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Motley County School Board adjoin for regular March meeting

by Tina Brooks,
School Board reporter

The Motley County School Board of Trustees met March 10 in their regular scheduled meeting. All board members were present. Also present were Superintendent Rick Copp, Principal Marilynn Hicks, Denise Ford and Pam Thacker.

Mr. Copp gave the invocation.

No one was present for open forum or the public forum for the NCLB Highly Qualified Teacher Report. Motley County ISD has 95% of teachers highly qualified to teach their certification for the 2003-2004 school year, the state average is at 80%. The target baseline for the 2005-2006 school year is 100%.

A budget workshop was set

for Monday, March 21, 2005, at 6:00 p.m.

The board was honored to meet several students that excelled both in athletics and academically. These students not only stand out on the court they also shine academically.

Enrollment is at 154 with attendance sitting at 96%. TAKS test results are in and parents will be receiving notices soon.

Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

The list of expenditures and financial statements were reviewed and approved.

Textbook titles were discussed and adopted.

Board approved keeping the First National Bank as the sole bank for Motley County ISD.

The election judges were

approved for the upcoming election. Marihelen Wason will be the judge for Precinct 1, 5 and 6. Tommie Jo Cruse for Precinct 2, Betty Simpson for Precinct 3, and Jeannie Adams for Precinct 4.

The 2005-2006 school calendar was reviewed. The early start waiver was approved, school for the 2005-2006 school year will begin on August 15, 2005.

Bids for the Roaring Springs property were opened. There was only one bid on the property, from Mrs. Ann Watts from Oregon for \$15,000. The bid was accepted.

The board entered executive session to discuss possible reduction in force scenarios. Out of executive session, no decisions were made.

MCYO meeting Monday

ATTENTION PARENTS!
An important MCYO meeting will be held Monday, March 28, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the School Cafeteria. Anyone interested in keeping the Summer Baseball program should attend this meeting. If there is not enough interest, and/or volunteers this longtime program will be discontinued.

Officers will be elected and the upcoming season will be discussed.

Easter Egg Hunt Saturday

The Roaring Springs Community Volunteers will sponsor an Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, March 27, at 2:00 p.m. at the Community Center in Roaring Springs.

The hunt will be for children, to 10 years of age. There will be two age divisions, Toddler - 5 years, and 6-10 years. A prize egg and large bunny will be presented to the winner in each division.

SBA Representative will meet with business owners

Steve Anderson, representative of the Small Business Administration in Lubbock will meet with business owners in Motley County, April 19, at the Chamber Office in the Motley County Museum.

Mr. Anderson will answer

Friday night drug bust sends two to jail

A drug bust Friday night, March 18, sent two young adults to jail. Motley County Sheriff, Jim Meador and DPS Trooper, Chad Overton, arrested Jessica Segura, 18, of Jayton, and Scott James Chavez, 20, of Girard, on possession of marijuana.

Segura and Chavez were parked in front of Allsup's and were trying to get their car started, when Sheriff Meador asked the two if they needed help. As Sheriff Meador and Trooper Overton got nearer to the vehicle, they noticed a strong odor of marijuana.

Chavez was asked to exit the vehicle and then searched.

Sheriff Meador arrested Chavez for possession of marijuana.

Trooper Overton asked Segura to exit the vehicle, and asked if she had any drugs. Segura willingly gave Officer Overton a small bag of marijuana. Upon further investigation another bag was found on Segura which contained 10 separate bags of marijuana packaged for sale. Trooper Overton arrested Jessica Segura on possession of marijuana.

The two were booked in Motley County and then transported to the Dickens County Correctional Facility in Spur.

Operation Headhunter bags two suspects in deer poaching

EDITOR'S NOTE: This article first appeared in the *Lubbock Avalanche-Journal*, by D. Lance Lunsford. According to local Game Warden Ted Davey, two felony warrants and two misdemeanor warrants were issued against the subjects in Motley County.

A Texas Parks and Wildlife Department undercover investigation that extended from West Texas to New Mexico ended Tuesday night, March 15, with the arrests of two Abilene men who allegedly began poaching deer in 2003 and selling their mounts over the Internet.

Jerry Schmidt, 38, was arrested on seven felony warrants. Matthew Cates, 34, was arrested on five felony warrants, authorities said. Both face five Class A misdemeanor warrants, according to authorities.

TPWD Maj. Mokey McCrary said the undercover investigation - coined "Operation Headhunter" - spurred the arrests. The investigation encompassed thousands of miles of New Mexico and West Texas private ranch and public park land.

According to a report from the TPWD in Austin, the undercover game wardens hunted with the two men and noted their alleged killings. In one of the outings, the two suspects and game wardens traversed 1,100 miles in a 23-hour hunt from El Capitan in Guadalupe National Park to Lincoln National Forest in New Mexico, said McCrary.

Some of the illegal hunting allegedly took place on private ranches where the two did not get permission to hunt. One hunt took place in Caprock Canyons State Park, where the two poached a buck, according to the TPWD report.

"Basically, all they were doing was cutting the heads off (of the deer) and leaving the rest to waste," said McCrary.

Schmidt and Cates would then allegedly mount the antlers with occasional taxidermy work on the actual heads. Many of the mounts were listed for sale on the Internet, McCrary said.

"Illegal (Schmidt's) total business," said McCrary, noting some estimates by investigators alleging Schmidt may have been responsible for killing 69 deer annually. "It was quite an operation. They were exploiting the natural resources big time."

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National Ag Week celebrated March 20-26

A Celebration of Texas Agriculture

Combs urges Texans to salute agricultural heroes

Austin - Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs announced that March 20 to 26 is National Agriculture Week in Texas - a time to celebrate the state's farmers and ranchers and acknowledge this far-reaching industry that adds some \$73 billion to the Texas economy.

"Agriculture's roots reach back hundreds of years, and the people who persevered are true pioneers who should be celebrated," Combs said. "This tremendous industry has a giant impact on our everyday lives. From nutritious foods to high-quality fiber to fresh plants, agriculture provides us with the necessities of life while boosting the state's economy."

