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## Motley County Commissioners meet Burn Ban extended 90 days

Motley County Com-missoners Court met Monday, April 10, for their regular meeting. Members of the court present were County Judge Ed D. Smith; Ronnie Davis, Commissioner Precinct 1; Donnie Turner, Commissioner Precinct 2; Franklin Jameson, Commissioner Precinct 3; Russell Alexander, Commissioner Precinct 4; County Clerk Kate Hurt. Also in attendance were County
Attorney Tom Edwards and Sheriff Jim Meador.

Rodney Williams, representing the Matador Volunteer Fire Department, met with the court to discuss the high fire danger that still exist in the county. Commissioners voted to extend the Burn Ban for another 90 days. The court will review the conditions at every court date during the 90 day ex-

Brenda Osborn, Motley County Tax Appraiser, and Elaine Hart, Tax Collector, met with the court to discuss the Ag Appraisals. Mrs. Osborn requested the court's approval to amend the budget to pay for an outside appraisal company to complete the Ag Appraisals for the 2006 tax year. The cost will be \$1,800.00. Mrs. Hart informed the court the Tax Assessor Assessment Account has the funds that can be transferred to cover this cost. Commissioners approved the transfer of funds to hire the tax firm Purdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins & Mot to

conduct the appraisals.

Judge Smith presented the TxDOT Resolution agreement for the bridge replacement on Tom Handle Creek. The County will be responsible for 10% of the cost. The county can perform inkind work to pay the cost. Each

precinct is responsible for keeping a detailed record of the work completed for TxDOT. The

Resolution was approved.

Judge Smith presented a
Resolution Supporting Designation of Competitive Renewable Energy Zones in the Texas Pan-handle. Wind Energy and other renewable energy projects could increase economic development in the Texas Panhandle.

The Resolution was approved.

Judge Smith reminded the
Court the TxDOT County Road Inventory is in his office for their review.

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 and Library. The County

lab to discuss the South Plains

College dual credit classes that

are being offered.

Motley County will have an early release date May 19.

the girls' track team placed 4th and the boy's placed 5th at the District track meet. Several stu-

dents competed at the district tennis meet. Chance Bingham

placed 2nd individual and the

boys and girls placed first as a

Mr. Brown announced that

Agent report was not submitted. The bills, minutes and reports were approved.

Judge Smith informed the court the Jail & Prisoner Up-keep Fund balance is depleted. The Second Deputy Fund has an unused balance of \$3,521.00. Commissioners approved transferring funds from the Deputy Fund to the Jail and Prisoner Upkeep Fund.

Coach. The Board also accepted the resignation of Donna

Hoyle, Kindergarten teacher. The Board appreciates the years and dedication given by

The Board entered execu-

tive session at 8:24 p.m. and ex-

ited at 8:57 p.m. No action was

taken out of executive session.

these two people.

#### Community Volunteers will sponsor Easter **Egg Hunt**

The Roaring Springs Community Volunteers will sponsor an Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, April 15, at 2:00 p.m. at the Community Center in Roaring

All kids of the area, from walking age to 11 are invited to participate in the fun event.

There will be two divisions with a grand prize to be awarded in each age group.

#### **Parent Support** meeting to be Resignations accepted from Coach and Teacher held April 25th

Motley County I.S.D. will sponsor a Parent Support Meet-ing, Tuesday, April 25, at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Cafete-

Yolanda Flores from Catholic Family Services will present the program.

Please feel free to bring a friend or anyone who might be interested in obtaining information in various areas of how to help your child be more successful.

Refreshments will be

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

## **National Day of Prayer** to be observed May 4

**Texas Historical Commission** 

Motley County included on tour

unveils new Heritage Travel Guide

National Day of Prayer will be observed May 4. This is a very important date that every-one should be aware of. More importantly - everyday should be a day of prayer.

"We need to commit our-selves to a time of daily prayer and devotion," Carolyn Ewing, local event coordinator, said.
"Just think of the blessings God

Austin, Texas - Frontier life,

diverse cultures and the unre-

lenting pioneer spirit -- all can be found throughout the Texas Plains Trail Region, featured in the Texas Historical

Commission's (THC) newest

"The brochure is a road map and a history lesson all in one," said Janie Headrick, state coor-

dinator of the THC's award-win-

ning Texas Heritage Trails Program. "It tells the story of cowboys cattle and wide-open spaces, while transporting tourists back in time for a taste of

what life in northwest Texas

Begin your adventure at The Heart of West Texas Mu-

seum in Colorado City and wind

your way through northwestern Texas. Along the way travelers

**Babe Zaharias** 

set for April 23

ning at 2:00 p.m.

**Golf Tournament** 

The annual Babe Zaharias

Everyone is invited to par-

Cancer Benefit Tournament will

be held Sunday, April 23, begin-

ticipate. Donations will be ac-

travel guide.

was once like."

has for each of us as we pray for the local leaders of our communities, our state leaders, and our national leaders, if we would only ask."

This year's theme is, "America, Honor God. "... Those who honor me, I will honor ... " I Samuel 2:30.

Look for more information weekly on this upcoming event.

will be treated to a daydream

landscape where cowboy cul-

ture and ranching heritage come to life. Other sites include

the scenic vistas of Palo Duro Canyon, historic XLT Ranch

Museum and The American Wind Power Center, home to nearly 130 vintage windmills. The Texas Plains Trail Re-

gion travel guide tours 52 counties: Armstrong, Bailey, Borden, Carson, Castro, Childress,

Cochran, Collingsworth, Cottle, Crosby, Dallam, Dawson, Deaf Smith, Dickens, Donley, Floyd,

Foard, Gaines, Garza, Gray, Hale, Hall, Hansford,

Hardeman, Hartley, Hemphill,
Hockley, Howard, Hutchinson,
Kent, King, Knox, Lamb,
Lipscomb, Lubbock, Lynn,
Mitchell, Moore, Motley,
Ochiltree, Oldham, Parmer, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Scurry,
Sherman, Swisher, Terry

Sherman, Swisher, Terry, Wheeler and Yoakum.

gional brochure that features historical and cultural treasures

across the state. The regional

guides are products of the

THC's heritage tourism initia-

tive, the Texas Heritage Trails

Program, which encourages

people to get out and rediscover

the state's historic and cultural

This is the THC's sixth re-

#### team at the recent district golf by Tina Brooks Mr. Brown has attended a tournament. All of these indibudget meeting with the Reading First Consortium. There will be a meeting April 25 at 6:00 p.m. in the ITV School Board Reporter viduals have worked hard and their time and dedication is showing. The Board accepted the resignation of Robert Cooper, Athletic Director/Head Football

School Board holds monthly meeting

The Motley County Board of Trustees met Monday, April 10 for a regular scheduled meeting. All board members were present with the exception of Douglas Campbell. Also present were Superintendent Randy Brown, Principal Marilyn Hicks and Denise Ford.

The invocation was given by Mr. Brown. No one was present for open forum.

The Board accepted the consent agenda.

Election results will be canvassed Tuesday, May 15 at 8:00 p.m. for the upcoming May 13

The Board will reorganize June 19.

The Board elected Tina Brooks to present Jr. High Cer-tificates on May 26. Shonda Elliott and David Stafford will present High School diplomas May 27.

Mrs. Hicks informed the board that there are 163 students attending Motley County

ISD. She also gave a report over the recent TAKS testing.

