organizations, and all of America to take a stand against the problem that is costing the United States \$185 billion dollars per year, alcohol abuse and alcoholism.

"Alcohol is frequently a factor in the three leading causes of death (motor vehicle crashes, homicides, and suicides) for 15 to 24 year olds," according to The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention statistics. This is why there are several organizations working together to make a better future for tomorrow's youth.

This year's theme is "Together, We Can Stop Underage Drinking."

Thursday, April 7th marks the date for the National Alcohol Screening Day. According to the Chemical Dependency Center, "...this is a day for individuals who may not know how much is too much to drink or the amount they drink puts them at risk for an addiction and screening is a motivator for individuals to seek the help they need."

For more information on Alcohol Awareness Month visit [www.ncadd.org](http://www.ncadd.org) or [www.chemdepctr.com](http://www.chemdepctr.com).

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## SESAME STREET LIVE

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# April 15-17

### Lubbock Municipal Auditorium

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# OPERATION CLEAN-UP!

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## SATURDAY, APRIL 2

VOLUNTEERS SHOULD MEET AT CITY HALL AT 8:30 A.M.

Bring gloves, rakes, hoes, etc.

This Volunteer effort will aid in the clean up of unsightly appliances, illegal dumping, and dry dead brush. Citizens are invited to join in and clean up litter and debris from their property. Dumpsters will be placed in several locations around town.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL CITY HALL AT 347-2255

Operation Cleanup is financed through a grant from Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

SHOP MOTLEY COUNTY FIRST!



# Memories of life in rural Whiteflat

by Earlyne Jameson

Most every country lane in Whiteflat in the 1940's seemed to overflow with busy family farms. Some were heading to town, but there were those who favored farming as an ideal way to live and rear a family.

Farms were more available then than now, when it is quite impossible to find a farm for sale, at least an affordable one. Today many farms are going for \$100,000 or more while in the 1940's, \$8000 would purchase a nice sized farm on which to settle.

During the 1940's, word spread like wildfire in rural areas when a farm property was for sale. In a short time it would be taken over by a farm family anxious to settle on a farm of their own. Soon it would be stocked with milk cows, a team of horses, chickens, a farm dog and a mother cat with several kittens. Tractors were beginning to appear on the rural scene.

Most folks could afford a down payment on a farm, then worked many long hours to attain their goal of owning it. Neighbors and family shared

farm tools and machinery, extra garden produce and ladies would tell where the best wild plum patches were. They even offered to hang wallpaper for neighbors and friends.

Farm youngsters were overjoyed to know about the Dug Out Creek on the Shand's land east of Whiteflat and the sandhills along the Middle Pease River southeast of Whiteflat. They shared many happy times at these locations.

When I married in 1949, I at first wondered about the fascination for farm life that many seemed to have. However, I de-

cidated that living in the country was the place to be and I still feel that way.

I like to remember when every country lane had a small farm around every corner, a fine herd of cows grazing in green pasture, tractors plowing the soil for spring planting and clothes dancing outside on lines. Family farms were an important part of rural America in Whiteflat during the 1940's. Wouldn't it be nice to have family farms once again?

Hope you enjoy the annual Whiteflat HOMECOMING Saturday April 2!

# Fire Department can no longer make weather warnings

The Matador Volunteer Fire Department informs the people of Matador and Motley County that due to changes in ownership of cable television companies serving this area the fire department is no longer able to break in on cable television with weather warnings.

The only way the department currently has to provide weather warnings is with their emergency siren located behind city hall. As a reminder, three blasts is a fire department meeting (and is seldom used), while a continuous siren is a severe weather warning. Residents who have scanners can listen to fire department communications on frequency 155.880.

Residents may also monitor Lubbock TV channels. The local department provides information to Lubbock channels and the weather service, however there is a delay between the time the information is relayed and the time it is provided.

The Matador Fire Department has a weather alert pager available for sale. The pager can only be activated by the fire department for early warning messages or severe weather alerts. Additional information and pricing can be obtained from James Gillespie at (806) 347-2208, (806) 269-2214 or Craig Turner at (806) 347-2834, or (806) 269-0610.

# Texas Tech to host replica of Vietnam Memorial

LUBBOCK-The Moving Wall, a half-size replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., will be on display in Memorial Circle at Texas Tech University April 1-7.

An opening ceremony will be held at 10 a.m. April 1 and the keynote speaker will be Col. Roger Donlon, the first Medal of Honor recipient for the Vietnam War. Donlon was gravely wounded during a firefight yet

managed to remain in command of his troops for several hours, rescuing his wounded soldiers and repositioning his forces to withstand the attack.

James Reckner, director of Texas Tech Vietnam Center, said the Wall's stay at Texas Tech will encourage Vietnam Veterans to visit the campus, and will afford students an opportunity to interact with them and hear their stories.

"I think having the Wall in Memorial Circle will cause more students to think about the war as they walk by," Reckner said. "I hope they will stop and reflect on the 58,000 names on that wall and what their sacrifice was all about."

Congressman Randy Neugebauer, R-Lubbock, is scheduled to present the Viet-

nam Center with a \$496,000 check at 1 p.m. April 1. The money represents federal funding to sustain the growth of the Vietnam Center's Virtual Archive, which provides research assistance to students and historians worldwide.

Reckner said the Vietnam Center is sponsoring the Wall's visit to assist local veterans who are unable to travel to the Veterans Memorial in Washington D.C., and also to fulfill the Center's mission to encourage continued study of all aspects of the American Vietnam experience. Parking will be available for veterans and the general public.

Volunteers will maintain 24-hour presence at the memorial during its stay.