"Agriculture can be a challenging way of life. Major advances have taken us miles away from the days of horse-drawn plows, but we still endure challenges in weather, water availability and commodity prices," Combs said. "Rural economic development, nutrition and marketing have become important components of modern agriculture as well, and Texas producers have evolved to stay ahead of changes in the industry and respond to the needs of consumers."

From the Gulf Coast to the Panhandle, Texas is the most agriculturally diverse state. Agriculture is the state's second-largest industry and is an economic powerhouse, producing food, horticulture and fiber for consumers across the world. Texas agriculture employs about one out of every seven working Texans, and 80 percent of the state's land is in some form of agricultural production.

"No matter how large the industry, its heart remains with the farmers and ranchers who contribute to it," Combs said. "National Agriculture Week gives us a chance to recognize the people who consistently enrich our lives in many ways. Let's take the time this month to be thankful to our agricultural pioneers for their vision and to the modern-day producers who

dutifully carry out the monumental role of being a Texas farmer or rancher.

RURAL TEXAS IS NO SMALL FRY

• 52 percent (or 133) of Texas' 254 counties are classified as rural, 44 counties classified as metropolitan "fast growth" (for a total of 177 non-metropolitan counties) and 77 urban or metropolitan counties.

• Rural Texas covers approximately 80 percent of the state's total land area, encompassing 213,297 square miles out of 267,277.

• 85 percent of the state's incorporated cities have fewer than 10,000 residents.

• The population of rural Texas is larger than the combined populations of Alaska, North Dakota, Vermont, Wyoming and the District of Columbia.

• Texas has almost twice as many farms as any other state and more than double the amount of land acreage in farms.

• Visitors spent \$2.34 billion in rural and metropolitan Texas in 2002.

• 14 percent (2.9 million) of the state's total population lives in rural Texas.

• The Texas Department of Agriculture's Family Land Heritage Program has recognized more than 4,000 farms and ranches in 226 counties for being maintained in continuous agricultural operation by the same family for 100 years or more.

TOP 20 COMMODITIES IN TEXAS

- Cattle, \$7.9 billion
- Cotton (Lint and Seed), \$1.34 billion
- Poultry/Eggs, \$1.34 billion
- Nursery, \$1.32 billion
- Milk, \$729 million
- Timber, \$671 million
- Feed Grains, \$656 million
- Vegetables, \$452 million
- Hay, \$397 million
- Food Grains, \$340 million

- Horses, \$322 million
- Oil Seeds, \$189 million
- Hogs, \$65 million
- Pecans, \$64 million
- Sheep/Wool, \$55 million
- Sugar Cane, \$52 million
- Citrus, \$24 million
- Fruit, \$21 million
- Honey, \$13 million
- Mohair, \$3 million

TEXAS AGRICULTURE PACKS A PUNCH

• Texas is the second-largest agricultural state in the United States, accounting for about 7 percent of the total U.S. agricultural income.

• The food, horticulture and fiber industry is the second-

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Comptroller Strayhorn reports 5.9% increase in State Sales Tax collections Local sales tax allocations rise 7.2 percent

Austin - Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn announced Friday, March 11, that state sales tax revenue in February totaled 1.34 billion, up 5.9 percent compared to February 2004.

Strayhorn delivered \$325.4 million in March sales tax payments to Texas cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts, a 7.2 percent increase compared to March 2004. So far this calendar year, local sales tax rebates are up 6.7 percent compared to the first three months of 2004.

State sales tax revenue for February, and March payments made to local governments today, represent sales that occurred in January.

Comptroller Strayhorn sent March sales tax payments of \$221.5 million to Texas cities, up 7.5 percent compared to March 2004. Calendar year-to-date, city sales tax allocations are running 7.1 percent higher than last year. Texas counties received

sales tax payments of \$19.1 million, up 9.4 percent compared to one year ago. Calendar year-to-date, county sales tax allocations are 8.7 percent higher than last year.

Another \$9.1 million went to 95 special purpose taxing districts around the state, up 19.4 percent compared to last March. Nine local transit systems received \$75.6 million in sales tax rebates, up 4.5 percent compared to a year ago.

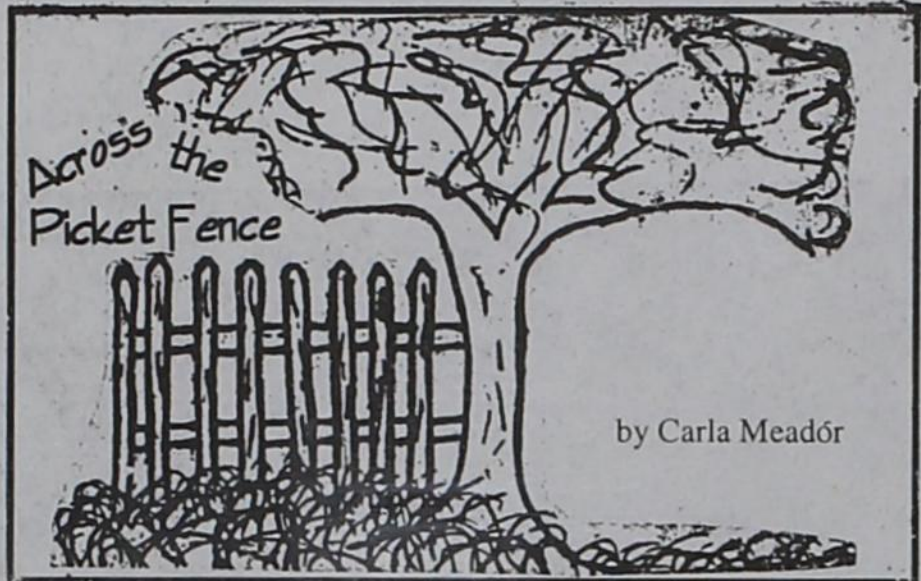
Matador, with a current rate of 2.000%, received a net payment this period of \$3,498.41,

compared to \$3,589.34 at this time last year, a -2.53% change. 2005 payments to date total \$13,953.88, compared to \$13,109.06 in 2004, a 6.44% change.