Mr. Brown reported that the May board meeting will be held May 15 at 7:00 p.m. This will be the third Monday in May. Board training will be held in Lubbock, May 16 at the service center.

## 70 Mile Garage Sale set

Sales will be taking place in Spur, Dickens, Afton, Roaring Springs, Matador, Flomot, and Turkey. A map will be available in Matador on that day with locations marked for easy access.

For a \$10 donation those planning to have sales can be included on the map.

Watch for more details as Crowder at 348-7336.

for May 6th

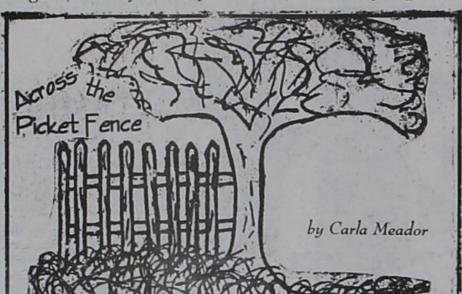
The much anticipated 70-Mile Garage Sale is set for Saturday, May 6. The event is sponsored by the Hwy. 70 Association and features Garage Sales for 70 miles on highway 70, from Spur to Turkey.

they become available and for more information contact Alex



HEAVY THROW - Colton Russell gets ready for a heavy throw as he prepares to let go of the Shot Put at the District Meet held last week at Frenship. Colton placed third. See the complete list of District results for High School and Jr. High on page 3. photo by Walter Taylor





Little pink, green and blue chickens, yellow buttercups, a new dress and shoes, a big basket, candy eggs, and dying boiled eggs on Saturday night. These are some of the things that are memories of Easter for

My daddy would bring us home a baby chick that had been dyed. We thought those were the most wonderful things in the world. And, of course, we played with them so much they didn't last long. I'm sure that's probably what happened to most of those pretty, little colored chicks. But, the picture of my daddy presenting us with that special Easter gift will always be a precious memory to

My granny had a big field of yellow buttercups next to her house. She knew they were just weeds, but she left them and let them grow, because they were so beautiful in the Spring. My sister, my cousin Shirlene and I would skip through the yellow flowers in our pretty new Easter dresses. Now that I think about it we probably had yellow stains on everything from the fine powder the little flowers emanate when disturbed. But our mothers never seemed to mind. They also enjoyed the flowers and always gave us an old jar or can filled with water so we could arrange our fresh bouquet of flowers. We have many pictures standing in front of that buttercup field on Easter, dressed in our pretty outfits and displaying our bright, yellow bouquets.

Saturday nights before Easter were met with much anticipation in our house. We loved to dye boiled eggs. I remember writing all over the warm eggs or drawing pictures with a crayon, before dipping it in the dye to reveal the secret message left behind from the melted wax. We didn't have the fancy coloring kits that are now available, just little colored tablets, vinegar and hot water. What a mess we made. But, again, my mother didn't seem to mind and usually joined in the fun of our excitement.

We all have special childhood memories of Easter that we will always cherish. The most precious memory, one of which I am most thankful for, is going to Church and observing the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Although we always attended church, and rarely ever missed, Easter Sunday was most special. The auditorium was always filled that morning.

Somehow the air seems fresher on Easter. A new beginning for a new season and the blessings of our risen Saviour.

I truly hope you all have a wonderful, blessed Easter and make lots of happy memories.

# Full Gospel Church to hold Special Easter Services

Roaring Springs Full Gospel Church invites everyone to their morning, April 16, at 10:30 a.m. An Easter Egg hunt will be held for the children.

The service will feature an Illustrated Sermon.

#### Red Hat Rovers enjoy luncheon at Turkey Hotel

by Joan Patton

Turkey was the center of Red Hat activity on Thursday, April 6. Matador members Joyce Campbell, Norma Marrs, Evelyn Garrison, Betty Henry, Dorothy Knight, Eugenia Barton, Vivian Morris and Joan Patton joined others from Muleshoe, Lubbock, Lockney, Tulia, South Plains and Floy-

dada for a luncheon and entertainment at the historic Hotel Turkey with new owners, Lisa and Paul Harris, hosting the

The group of about 75 women then adjourned to the Gem Theatre where they were entertained by the Morrison family, with a trip down memory lane and a sing along.

#### Thank You

We wish to thank the Volunteer Fire Departments of Roaring Springs and Matador for their quick response to the fire on our farm at Roaring Springs. Thank you for being there when we needed

Frances Dixon Fred Risser

Thank you to all the good samaritans who stopped and offered their assistance after our car was disabled by a deer between Floydada and Matador. A special thanks to Sheriff Jim Meador for taking us and our belongings to Paducah.

Irless Brooks **Butch Hughes** 

We would like to thank everyone for the kind expressions of sympathy we have received following the death of James' mother, DeAlva Gillespie. They have meant a lot to us and have been greatly

James, Kathy, Robert and Brenda

#### Finding the Time...



Our Bibles tell us that "faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God." That is a plain statement found in Romans 10:17. Therefore, we need to read and study our Bibles to allow the growth of faith. But, do we find ourselves unable to find the time for Bible reading? Here are some suggestions that may be of help.

- Wake up 15 minutes earlier each day. · Place your Bible by your bed and read before
- going to sleep.

   Place a Bible by your telephone and read whenever you are placed on hold.
- · Carry a small compact Bible with you in your purse or pocket to read while you wait in lines or at appointments.
- Pack your Bible when you go on trips.
- Turn off the TV for a few minutes and read your Bible to your family.
- Mealtimes are excellent opportunities to read one or two Bible verses.

Remember this. A Bible in your hand is worth two on some shelf somewhere. So, how about it? Are these suggestions worth a try? Read your Bible.

#### ROARING SPRINGS CHURCH OF CHRIST

Michael G. Crowley, Sr. BIBLE STUDY 10:00 A.M. WORSHIP 9:00 A.M.

### Library Notes

by Suzanne Abbott, Librarian



The library offers to its patrons a host of data bases that give all sorts of information . For example, in Business Source Premier the user types in the name of any company and he can find out who owns the company, where its headquarters is, and what it does (its services and products). The data base Academic Search Premier gives information on a variety of topics, for example, cattle fu-

Another database, the Dictionary of Literary Biography, presents all you want to know about any author plus literary criticism of the author's works. The Health and Wellness Resource Center tells the database user all about any disease and/ or its treatment. The Military and Government Collection provides information about any battle that the U.S. has fought.

Heritage Quest provides information for anyone interested in family history, including the U.S. Census records.

These databases and many more can be accessed here at the library or you can come to the library and receive the web site and the special code that al-lows your entry to the databases from your home computer.

New books in the library include Necessary Evil by Alex Kava and Train from Marietta by Dorothy Garlock.

Don't forget to check out a copy of Apostle Paul the book that will be the topic of a book discussion here at the library in early May. We have five circulating copies now. Also, we hope to see everyone at the Tomato Plants and Pecan Trees presentation on April 22 at 10:00 a.m. at the library.



Motley County Arts and Crafts Club enjoyed a wonderful lesson April 3 at the Club's regular meeting at the Center for Senior Citizens.

Club President, Joy Archer, taught the class how to construct miniature bird houses, using papier-mache', the little houses were very ingenious and charming using flowers, birds, beads, butterflies or any sort of decorations.