# Thornberry will host town hall meeting in Crosbyton Friday

WASHINGTON D.C.--U.S. Mac Thornberry (TX-13) will be in Crosbyton on Friday to visit with local constituents and to hear their concerns about the challenges facing our nation.

"Congress is tackling a hefty agenda right now," Thornberry said. "I am sure that Social Security will be one of the primary topics my constituents will want

to discuss with me. But we can also talk about national security, the budget, and anything else they are interested in."

The schedule for the event is as follows:

**Friday, April 1:**  
5:00 p.m.--Rep. Thornberry Hosts Town Hall Meeting in Crosbyton, Crosbyton Chamber of Commerce, 114 Aspen Street.

# Motley County Adopt-A-Highway group joins thousands to participate in the 20th annual Don't Mess With Texas Trash-off April 2nd

CHILDRESS--Thousands of Texans from all across the state will get together on April 2, 2005, for one of the nation's largest single-day cleanups--The Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off--co-sponsored by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and Keep Texas Beautiful (KTB), the grassroots arm of the Don't Mess with Texas Campaign.

In Motley County, volunteers from the Matador Lions Club have pledged to TxDOT to participate in the Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off on April 2.

Volunteers include members of more than over 3,500 Adopt-A-Highway groups and more than 100 KTB communities, but the event is open to anyone interested in making Texas' public spaces litter-free. Adopt-A-Highway groups are in charge of highway cleanup, while KTB volunteers focus on neighborhoods, city streets, parks, and waterways.

"The annual Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off brings people across the state together to cleanup our roadside and take

pride in Texas," says Barbara Seal, TxDOT Childress District Public Information Officer.

"Every year about 1 billion pieces of litter accumulate on Texas highways, and taxpayers are footing the bill to clean it up," said TxDOT Travel Division Director Doris Howdeshell. "The state spent about \$35.5 million in cleanup costs last year, and contrary to what many people believe, we're not using prisoners to get it done. Ninety percent of our roadways are cleaned by paid contractors, and we rely on dedicated volunteers to do the rest."

The Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off began in 1986 to highlight the call to action to refrain from littering. In 1987, the Trash-Off expanded to include all of the Adopt-A-Highway groups in a one-day, statewide litter pickup. Research has shown that people are less likely to litter when roadsides are clean.

For more information on how to participate, visit [www.dontmesswithtexas.org](http://www.dontmesswithtexas.org) or contact Barbara Seal at 940-937-7145.

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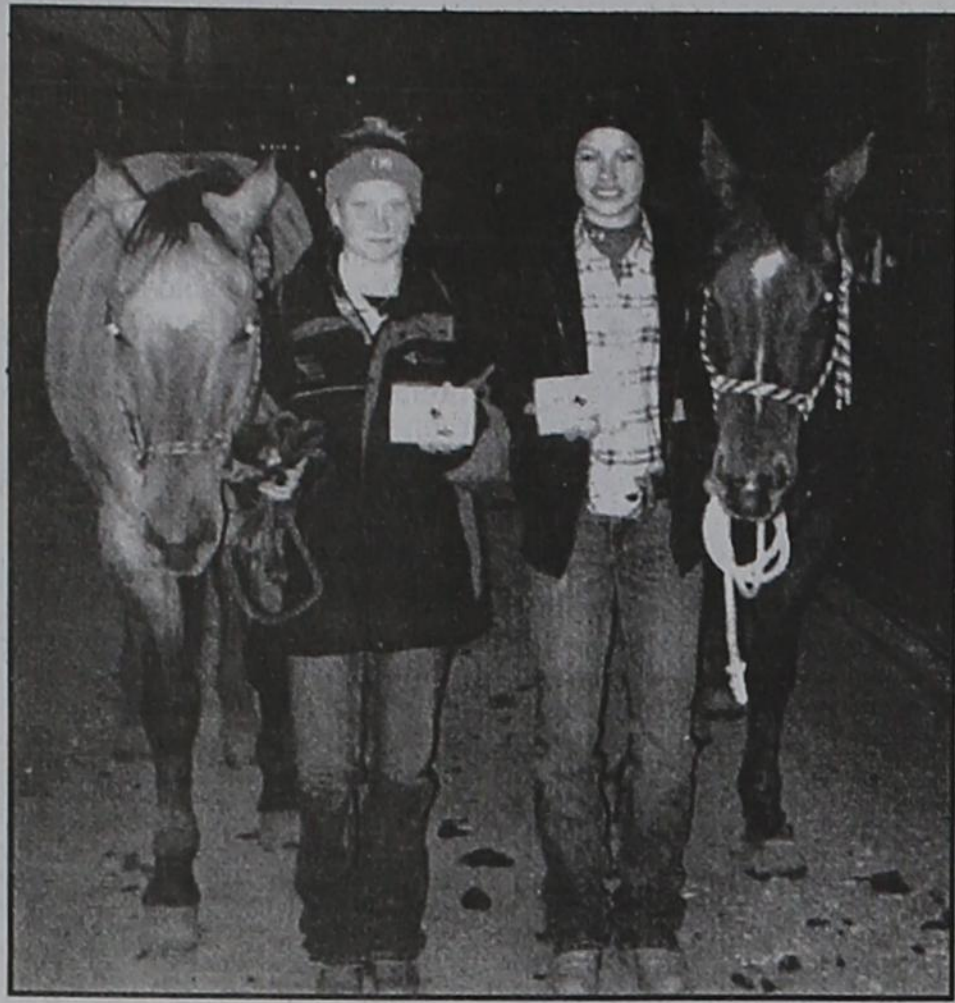
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Motley County 4-H member, Shane'a Russell, left, and Kelsi Stokes, Dickens County 4-H member, brought home winning buckles from a weekend Extravaganza held in Abilene.