Roaring Springs, with a current rate of 2.000%, received a new payment of \$1,930.63, compared to \$2,099.44 in 2004, a -8.04% change. 2005 payments to date total \$7,878.44, compared to \$9,878.44 in 2004, a -19.81% change.

The Comptroller's next sales tax allocation will be made on Friday, April 8.

**OPERATION CLEAN-UP
continues ...
SATURDAY, APRIL 2**



Happy Easter! I truly hope that you have a wonderful and blessed holiday with your family and friends. And I pray that each one of my readers feels the love of Jesus Christ and understands the true meaning of Easter - the resurrection of our Savior.

Tribune subscriber, Grady Glenn, sent this. It's from an 1877 Farmer's Almanac. A list of recommendations to make your spouse happy:

- For wives —
- Try to do not only what your husband wishes in household matters but when and how he wishes.
 - Do not neglect neatness of person and surroundings.
 - Never speak slightly or bitterly of or to your husband, especially in the presence of other people.
 - Speak gently always, and

do not allow your voice to become sharp and loud. Control of the voice helps to control the temper.

For husbands —

- Treat your wife as politely and kindly as when you were wooing her.
- If your dinner does not suit you, do not spoil her appetite by scolding her about it at the time, but give whatever suggestions are needed after dinner.
- Share your pleasures and your cares with her, and show her that you value her society and her advice.
- Do not speak lightly of her cares and fatigues, but sympathize with her troubles, whether great or small.
- Try to gratify her fancies, such as a flower garden or conveniences about her work. She will be reminded of your consideration or neglect many times every day by these little things.

Library Notes

By Suzanne Abbott, Librarian

With librarian's meetings and Kenneth's eye surgery, I have been out of the library several days. I really appreciate Marihelen Wason and Betty Henry for keeping the library open during this time.

We will not have Story Time today, Thursday, March 24. We will start again having a Story Time Thursday, March 31 at 3:45-4:15 p.m.

We appreciate the donation made by Wes and Becky Hays in memory of Pansy Spray. Donations such as these help the library keep an up-to-date collection of books and other materials.

Are you stressed? One of the

books new to the library is *Stress Protection Plan* by Suzannah Oliver. Another book new to the library is David L. Robbins' book *The End of War*. This is a novel about the race for Berlin at the end of World War II.

The library has *Someone to Watch Over Me* by Judith McNaught and *The Christmas Thief* by Mary Higgins Clark and her daughter Carol Higgins Clark.

The library has two new how-to books. We offer *Wiring 1-2-3* and *Complete Plumbing*. If you have do-it-yourself project to do, you might want to check out one of these two books.



MR. AND MRS. ROYCE HANNA

Couple to celebrate 50th anniversary

The children of Royce and Bobbie Hanna will host a reception for their parents to celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary, Saturday, March 26, at 2:00 p.m., at the Starkey Family Building, Flomot. Friends and family are invited to help celebrate this joyous occasion. Royce Hanna and Bobbie Starkey were married March 24, 1955. They have six children, sixteen grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

American Legion to meet

The Fleming American Legion Post 337 and Auxiliary will meet at 7:00 p.m., Monday, March 28, at the Senior Citizens Center in Matador. A covered dish meal will be served.



THANK YOU FOR READING THE MOTLEY COUNTY TRIBUNE!

Shop Motley County first!

PROOF OF THE TRUTH

BY TOM EDWARDS

"DON'T BOTHER ME, I ALREADY BELIEVE IN GOD."

This is a common statement made to those attempting to spread the Gospel, and it requires careful analysis as well as an understanding of the speaker. It may come from someone who is open-minded, or meant as a defiant conversation-stopper by a close-minded person, but in either case it re-

sults from a basic lack of understanding and right thinking. It may also disclose an irrational relativistic thinker who believes he can define God according to his beliefs about Him, when in truth, God is and stays who and what He actually is, regardless of one's beliefs about Him. (Mal. 3:6)

There are many ways (some nice and some not so nice) to work the response to the statement, depending upon the speaker and setting, but to forcefully illustrate the point, we can say: "So what. All that gets you is a one-way ticket to Hell!" Here's why.

Even Satan and the fallen angels believe in God. They know Him. Where does that get them?

A statement of a belief in God is nothing more than an acknowledgment of the obvious - His existence. There is a world of difference between believing IN God and actually BELIEVING God! He is truth.

Therefore He can't lie. He has said the only avenue of salvation open is faith and trust in His only provision for it - Jesus Christ. Of course, one could actually believe God and still choose Hell (by rejecting Jesus) but why would any sane person want to?

Investing in Texas' higher education returns to economy

(Austin) -- Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn said today that every dollar invested in Texas' higher education system returns \$5.50 to the Texas economy, fueling the state's economic engine with \$33.2 billion per year.

"This is a remarkable return, even for a high stakes technology startup. But when it comes to the Texas higher education system the stakes are much higher. We are investing in our most important venture - the future of young Texans," Strayhorn said.

In an update of her 2003 special report, *The Impact of the State Higher Education System on the Texas Economy*, Strayhorn estimates that spending and re-spending of out-of-state student, research and health care dollars adds \$10.1 billion per year to the state's economic output. The higher earnings productivity of a better-educated workforce eventually increases state economic capacity by another \$23.1 billion per year.

Education plays a vital economic role, but Strayhorn said state higher education funding is losing ground to other state services. After adjusting for inflation, spending on public safety and corrections increased 223 percent in the last 15 years, while real higher education expenditures grew only 44 percent during the same period.

"I want Texas to have the most educated workforce in the nation," Strayhorn said. "I will continue to fight for legislative approval until my TexasNextStep proposal is adopted and K-through-14 education is the norm in Texas."

"I would rather spend \$2,500 a year educating a young Texan, than \$16,000 a year incarcerating that young Texan," Strayhorn said.

TexasNextStep would make higher education more affordable and accessible to more Texans, raise the skill level of the Texas workforce and set Texas apart in the competition for jobs," Strayhorn said.

TexasNextStep would pay for tuition, fees and books for Texas high school graduates to attend public community colleges, technical colleges or other two-year institutions.



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!

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Michael G. Crowley, Sr.