A business meeting was short but interesting. Plans are still on the agenda for programs bers are urged to state their See you there! ideas and plans.

The club members died at noon on pork roast, mashed potatoes, oriental vegetables, coleslaw, biscuits and brownies, with the Senior Citizens.

Members present were Lorene Lancaster, Vee Gordon, Joy Archer, Nova Dale Turner, Linda Rhul, Linda Aumiller, Joyce Meredith, Jo Trammell, Dorothy Knight and Winifred Darsey.

Vee Gordon will teach a class of painting with acrylic paints on chalkboard. In addition to the list of supplies, memfor the ensuing year. All mem- bers will need a sponge brush.

### Easter out in full color at Do Gooders club meeting

on display at the Community Center in Flomot Tuesday after-noon, April 4 when the Do Gooders' Club met for their

monthly meeting.

Hostesses, Mrs. Geneva
Martin and Mrs. Barbara Payne presided at a table laid with a sheer floral designed cloth over white. The centerpiece was a cuddly bunny rabbit in a pink, lined basket. Eggs in the lovely hues of Easter placed on the table added to the attractive decorations. They served finger

Look

Who's

New

Kagen Kelly Keltz

Kaitlyn and Kenzie, announce the birth of their new baby son

and brother, Kagen Kelly Keltz.

Kagen was born March 4,
2006, at UMC Hospital in Lubbock. He weighed 7 pounds 8

ounces and was 19 3/4 inches

Grandparents are Kelly and Pennie Keltz of Roaring Springs and Charles and Sherri Prather

Great-grandparents are Corky and Monta Marshall of

Roaring Springs and June and Stan Levell of Matador; Frankie

Pittman of Wolfforth and Ima

Gene and Herman Prather of

of Red Oak.

Lubbock.

Kevin and Lesa Keltz,

Colorful Easter decor was sandwiches, rainbow cookies, coffee and fruit punch from crystal appointments.

Mrs. Connie Franks was the appreciative winner of the hostess centerpiece.

Mrs. Mary Jo Calvert conducted the business session. Mrs. Alma Shorter read the minutes of the previous club meeting and gave a financial report that was approved. Members related their Eas-

ter blessings and memories be-fore they laid out 30 cut quilt blocks. They will need an addi-tional 50 or more blocks for the queen string quilt they will have ready for the club's Fall Bazaar.

Those attending were Mes-dames Erma Washington, Leona Degan, Mary Jo Calvert, Alma Shorter, Barbara Payne, Geneva Martin, Connie Franks and B. Rogers.



Brittney Howard & Ryan Moore

## Engagement Announced

Brittney Howard and Ryan Moore of Lubbock would like to announce their engagement and approaching marriage. Brittney is the daughter of Rodney and Celeste Howard of Tulia. Ryan is the son of Ronda and Terry Miller of Matador. Brittney is a graduate of Tulia High School and attended Amarillo College. She is employed at Academy Sports and Outdoors. Ryan is a Motley County High School graduate and attended South Plains College and Amarillo College. He is employed at Cingular Wineless. The county has to College. He is employed at Cingular Wireless. The couple plan to be married June 24, 2006, at the First United Methodist Church in

#### Fairways & Rough by Geneva

GOLF SCRAMBLE Winners in the Golf Scramble held Tuesday, April 4, were as follows:

1st place, score 31, (play off on card) - Bill Hoover, Jean Hoover, Louise Barton and Bob Hines.

2nd place, score 31, Garland Cartwright, Geneva Wilson, Robert Osborn and Roncho

Others playing were Kenny Barton, Olivia Barton, Jerry Collins, Alan Bingham, Billy Hughes, Freda Hughes, Cody Dodson, Richard Piper, Jack Marshall, Larry McClenny, Jerry Johnson, Jeanie Johnson, Matt Washington, Tammy Marshall, Carolyn Hines and Corky Marshall.

LADIES GOLF LUNCHEON The Springs Ranch Ladies Golf Association met for lunch and the first business meeting for 2006 at the Hitchin' Post Cafe in Roaring Springs, Thursday,

The lunch was delicious. President Dartha West-

brook presided over the meeting. Old and new business was discussed. Yearbooks for 2006, Playdays and tournaments were given to us.

We discussed our Ladies 2 Person Scramble and voted to have a member - guest tournament instead. More about this

Those attending were Marihelen Wason, Mary Jones, June Moss, Jean Hoover. Louise Barton, Geneva Wilson, Dartha Westbrook, Judy Renfro, Francine Braselton, Kay Heatley, Olivia Barton, Olivia Osborn and Debbie Favor, our guest.

Let us all make an effort to get out and play this year. It will

BABE ZAHARIAS CANCER BENEFIT TOURNAMENT

The annual Babe Zaharias Cancer Benefit Tournament will be held Sunday, April 23, beginning at 2:00 p.m.

Everyone is invited to par-ticipate. Donations will be ac-

#### Floydada First Baptist Church will host second Spring Fling

The First Baptist Church of Floydada will host their second annual Spring Fling, April 29,

beginning at 12:00 noon.

They invite all ladies in this area to attend and enjoy food,

music and a time of inspiration. This year's theme is "April Showers of Blessings."

Organizers say, "Please come, bring a salad, and a friend!







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JR. HIGH TRACK TEAM — Motley County Jr. High track team members received their ribbons after competing at the District Meet held in Spur last week. Pictured left to right are Sam Fletcher, Leanne Jameson, Eric Simpson, Kyla Simpson, Colby McCleskey, Rebecca Torres, Ky Christopher, Alyx Smith, Melissa Flores, Sara Ferguson and Hailey Blanco.

photo by Walter Taylor

McCleskey, Jacob Woolsey. Fifth Grade: Hance Davey,

Payden Perryman, Kaitlan Perryman, Sabra Pope, Neal Potts, Britt Simpson, Taylor Tomlinson, Aaron Woodruff. Sixth Grade: Christian

Brooks, Braden Mason, Alexis

Eighth Grade: None.

Seventh Grade: Sarah

Ninth Grade: Jasmine Por-

Tenth Grade: Isiah Archer,

Eleventh Grade: Chicagra

Osborn, Jonathon Osborn.

Ferguson, Jay Potts.

ter, Shane'a Russell.

Huddleston.

Gutierrez, Karrie Valdez.

Henzler, Tamara Simmons.

School

Menu

MONDAY, APRIL 17

TUESDAY, APRIL 18

Juice, Milk.

Slices, Milk.

Juice, Milk.

Juice, Milk.

Peaches, Milk.

FRIDAY, APRIL 21 Breakfast:

zen Yogurt, Milk.

Breakfast: Cereal, Toast,

Lunch: Beef Tips/Rice.

Breakfast: Biscuit, Sau-

Lunch: Cheese Enchiladas,

Breakfast: Cereal, Toast,

Lunch: Steak Fingers, Macaroni & Cheese, Salad, Hot

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

Lunch: Barbecue Ribs, Black-eyed Peas, Cornbread,

Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, or Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Milk.

Lunch: Sloppy Joes, Let-tuce, Tomato, Potato Chips,

Chocolate Brownie, Fruit, Milk.

Biscuit,

sage, Gravy, or Cereal, Toast,

Salad, Corn, Tortilla Chips, Fro-

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19

Roll, Honey, Fruit, Milk.