## Television program will feature Clarendon College

CLARENDON, TX-- Clarendon College will be featured on the upcoming television program *Touring Your Future*. Produced by the Amarillo NBC affiliate KAMR, the program features all facets of the college from academic and athletic to student organizations and dorm life.

"This is an important information tool for the college," said Clarendon College President Myles Shelton. "Potential students and their families will see the program and we hope they will be encouraged to attend our fine school."

The program is 30 minutes in length and will also feature other area colleges. According to Jaylene Watkins, the college's public information officer, Clarendon College is the only Texas Panhandle College fea-

tured on the program. "This is the first time KAMR has done this type of special program," she said. "We are excited to be on the inaugural show."

The purpose of this program is to provide viewers with information to help them make decisions about their educational futures. According to KAMR, "Touring Your Future" will answer many of the questions students and parents have about colleges. The program will demonstrate campus highlights to prospective students and parents in an armchair visit to the campus."

The program will air on KAMR Saturday, April 2, at 1 p.m., and Saturday, April 30, at noon, and on KCIT-FOX on Sunday, April 10 at 11 a.m., and Friday, April 22, at 7 p.m.

## School Finance Bill

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The richest 840,000 households—those making more than \$140,000 a year—would see their taxes cut nearly 3 percent, according to the Legislative Budget Board analysis.

Republican Gov. Rick Perry has not endorsed any particular tax, but he said he is urging legislators to get the bill out of the House so it can be kept alive.

The bill would provide a \$2,000 increase in salaries and a \$1,000 health care stipend for teachers. Another provision would put a 35 percent cap on the amount of money that would be taken from property wealthy districts to the rest of the state. Additionally, the bill would require school districts to begin the school year after Labor Day and end the school year by June 7, and school board elections would move from May to coincide with the November general elections.

"With this bill we would have no decision as to when school will start, or when the local school board election is held," Copp said.

Many critics claimed that the measure's promised \$1.5 billion a year in new money for school districts is not enough to keep up with the inflation or cover

new requirements schools would face under the plan. It has been opposed by every major education group in Texas.

The legislation has been hailed by its authors as an opportunity to give parents and taxpayers transparency and to make school officials accountable in how they spend billions of tax dollars on Texas' 4.3 million public school students.

"This bill won't allow extra discretionary money for Motley County ISD to use as the Board sees fit, such as hiring new personnel or increases in utility costs," Copp said.

House leaders had planned to finish debate on a \$10 billion tax bill Friday, but instead adjourned until Monday. House Speaker Tom Craddick said several members were concerned about possible loopholes in the language of the proposed law that would adversely impact businesses in their districts. "I don't want anybody to vote on something they don't understand," Craddick said. Most Texans would see their tax burden increase under the sweeping plan, which would restructure the way businesses pay taxes, while levying a state of new consumer taxes on Texans.

## 4-H members bring home buckles from weekend Extravaganza

Shane'a Russell, Motley County 4-H member, and Kelsi Stokes, a Dickens County 4-H member, braved the cold to compete in the West Texas Barrel Racing Association 2005 Extravaganza in Abilene, Friday and Saturday, March 25 and 26.

Competitors braved the cold, wind, rain, tornado

watches and even snowflakes for a chance to win saddles, buckles, and monogrammed horse blankets, as well as add to their points in youth, open and senior, for year end prizes.

Shane'a, an eighth grader at Motley County Jr. High, is the daughter of J.D. and D'anna Russell of Matador. Kelsi, an

eighth grader at Patton Springs Jr. High is the daughter of Tom and Donna Stokes of Afton. The girls were entered as a team, as well as in the youth and open events. After two clean runs on Friday night and two clean runs on Saturday afternoon they came home with the youth team buckles for 46 points together.

The girls also added points to their standings and received checks for their fourth place finish in the open.

Other area winners include Kelsey Arnold of Spur for second in the Open Team event and Sally Piper, Paducah School Counselor, finished first in the Senior Team event.

## Cottle County horse club to host playdays

Warmer weather and longer days can only mean one thing—it's time to enjoy the outdoors. And what better way to enjoy the outdoors than with your favorite horse. Whether you are showing, riding or speed events the Cottle County Horse Club Playdays have something for you.

The Horse Club will be hosting 6 playdays in 2005; these events will be held at the arena in Paducah. Divisions include Pee-Wee ages 8 and under, Junior Division for ages 9-13 and Senior Division for ages 14-19. Judged events include: Halter (mares, registered gelding, grade gelding), Pee-Wee Walk-Trot, Junior Western Pleasure, Junior Western Horsemanship. Timed events are for all age classes and will include: barrels, poles, stakes and flag race.

Entry fees for Pee-Wee's are \$2 per event or \$10 for everything, entry fees for Juniors and Seniors are \$4 per event or \$25 for everything. A one-time fee of \$5 will be charged per family at the first playday to cover the cost of using the arena. Points are awarded at each of the 6 playdays, with the best scores

from 4 of the 6 playdays used to determine winners at the end of the series. Awards will be given at the end of the year to all individuals who compete in at least 4 playdays. Awards have included belt buckles, tack and other items.

These playdays provide Cottle County and surrounding county youth an opportunity to improve their horsemanship skills, and practice for other competitions. For more information and rules contact: Justin Nash, Cottle County Cooperative Extension Service at (806) 492-3151 or Dana Wright at (806) 596-4322.

