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Chamber will welcome new county residents

The Motley County Chamber of Commerce will welcome new residents to the county with a meet and greet reception at the Library, Tuesday, March 21 at 5:30 p.m.

The 'Welcome to the County Bash' will honor newcomers by presenting them with a gift basket to make their transition to the county easier.

If you've recently moved to Motley County for the first time, or if you've come home after living away from this area, you are welcome to attend.

County residents are asked to come and meet and greet these newcomers and make them feel welcome as they experience some good old Motley County hospitality. Refreshments will be served.

For more information contact Chamber president, Annette Hollinsworth, 347-2388.

Commissioners remind residents that County fire ban is still in effect

Motley County is still under a burn ban. Commissioners' Court reminds the community of the extreme danger of fires that exist in our county and elsewhere. Violations are a class C misdemeanor and citations will be issued for violating this ordinance.

The Court met for their regular meeting, Monday, March 13. Members of the court present were County Judge Ed D. Smith; Commissioners, Ronnie Davis, Precinct 1, Donnie Turner, Precinct 2, Franklin Jameson, Precinct 3, Russell Alexander, Precinct 4; County Clerk, Kate Hurt. Also in attendance were County Attorney Tom Edwards, and Sheriff Jim Meador.

Mrs. Hurt read the minutes from the previous meeting. Outstanding bills were reviewed, as well as reports by the Treasurer, Tax-Collector, Justice of the Peace, Library and County Agent. Judge Smith presented reports submitted by Marisue Powell for the Motley County Historical Commission and Sheriff Jim Meador for the Racial Profiling Report for Motley

County. Commissioners approved payment of all bills and all reports.

Judge Smith informed the court the Judges and Commissioners Association dues went from \$700 yearly to \$1,000. Commissioners approved the transfer of \$300 from the Insurance Risk Management Line item to the Judges and Commissioners line item to cover the increase.

The County has received the funds from the State of Texas to make payment to Hart Intercivic for the purchase of seven electronic voting machines in the amount of \$77,890.00.

The 79th Legislative Session amended section 61.005 and added section 61.0015 to the Government Code to increase juror compensation and set out the state's reimbursement to counties for juror compensation. The legislation took effect on January 1. The Government Code amendments increase jury pay of a grand juror or petit juror from \$6.00 to \$40.00 per day after the first day of service.

The state shall reimburse the county \$34.00 per day after the first day. Judge Smith made the motion to adopt a court order to pay \$6.00 to a Grand Juror or

Petit Juror for the first day of service and then \$40.00 per day for every juror or perspective juror from the second day forward. The court approved.

Superintendent will speak to Motley County parents

Randy Brown, Superintendent of the Motley County Independent School District, will speak to the Motley County Parent Club on Monday, March 20 at 5:00 p.m. Mr. Brown will give a presentation titled "Facts, Figures, and Future of Motley County I.S.D." Parents will

learn about student performance, enrollment trends, the financial shape of the district, and new programs planned for next year such as dual-credit courses. The meeting will be held in the school cafeteria. All parents and the public are encouraged to attend.

Parent Support Meeting set for March 23rd

Motley County ISD will hold a Parent Support Meeting, Thursday, March 23, at 2:30 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room.

program. He is sponsored by Managed Care Center in Crosbyton.

Refreshments and a door prize will be provided.

Odie Navarro, Prevention Specialist and All-Stars Curriculum facilitator will present the

Call Rolling Plains SSA, Matador, 347-2663 for more information.

Filing date closes with incumbents and new candidates in the race

The filing date is over and the candidates are set for the upcoming May 13 municipal elections. The last day to file for a spot on the ballot was Monday, March 13. When the day was over the following candidates had put their names on the list:

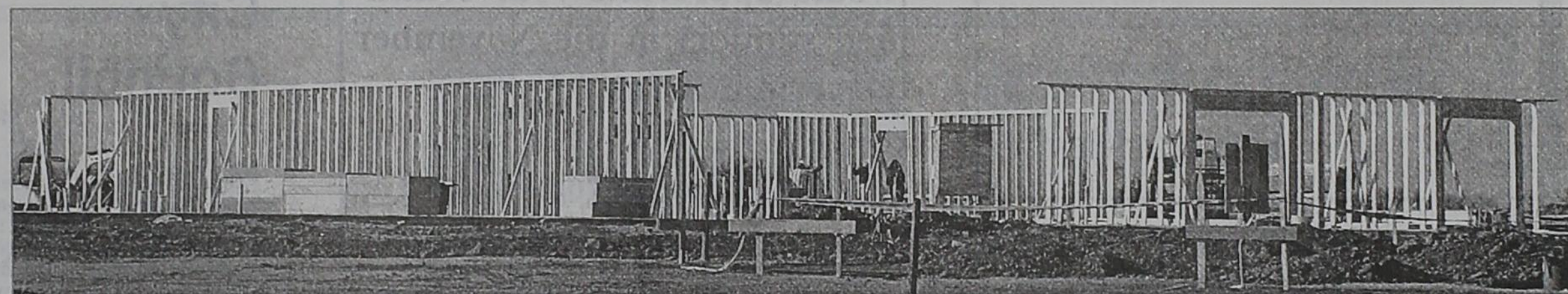
Hospital Board, with three places open, incumbents C.W. Moore, Ken Abbott and Diane Washington.