THURSDAY, APRIL 20

Green Beans, Biscuit, Orange



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1ST PLACE 400M RELAY TEAM — Motley County Track team members of the 400m Relay took first place at the District Meet held at Frenship High last week. MC team members are pictured left to right, above, after their win, Griselda Flores, Shane'a Russell, Chicagra Brown, and Angelica Mendoza. Also pictured are the first and second place teams, Ropes and

photo by Walter Taylor



3RD PLACE 400M RELAY TEAM — The MC boys track team brought home third place from the District Track Meet. Pictured left to right are Marc Henzler, Bradley Brown, Isiah Archer and Chance Bingham. Also pictured are the first and second place winners, Lorenzo and Wellmon-Union.

photo by Walter Taylor

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# Honor Roll

DISTINGUISHED LIST (All grades 90 or above)

Kindergarten: Gage Baker, Cade Drum, Mikenna Ford, Dode Gleghorn, Savannah Lopez, Eli Marshall, Tristan Perryman, Brody Rankin. First Grade: James Cooper,

Tristen Foster, Chloe Gleghorn, Sage Guerrero, Thalia Mendoza, Grant Potts, Chris Ward, Autumn Woolsey.

Second Grade: Duncan Aumiller, Mattie Brooks, Marcus Ortiz, Bailee Perryman, Thalia Quilimaco, Michael Seigler, Bryant Taylor.

Third Grade: Seth Baxter, Logan Ferguson, Meagan Ford, Victoria Hernandez, Cassidy

Fourth Grade: None. Fifth Grade: Austin Taylor, Jaci Zingerman. Sixth Grade: Keyan Kautz.

Seventh Grade: Kyla Eighth Grade: None.

Ninth Grade: Courtney Alexander. Tenth Grade: Mylissa

Gilmore, Savanah Rose, Christina Smith. Eleventh Grade: Angelica

Mendoza. Twelfth Grade: Chance

Bingham, Ashlee Green, Colton

Russell.

#### HONOR ROLL (All grades 80 or above)

Kindergarten: Jasmine Aumiller, Bryson Elliott, Brendan Fisk, Samantha Quilimaco, Eugene Saldana, Michael Silva, Refugio Torres.

First Grade: Rumaldo Chavez, Ruby Klebahn.

Second Grade: Mickey Clary, Matthew Faulks, Natalie Jameson, Katrina Lopez, Macie Marshall, Joshua Martin, Braden Pope, Kaylee Woolsey. Third Grade: Katie Barton,

Tanner Bearden, Caleb Clary, Hayden Davey, Shelby Elliott, Michael Martin, Hannah Mason, Korbyn Simpson, Tristan Tomlinson, Catherine Ward.

Fourth Grade: Shayla Clay, Mason, Dillon



EASTER BUNNY has been leaving his goodies at

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Happy Easter!

## **Motley County Track** teams compete at District

The Motley County Jr. High and High School Track teams recently competed in District competition. The Jr. High meet was held at Spur, April 3. The High School team competed in the District 5A meet Friday, April 7 at Frenship High School. Out of 12 teams, the high school girls team finished 4th overall and the boys' team, 5th. Several of the high school athletes will advance to the Area Most in Frenship on April 13 Meet in Frenship on April 13.

#### JR. HIGH RESULTS

BOYS: 400 m Relay - Colby McCleskey, Eric Simpson, Sam Fletcher and Ky Christopher, 2nd place.

800 m run - Colby McCleskey, 3rd place
110 m Hurdles - Sam Fletcher, 4th place
100 m Dash - Eric Simpson, 2nd place
800 m Relay - Colby McCleskey, Eric Simpson, Sam
Fletcher, Ky Christopher, 3rd place.

Long Jump - Sam Fletcher, Ky Christopher, Colby

Triple Jump - Sam Fletcher, Ky Christopher, Colby McCleskey.

#### GIRLS:

400 m Relay - Alyx Smith, Sarah Ferguson, Kyla Simpson, Melissa Flores, 4th place. 800 m Run - Hailey Blanco, 1st place; Leanne Jameson,

2nd place.

100 m Hurdles - Kyla Simpson, 3rd place. 100 m Dash - Melissa Flores, 5th place; Rebecca Torres. 800 m Relay - Alyx Smith, Sarah Ferguson, Kyla Simpson, Melissa Flores, 2nd place.

400 m Run - Hailey Blanco, 4th place; Alyx Smith, 5th place. 200 m Dash - Rebecca Torres; Leanne Jameson, 6th place. Shot Put - Alyx Smith. Long Jump - Melissa Flores, Hailey Blanco, 6th; Kyla

Simpson. Triple Jump - Hailey Blanco, 5th; Leanne Jameson, Kyla Simpson.

#### HIGH SCHOOL RESULTS

#### GIRLS:

400 m Relay - Griselda Flores, Shane'a Russell, Angelica Mendoza, Chicagra Brown, 1st place.

800 m Run - Courtney Alexander, 5th place; Savannah Rose, Karrie Valdez. 100 m Dash - Shane'a Russell, 1st place; Griselda Flores,

4th place. 800 m Relay - Griselda Flores, Shane'a Russell, Angelica

Mendoza, Chicagra Brown, 3rd place. 200 m Dash - Chicagra Brown, 6th place; Angelica Mendoza.

Shot Put - Christy Smith, 2nd place; Ashlee Green, Savannah Rose. Discus - Christy Smith, Savannah Rose, Monica

Huddleston. Triple Jump - Chicagra Brown, 2nd place; Courtney

Harvey Garza, Leatrice Alexander. Long Jump - Chicagra Brown, 1st place.

Brown, Griselda Flores, Marc 400 m Relay - Marc Henzler, Bradley Brown, Chance Bingham, Isiah Archer, 3rd place. Twelfth Grade: Monica

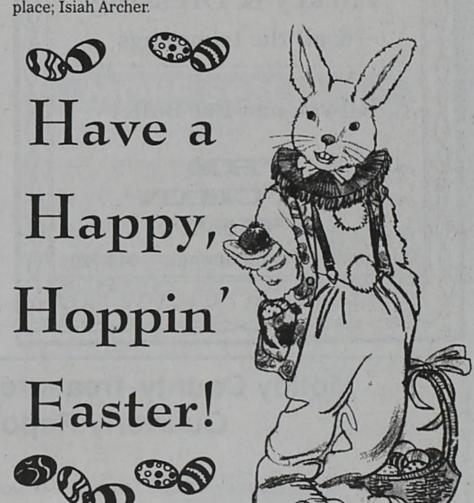
100 m Dash - Isiah Archer, 1st place. 800 m Relay - Marc Henzler, Stacy Perryman, Bradley

Brown, Chance Bingham, 5th place. 400 m Dash - Chance Bingham.

200 m Dash - Harvey Garza, 6th place. 1600 m Run - Jacob Blanco Discus - Gene Salazar, Casey Carnes. Shot Put - Colton Russell, 3rd place; Gene Salazar.

High Jump - Bradley Brown, 2nd place. Triple Jump - Bradley Brown, 3rd place; Jacob Blanco; Stacey Perryman.