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"IN RECOGNITION OF POWER"



The gospel is the story of Jesus. The story concludes here on this earth with the resurrection of Jesus from the borrowed grave. Power yes, but also a declaration of great "wonder working power." In the New Testament, what follows the resurrection of Jesus, is the story of power as never seen before. That power was demonstrated through the lives of those early believers.

In the book of Acts chapter two, we see the power convert about three thousand souls. The same power changed the life of a jailor in Philippi. It improved the quality of a good man named Cornelius. Search the New Testament and see the power of the resurrection in the changed life of a Jew named Saul of Tarsus. The power of that same resurrection is found in the gospel still preached today.

That power is still changing lives today. It changed my life and I am sure that many of you would say the same. The gospel story is the "good news" that death could not hold Him. It was God who raised Him up. The Scriptures tell us that Jesus died for our sins on Calvary and rose again the third day. Therefore, we serve a risen Savior who gives us the power to overcome sin and the fear of death through faith.

Roaring Springs Church of Christ

Michael G. Crowley, Sr.

BIBLE STUDY, 10:00 A.M.

WORSHIP, 9:00 A.M.

Motley County ★ Class of 2005 ★ Senior Spotlight



SABRINA LANAY OSBORN

Age: 18
Date of Birth: September 4, 1986
Parents: Billy and Brenda Osborn
Siblings: 2 sisters, Samantha Jameson and Lexi Osborn
Pets: Jasper (technically it is Lexi's dog)
Who do you most admire and why? There is not really one person I admire most, my whole family has been there with me through everything and they

never gave up on me. Favorite high school memory: Going to Antelope Hill in the bus.
Extracurricular activities (Sr. year): Basketball and FCCLA
Special honors: All-State Academic, All-District Academic, Most Beautiful Words of Wisdom to the underclassmen: Cherish your time in High School, it will be over before you know it.

Plans after graduation: Go to college at either WTAMU or Wayland Baptist University

FAVORITES:

Food: Sour Cream Enchiladas
Hangout: Anywhere with friends
Movie: The Notebook
Musical Group: Shinedown
Color: Blue
Past time: Chillin at my house with Trace
Soft Drink: Coke
Book: Blood and Chocolate
Song: Fall to Pieces by: Velvet Revolver
Teacher: Kathy Gillespie
Sport: Basketball

Story Time at the Library is a big success

Story Time at the Motley County Library has been a huge success. Each Thursday afternoon, there has been a great turnout of children of various ages who have come to enjoy an interesting story and project. There are many more adventurous stories and exciting projects being planned for future Story

Times. There will be no Story Time this Thursday, but will kick off again on March 31. All children are invited to come and bring a friend. The Motley County FCCLA classes would like to thank the parents for letting their children participate in the program.

THE MATADOR

— SCHOOL NEWS & HAPPENINGS —

Life Lessons

By Annie Green



This time of year always seem so busy. However, whenever I have the chance ... I love to read. I stumbled across this interesting article and wanted to share it with you.

15 Things God Won't Ask

1. God won't ask what kind of car you drove, but will ask how many people you drove who didn't have transportation.
2. God won't ask the square footage of your house, but will ask how many people you welcomed into your home.
3. God won't ask about the fancy clothes you had in your closet, but will ask how many of those clothes helped the needy.
4. God won't ask about your social status, but will ask what kind of class you displayed.
5. God won't ask how many material possessions you had, but will ask if they dictated your life.
6. God won't ask what your highest salary was, but will ask if you compromised your character to obtain that salary.
7. God won't ask how much overtime you worked, but will ask if you worked overtime for

your family and friends.

8. God won't ask how many promotions you received, but will ask how you promoted others.
9. God won't ask what your job title was, but will ask if you performed your job to the best of your ability.
10. God won't ask what you did to help yourself, but will ask what you did to help others.
11. God won't ask how many friends you had, but will ask how many people to whom you were a true friend.
12. God won't ask what you did to protect your rights, but will ask what you did to protect the rights of others.
13. God won't ask in what neighborhood you lived, but will ask how you treated your neighbors.
14. God won't ask about the color of your skin, but will ask about the content of your character.
15. God won't ask how many times your deeds matched your words, but will ask how many times they didn't.

Motley County I.S.D. A Note from the Office ...



What beautiful days we are having! The kids seemed to be rested after Spring Break, and we have two short weeks coming up. This week we are dismissed at 1:30 on Thursday and have Friday off (the 25th). Monday is one of our snow days, and since we haven't had to be out, we get the 28th as a vacation. We won't have Easter parties. We have had a Christmas and Valentine party and will have an end of the year celebration. We are only allowed three.

Some of the students are beginning to shop for end of the year occasions so I thought I would remind you that we have a dress code for prom. It is in the student handbook. Please make sure that you look at it before you buy because I wouldn't want you to get turned away at the door. If you want to bring in a picture or the actual garment for approval, please feel free to do so. There are many beautiful clothes out there that will fit the requirements.

You will need to wear church type clothes. This means that dresses or blouses need to have sleeves of a jacket and not be low cut. Skirts need to be knee-length or longer since you will be sitting on stage. Gentlemen are to wear ties and preferably a jacket. This is not an occasion for athletic shoes for boys or girls. I still have a little trouble with what to call this ceremony. It is not a graduation. It is really a celebration of entering high school. I know that it is left over from a time when completing the eighth grade was a big step, and often the highest grade achieved. I also know that now most of our kids must have some kind of training after high school to be successful; I don't want to make too much of finishing the eighth grade. But...then there is the tradition...so we continue to have the occasion. If you can help me decide what to call it, I would much appreciate it.

Remind me some time to tell you my philosophy of hunting Easter eggs. Have a great holiday with your family and friends.

A reminder to the eighth grade students that their end of the year ceremony is not formal.

Easter Sale Continues!