Motley County School Board, two places open, incumbents Shane Jones and Pat Seigler; Terry Simpson and Stan Hanesworth.

City of Roaring Springs, Mayor, incumbent Corky Marshall; City Council, two places, incumbents Kelly Keltz and Gary Simpson.

bent Ted Davey, Kim Fletcher and Lewis Drum.

City of Matador, Mayor, Howard Martin, Pat Smith and Paul L. Westbrook; City Council, two places open, incumbents



THE WALLS ARE GOING UP — Progress is clearly seen at the Hackberry Creek Care Center site, as the walls were framed and put up Tuesday afternoon.

Matador City Council met March 9th

The Matador City Council met Thursday, March 9 for their regular meeting. Attending the meeting were Council members, Bert Darsey, Chuck Ream, Lara Davey and Pat Seigler; Water Superintendent, Steve Barton; City Secretary, Debra Scott and Asst. Secretary, Wendi Taylor.

Lara Davey conducted the meeting due to the absence of Mayor Pro Tem, Shane Jones. No one participated in open forum.

After reading and reviewing the minutes for February 9, Council asked that one correction be made to the dates of termination for Casey Lawrence. This was approved. The minutes of the February 20 meeting were also approved, as well as the minutes of March 6.

Council approved payment of bills.

The specifications for a Track Loader were approved for publication. The specs will be published and bids will be accepted.

The Council discussed repairs needed to the Water Tower. It was approved to request bids for the repair.

Council talked with Steve Barton about the need to purchase a new or used tractor for mowing. Mr. Barton said he did not feel the tractor would make it another summer. Council approved to publish the specifications needed to fit the requirements and review the bids, to

give the Council an idea of the cost to be considered.

After careful review of the proposed budget, Council approved to publish a notice of a Public Meeting to be held March 21 at 6:30 at City Hall, followed by a Special Council meeting to approve the 06-07 budget.

The Council approved the use of the Election Judge selected by the School for the May 13 City Election.

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Ladies Golf Association will hold first meeting of the season

The Ladies Golf Association will hold their first meeting of season with a meeting at The Hitchin' Post Restaurant in Roaring Springs, Thursday, April 6, at 12:00 noon. The menu will be the chicken buffet.

Anyone who would like to join the group for lots of golf and fun are welcome to attend.

A 2-Lady Scramble will be held following the meeting and meal, weather permitting.

Panhandle wildfires burn 750,000 acres Matador VFD responds to local fire calls

Gov. Rick Perry announced on Tuesday that he directed additional state resources to fight the deadly Panhandle wildfires, which have burned nearly 750,000 total acres and claimed 11 lives since Sunday. On Tuesday, six fires were burning in the region.

"Right now we are focused on containing the blazes, with heavy dozer crews on the ground and heavy air tankers dropping fire retardant," Perry said. "We are also pre-positioning assets in preparation for the next 48 hours by bringing manpower and equipment from less threatened areas to high threat areas. We are using the largest air tankers available in the nation in this effort, and I have activated available air assets from the Texas Army National Guard - two CH-47 Chinook helicopters and two UH-60 helicopters - to fight these wildfires."

Luckily Motley County has been spared the devastation of such fires, but the Matador Fire Department has been busy answering calls, and responded to three incidents during the week of March 6 through March 12.

The first call on Monday, March 6, was to a Freightliner semi-tractor trailer at the roadside park east. The tractor-trailer was hauling cotton bales when the rear trailer breaks caught fire from over heating. The driver pulled into the park and disconnected the trailer. The Matador VFD extinguished the fire quickly with minimal



SCORCHED LAND — Blackbirds fly over scorched land near Whiteflat as if surveying the damage after a fire. As seen in this photo, the fence was heavily damaged and the land was scorched after the fire jumped the road from burning hay bales, Sunday. Residents are reminded that a fire burn remains in effect.