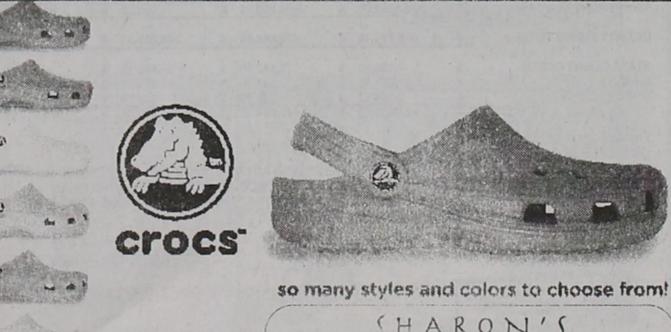
Long Jump - Bradley Brown, 1st place; Marc Henzler, 6th



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### Alcohol Awareness Month focuses on Underage Drinking

Each April since 1987, the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, Inc. (NCADD) has sponsored Alco-hol Awareness Month to encourage local communities to focus on alcoholism and alcohol-related issues. This April, NCADD will be highlighting the important issue of underage drinking, a problem with devastating consequences. Alcohol use by young people is extremely dan-gerous - both to themselves and to society at large, and is asso-ciated with traffic fatalities, violence, unsafe sex, suicide, educational failure, and other problem behaviors.

Some key facts:

 Alcohol is the number one drug of choice for America's

young people; Those who begin drinking before age 15 are four times more likely to develop alcoholism than those who begin at age

· Each day, 7,000 kids in the United States under the age of 16 take their first drink.

 Underage alcohol use costs the nation an estimated \$53 billion annually.

Reducing underage drinking is critical to securing a healthy future for America's youth and requires a cooperative effort from parents, schools, community organizations, business leaders, government agencies, alcohol manufacturers and retailers, the entertainment industry, and young people themselves. This year's theme for Alcohol Awareness Month is A Call to Action and it highlights the need for working together to create comprehensive education, prevention, intervention and treatment resources.

"The issue of underage drinking is a complex problem,' says Robert J. Lindsey, President of NCADD, "one that can only be solved through a sustained and cooperative effort. But if we care about the health and well being of our children, the bottom line is that we need to do everything we can to discourage them from drinking for as long as possible."

Unfortunately, it remains relatively easy for teenagers to get access to alcohol and, despite serious concerns, kids are flooded with media messages that glamorize alcohol use, in-creasing the likelihood that they will drink themselves.

"We need to wake up to the problem and to recognize the reality that for some, alcoholism and addiction develop at a young age and that intervention, treatment, and recovery support are essential for them and their families," says Lindsey. "We can't afford to wait any longer."

An integral part of Alcohol Awareness Month is Alcohol-Free Weekend (April 7-9, 2006), which is designed to raise public awareness about the inappropriate use of alcohol and how it may be affecting individuals, families, and the community. During this seventy-two hour period, NCADD extends an open invitation to all Americans, young and old, to participate in three alcohol-free days and to use this time to contact local NCADD Affiliates and other alcoholism agencies to learn more about alcoholism

and its early symptoms.

Some pertinent facts on underage drinking:

· Alcohol is the most frequently used drug by high school seniors, and its use appears to be increasing along with the use of tobacco and marijuana. In 1998, 52% of high school seniors consumed any alcohol in the last 30 days, compared to 26% who used any illicit drug in the last 30 days.

· High school students lack essential knowledge about alcohol and its effects. Nationwide,

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an estimated 5.6 million junior and senior high school students are unsure of the legal age to purchase alcohol; one third do not understand the intoxicating effects of alcohol; and more than 2.6 million do not know a person can die from an overdose of alcohol. A projected 259,000 students think that wine coolers or beer cannot get you drunk, cannot make you sick, or cannot do as much harm as other bever-

 Due to heavy or binge drinking, nearly one out of every five teenagers (16%) has experienced "blackouts," after which they could not remember what happened the previous

 Alcohol is a factor in the four leading causes of death among persons ages 10 to 24; motor-vehicle crashes, unintentional injuries, homicide, and suicide.

 Girls are beginning to drink at younger ages. In the 1960s, 7% of 10- to 14-year-old females used alcohol; by the early 1990's, that figure had

· More than 67% of young people who start drinking be-

fore the age of 15 will try an illicit drug. Children who drink are 7.5 times more likely to use an illicit drug, more than 22 times more likely to use marijuana, and 50 times more likely to use cocaine than children who never drank.

 Of the estimated 5.4 million junior and high school students who have ever consumed five or more drinks in a row, 39% say they drink alone; 58% drink when they are upset; 30% drink when they are bored; and 37% drink to feel high.

· Approximately 88% of 10th graders and 75% of 8th graders report that it's very easy to fairly to get alcohol.

 The typical American young person will see 100,000 beer commercials before he or she turns 18.

 The total cost of alcohol use by youth is \$58,043 billion per year, the equivalent of \$216,22 for every man, woman and child in the United States.

For more information about underage drinking, Alcohol Awareness Month and Alcohol-Free Weekend, visit the NCADD website at: www.ncadd.org.

## **April is Child Abuse Prevention Month**

April is Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month in Texas and the nation. That's why the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) is teaming up with community groups and citizens across Texas to help increase awareness about this scourge on our society.

In recognition of this important effort, Gov. Rick Perry issued a proclamation and DFPS has distributed 30,000 copies of its annual Child Abuse Prevention Kit to every public, private and charter school, registered day care home, and licensed child-care center in the state. The kit is also available for download

www.itsuptoyou.org. The agency urges the public to download, duplicate and distribute the information to help get the word out.

Last year, 201 Texas children died because of abuse or neglect at the hands of their parents or guardians. There were 38,000 confirmed investigations of abuse or neglect, affecting more than 91,000 children. On any given day, there were approximately 19,000 Texas chil-

dren in foster care. It's up to all of us to help prevent abuse and neglect. The organization Prevent Child Abuse America urges all citizens to remember the 5 R's when it comes to preventing child

 Remember that children are the future.

 Recognize prevention is a shared responsibility.

· Raise the issue of preven-

· Reach out to kids and par-

· Recommend ideas that

your community can use. Child abuse also plays a large role in the more than 60,000 Texas youth who are reported as runaways each year. It is estimated that one in five runaways was physically or sexually abused. That's why DFPS operates the Texas Runaway Hotline (1-888-580-HELP) to provide crisis intervention and counseling to runaways and their families and the Texas Youth Hotline (1-800-98YOUTH) to nelp callers deal with issues such as family conflicts, delin-

quency, and truancy.
"At this time, I urge all Texans to remain forever mindful that our children are the future of the Lone Star State," says
Gov. Perry. "Let us remain committed to giving them every opportunity to live free from victimization so they may mature into successful adults. Their success is Texas' success."

Hotlines and Web Sites: · It's Up to You (Child Prevention) www.itsuptoyou.org.

 Abuse and Neglect Hotline, 1-800-252-5400: https:// www.txabusehotline.org

· Texas Runaway Hotline (1-888-580-HELP) and web site: www.texasrunaway.org

· Texas Youth Hotline (1-800-210-2278) and web site: www.texasyouth.org · Children available for

adoption - Texas Adoption Exchange: www.adoptchildren.org.

Easter traditions, customs full of long, unique history

When exactly is Easter? It was determined in A.D. 325, a feature on traditions in Quick and Simple magazine tells us. That's when Roman Emperor Constantine decreed that Easter should be the Sunday of or after the first full moon of spring. That means it can fall anytime between March 22 and April 25.