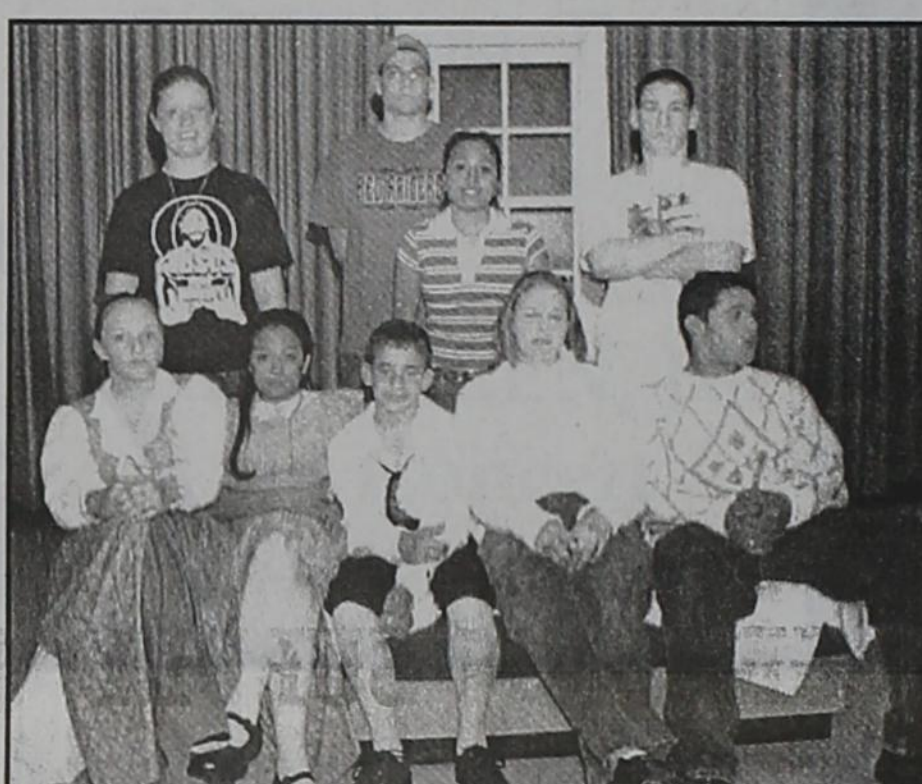
Great Selection of Easter goodies! Baskets, Eggs, Cards, Napkins, Gifts & More!

Matador Variety



School Menu

- MONDAY, MARCH 28
NO SCHOOL!
- TUESDAY, MARCH 29
Breakfast: Waffle, Sausage, Syrup, or Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Salisbury Steak and Gravy, Potatoes, Broccoli and Cheese, Biscuit, Orange Slices, Milk
- WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30
Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Hot Dog and Chili, Baked Beans, Salad, Chocolate Brownie, Milk
- THURSDAY, MARCH 31
Breakfast: Biscuit, Sausage, Gravy, or Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Milk
Lunch: Ham Chef Salad, Baked Potato, Crackers, Sherbert, Milk
- FRIDAY, APRIL 1
Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza or Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Hamburger, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Fries, Cake, Fruit, Milk



ONE ACT PLAY CAST AND CREW — Pictured at back (left to right), Brittany Watson, Casey Carnes, Angelica Mendoza and Cameron Jeffcoat; (front) Savannah Rose, Veronica Mendoza, Brendan Wiltshire, Brittany Moore, and Matthew Martin.

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CHECK-OUT-OUR
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Motley County 4-H members participate in district photography contest



This photograph by Motley County Senior 4-H member, Colton Russell, is one of his photos which qualified for State competition. This photo is in the Landscape Scenic division.

Operation Headhunter

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Col. Pete Flores, TPWD law enforcement director, said the arrests are a warning to potential poachers.

"You never know when you are talking to a game warden," said Flores. "These people were exploiting the resources of the state of Texas and making money off of it. They were stealing from the people of Texas."

While McCrary said violations of Texas hunting law are varied but constant in West Texas, catching Schmidt had been a goal of wardens for quite some time.

"We knew there was a problem there, so we asked our undercover people to come take a look," said McCrary, noting the charges against Schmidt could expand. "We hit a case like this maybe every two years in the state."

According to the TPWD report, Schmidt had been cited for hunting violations before with overdue civil restitution and a suspended hunting license.

Each felony charge is a state jail felony with a range of up to two years in jail and a fine of up to \$10,000. Schmidt also faces one third-degree felony charge of felon in possession of a firearm, which carries the potential of up to 10 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

The misdemeanor counts include charges of hunting with the aid of a motor vehicle from a public road and hunting deer at night.

Schmidt was booked last Wednesday in Taylor County Jail on \$275,000 bond, according to McCrary. Cates was released last Wednesday on \$74,000 bond. Schmidt was transferred by Game Warden Gary Self to Swisher County last Thursday where he is currently being held.

**OPERATION
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CONTINUES
APRIL 2!**

NATIONAL AG WEEK

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largest industry in the state and generates \$73 billion a year for the economy, or approximately 9.5 percent of the state's total gross state product.

- Eighty percent of the land in Texas is in some form of agricultural production.

- Ninety-two percent of Texas' agricultural operations are still run by individuals or families.

- Twenty-nine percent of agricultural producers were women in 2002; the number of women who were principal operators increased 7 percent from 1997.

- Although agriculture employs one out of every seven working Texans, less than 2 percent of the population is involved in day-to-day farming or ranching.

- Texas ranks first in the nation in the number of cattle and calves, accounting for 14 percent of the U.S. total. The Lone Star State also is the top producer of cotton, sheep, wool, goats, mohair and horses. The state's top crops also include

vegetables, citrus, corn, wheat, peanuts, pecans, grain sorghum, hay and rice.

- Besides livestock and crops, the state's agriculture industry includes timber/forestry, aquaculture, bees/honey and nursery/greenhouse.

- Texas is one of the leading exporters of agricultural commodities. Texas' top agricultural exports are live animals and meat; cotton and cottonseed; feed grains and products; hides and skins; wheat and products; and feeds and fodder.

- Each Texas farmer grows enough food and fiber for 129 people in the United States and abroad.

- Texas' 1 million horses, representing approximately 15 percent of all horses nationwide, makes the state a leader in the United States. Texas also leads the nation in the number of registered American Quarter Horses, American Paint Horses, Appaloosa horses and American Miniature horses.