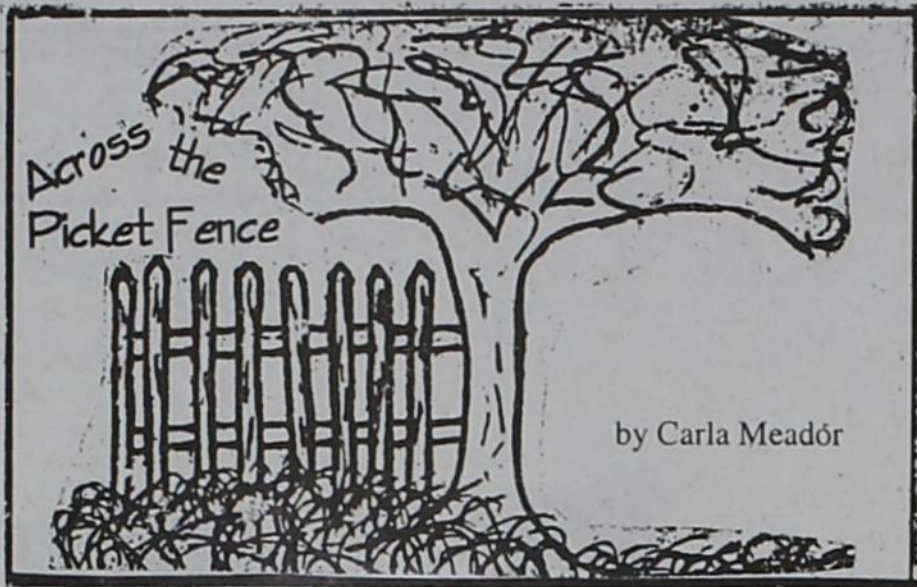
damage.

The second call came on Sunday, March 12, at approximately 12:45 p.m. to the Whiteflat area where round

bales of hay were on fire and adjacent grass had also ignited. The fire was constrained to about ten acres. The suspected cause was unauthorized burn-

ing from the preceding day. The department was on the scene for about two hours.

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With tax time here, I thought this would be interesting to share. I can't remember who gave this to me, but I never realized there were so many taxes, or I just never thought about it. What a list!

TAXES:
 Accounts Receivable, Tax Building, Permit Tax, Capital Gains Tax, CDL License Tax, Cigarette Tax, Corporate Income Tax, Court Fines (indirect taxes), Dog License Tax, Federal Income Tax, Federal Unemployment Tax, Fishing License Tax, Food License Tax, Inheritance Tax, Interest expense (tax on the money, Inventory Tax, IRS Interest Charges (tax on top of tax), IRS Penalties (tax on top of tax), Liquor Tax, Local Income Tax, Luxury Taxes, Marriage License Tax, Medicare Tax, Property Tax, Real Estate Tax, Septic Permit Tax, Service Charge Taxes, Social Security Tax, Road Usage Taxes (Truckers), Sales Tax, Recreational Vehicle Tax, Road Toll Booth Taxes, School Tax, State Income Tax, State Unemployment Tax, (SUTA), Telephone federal excise tax, Telephone federal universal service fee tax, Telephone federal, state and local surcharge taxes, Telephone minimum usage surcharge tax, Telephone recurring and non-recurring charges tax, Telephone state and local tax, Telephone usage charge tax, Toll Bridge Taxes, Toll tunnel Taxes, Traffic Fines (indirect taxation), Trailer Registration Tax, Utility Taxes, Vehicle License Registration Tax, Vehicle Sales Tax, Watercraft Registration Tax, Well Permit Tax, Workers Compensation Tax.

Whew!! Not one of these taxes existed 100 years ago and our nation was the most prosperous in the world, had absolutely no national debt, had the largest middle class in the world and Mom stayed home to raise the kids. What happened?

Look Who's New!

Viola Tinley Slover

Steven and Miranda Slover of Lubbock announce the arrival of their daughter, Viola Tinley. She was born February 27, 2006, at Covenant Lakeside in Lubbock. She weighed eight pounds and eight ounces and was twenty-two inches long.

Welcoming the new arrival are grandparents, Johnny and Tammy Palmer of Lubbock, Kenneth and Rhonda Burns, Paducah; and great-grandparents, T and Bobbie Gilbert, Paducah, and Zella Palmer, Roaring Springs.

Motley County Chamber News & Views

by Marie-Louise Liebe-Harkort

Consider:
 My mother used to say that there are no strangers, only friends you haven't met yet.

- Dame Edna Everage

Why ask the Newcomers to Motley County to come to the Library on Tuesday, March 21st, at 5:30 for a Welcome to the County Bash?

Why ask the long time residents to come and meet the Newcomers?

Simple. It is the chance for everyone to start to get to know each other.

In the bustle of everyday living, there is too seldom the chance to talk to new people if we don't make the extra effort to make time for it. And without the chance to begin to talk to others, there is no way for friendship to be born.

Moving to a new community is not easy. The logistics make the mind boggle.

But more than that, there is the apprehension of what you will find in the new community, because living in a new community

is much more than having a house, transportation and the necessary shops. What makes a community a home are the friendships that develop. And they can only develop when you have a chance to find out who the people are.

Lots of new people have moved in to Motley County in the past year. Who are they? What do they like to do? What interests do you share with them? What new talents do they bring to our communities? The only way we are going to find out is to get together with them, talk to them, and find out for ourselves.