What's behind the Easter bonnet? It's been customary since the Middle Ages to go for a long walk after church on Easter Sunday, the magazine says, wearing new clothes to symbolize the start of spring. This evolved to include an Easter bonnet, originally made of straw, decorated with flowers and ribbons.

Why do we give chocolate eggs? The tradition of exchanging hard-boiled eggs was already centuries old when Easter was first celebrated by Christians. The egg symbolizes rebirth in many cultures. In the 19th century, confectioners sweetened up the custom, making egg-shaped pastries and marzipan before settling on

Where does the Easter bunny come from? According to mythology the bunny was origi-nally a large sacred bird belonging to the pagan goddess of spring. Eoster (for whom Eas-ter is named). The goddess is said to have turned the bird into a rabbit in a fit of rage - but our rabbit friend did not lose all his birdlike qualities, since he still makes straw nests full of eggs.

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2006 NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER PROCLAMATION

Whereas, the National Day of Prayer is a tradition and important occasion first proclaimed by the Continental Congress is 1775 and Americans since the days of our founders shared our dependence on God, faith and prayer while insisting on religious freedom; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper that we observe a day when all of we in this community may acknowledge our blessings and express our gratitude for them while recognizing our need for the strengthening of spiritual and moral values in our land; and

Whereas, the 2006 theme for the National Day of Prayer is "America, Honor God," the greatest single source of political inspiration for America's founding fathers was the Bible, which was cited in 34 percent of the quotations from the founding era and the importance of biblical principals in establishing a stable and secure government was under-

Whereas, Judges are legalizing gay marriage and systematically stripping references to God from our culture under the guise of "separation of church and State" it is imperative that we restore the moral foundation that has endured for 231 years; and

Whereas, prayer reminds us that God is our refuge and strength and the power of prayer provides hope, light and

Now Therefore, I, Shane Jones, Mayor Pro-Tem of the City of Matador, do hereby proclaim, May 4, 2006, as

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#### **Travel Guide**

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wonders. This successful program increases tourism at cultural and heritage sites in regions across Texas and revitalizes local economies through regional tourism development and marketing. The program also stresses the importance of historic preservation to tourism and fosters effective local leadership.

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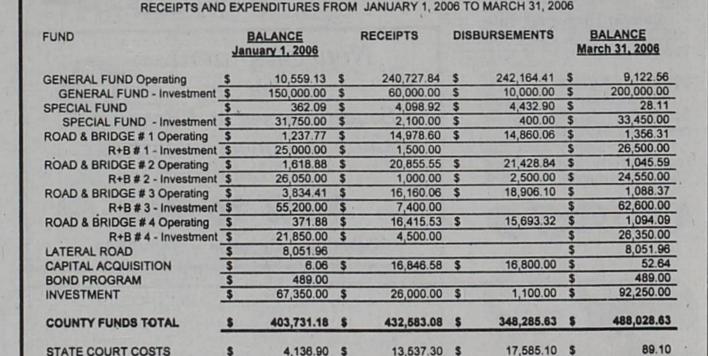
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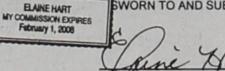
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# News Around the County

#### Roaring Springs News By Monta Marshall

Other than the wind, it is nice that spring is here. I often wonder if the purpose of the wind is that God is cleaning out all the stale cold winter air; blowing it out of all the valleys and crevasses. That sounds reasonable but why the dust? I have plenty of that to get out of the cracks and grooves in my house! It is time to get ready, cleaned out for the summer and outdoor living.

Chelsea Weech, grand-daughter of Harley Alsup has returned to her home in Tennessee to live with her mother, Phyllis. They live in Whiteside, TN. She had been with Harley for 3 months. He misses her very much.

Brad, Alyssa and Alexis Daniell have been visiting Glennard and Edith Daniell.

June Lowrance, sister of LaVoe Thacker is here spending some time with LaVoe and Buzz. Her home is in Amarillo.

Darlene Fletcher returned home today from Northwest Hospital in Amarillo where she had both knees replaced.

Ross Graham has gone up to the Panhandle to help rebuild fences destroyed by the recent wildfires. He is planning to replace twenty-five miles of fence.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Morris of Afton and Mr. and Mrs. Corky Marshall attended the Annual Spring Meeting of the Ranchmen's Camp Meetings in

the Southwest in Clovis, NM on Friday evening and Saturday morning. This was the planning session of this association. We were shown a video of the early Cowboy Camp Meetings in the early part of the century. It was very inspiring to see how a few circuit preachers brought the Word of God into the sparsely settled areas of the Southwest. People rode miles on horseback or in wagons to hear preaching and they also held Vacation Bible Schools for two weeks at a time out on the prairies or in the mountains. People seemed so joyous for the opportunity to have real church meetings with a real preacher.

There will be an Old Settlers Cowboy Camp Meeting held here in Roaring Springs May 18, 19 and 20. We will have more information on the times later.

Pearl Patten, Joy Beeson and Chelsea Read were in Plainview last Thursday to

Don Kennedy of Idalou filled the pulpit last Sunday at the First Baptist Church.

Remember the Roaring **Springs Community Volunteers** annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday afternoon at the Community Center in Roaring Springs. I hear that the Easter Bunny is really busy making candy eggs and coloring them! See related story on the front page for all the information.

### Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

To spectators Texas politics is attractive. It is seldom pretty, but almost always interesting.

HAS EYE SURGERY

Orville Lee had cataract and implant eye surgery on one eye and three weeks later had the same surgery on his other eye in Plainview. He is pleased with the results and the absence of pain.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Lee were in Dallas last weekend to attend the graduation of her daughter, Jenne Wesley who was awarded her degree in Cosmetology. They were guests in the home of her sister and family, Kandice and Hunt White-

head and son, Hayden. Mrs. Marihelen Wason of Matador was a luncheon guest Sunday of daughter and husband, Brenda and Darrell Cruse.

Mrs. Marilee Cooper of Borger visited Saturday and Sunday with her father, Wilburn Martin.

Dane Degan of Crosbyton visited Wednesday with his grandmother, Mrs. Leona Degan.

Butch and Janice Hughes attended the funeral of Lee Curry held Saturday at 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Paducah. He was the grandfather of Mrs. Rickey (Tasha)

Hughes of Floydada.

Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton visited in Roaring Springs, Thursday with Ken and Dinah Young.

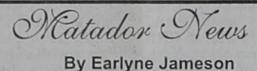
Billy Meyer of Turkey visited Mrs. B. Rogers Wednesday. Friends from Nacona contacted them wanting to put a historical marker monument at the Shannon Davidson gravesite in the Flomot Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. James Gwinn and daughter, Danielle visited in Lubbock, Sunday with his sister, Aly Gwinn.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Lee enjoyed the Jamboree in Turkey last Saturday night. They attended to business in Plainview, Sunday.

Weekend visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Coy Franks were Mr. and Mrs. Cory Franks and children, Madison and Hudson and Cary Franks of Lubbock. Cory and Cary attended the Matador Ranch RCHA cutting competition Saturday in which their uncle, Tim Washington of Roaring Springs, was a contestant.

Janice and Butch Hughes attended a birthday party honoring their granddaughter, Baylee Hughes, daughter of Becy and Billy Hughes of Lub-bock. The party was held in Hale Center in the home of her materinal grandparents, Patsy and Larry Webb. Baylee blew out her three candles on a decorated DORA cake.