**2005 Playday Schedule**  
(subject to change due to weather)

- Friday, April 1-Books open at 5:00 p.m.
- Friday, April 22-Books open at 5:00 p.m.
- Friday, April 29-Books open at 5:00 p.m.
- Friday, May 13-Books open at 5:00 p.m.
- Saturday, June 11-Books open at 8:00 a.m.
- Friday, July 15-Books open at 5:00 p.m.

## Senator Duncan's recorded report on Senate Bill 1 available

AUSTIN--Senator Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, has released a recorded report discussing passage of Senate Bill 1.

Each week, Senator Duncan records an address discussing issues related to the current debate at the Legislature. In addition to providing a format in which radio news directors can access legislative news, this regular offering will give anyone within reach of a telephone Duncan's insights into the working of the legislative process.

During this week's address, Senator Duncan discusses key elements of the state budget passed on Wednesday by the Senate.

To access this segment, simply dial 1-800-520-NEWS and then press "39" at the prompt. You may also access it at the Texas Senate website, [www.senate.state.tx.us/75r/Senate/members/dust/dust.htm](http://www.senate.state.tx.us/75r/Senate/members/dust/dust.htm). Two versions are available; one runs about six minutes and an edited version is about two minutes.



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# News Around the County

## Roaring Springs News

By Lula Swim

### Attention Roaring Springs residents!

If you have news items to add to this column, please call Lula Swim at 348-7926 or the Tribune office at 347-2400

Visiting for the weekend in the home of Russell and Lori Alexander and attending church services at the Methodist Church were his brother, Casey Alexander of Amarillo and his wife and child, Missy and Mallory; his brother Stacey of Amarillo and daughter Berkeley; sister, Tina Hook of Claude and her husband and sons, Mike, Hayden and Ethan; and his mother Barbara Hill of Clarendon. The children also attended the Easter Egg Hunt at the community center on Saturday to practice for their backyard hunt after lunch on Sunday. Hanna Alexander of Lubbock also visited. Jaci Zingerman, daughter of Lori Alexander, spent last week in Taos, NM skiing with her aunt and uncle and cousins from Chicago, IL.

Russell Alexander recently attended a Commissioner's school in Odessa.

Russell and Lori Alexander spent their first anniversary in Dallas on a trip during spring break.

Enjoying Easter lunch in the home of Joe and Joyce Meredith were local residents Kenneth Ashley, Randy & Holly Meredith, Wylie and John, and from Matador, Tony, Sherry, Sean and Shea Rose. Carla Meador of Matador visited that afternoon.

Visiting Pearl Patton over the Easter holidays were Mr. and Mrs. William Palmer, Matt and Micah of Lovington, NM; Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Allen and Darrin of Pampa; Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Parker, Lisa and Erica of Boyd; Tara Parker of Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Larry Burkes of Paducah; Angie Burkes of Lubbock; Jo Ann and Bryce Reagan and William Reeves of Quitaque; Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Jackson and grandchildren of Lubbock; Heather of Hacksboro, Mikael Kisac of Scorro, TX; Thomas Tilson of Matador; and Zella Palmer of Roaring Springs.

Donalda Letkeman drove Lula Swim to Floydada on Wednesday, March 23, for a dental appointment. Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Letkeman left Friday morning to return to Canada. They hope to be back in November.

Visiting Mrs. Cleo Watson, Monty Watson, and Sherri Harris during the Easter holidays were Larry Watson and Miss Kim Kindell of Austin; Mrs. Paige Barnes and children of Hawley; and Mrs. Bobby Williams of Matador.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Thacker for the weekend were Miss Blair Thacker of Lubbock and Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Thacker of Ama-

rillo.

Visiting Robena King for the Easter holiday were her son, Senator Robert Duncan and son Matthew of Lubbock, and Mr. and Mrs. Tim Wright of Plano.

The Bible Study group, which meets each second and fourth Monday morning of each month, met at the Crossview Christian Camp at Dickens this week. Mrs. Jennifer Schmidt was hostess to the meeting. Mrs. PK Green was in charge of the business meeting. Dorothy Halman of Cotton Center gave her testimony. The next meeting will be held in the home of Mrs. Rejina Sheffield of Matador.

### WESLEYAN GUILD MEETS

Mrs. Callie Giesecke was hostess to the Wesleyan Guild when it met at the fellowship hall of the Methodist Church in Roaring Springs, Wednesday afternoon, March 23. Mrs. Debbie Martin was in charge. Mrs. Pearl Patten gave the opening prayer and she also blessed the refreshments.

Mrs. Giesecke read the minutes of the last meeting and they were approved. No new business was discussed. Mrs. Martin presented the devotional, "No Time To Pray."

Chelsea Read showed the video and discussed the 40 Days of Purpose study.

Mrs. Martin started the prayer to close the meeting, each person gave a short prayer, and Mrs. Read concluded the prayer.

Those attending, in addition to those already mentioned, were Mrs. Lea Peacock, Mrs. Robena King, Mrs. Donalda Letkeman, and Lula Swim.

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Visiting Yancy, Daphne and Parker Meredith for Easter and enjoying lunch, were her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Farmer of Hale Center, her grandmother, Mildred Sowell, of Hale Center, her brothers and family, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Farmer, Katie and Jonathan of Hale Center, and Hugh Farmer of Oklahoma. Joining them for an Easter egg hunt that afternoon were Yancy's family, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Meredith, Tony, Sherry, Sean and Shea Rose, Wylie and John, and Kenneth Ashley.