So come one, come all! The Newcomers will be treated to some presents geared to making their transition easier. And all will find delicious goodies to eat and drink.

So the Chamber of Commerce looks forward to seeing you all at the Library on this coming Tuesday afternoon at 5:30 p.m. - that's the 21st of March. We will eat, drink and be merry, and start making new friends.

Fairways & Rough

by Geneva

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The Ladies Golf Association will meet at The Hitchin' Post Restaurant in Roaring Springs, Thursday, April 6, at 12:00 noon. The menu will be the chicken buffet.

Anyone who would like to join our group for lots of golf and fun are welcome to attend.

We will have a 2-Lady Scramble following the meeting and meal, weather permitting. See you there.

Thank You

Thank you Wylie L.P. Gas, Inc. for your donation of bottled water, and Lowe's for your donation of hamburger buns for the dirt bike race. Hackberry Creek Care Center greatly appreciates your contribution to making our concession stand a success. Motley County Chamber of Commerce also appreciates the donation of bottled water by Wylie LP for the rider's goodie bags. Businesses like yours are a great benefit to our community. Hats off to you.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Grand Prix dirt bike race. It was a great success and it couldn't have happened without you.

Motley County Chamber of Commerce

Thanks to all the wonderful cooks in Motley County who donated homemade goodies for the Hackberry Creek Care Center concession stand. Thanks also to the concession stand workers. Your hard work was greatly appreciated. Thanks to all of the donations and the hard work the concession stand made a profit of \$1,216.50.

Hackberry Creek Care Center

I would like to thank the voters of Motley County for your confidence and support in the recent primary election, as your Justice of the Peace. I would appreciate your continued support in the November General Election.

Thank you,
 Cora M. Smallwood

I would like to thank the voters of Motley County, who, in the recent primary elections, expressed their support and their confidence in me in performing the duties of Motley County Treasurer.

Eva Barkley

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New to You



"Called Christians"



In the Book of Acts, Luke reminds us that "the disciples were called Christians first at Antioch" (Acts 11:26). There was a reason for that. The disciples were not part of society that characterized weird behavior; but rather their behavior was based upon an internal motivation. That motivation was their belief and steadfast conviction that Jesus was raised from the dead. Therefore, He was their Lord and Savior and they had given their lives to being identified with Him.

It was not the church's idea at Antioch to so identify themselves as "Christians." It was the people in Antioch that recognized their behavior as being Christ-like. They then used the name to refer to all those who "belonged to" or were "a part of" Christ. That is what the "ian" means when attached to the word "Christ."

The name is really a great compliment. The people of Antioch called it like they saw it. The disciples at Antioch were identified as a people who talked and lived like Christ Jesus.

Here is our point: People will identify us today and characterize us based on the behavior which they see modeled in our daily lives.

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Women's Conference to be held in Plainview

Area women searching for ways to minister in their community are invited to be a part of the "No Matter What" Women's Conference at Trinity Fellowship Church in Plainview, Friday night and Saturday morning, March 24-25.

Guest speaker, Pastor Becky Fender, will also minister to the women through song. As Director of Music at Livingway Church in San Antonio (where her husband, Steve, pastors), Becky is the praise leader for all services. She is also the founder of the Living Praise Choir.

In 1982, The Lord began to call Becky to be a teacher of his Word. She founded "Lively Ladies of Light," Livingway's ministry to women. In the past few years, she has ministered around the world, not only in song, but also in the word. She has a heart to minister to women and has been featured as soloist and special speaker at numerous women's conventions.

Singing since the age of 3 at

camp meetings, and later revivals and conventions, Becky has written many of her own songs. She has been featured on TBN and PTL.

The conference will focus on women's responsibilities as they relate to their positions in homes, their community, their jobs and church.

"I believe to whom much is given, much is required," said Becky. "My greatest desire is to share the love and joy that comes from really knowing Jesus."

The cost of the conference is \$10, payable at the door.

The conference kicks off Friday night at 7:00 p.m., March 23. Saturday morning from 8:45 a.m. to 9:45 a.m., a Continental Breakfast will be served, followed by the final day of the conference. Saturday's conference should be over by 12:00 noon.

For more information, call 293-4154 and ask for Naomi.

Trinity Fellowship Church is located on the access road on I-27, at I-27 and S.W. 3rd in Plainview.

The County Clerk's Office would like to thank each poll worker for helping conduct the March 7, 2006, Primary Election. Your help with implementing the new electronic voting system was a big responsibility, the county is fortunate to have you.

You make our job conducting the elections possible, we could not do it without your help.

Motley County Clerk's Office
 Kate Hurt & D'Anna Russell

I would like to express my sincere thanks to everyone who voted in the recent Primary Election. I truly appreciate your vote and support.