HAS SURGERY

Mrs. J.M. (Dorothy) Russell had recent shoulder surgery at the North Star Hospital in Lubbock. She is reported to be doing fine and will return April 20th for a check-up.

John M. "Sonny" Russell, a patient at the UMC in Lubbock until Tuesday, April 4, is a resident at the Nursing Care Center in Floydada, Out of town visi-tors with him and wife, Dorothy, this week were daughters, Mrs.

Linda Roy of Weatherford and Mrs. Caron Perkins of Snyder.

vic Read is a new resident in Whiteflat. He purchased the former Jim Stockton home and

Rob Francis attended to business in Abilene, Friday and visited Sue and Mike Patterson.

The children of Jack Green moved him Sunday to The Grand Court in Lubbock. His address is 4601 71st. St., Room 128, Lubbock 79424. Telephone 806-791-6434.



HIGHWAY CLEAN-UP - Members of the Matador Lions Club gathered recently to clean up a two-mile stretch of U.S. Highway 70 west of town. This was the annual "Don't Mess With Texas Trash-Off," which is a partnership between "Keep Texas Beautiful" and the Texas Department of Transportation. The Matador Lions have participated in the annual event for several years. Pictured are (beginning at back, left to right) Charles and Opal Johnson, Judge Ed D. Smith, Tom Edwards, Boss Lion Stan Hanesworth, Jim Watson and Roy Hobbs; (front) Kay Bingham, Alan Bingham, Dorothy Hanesworth and Paul Westbrook.

#### Motley County Chamber News & Views by Marie-Louise Liebe-Harkort

Consider:

Blessed is the person who sees the need, recognizes the responsibility, and actively becomes the answer.

-- William A. Ward

It won't be long now, and Saturday, May 6th will be upon us. This is an important date, because it is the day of the Highway 70 Garage Sale.

Maybe you have been collecting things you no longer need, and that could become someone else's treasure, and are planning to put up a stand. That is good, because this event has been a success at bringing many out of town people to our area, and the more there is for them to look through and buy, the greater the success of the day.

But maybe you have some stuff, but are not planning to have your own stand. Maybe you feel you don't have enough to make a stand worthwhile. Or maybe you would rather spend the day traveling up and down Highway 70 to find items of interest to you.

Then there is a wonderful solution at hand -- donate your items to the Hackberry Creek Care Center or the Senior Citizens Center for them to sell at

their stands.

Or maybe you haven't thought about it at all, but now, that the topic has been suggested, you could find this or that you could donate to the ef-

The Care Center is going to have a stand at Bob's Oil Well in Matador, and you can help the Care Center by giving them your items for sale to benefit the Care Center. The Senior Citizens Center will have their stand at their Center.

There are still many things the Care Center needs, and they can only be financed by donations. If you give them your unneeded items for sale at the 70 Mile Garage Sale, you will be helping them, and will be part of the answer to their needs.

You can bring your donations for the Hackberry Creek Care Center to Dianne Washington in Matador after April 18th, or you can drop them off with Annette Hollinsworth at New to You at any time. Items for the Senior Citizens Center should be dropped off there.

So please spend some time thinking about what you could donate, and drop it off at one of the places accepting the donations. It will be greatly appreci-

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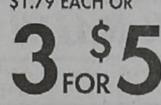
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Most local well water is safe but contamination can occur even after years of use. Everyone will have the opportunity to have their water tested April 18, right here in Matador. The samples will be screened for bacteria, nitrate, and salts. Long term use of some minerals and salts can pose health hazards, especially in young children.

This opportunity is presented as a way to help rural residents check the quality of their water and recognize ways to reduce pollution risks associated with their well water. The water screening project is sponsored by the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS), the Upper Pease Soil and Water Conservation District, and the Four Winds RC&D Area.

Water sample bags and an instruction sheet for collecting the sample can be picked up at the NRCS Office in Matador on Tuesday, April 18 from 7:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Return the water sample to the NRCS office by noon, Wednesday, April 19, for testing. The results of the testing will be available at 2:00 Thursday, April 20, or the results can be mailed to you.

Cost of the screening is \$5.00 per sample, to cover testing supplies.

For additional information contact the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Matador at (806) 347-2263 extension 3, or the Four Winds RC&D Office in Knox City at (940) 658-

#### PROOF OF THE TRUTH BY TOM EDWARDS

THE MYTHOLOGICAL "EVOLUTIONARY TREE!"

By now, some of you have probably asked: "But Edwards, what about the fossil record and the Geological Column?" Glad you asked, but first a bit of his-

Yours truly made some dismal grades the first time through Texas Tech, but by 1964, I decided I wanted to get out and join the war. This meant that I had to finally take (and pass) the required science courses. I chose geology, fell in love with it, and amazingly, topped every course. Now, 40 years later, I can tell you that half of what I was taught, particularly Historical

Geology, was wrong! We'll get into the Geological Column (the layers of rock and fossils, etc., in them) in the next session or so, but as a beginning point, we need to consider the so-called "Evolutionary Tree." (Note: This is also powerful evidence that Darwinian evolution

never happened!) We've all seen the "Evolutionary Tree" depicting little one-celled organisms at the base of the tree trunk which then go up and branch out into birds, reptiles, fish, monkeys, etc. and finally - us. The "Tree": is in all sorts of schoolbooks. The problem is, the "Evolutionary Tree" isn't! It's phony as a 3-dollar bill, the product of wish-

ful mythologial dreaming.

How can we say that? From the actual geological evidence itself, together with statements from evolutionists themselves. There are NO transitional fossils (not one) from one specie to another! If one specie evolved from another, there would be millions or billions of transitional fossils, but there are

Most species first appeared in the fossil record during the so-called "Cambrian Explosion," and according to Harvard's late leading evolutionist, Stephen Jay Gould, they appear in the fossil record "fully-formed and disappear and become extinct without much change!" He was right. That's what the fossil record actually shows.

Now what does this tell us about the "Evolutionary Tree?" Folks, it ain't no tree! It has no trunk! To correctly depict what the evidence actually tells us. turn the "tree" UPSIDE DOWN, then erase the trunk, leaving only the branches representing all the species, without connections, and there you have the truth. They all appeared fully-formed at once! What does that sound like?

P.S. The so-called "missing links" are still missing. Why? Because they never existed!

#### Pecan trees and tomato plants session to be held at Library

What do Pecan Trees and Tomato Plants have in common? For one thing, both of these plants will be the topic of discussion at a presentation by County Agent Eric Lewis at the Motley County Library at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 22. Mr. Lewis will discuss such topics as feeding and care of poor as feeding and care of pecan trees to get the highest yield of pecans. He will also answer

such questions as "My tomato plants bloom and bloom and bloom but never produce a to-mato - why is that?" Anyway, to learn everything you ever wanted to know about pecan trees and tomato plants you are welcome to attend this presentation sponsored by the Friends of the Library. There is no charge for this program and refreshments will be served.

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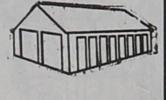
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### **Farm Service Agency News**

by John Bird, CED

**APRIL 14 DEADLINE TO** APPLY FOR CRP RE-ENROLLMENTS AND EXTENSIONS FOR '07 CONTRACTS Conservation Reserve Pro-

gram (CRP) participants with contracts expiring on Sept. 30, 2007, have until April 14, 2006, to apply for re-enrollment and ex-

Beginning in February 2006, Farm Service Agency (FCS) county offices sent letters to CRP participants with contracts expiring Sept. 30, 2007. FSA notified those contract holders of their contract status and the April 14, 2006, deadline to accept the opportunity to extend or reenroll for the contract length offered. The letters asked contract holders to confirm their interest in a re-enrolled or extended contract subject to a compliance check.