### LOCAL NEWS

Greta Smallwood is a patient in ICU at Harris Methodist Hospital in Fort Worth. Friends may write her in care of her daughter, Lisa Morrow, 6849 Wild Stallion Rd., Benbrook, TX 76126.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Dunnam of Amarillo and their daughter, Kourtney of Plainview (a student at Wayland Baptist University), visited Saturday and Sunday with Kay's mother, Mrs. Juanita Cooper.

Van Bradford of Gruver was in Matador last week tending to business. He visited Mrs. Juanita Cooper, Friday.

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## Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

### OVERHEARD

The friend that is holding your hand and says the wrong thing is more dearer stuff than the one who stays away.

### C.W. STARKEY FAMILY EASTER REUNION 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF HANNA'S CELEBRATED

The C.W. Starkey family held their annual Easter reunion and celebrated the 50th wedding anniversary of Royce and Bobbie Starkey Hanna or Warner, Oklahoma. It was held at the Starkey Family Building March 24-28.

Mr. and Mrs. Hanna were married March 24, 1955. They were honored on their anniversary with a reception Saturday afternoon. Hosted the observance were their children, Delbert Hanna, Denise Petty, Debra Autry of Wichita, Kansas, David Hanna of Sallisaw, Oklahoma and Robert Hanna of Warner, Oklahoma. A daughter, Deanna Norcraft of Newton, Kansas was unable to attend.

The beautifully decorated cake with yellow and white flowers was served with punch. A gold and white floral arrangement centered the table laid with a white table cloth. The individual tables were centered with a white candle in a gold holder. 90 people registered at the reception.

During the family reunion they had camp fire cookouts, Easter egg hunts, a successful snake hunt and hiking at the scenic location. At the reunion luncheon Sunday 103 registered from Lebanon and Kansas City, Missouri; Wichita, Kansas; Winnewood, Sallisaw and Warner, Oklahoma; Clovis, N.M.; and in Texas, Marble Falls, Austin, Trent, Amarillo, Fritch, Canyon, Ralls, Dougherty, Abilene, Clyde, Bovina, Lockney, Olton, and Silvertown.

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Mrs. Cara Carson of Camp Lejeune, North Carolina arrived Thursday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Coy Franks. Her husband, Marine Chase Carson is being sent to Iraq. Other visitors during the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Cory Franks, Madison and Hudson of Lubbock and Cary Franks of Flomot.

Mr. and Mrs. Rickey Hughes and Kendal of Floydada visited Thursday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Butch Hughes.

Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Moss of Anson visited Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin, Wednesday.

Easter guests of Mr. and Mrs. Furman Vinson were son and family, Roger and Doris Vinson, Shannon and Melinda Vinson, Kaitlyn, Morgan and Andrew, Dana and Crystal Vinson, Allyson and Elise, Crystal's mother, Mrs. Mildred Cantral, all of Lubbock. Elise was christened at the Sunday morning services at the United Methodist Church in Matador.

Pat and Barbara Campbell of Portland, Oregon visited her uncle, Wilson Barton from Thursday until Wednesday. They also visited her aunt, Mrs. Katherine King in Matador.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill D. Washington were guests Easter Sunday in Roaring Springs of grandson and family, Matt and Ashley Washington and son, Brazos. They celebrated Brazos' Birthday and he blew out his three candles on a Boots and Western decorated cake and an Easter egg hunt was enjoyed Sunday afternoon. Other guests were his grandparents, Tim and Deana Washington of Roaring Springs, Conway and Lacy Clarey, Mickey, Caleb, and Kenzie of Matador, Mr. and Mrs. Tim McWilliams and Sally of Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. Danny Maynard, Chance, Chase, and Macy and Billy and Bobby McWilliams of Quitaque.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Turner and children, Cobey and Janell Turner, Heather and Scott Blount and children of Lubbock visited Easter Sunday at their home in Flomot. They attended the morning church services at the Methodist Church in Matador.

Mr. and Mrs. Lance Barclay, Colton and Kyla of Lubbock visited the Easter weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barclay, visiting them Saturday were son and daughter Ty Barclay and Tylee of Matador.

Recent guests of Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton were Lucille Lohman and husband of Wichita Falls. She attended the Eugenia and France Barton reunion in Matador, Saturday.

Visiting last Thursday with Mrs. Leona Degan were son and family, Morris and Lou Degan of Medicine Mound and grandson, Shawn of Chillicothe and son, Stanley Degan of Calgary.

Easter holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert and Glen Calvert were Alvia Joe Calvert of Dumas, Ashley Calvery of Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Foster and Mr. and Mrs. Tim Mandrell and Peyton of Lubbock.

## Matador News

### BARTON REUNION

The France and Eugenia Barton family enjoyed a reunion Saturday, March 26. The cold day put a damper on a planned picnic at the river, so the event was moved to the home of Eugenia Barton in Matador. Brent Campbell, grandson, did the cooking, which was delicious and enjoyed by all.

Those attending were Dixie and Bundy Campbell of Matador; Kim and Jamie Bulls, Bailey and Barrett from Southlake; Brent and Lisa Campbell, Chancy and Tyler of Turkey; Koree and Stacy Price, Payton, Jessie and Jack of Turkey; Brigid Brooks of Ransom Canyon, and daughters Erin and Donovan Stevens of Salt Lake City, Utah, Lindsey and Jamie Saunders, Maegen and Anna from Lubbock; Brandi and Monty Edwards, Madi and Mitch of Sudan; Leigh Barton and sons Dayton and Tanner of Sudan; Burr Barton of Austin; Dinette and Richard Watkins of Midland and daughter Mikela Barton of Midland.

Dude Barton of Flomot, Judy Renfro of Matador and Renee Myzk and daughters, Morgan and Madison, of Flower Mound, came by to say hello.