Thank you,
 Kate Hurt
 District and County Clerk

City Council

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Council went into closed session for personnel issues at 7:56 p.m. and reconvened at 8:18 p.m. Council accepted the review presented by Steve Barton on Roy Moreno. The review stated that Mr. Barton feels like Roy is doing a superior job for the City.

Council noted that Robert Osborn has agreed to serve as Assistant Water Superintendent for the City of Matador. Mr. Barton has submitted the necessary documentation to TCEQ to keep in compliance.

Council requested Mr. Barton continue to use part time help until budget issues can be resolved, and to pay Mr. Barton up to 10 hours per week of overtime, at time and a half, while he remains without a full time assistant.

Council asked that personnel reviews and salary raises be put on the agenda for the April 13 Council meeting.

Easter is right around the corner... April 16th!

and the **EASTER BUNNY** has been leaving his goodies at **Matador Variety**



Everything you need for your Easter Basket!

BILL SMITH

To the Citizens of the 110th Judicial District:

Thank you for your support in the primary election on March 7th. My family and I are overwhelmed and humbled by the huge turnout and for each and every individual vote.

Sincerely,

News around the County

Roaring Springs News

by Monta Marshall

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD MEETS

Members of the Roaring Springs Wesleyan Service Guild met March 1, 2006, at the FUMC in Roaring Springs. President Debbie Martin directed the business meeting. The devotional was given by Chelsea Read. Jane H. King gave the program on the Christian year with special readings for Ash Wednesday. Donald Letkeman furnished refreshments which included a salad made with fruit which she had harvested in Canada.

Others attending were Callie Giesecke and Lea Peacock.

At the March 15 meeting, Chelsea Read will be teaching on Lent and Easter. Women wishing more information about upcoming studies should contact Debbie Martin at 347-2143.

Yean, it's Spring Break! For some of the adults though it is DEAD WEEK because it is almost income tax time. This is not my favorite pastime but it seems it takes a good bit of my time. At least my desk will get a good cleaning and that is a "good thing" as Martha Stewart says.

Both the Methodist Church and the Baptist Church had visiting ministers filling the pulpit. Rusty Ingram came to fill in at the Methodist Church. His wife accompanied him. They were from Plainview. Ed Clark preached at the Baptist Church. His wife Emily accompanied him. They were also from Plainview. Brother Clark has been in the mission field and has been to Siberia and the Ukraine. He was a very interesting speaker. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Trammell and Mr. and Mrs. Corky Marshall had lunch with them at the Roaring Springs Cafe. We enjoyed having them come to speak to us.

Zella Palmer attended a birthday dinner Sunday for her son Johnny. Her daughter-in-law, Tammy cooked the dinner. Attending the birthday dinner in addition to Zella were Miranda, Steven and Tinley Slover of Lubbock; Scotty, Nesa and Seth Palmer of McAdoo; Jennifer, James, Dylan and Ty Adams, also of Lubbock. Zella said the

wind blew her home but she did not see the smoke from any of the wildfires.

Kenneth Ashley has been back in the hospital. After three days he was able to return to the assisted living home where he has resided most of this last year in Temecula, California. I miss Kenneth; I often visited with him when he would be out walking.

Kelly Groves was a guest in the hotel Sunday and Monday. She came to visit her grandmother, Rita Groves.

The Daniells have had two grandchildren and one great grandchild visiting. Anna Daniell is here during Spring Break. Their grandson, Brad and his little girl Alexis are also visiting Glennard and Edith.

Devonne Dillard and Dana Graham took their grandson, Jaden Rieger to Wichita Falls to spend some time with his dad, Jared Rieger, his uncle Joel and his grandfather, Bruce Rieger.

Joyce Smith was released from the hospital. She is staying at Garrison House at 3170 4th Street, Lubbock, TX 79415, to undergo rehab treatments and to gain some strength.

LaVoe Thacker is at home and is doing better. We are encouraged that Joyce and LaVoe are both improving.

Joyce Meredith accompanied her daughter, Carla Meador to Lubbock on Friday for appointments and then visited her grandson, Jeremy, Whitney and great-grandchildren, Morgan and Judson. Morgan and Judson accompanied them home to visit with their grandparents, Carla and Jim Meador in Matador for the weekend.

Alex and Jo Crowder are helping their daughter, Denisa, move from Iraan, Tx to Dalhart, Tx. She will be working with the EMT there.

Several people here have had family members affected by the wildfires over the weekend. Pearl Patten's son, Buddy Allen, who lives in Pampa was away from home and was not allowed to return because of the fires. His sons loaded what they could of Buddy's household goods and took them to Panhandle. Another son, Willie Palmer lives in

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

Some women recently enjoyed dinner at an out of town Mexican restaurant. After the particularly spicy repast, one of the ladies stood up and asked her friends with her, "Shall we charge this to Visa, Master Card or Medicare?"