The 4-H District 3 Photography contest was held March 9 in Vernon. There were 14 counties participating and approximately 136 pictures judged that day. Each county in the Rolling Plains District could send up to 17 pictures - color, black and white and digital.

Motley County had eight Junior and Intermediate level kids participate at the County level this year and seven of those participants advanced to the District level. Alexis Osborn, Hance Davey, Christian Brooks, Shane'a Russell, Cory Durham, Jaci Zingerman, Hanna Alexander, Reagan Elliott.

Alexis received 2 red and one blue award for her three pictures at District; Hance received 2 red and one blue for his three advancing photos; Shane'a received 1 blue and one red award for her two advancing pictures; Jaci received one blue and three red for her four advancing pictures; Reagan received one blue and one red award for his two advancing pictures; Hanna received two red awards for her two advancing pictures; and Cory received one red award for his photo. These

photos can be seen at the Motley County Library where they are currently on display.

Motley County 4-H leaders are very proud of the 4-Hers who participated in this project. It was moved up a month due to maternity leave at the District office and the County Show fell during the week of the Stock Show.

One Motley County Senior 4-H'er, Colton Russell, had four pictures advance to the State Roundup which will be held in June at College Station.

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NEWS & VIEWS

by Marie-Louise Liebe-Harkort



Consider:

Marriage is also good for the health and longevity of the partners. Just last week a team of Harvard researchers found that marriage is good for men's health - that single men were at greater risk of dying earlier than smokers.

his wife have chosen to live in Matador, and he brought their children, too, Rita, Savanna and Conrad.

No one was shy about approaching the refreshments table, and there were some real treats to be found there. We hope the children enjoyed the event, and to judge from the way they piled their plates full, then gathered round the computer, we think they did. The 12 locals certainly enjoyed meeting the newcomers, and the Chamber thanks all those who participated.

There was a picture of all the newcomers in the Tribune last week, so you can go back and familiarize yourself with them. It would have seemed to make sense to write about these folks when you had their picture in the same issue, but it was felt that you needed all the advance warning we could give you about the upcoming visit on April 19th by Steve Anderson from the Small Business Development Center at Texas Tech, so we told you about that as soon as the date had been set.

Remember, you can meet with Steve Anderson at the Chamber Office in the Museum on April 19th -- all you need to do is get in touch with Annette Hollinsworth at New to You to set up a time for your appointment.

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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

Mrs. Roberts Russell and her daughter and husband of Floydada were here on Thursday to have lunch at The Hitchin' Post. Mrs. Ethel Smith of Ada, OK

attended services at the Methodist Church with her sister, Mrs. Callie Glesecke, Sunday.

Mrs. Cleo Watson, Monty Watson and Sherri Harris made a business trip to Lubbock, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Pug Mitchell of Paducah were here this past week to see his mother, Mrs. Vera Mitchell. They had been to California to see their sons.

Mrs. LaVoe Thacker had surgery at Lubbock on Monday.

Mr. Dean McInroe was conveyed to Lubbock Sunday by ambulance.

Mrs. Jill Duncan and Chelsea of Austin visited her mother, Mrs. Robena King, this past week.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

Are you crazy-busy, but not feeling fulfilled? Because you are alive, you are going to face problems, pain and disappointments. What will sustain you is your spirituality. I challenge you to start using your spiritual abilities for God's pleasures. May God bless you with a thankful Easter for God's given blessings.

HOMECOMING ASSN. MEETING

The Flomot Homecoming Association held a meeting Sunday afternoon at the Community Center. Donnie Rogers, president, presided at the business session for the 2005 Tri-Annual Homecoming.

Wilburn Martin was elected as chairman for the program, Glen Calvert, chairman of the meal and Mrs. Carolyn Johnson, chairman of the decorations and theme of the homecoming. Mrs. Mary Jo Calvert, secretary and treasurer, worked on the address and deceased list with the help of those attending.

Others attending were vice president, Donnie Cruse, Mrs. Ruth Lee, Mrs. Pam Morris, Mrs. Trula Martin, Mrs. Kathy Shorter, E.G. Reed, Joe Ike Clay, Donnie Turner and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Shannon.

GRANDCHILDREN AWARDED HONORS AND GRAND CHAMPION TROPHY AT HOUSTON LIVESTOCK SHOW

Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse was accompanied by daughter and family Derinda and Mark Patton, Teah, Tally, Thor, and Tory Ann of Happy to Houston where they attended the Houston Livestock Show this past week.

The family was elated when Tory Ann placed first in the Div. IV of the Medium Wool Sheep Competition and then her lamb being awarded Grand Champion in the final judging.

Her brother, Thor placed first in the Medium Wool Sheep Div. V of the show and though competing in the finals against his sister, Tory Ann, he was pleased she won the Grand Champion trophy. Both of them are members of the 4-H in Happy.

Mr. and Mrs. Travis Kendall visited from Friday until Sunday in Rush Springs, Oklahoma with her aunt, Mrs. Janelle Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Sperry, Blayne, Savannah and Gage and her father, Ken Pool of Fritch attended the Rattlesnake Roundup in Sweetwater last Sunday. They also enjoyed the Gun Show and the Arts and Craft Show.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ross visited

in Castroville from Tuesday until Thursday with son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Ross, Aleda Elaine, Megan, Clara, and Cheyenne. Visiting them Sunday were Joe Edd and Maurice Carson of Hale Center.

Mrs. Donna Sue Degan of Kalgary and Donnie Rogers of Flomot were luncheon guests Sunday in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers.

Mrs. Gwen Mandrell and daughter, Peyton visited Monday and Tuesday with her family, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert and Glen Calvert.

Mrs. Marilee Cooper of Borger visited Monday and Tuesday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin.

Mrs. Christl Milam and daughters, Emily and Haley of Petrolia visited from Thursday until Saturday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter and their houseguests, daughter and husband, Cindy and Chad Calvert of Bogota, Columbia.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey, Sunday were daughter and son, Mrs. Jackie Lynn Davis and Micheal of Fritch. Micheal got a mule here and he plans to train for shows.