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Visitors in the home of Bundy and Dixie Campbell on Easter and enjoying lunch were L.B. Campbell of Crosbyton; Ben and D'onna Grundy, Cole and Justin of Matador; Bruce and Laura Slover; Shanal and Cheyene of Paducah; Kim and Jamie Bulls, Bailey and Barrett of Southlake; Brent and Lisa Campbell, Chancy and Tyler, and Koree and Stacy Price, Payton, Jessie and Jack, all of Turkey.

Visiting during the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers and Donnie Rogers were Donnie's daughters, Natalie and Brooke Rogers of Williamsburg, Virginia, Jerry Lander of Turkey, Charlie Wooten of Nacoma, Ronnie, Richard and Jared Rogers of Lubbock and Kolin Dercherhouse of San Angelo.

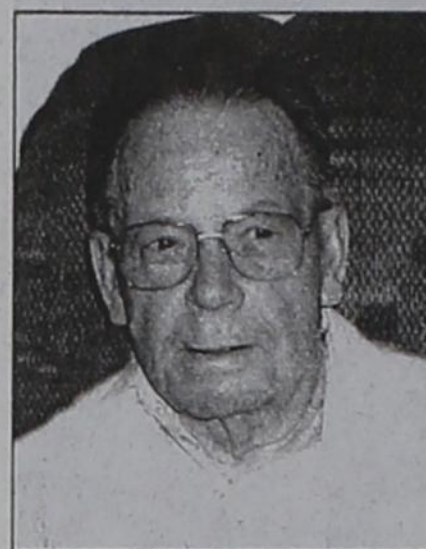
Mr. and Mrs. Tim Kendall, Jere and Jacob visited the Easter holidays in Clyde with her grandmother, Mrs. Otilie Gray and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gray of Fort Worth.

The Fairmont Baptist Church had Sunrise Easter services Sunday morning. The Rev. Arnie Smith of Lubbock delivered the spiritual message and Scarlett Sperry sang special music. It was reported 66 attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Lee enjoyed Easter Sunday in Lubbock.

## Obituaries

### Wayne H. Hunter



chased and operated H&H Gin at Flomot. After retiring, Wayne raised cattle and sold advertising specialties. He and Jimmie later moved to the Carillon Retirement Center in Lubbock and then to Sisters Loving Arms in Lubbock.

During the last few years, Wayne has suffered the effects of advanced Parkinson's Disease and Alzheimer's. Although he often became disoriented to time and place, he usually remembered and recognized family and friends.

Wayne Horace Hunter died March 23, 2005, in Lubbock, Texas, at the age of 82. A memorial service, officiated by Rev. Nathan Mulder, is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 2, at the Carillon Chapel in Lubbock (1717 Norfolk, phone: 281-6000). Friends are invited to join the family for refreshments and visitation at a reception in the Cimarron Room at the Carillon after the service. Guitar music will be played during the service and at the reception, in memory of Wayne's enjoyment of playing and listening to guitar. Cremation will be under the direction of Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home of Floydada. Ashes will be interred at the Flomot Cemetery at a later date.

Born November 25, 1922, in Howard County, Arkansas, Wayne was the only child of Horace G. Hunter and Sarah Adeline Young Hunter. Soon after his birth, they moved to Turkey, Texas. Wayne graduated as valedictorian of the Turkey High School class of 1941. He served with the 389th Battalion (Battery D) of the U.S. Army in the Philippines during WWII.

Wayne married Jimmie Lee Spear of Flomot, Texas on July 9, 1946. After getting a biology degree from North Texas State, Wayne taught school in Quitaque and Justin, worked for General Dynamics in Ft. Worth, and then moved to Plainview where he kept books at a cotton gin. He and his father later pur-

Wayne was music director at the First Baptist Church of Flomot, a volunteer job he held for about 30 years. He also served as chairman of the deacons. He was a 50-year member of the Quitaque Masonic Lodge. While living at Flomot, he served on the boards of Motley County school, Lighthouse Electric Cooperative and Flomot Water Supply and was president of the Lions Club.

Wayne preceded in death by his parents and his son, Randy, who died in a tragic accident in 1995. He is survived by his wife, Jimmie Lee Hunter of Lubbock; his daughter Anita and husband, Brad Carter of Lubbock; his son David and wife, Rhonda, of Midland; and his daughter, Susan and husband, Steve Smith, of Austin; two grandsons, Ross Hunter and wife Jennifer, of Houston, and Greg Hunter of Albuquerque, NM; two granddaughters, Allison and Emily Smith of Austin; three step-granddaughters (Amanda Carter, Virginia Flores and Rebekah Carter) and three step-great grandchildren (Cheyenne, Kristan and Nehemiah), all of Lubbock.

Friends are invited to visit or write to Jimmie Hunter at Sisters Loving Arms, 4713 22nd Street, Lubbock, Texas 79407, (phone: 806-799-7944). Memorial gifts may be made to Flomot Baptist Church or a favorite charity.

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# FARM & RANCH NEWS

## Panhandle-Plains Land Bank offsets rate hikes

Amarillo -- Panhandle-Plains Federal Land Bank Association, FLCA (FLBA), CEO Robert R. Williams, Jr. announced Monday that the board of directors authorized additional steps to offset interest rate increases in long-term agriculture real estate financing.

Since mid-summer last year, interest rates have climbed following hikes in the Fed Funds Rate. In the past year, the Prime Rate has increased 1.75% points due to these upward adjustments.