VACATION TRIP

Mrs. Beverly Vinson returned home Wednesday, March 8 from a thirteen day vacation trip to California.

She was a guest in the home of her sister and husband, Betty and L.K. Schroeder of Santa Ana. She also visited in Sacramento with ex college roommate, Mrs. Gerry Davis and her son and wife, Rick and Myra Davis.

Highlight of the trip was attending a maternal reunion, relatives of their late mother. Mrs. Esther Silzle Gray, held in San Juan Capistrano. Betty and Beverly made a nostalgic trip to Coalinga where they both were born. The once Shell Oil Fields located here was where their father worked. They toured Santa Barbara and the California coastline before returning to Santa Ana.

Beverly made the trip from Preston Smith Airport in Lubbock.

FIRE IN WHITEFLAT

The Matador Fire Department responded to a fire west of the old Whiteflat School Sunday afternoon and got it under control before too much damage or covered many acres. Baled feed, fences and grassland was lost on the James Gwinn and Billy Paul Simpson land.

Cara Franks, her uncle and wife, Tim and Deana Washington of Roaring Springs enjoyed the cutting horse event held

Roaring Springs News

Lovington, NM. The fire was not near enough Lovington to require them to evacuate. Let's remember to be extra careful. It could happen here.

On Monday, Pearl accompanied her daughter Jo Ann to Lubbock for an appointment with her eye doctor.

during the weekend at the Moorehouse Ranch in Guthrie.

Kendall Hughes, daughter of Rickey and Tasha Hughes of Floydada, visited Wednesday and Thursday with grandparents, Janice and Butch Hughes.

Visiting the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Coy Franks were Cory and Amy Franks, Madison and Hudson, Cary Franks and Anissa Hucker of Lubbock.

Jere Banewski of Spring arrived Monday to visit the week with Mr. and Mrs. Tim Kendall, Jere and Jacob and Mr. and Mrs. Travis Kendall.

Mrs. James Gwinn and Danielle visited in Turkey, Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse, grandmother, Mrs. Dona Browning and weekend houseguests, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Clifton of Cisco.

Jack Starkey, who had knee surgery Monday at the Veteran's Hospital in Amarillo, was accompanied home Friday by his daughters, Mrs. Jackie Lynn Davis of Fritch and Mrs. Bessie Reid of Amarillo. They returned to their respective homes Saturday.

Visiting overnight Saturday with Cally and Will Sperry and children were Kip and Joy Pool of Lubbock, Ken Pool of Fritch, Kelby and Pecos Williams of Flomot. They all enjoyed attending the Rattlesnake Roundup in Sweetwater, Sunday.

Lynn and Judy Stark visited overnight Monday, March 13, in Abilene with son and wife, Capt. Wes and Erin Stark, who is stationed at Dyess Air Force Base. They continued to Austin to visit this week with daughter, Mindy Stark, who had dental surgery.

Weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert and Glen Calvert were Gwen and Tim Mandrell and daughter, Peyton of Lubbock.

Thank you
for reading the
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Matador News

by Earlyne Jameson

Mrs. JoEtta Bumgardner is in Wichita, Kansas with son, Joe Dean, who had back surgery, Friday, March 10.

Visiting during Spring holidays with Mr. and Mrs. C.D. Garrison was son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dickie Garrison and daughter Brook of Red Rock.

Stanley Martin and daughter Ginger of Andrews accompanied his mother Mrs. Dorothy Meador to her home here for a few days visit.

Mrs. Sylvia Lee Martin suffered four broken ribs following an accident in her home. She received medical care in Lubbock and is now at home recovering.

Shane and Jerry Jones were in Portland from Tuesday until Monday, March 7-13 to be with daughter and family, Lisa

and Noel Guerrero, Stormy, Noah and Addie. Addie had heart surgery and is reported to be recovering just fine.

Mrs. Betty June Osborn was in Lockney the past week for medical and rehabilitation treatment for her back problems. She returned home Saturday.

Mrs. Caron Perkins of Snyder and Mrs. Linda Roy of Weatherford are visiting during the spring holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John M. "Sonny" Russell.

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Dixon visited recently in Lovington, N.M. and celebrated the birthday of her mother, Mrs. Ted Hester.

Colton Russell, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Douglas Russell, had a tonsillectomy in Lubbock the past week.

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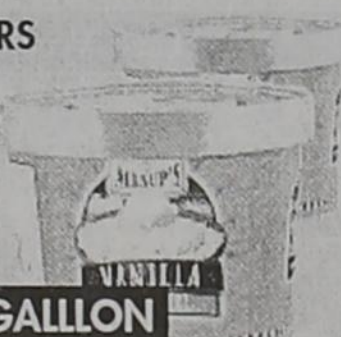
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Fewer restrictions will lead to new advancements in transgenic crops

by Blair Fannin
Texas A&M University

College Station -- Less regulation will allow public entities, including universities, to pursue more transgenic crop research, which will help reduce the number of diseases found in plants, a researcher said Wednesday.