Visiting during the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Bill D. Washington were Cory, Amy, Madison and Hudson Franks of Lubbock and Ty, Brittany and Tylee of Matador.

Leah Cruse of Canyon visited Friday night with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Cruse. Visiting them from Thursday until Sunday was their son, Derrick Cruse, a student at West Texas A&M University in Canyon.

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Kendall, Jere and Jacob visited from Thursday until Sunday in Clyde with her grandmother, Mrs. Ottlie Gray.

Arnold Johnson is on the sick list and is under medical treatment in Plainview.

Mr. and Mrs. James Gwinn, Danielle and Fannin joined Mr. and Mrs. Bob Fullingim of Harlingen, George Gwinn of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fullingim and children of Argyle in Port Mansfield and enjoyed the Spring Break holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin visited in Borger Saturday and Sunday with daughter and husband, Marille and Fred Cooper. They attended the Texoma Federal Credit Union stockholders annual meeting and dinner at the Frank Phillips College cafeteria in Borger Saturday night. Mr. and Mrs. Martin each won \$25 in drawing of names of money given.

Matador News

ATTEND TWC CONVENTION

Mrs. Wilda Dixon attended the executive committee Caprock District Texas Federation Womens' Club meeting Friday night held at the Courtyard by Mattiott in Lubbock. She attended the spring convention Saturday night of District Caprock Texas Federation Womens' Club held at the Science Spectrum in Lubbock.

Last Wednesday, she and husband, Spencer were in Lovington, N.M. and accompanied her mother, Mrs. Ted Hester to Lubbock, Thursday for a medical appointment. Friday night, they attended the stage performance, "Smokey Joe's Cafe" held at the College of Southwest in Hobbs, N.M. in which niece, Kristen Hester had a starring role. Saturday night they attended the Lovington High School Choral Dept. presentation of "Cinemagic" in which nephew, Christopher Hester was a featured vocalist.

Mr. and Mrs. Shannon Jameson and daughter Shanna Lou of Santa Fe, N.M. visited from Friday until Monday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H.R. "Skeet" Jameson.

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Obituaries

Joaquin Darsie Hays

Joaquin Darsie Hays, 72, of Oakley, California, formerly of Northfield, Texas, died Tuesday, March 8, 2005, in Martinez, California while at work. Mr. Hays was born in Northfield on October 26, 1933, to Delmont and Tinnie Maye Ring Hays. He attended elementary school in Northfield and was a member of the class of 1950 at Matador High School.

He married Elizabeth Easton on May 14, 1960, in Carson City, Nevada. He served in the United States Air Force for four years, and worked for Pacific Bell Telephone Company and AT&T in the San Fran-

cisco, California area until his retirement in 1985.

Hays is survived by his wife, Elizabeth of Oakley; a daughter, Janet Hays of Reno, Nevada; one sister, Jerry Wright and her husband, Bill, of Abilene, Texas; one brother, Vaden and his wife, Carrol of Matador, Texas; one sister-in-law, Sue Menez of Brentwood, California; two brothers-in-law, Kenny Menez of Oakley and Donald Menez of Redding California; numerous nieces and nephews as well as several great nieces and nephews; and several cousins. The remains were cremated. No memorial service was held.

Note of Thanks

Once again we are blessed to live in Matador. We would like to thank everyone who brought food to our home and the church dinner. The flowers, cards, donations, visits and prayers were greatly appreciated. Christine was so blessed to have such good help from the home health nurses, Kim Woolsey, Dianna Meyer and Jo Sandlin. A special thank you to the First State Bank employees for being so thoughtful and understanding to Pat. Thanks to Pat Seigler and Nathan Shannon for all their help through this difficult time.

John Briscoe
Pat Warren
Jane & Maurice Clifton

I want to thank everyone for the cards and calls and prayers while I was in BSA and Rehab. They meant so much to me. I'm home and doing real good. I have a ways to go, but with everyone's friendship I will make it. A special thanks to my family for being there for me.

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Senior Notes

By Tommie Keith, Director

The Center has received memorials from Joyce Campbell in memory of Pansy Spray and a memorial from L.D. (Smoky) and Virginia Martin in memory of Julie Belle Martin. Ruby Hipp gave a memorial in memory of Don Warren. Marshall Brothers, Rusty Birchfield, Geraldine & Ellis Key and Ronnie and Karen Davis gave memorials in memory of Christine Briscoe. We thank you all so very much for the memorials.

The building construction is coming along, if they would come down and work they could get it finished. My son, Tye, said they wrote a song for me, don't

know the name of it, but it says something about, "I'm always in a hurry to get things done, I work and work til life's no fun." Oh well, wish they would put just a little hurry to it. It has to be completed by May 2. Promise I will stay sorta patient till then. Tye's wrong I have a great day everyday.

The exercise is still going great. If you are procrastinating about joining us stop and come on down, it's fun and good for you.

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FARM & RANCH NEWS



FARM SERVICE AGENCY NEWS

By John Bird, Motley County CED

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By the Secretary of Agriculture of the United States of America

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS the Nation recognizes the outstanding contributions of the men and women of agriculture; and WHEREAS the United States Department of Agriculture seeks to promote an understanding of America's agricultural industry; and

WHEREAS American agriculture helps feed the world, fuels our Nation's economy, and is the largest positive contributor to our Nation's net trade balance; and

WHEREAS the United States exports about one-fifth of its agricultural production, with agricultural exports reaching \$62 billion in 2004, and each farming export dollar generates another \$1.48 in support activities; and

WHEREAS agricultural exports inject nearly \$133 billion into the national economy and support jobs for three-quarters of a million Americans; and

WHEREAS agriculture provides 24 million jobs throughout the farm and food industry, including employment for farmers, farm workers, scientists, processors, shippers, and retailers; and WHEREAS the stewardship of America's farmers and ranchers ensures a sustainable resource base for future generations; and

WHEREAS American farmers and ranchers uphold the rural character of the Nation as they provide the most abundant and most affordable food and fiber supply in the world; and

WHEREAS American agriculture builds on centuries of progress by constantly seeking advances in science, research, technology, production, and marketing to meet the demands of changing consumer needs and complex world markets; and

WHEREAS the agricultural community engages tens of thousands of volunteers and organizations to help educate students the importance of agricultural in modern-day America through agricultural literacy efforts;

NOW, THEREFORE, in recognition of the preeminent role that agriculture plays in the daily lives of every American, in acknowledgment of the future progress and prosperity of the Nation's economy, and in appreciation of farmers and ranchers across the Nation, I, Mike Johanns, Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture, do hereby proclaim the week of March 20-26, 2005, as National Agriculture Week and recognize March 20, 2005, as National Agriculture Day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 14th day of March 2005, the two hundred twenty-ninth year of the Independence of the United States of America.