Finalizing plans approved earlier this year, the Association board authorized mail out of over \$1.4 million in patronage checks to member-borrowers of the association. "This is cash in our borrower's hands," said board chairman Larry Fairchild. "We set this payment as a goal last January, and can't think of a better way for producers to begin this year." This marks a return to cash patronage payments for Panhandle-Plains FLCA. "For the past several years, we have passed along savings to our borrowers with lower rates, and we will continue to do so. Now, we will do both, low rates and cash back to our borrowers," explained Fairchild.

CEO Williams stated that the board also authorized another education in rates. "Dur-

ing the second quarter, we will again reduce our spread to help offset increasing interest rates. The days of a variable product at and below 4% are gone for now; however, this reduction will price our prime index variable product a full 1% below the Prime Rate." This aggressive pricing is standard procedure for Panhandle-Plains FLBA, and builds on its theme of Providing Value to Membership. "Our goal is superior service at the lowest possible cost," said Williams. "We intend for this association to be a financial benefit to our customers, built on strength, stability, and a commitment to service."

The association provides long-term credit for agriculture, rural recreation and home tracts, 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.

## Interested in Whitetail Deer?

Texas Deer Association is having a Regional Meeting in Lubbock, Saturday, April 9, at River Smith Chicken-Catfish. The meeting will begin at 11:30 a.m., and lunch will be served at 12:00 p.m. Discussions will follow. Texas Deer Association's primary goal is to improve the overall Texas Deer experience

for all enthusiasts by promoting better management, education, research and regulations

needed by deer managers and deer hunters. This includes low-fenced properties, cooperatives, and high-fenced properties. Please call 210-767-8300 to RSVP for directions.

## COUNTY AGENT'S NEWS

BY ERIC LEWIS, MOTLEY COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT

### HOME GARDENING DO'S AND DON'TS

- DO:**
1. Use recommended varieties for your area of the state.
  2. Sample soil and have it tested every 2 to 3 years.
  3. Apply preplant fertilizer to garden area in recommended manner and amounts.
  4. Examine garden often to keep ahead of potential problems.
  5. Keep garden free of insects, diseases, and weeds.
  6. Use mulches to conserve moisture, control weeds, and reduce ground rots.
  7. Water as needed, wetting soil to a depth of 6 inches.
  8. Thin when plants are small.
  9. Avoid excessive walking and working in the garden when the foliage and soil are wet.
  10. Wash and clean garden tools and sprayer well after each use.
  11. Keep records on garden activities.

- DON'T:**
1. Depend on varieties not recommended for your area, but

do try limited amounts of new releases.

2. Plant so closely that you cannot walk or work in the garden.
3. Cultivate so deeply that plant roots are injured.
4. Shade small plants with taller growing crops.
5. Water excessively or in late afternoon.
6. Place fertilizer directly in contact with plant roots or seeds.
7. Allow weeds to grow large before beginning to cultivate.
8. Allow chemicals or pesticides in a haphazard manner or without reading the label directions.
9. Use chemicals not specifically recommended for garden crops.
10. Store leftover diluted spray.

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- 3 teaspoons = 1 tablespoon
- 2 tablespoons = 1 fluid ounce
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- 2 pints = 1 quart
- 4 quarts = 1 gallon
- 1 ounce = approximately 2 tablespoons (dry weight)

## April 7 Field Day focuses on Forages and Cattle

VERNON--Farmers and cattle producers can update their knowledge of forage production, grazing management and the cattle market at an April 7 field day. Registration will begin at 8 a.m. at the Texas Foundation Seed Service facility in Lockett, Texas. The facility is adjacent to the Texas A&M University System Agricultural Research and Extension Center at Vernon. There is no fee to attend.

Two concurrent morning tours will be offered. Tour 1 is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., and from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Participants will travel by van to the Smith/Walker research unit to hear the presentations on these topics:

- \*Reduced tillage practices for grazed/ungrazed wheat; John Sij, Experiment Station agronomist;
- \*Managing bloat in stocker cattle; Bill Pinchak, Experiment Station ruminant nutritionist; and
- \*Weed control options; Todd Baughman, Texas Cooperative Extension agronomist.

Tour 2, scheduled from 9 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. and from 10:45 a.m.

to 11:30 a.m., will feature these presentations and speakers:

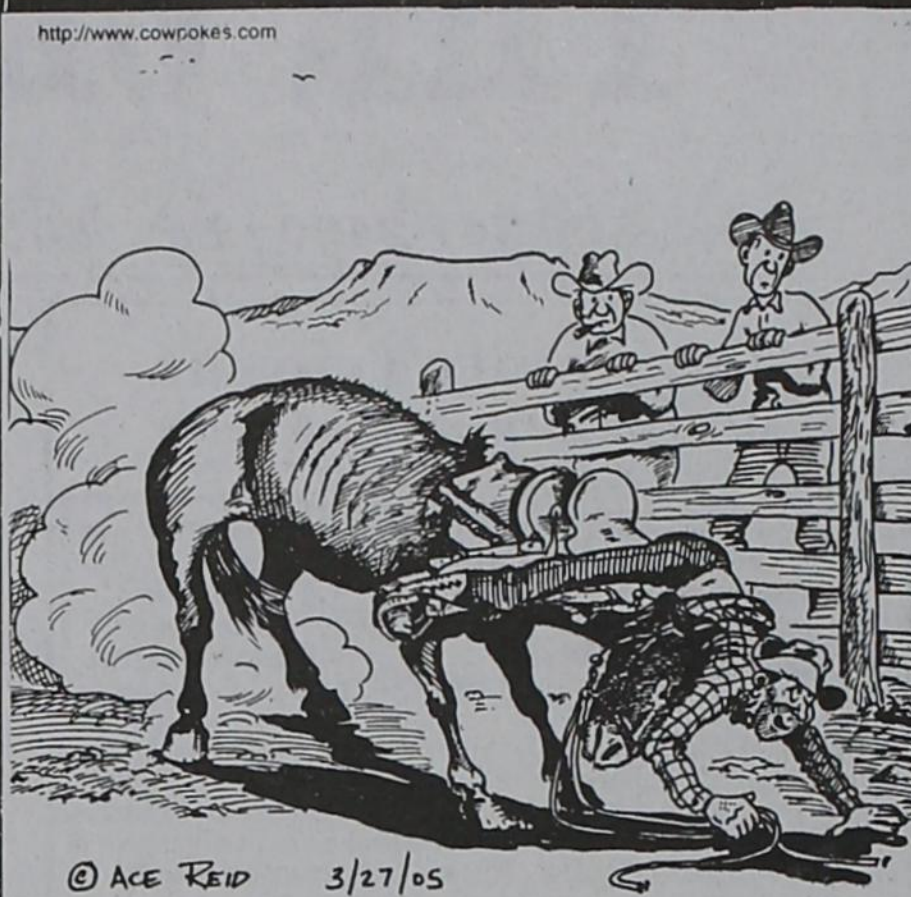
- \*Cool-season perennial grasses; Dariuz Malinowski, Experiment Station assistant professor-forages;
- \*USDA's National Animal Identification System; Andy Schwartz, DVM, Texas Animal Health Commission; and
- \*Economics of no-till wheat production; Stan Bevers, Extension economist.

A noon meal and a keynote presentation by Jim McAdams, president of the National Cattleman's Beef Association, will wrap up the event. McAdams will address "Surviving in the Global Agriculture Community."

Participants can earn up to three continuing education units. Sponsors of this half-day event include Texas Cooperative Extension and the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.

For more information call your local Extension office or the Texas A&M University System Agricultural Research and Extension Center in Vernon at (940) 552-9941.

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## First Texas Wildfire Awareness Week slated for April 2-9

The memory of the summer of 2000, a time when Texas experienced one of its most serious wildfire seasons, is still vivid to many Texans. That year, Texas Forest Service responded to 2,700 fires that burned more than 215,000 acres and 48 structures.

Today, more and more people are moving into wooded rural settings, increasing the number of people and homes at risk for wildland fires. To help draw attention to this increased threat, Texas Forest Service has designated April 2-9 as Wildfire Awareness Week in Texas.

Wildfire Awareness Week originated in Travis County last year when firefighters, county and city officials and Texas Forest Service made a commitment to implement public awareness strategies aimed at preventing tragedies like those that occurred in California in 2003.

The success of the Travis County event has led to more than a dozen similar events in other communities around the state and the statewide recognition of Texas Wildfire Awareness Week.

This year's theme, "Wildfire Preparedness Starts at Home," emphasizes the fact that statewide, firefighters are increasingly challenged to protect the safety of homes and residents in the face of wildland fire. That's

why Texas Wildfire Awareness Week focuses on what homeowners can do to protect themselves, their families and their property.

Most of the state's population growth over the past ten years has occurred in the urban/wildland interface, the area where homes meet undeveloped areas of grass, brush and trees. Homes built within or adjacent to this flammable vegetation makes them extremely vulnerable to wildfire. Should a wildland fire occur in an interface area, homes and other structures could simply be additional concentrated wildfire fuel.

"Texas Wildfire Awareness Week provides an opportunity to spread the word about wildfires and how they can impact the public, especially in the urban wildland interface, which is a growing problem not only in Texas, but across the country as well," said Bobby Young, Associated Director and State Fire Chief for the Texas Forest Service. "There are many things that homeowners can do to protect their homes and themselves now, before the threat of a wildfire becomes reality."

Additionally information about Texas Wildfire Awareness Week is available online at <http://texasforestservice.tamu.edu>.

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## LOCAL WEATHER FORECAST

### Motley County Tribune Weather March 31, 2005

#### 7-Day Forecast

- Thursday**  
Partly Cloudy  
High: 63 Low: 39
- Friday**  
Mostly Sunny  
High: 68 Low: 41
- Saturday**  
Mostly Sunny  
High: 77 Low: 45
- Sunday**  
Mostly Sunny  
High: 79 Low: 48
- Monday**  
Partly Cloudy  
High: 80 Low: 50
- Tuesday**  
Partly Cloudy  
High: 78 Low: 46
- Wednesday**  
Mostly Sunny  
High: 75 Low: 44

#### In-Depth Forecast

Today we will see partly cloudy skies with a high temperature of 63°, humidity of 36% and an overnight low of 39°. The record high temperature for today is 95° set in 1974. Friday, skies will be mostly sunny with a high temperature of 68°.

#### Moon Phases

Last	New	First	Full
4/1	4/8	4/16	4/24

#### Last Week's Local Almanac

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip
Saturday	62	38	67/40	0.00"
Sunday	76	38	68/40	0.00"
Monday	69	49	68/40	0.00"
Tuesday	58	42	68/41	0.00"
Wednesday	65	49	68/41	0.00"
Thursday	77	43	69/41	0.00"
Friday	59	38	69/41	0.00"

Precipitation . . . . . 0.00"  
Normal precipitation . . . . . 0.35"  
Departure from normal . . . . . -0.35"

Average temperature . . . . . 55.5°  
Average normal temperature . . . . . 54.3°  
Departure from normal . . . . . +1.2°

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Sunset tonight . . . . . 7:04 p.m.  
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