"The impact of regulatory costs on getting a transgenic crop to the field and commercialized is very high," said Dr. Roger Beachy, president of the Danforth Plant Science Center.

With commercialization costs of \$1 million to \$50 million, most research investment is spent on high-return crops, such as cotton, corn and soybeans, Beachy said.

"But the small crops that are important to Texas and California, like vegetables, they are mostly locally-grown produce and are inaccessible," he said.

Beachy was the keynote speaker at the Molecular and Environmental Plant Sciences Symposium at Texas A&M University.

This high cost for commercialization "prices us from participating in this sector," Beachy said. This means bacterial diseases and fungi on smaller-return crops will continue to be treated by chemical pesticides.

"We are being hamstrung, I think, by current policies on regulation and the cost that regulation imposes," he said. "Don't get me wrong, regulation is important, but let's do it with the sense of what agriculture is

and can be, and how biotechnology can plan an important role.

"We don't want to expose the public to danger; that's not my point. My point is there are some things out there that we know are safe... these are genes moved from one plant to another plant. There's a great opportunity for plant biologists and biotechnologists such as those within the Texas A&M University System to contribute."

Beachy, who in the 1980s pioneered the development of virus-resistance in plants through the use of transgenic technology, continues to examine protein movement in tobacco mosaic virus.

Another area of his research is mechanisms which express viral coat proteins responsible for disease-resistance in transgenic plants.

His discoveries in the 1980s were part of an effort to combat tobacco streak virus in India's transgenic groundnuts. The disease has also affected cotton, marigolds, okra and sunflowers, he said.

"It looks like this 20-year-old technology will be useful in India, and it does it in a setting where it will affect up to 20 million farmers," he said.

Beachy said his approach to studying viruses transmitted in transgenic plants is to fully understand what the pathogen does.

"Otherwise, you're taking a shotgun approach," he said.

Farm Service Agency News

by John Bird, CED

FSA ACCEPTING EMERGENCY LOAN APPLICATION

Hall and Motley Counties were declared eligible for Farm Service Agency (FSA) disaster emergency loans on March 7, 2006.

Generally, that means farmers who have lost at least 30 percent of their production due to severe drought conditions, above normal temperatures, and an extremely high number of wildfires on April 1, 2005, and continuing. Proceeds from crop insurance are taken into account when determining eligibility.

FSA Farm Loan Manager, Larry Goetz, is urging farmers who are interested in receiving an emergency loan to get their applications into FSA as soon as possible. Goetz said, "We hope farmers will get their applications in early rather than waiting until near the deadline which is November 7, 2006, for production and physical losses. The longer they wait, the more chance there is for long delays. If the applications come in early, we can avoid backlogs and speed up the process."

The FSA offices are located at 1002 W. Noel St. in Memphis and 700 Dundee St. in Matador. The Memphis telephone number is 806-259-3579 and the Matador number is 806-347-2671.

PROVIDING INFORMATION TO INSURANCE COMPANIES

FSA Offices are now required to give acreage reports and maps to the producers rather than to an insurance company. Only in cases where a claim has been filed and an adjuster requests information

may we provide it. Producers will then supply their agents with the needed information.

NEW LDP FORM CCC-633 EZ

There is a new form, the CCC-633 EZ, for requesting loan deficiency payments. The new form is designed to simplify the LDP process by combining the old CCC-633 and CCC-709. The new form will be effective for 2005 and subsequent crop years.

One thing that has not changed is the statutory requirement that producers request an LDP before beneficial interest in an eligible commodity is lost. Once beneficial interest in a commodity is lost, the commodity is ineligible for an LDP even if beneficial interest is regained.

With the new form, producers will be able to indicate their intentions to receive LDP benefits before losing beneficial interest. Once the form has been signed, producers can submit an LDP request at any time during the loan availability period — before or after losing beneficial interest.

The CCC-633 EZ is a three-page form. Page 1 is completed once per crop year for all eligible crops and indicates the producer's intention to receive LDP benefits. To receive an LDP benefit, the producer must complete and submit page 2 to the county office staff. Page 3 is used for cotton LDPs.

For the 2005 crop year, county offices will honor CCC-709s and CCC-633 LDP requests that have been submitted and are currently on file. Beginning with the 2006 crop year, CCC-633 EZ and eLDP online requests will be the only methods available to request LDPs

COW POKES® By Ace Reid



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OIL & GAS UPDATE

by Tom Musser

This week there is no update information on any of the fourteen wells that have been drilled recently within the Palo Duro Basin. This includes no update information on the two wells reentered in Briscoe County, the M.J. Hamilton #1, the R.I. Montgomery #1, the five wells in Motley County, the Ollie Birnie #2, the D.M. Cogdell Jr. Estate #10-01, the Echols "2" #1, the R.G. Stephens #1, the M. Bursen Ranch "60" #1, and the seven wells in Floyd County, the Fowler Unit #1, the L.N. Johnson #1, the W.D. Miller #1, the Kenneth Brose #1, the Foster #1, the Ceretha Watson #1, the Misener #1.