MIKE JOHANNS
Secretary

COUNTY AGENT'S NEWS

BY ERIC LEWIS, MOTLEY COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT

CALF SCOURS: CAUSES, PREVENTION, AND TREATMENT

Scours or calf diarrhea causes more financial loss to cow-calf producers than any other disease related problem. Diarrheas occur when the intestine fails to absorb fluids and secretions into the intestine is increased. Thus calf-scours is not a disease, but a clinical sign of disease.

A calf is 70% water at birth and loss of this fluid and electrolytes through diarrhea causes rapid dehydration. Clinical signs of dehydration include: depression, sunken eyes, dry skin, and the animal will be unable to stand. Death is the result if these losses are not stopped. The age of the calf and the agent causing the diarrhea are two points necessary to consider when treating the animal.

Viral Scours:

Rotavirus, Coronavirus, and Bovine Viral Diarrhea.

Rotavirus: A virus that causes scours in calves within 24 hours of birth. After introduction into the herd, it can cause infection in calves up to 30 days of age or older. Signs of this type include severe depression, drooling, profuse watery diarrhea, and loss of appetite. The discharge will vary in color from yellow to green. Death rates associated with this type of scours may be as high as 50% if not treated.

Coronavirus: Scours occur in calves over 5 days old and up to 6 weeks old after it has been introduced into the herd. Calves infected with this type of bacteria are not as depressed as those with rotavirus. Beginning fecal discharge may resemble that of rotavirus but after several hours the discharge may contain a clear mucus that resembles an egg white.

Diagnosis of both the rotavirus and Coronavirus can only be made by laboratory test. Vaccines are available to treat these types of scours. Vaccines can be administered in two ways: orally to the calf, or as a vaccination to the pregnant cow. When giving to pregnant females the first dose should be given six to twelve weeks before calving and the last as close to calving as possible. The next year the cows are given a booster just before calving. The calves receive the vaccine through colostrum.

Bovine Virus Diarrhea: Diarrhea occurs 2 to 3 days after exposure and may last for a lengthy period of time. Ulcers

on the tongue, lips and in the mouth resembling those usually found in yearling animals affected with bovine virus diarrhea are often present in infected animals. This type of diarrhea is controlled by vaccinating all replacement heifers one to two months before breeding.

Bacterial Scours: *Escherichia coli (E-coli)*, *Salmonella*, and *Enterotoxemia*: *Escherichia coli*: Characterized by diarrhea and progressive dehydration. Death can occur before diarrhea develops. Fecal color and consistency are of little value in diagnosing this type. Diagnosis is done by taking a culture of the internal organs and checking for bacteria. Control can be difficult in a severe outbreak.

Salmonella: There are more than 1000 types of salmonella, all of which can potentially cause disease. Infection occurs at six days of age or older. Sources of infection include: other cattle, birds, cats, rodents, water supply, and humans. Clinical signs include: diarrhea, blood and fibrin in the feces, depression and elevated temperatures. Animals should be isolated from the herd and undergo a bacteriologic sensitivity test to determine what antibiotic to use in treatment.

Enterotoxemia: Highly fatal to young calves. It is caused by toxins produced by *Clostridium perfringens* organisms. There are 6 types of *Clostridium perfringens* of which B, C, and D are the most important in calves. Enterotoxemia is characterized with a sudden onset of symptoms including: listlessness, uneasiness, and strain or kick at the abdomen. It is usually associated with a change in weather, change in feed, or management decisions that cause the calf to be unable to nurse for a long period of time.

Other Causes: Other types of causes in calves are also possible. They include Coccidiosis: caused by a parasite in the intestinal tract; Cryptosporidium: caused by a protozoan parasite smaller than coccidia, and Nutritional Scours.

Treatment: Treatment is similar regardless of the cause. Treatment should be directed at counterbalancing the dehydration, and electrolyte loss. Antibiotic treatment can be given along with the dehydration treatments. Treatments consists of electrolyte powders and fluids administered every 3 to 4 hours.

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By Ace Reid



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	Sunday Mostly Sunny High: 67 Low: 41
	Monday Mostly Sunny High: 65 Low: 39
	Tuesday Partly Cloudy High: 66 Low: 43
	Wednesday Partly Cloudy High: 71 Low: 47

In-Depth Forecast

Today we will see partly cloudy skies with a high temperature of 73°. The record high temperature for today is 85° set in 1959. Friday, skies will remain partly cloudy in the morning and afternoon with mostly clear skies in the evening, high temperature of 70°.

Moon Phases

Full	Last	New	First
3/25	4/1	4/8	4/16

Last Week's Local Almanac

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
Saturday	89	46	65/38	0.00"	0.36"
Sunday	59	39	65/38	0.00"	0.32"
Monday	52	40	66/39	0.02"	+0.04"
Tuesday	45	34	66/39	0.29"	48.6°
Wednesday	50	33	66/39	0.04"	52.3°
Thursday	67	29	67/39	0.01"	-3.7°
Friday	68	45	67/40	0.00"	

Data as reported from Childress, Texas

Weather History

March 24, 1989 - Low pressure off the coast of Virginia brought heavy rain to the mid-Atlantic Coast states and heavy snow to the northern Appalachians. Cape Hatteras, N.C. was soaked with 5.2 inches of rain in 24 hours, and snowfall totals in Vermont ranged up to 12 inches.

Sun & Moon Times

Sunrise today	6:41 a.m.
Sunset tonight	6:58 p.m.
Moonrise today	6:04 p.m.
Moonset today	6:16 a.m.

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