CCC ranked the expiring 2007 contracts based on the original Environmental Benefits Index (EBI) score, adding credit for contracts within national CRP conservation priority areas. CRP participants ranking in the adjusted EBI's top one-fifth can re-enroll their land in a new 10-year contract. For lands with restored wetlands, CCC offered the chance fora 15-year contract. CCC offered the second one-fifth group the chance for a 5-year extension; the third one-fifth a 4-year extension; the fourth one-fifth a 3-year extension; and the remaining participants a 2-year

FSA county offices are now beginning to notify CRP participants with contracts expiring in 2008-2010 of their re-enrollment and extension options. The deadline for participants to respond is June 30, 2006.

CRP participants voluntarily enroll highly erodible and other fragile cropland in CRP through long-term contracts of 10 to 15 years. On the enrolled land, participants plant grasses, trees and other vegetation. In exchange, participants receive annual rental payments and a payment of up to 50 percent of the cost of establishing conservation covers.

#### **USDA EXTENDS AUTHORIZATION TO GRAZE CRP ACRES**

In continuing response to this year's widespread drought, USDA's Farm Service Agency announced the extension of emergency grazing of Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acreage in Texas to July 1, 2006.

Certain areas of Texas continue to experience severe drought conditions and a severe shortage of forage for grazing. Pasture recovery and new grass seedlings are delayed due to a lack of moisture and cool weather. This extension of emergency grazing to July 1, 2006, in Texas will provide forage for livestock and help producers in areas most severely impacted by these drought con-

The announcement makes all counties in Texas previously approved for emergency grazing eligible for the extension. Grazing of CRP acres is authorized until July 1, 2006, or until disaster conditions no longer exist, whichever comes first.

The action by USDA is in response to a request received form the Texas FSA State Committee. Producers should note that an extension for emergency haying of CRP acres past the original May 1 cutoff was NOT authorized in order to pro-tect and preserve wildlife habi-tat and the environmental benefit of the permanent cover.

CRP annual rental payments will be reduced by 25 percent of the acres grazed. Other restrictions and limitations apply therefore producers must visit the local USDA Service Center to request grazing privi-leges and modify existing CRP conservation plans to incorporate grazing provisions prior to relocating livestock.

The Motley County Commissioners and the Motley County Sheriff's office would like to remind Motley County residents that the

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By Ace Reid

## **Businesses** reminded of April 17 deadline for filing property tax renditions

Austin -- Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn reminds Texas businesses to render their property with county appraisal districts by April 17. To render is to list taxable inventory, furniture and fixtures, machinery and equipment and other property that a business owned or managed as of Jan. 1, 2006. Appraisal districts may use the information to set property values.

"Rendition helps county appraisal districts appraise business property fairly and accurately," Strayhorn said. "If some businesses are not paying their fair share of property tax, that places a greater tax burden on other hardworking business owners and homeowners."

Rendering allows property owners to record their opinion of their property's value and

of their property's value and ensures that the appraisal district sends them a notice before changing a value on their prop-erty. Owners do not have to render exempt property, such as church property or a farmer's equipment used for farming.

If more than one appraisal

district appraises a property, the property owner should ren-der in each appraisal district

Property owners who need more time to file their renditions may file a written request with the chief appraiser on or before April 17 to receive an automatic extension to May 15. The chief appraiser may also grant an additional 15 days after the May 15 deadline if necessary.

The Comptroller's office

property was damaged by a storm, flood or fire last year that they may file a special decreased value report that could lower their final tax bills. Property owners have until April 17 to file the decreased value report, which indicates their property's condition on Jan. 1,

Rendition forms and decreased value report forms are available from the appraisal district or the Comptroller's office. The rendition forms ask for the The rendition forms ask for the property owner's name and address, general description of property by type or category and the property's location. For property with an aggregate total of more than \$20,000, the property owners also must provide a general estimate of quantity of inventory and the owner's good faith estimate of the property's market value. The property's market value. The owner may provide the historical cost when new and the year the property was acquired rather than the good faith esti-

For more information about rendering property, deadline extensions, penalties and rendition forms, taxpayers may contact their county appraisal district office, e-mail the Comptroller's property tax divi-

ptd.cpa@cpa.state.tx.us> or call the property tax hotline at 1-800-252-9121. In Austin, call 305-9999. Comptroller's forms are available on the Web at <www.window.state.tx.us/ taxinfo/taxforms/o2-

#### also reminded owners whose forms.html> LOCAL WEATHER FORECAST

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According to the Texas Cooperative Extension's "Facts About Texas and U.S. Agriculture," agriculture is big business in Texas. The estimated value of 2004 agricultural production and related items totaled more than \$18 billion. That's up from \$16.7 billion in 2003 and \$14.4

By the time these agricultural products get from the farm to the consumer, the total economic impact translates to more than \$73 billion each year for Texas. During the last few years, the number of farmers whose principal occupation was farming increased 25 percent to just less than 123,000, and the total number of farms increased by more than 750. This is all great news for the industry and for

The newer face of Texas agriculture synchronizing farm production with market demand by recognizing higher value production of crops, such as fruits and vegetables, and value-added processing businesses.

Meeting consumer demands and evolving with the times is something we are always working toward. Good nutrition is on the minds of many Texans as we face an obesity epidemic, especially among our children, and agriculture is a great partner for this. We're producing fresh, wholesome and nutritious foods across the state, and Texans are catching on and taking steps for a healthier

# April 13, 2006

## Motley County Tribune Weather

#### **In-Depth Forecast** 7-Day Forecast Today we will see mostly sunny skies with a Thursday Mostly Sunny

High: 90 Low: 60 Friday

Partly Cloudy High: 86 Low: 61

Saturday Partly Cloudy

High: 87 Low: 54 Sunday Partly Cloudy High: 84 Low: 52

Monday

Tuesday Mostly Sunny High: 85 Low: 56

Wednesday Partly Cloudy High: 84 Low: 51

Sunday Monday Tuesday

Day

Wednesday

In South Dakota, winds gusting to

whipped snow into drifts 15 feet high

Thursday Friday Saturday Mostly Sunny High: 82 Low: 55

high temperature of 90°, humidity of 31% and an overnight low of 60°. The record high temperature for today is 103° set in 1972. The

record low is 24° set in 1997. Friday, skies will be partly cloudy with a high temperature of 86°.

**Moon Phases** New Full Last







& Moon Times

13 p.m.

32 p.m.

:07 a.m.

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Last Week's Local Almanac					
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3	52	72/44	0.00"	Normal precipitation0.39"	
0	48	72/44	0.00"	Departure from normal0.39"	
3	47	72/44	0.00"		
0	55	73/44	0.00"	Average temperature	
6	63	73/45	0.00"	Average normal temperature58.5°	
4	51	73/45	0.00"	Departure from normal +5.5°	
9	45	73/45	0.00"	Data as reported from Childress. Texas	

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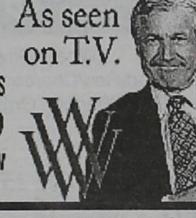
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