There is currently one well being drilled in Floyd County, the Bankers Petroleum (US) Inc. Jones Lease Well #1. Bankers Petroleum (US) Inc. has updated their presentation on their internet site. The presentation can be viewed at http://www.bankerspetroleum.com/i/pdf/BNK_Presentation.pdf

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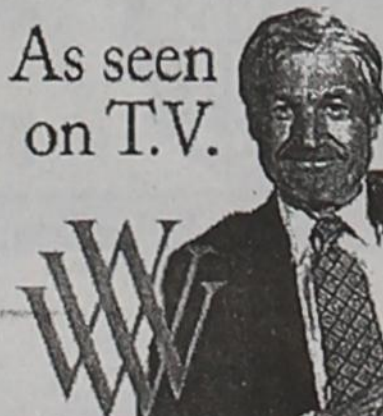
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FIRE

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The third call came about midnight the same day and extended for eight and one half hours through Monday morning. This was a mutual aid call to the Paducah VFD and was located about five miles north of Paducah. This fire involved approximately 2300 acres. The Paducah VFD was called out to several other fires on Sunday including one large fire south of Childress. Paducah resources were stretched to the limit and the Matador VFD provided much needed assistance to a neighbor.

Since Monday, aircraft have flown 133 missions and dropped more than 135,000 of fire retardant in the Panhandle. Those efforts are credited with saving about 450 homes.

In addition to the firefighting crews from Oklahoma and New Mexico who have been working in Texas since the weekend, six engine crews from New Mexico have arrived in the Panhandle. Six heavy dozer crews from Georgia, and one dozer crew and three heavy engines from South Dakota were enroute to Texas on Tuesday.

Monday night the bodies of four fire victims were found in a vehicle in Roberts County. The fires have also claimed the lives of three persons in Hutchinson County and four in Gray County. Three volunteer fire fighters from the city of Howardwick Volunteer Department in Doney County have been critically injured and being treated at the Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo; two are in the intensive care unit.

The Governor's Division of Emergency Management is coordinating staffing and equipment for the statewide response, while the Texas Forest Service is leading fire fighting operations from a command post at the Tradewind Aircraft Service Center in Amarillo. The Texas Department of Public Safety is continuing to provide traffic control and aerial surveillance assistance, while the Texas Department of Transportation has provided personnel, equipment and fuel.

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LOCAL WEATHER FORECAST

Motley County Tribune Weather March 16, 2006

7-Day Forecast		In-Depth Forecast		Moon Phases			
	Thursday Mostly Sunny High: 69 Low: 35	Today we will see mostly sunny skies with a high temperature of 69°, humidity of 27% and an overnight low of 35°. The record high temperature for today is 88° set in 1961. The record low is 21° set in 1956. Friday, skies will be partly cloudy with a high temperature of 61°.		Last 3/22	New 3/29	First 4/5	Full 4/13
	Friday Partly Cloudy High: 61 Low: 37						
	Saturday Mostly Cloudy High: 60 Low: 36			Last Week's Local Almanac			
	Sunday Partly Cloudy High: 64 Low: 38	Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation 0.01"
	Monday Partly Cloudy High: 65 Low: 41	Sunday	79	52	63/36	0.00"	Normal precipitation 0.28"
	Tuesday Mostly Sunny High: 62 Low: 40	Monday	85	41	63/36	0.00"	Departure from normal -0.27"
	Wednesday Mostly Sunny High: 64 Low: 42	Tuesday	91	58	63/37	0.00"	Average temperature 64.3°
		Wednesday	77	56	64/37	0.01"	Average normal temperature . . . 50.4°
		Thursday	69	42	64/37	0.00"	Departure from normal . . . +13.9°
		Friday	78	45	64/38	0.00"	Data as reported from Childress, Texas
		Saturday	78	49	65/38	0.00"	
		Weather History		Sun & Moon Times			
		March 16, 1982 - A winter storm brought heavy snow and high winds to the southwestern United States. Winds gusted to 60 mph at Lovelock, Nev., Salt Lake City and Fort Carson, Colo. Snow fell at a rate of three inches per hour in the Lake Tahoe area of Nevada.		Sunrise today 6:52 a.m. Sunset tonight 6:52 p.m. Moonrise today 8:41 p.m. Moonset today 7:38 a.m.			

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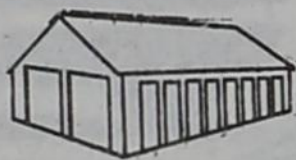
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