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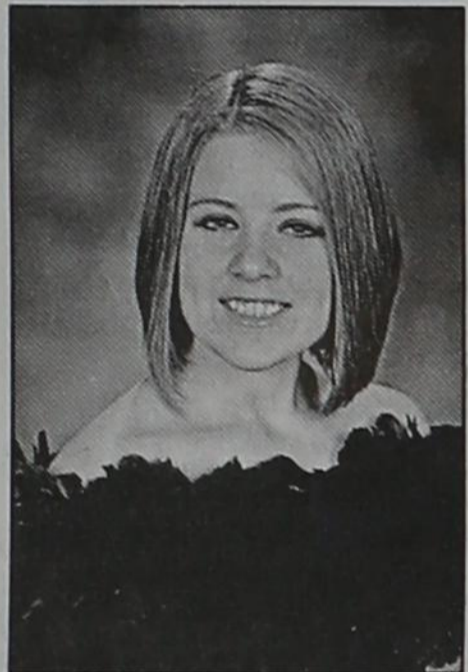
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Local foundation awards grants to senior students for 2009-2010



Courtney Alexander



Will Butler



Shane'a Russell

By Pauline House

The Titus Foundation board members met Friday, March 27, to discuss scholarship applications, the process for scholarship awards, and teacher mini-grant applications.

Board member and Motley County ISD Superintendent Dr. Allen Seigris reported that there are eight seniors this school term, and that two students had plans for attending 4-year universities; and one student will be attending junior college.

The board voted unanimously to award \$8,000 paid over a period of four years to senior students Shane'a Russell and Courtney Alexander,

who will be attending 4-year universities; and \$2,000 paid over a period of two years to Will Butler. Butler will be attending Clarendon Junior College.

Board member Russell Alexander asked the board if scholarships would cover expenses for students that wanted to attend firemen training. Dr. Seigris said that for students attending fireman training or EMT training, for example, that these kinds of continuing education classes would be handled with grants.

Following the announcement of awards to seniors, Mr. James Titus, a former 1940 graduate of Matador High School and the foundation benefactor, said he hoped

to be present at graduation to present the first Titus Foundation scholarships.

The current 10-member board consists of Superintendent Dr. Andrew Seigris, Pat Smith, Matador Mayor, Corky Marshall, Roaring Springs Mayor, Ed D. Smith, Motley County Judge, David Stafford, Motley County School Board, Russell Alexander, Motley County Commissioner, Precinct 4; Marisue Potts-Powell, an "at-large" board member; Edward Fritz, Senior Vice President of PlainsCapital Bank; Earl Morse, former bank officer of PlainsCapital Bank and acting President of the Board; and James Titus.

April meeting of the Roaring Springs Lions Club held at the Windmill Café

By Monta Maeshall

The Roaring Springs Lions Club met Thursday at 11:30 at the Windmill Café for their monthly meeting. There ten members and seven guests present.

President, Wes Campbell opened the meeting with prayer and a pledge to the flag. The club discussed the Relay for Life event; they plan to help sponsor a team. Details have not been worked out

at this time. The club voted to order another sign to be put up on Highway 70 south of town announcing the meeting time and the place for the monthly meetings. The club also voted to send \$100.00 to District 2- T-2 to help pay bus fares for children attending the Lions Cripple Children's Camp in Kerrville, TX.

The president introduced John Levacy a cowboy poet who is on staff at the Ranching Heritage Center in Lub-

bock who gave a very good program.

After the club adjourned, Lion Wes Campbell and wife, Lynn; Lion Floyd Carter and wife, Diane; Lion Corky Marshall and wife, Monta; Lion Ken Abbott and Lion Alex Crowder went to The Hackberry Creek Care Center to sponsor two bingo games for the residents of the center. Several residents participated.

Community service never looked better

By Carol Campbell

Matador Lions Club met Saturday morning to clean trash off of a 2-mile stretch of Highway 70, west. Fourteen Lions braved the high winds, grappling with Don't Mess with Texas plastic bags, interspersed at about half-mile intervals. The Lions Club have

adopted two miles of asphalt west from the Matador City Limits. Volunteering were: Jim Watson, Paul Westbrook, Ed D. Smith, Larry Hoyle, Tom Edwards, Brady Watson, Bill Manning, Roy Hobbs, Matt Crawford, Bobby Klodginski, Fred and Kathy Grant, and Alan and Kay Bingham. This community service ef-

fort is just one of the many projects the Matador Lions Club sponsors. President Ronnie Vandiver asks citizens to support the local Lions Club. "New members are welcome," he said. "Come join the camaraderie, enjoy a once-monthly meeting with a meal, and do your part." For more information, please call 347-2821.



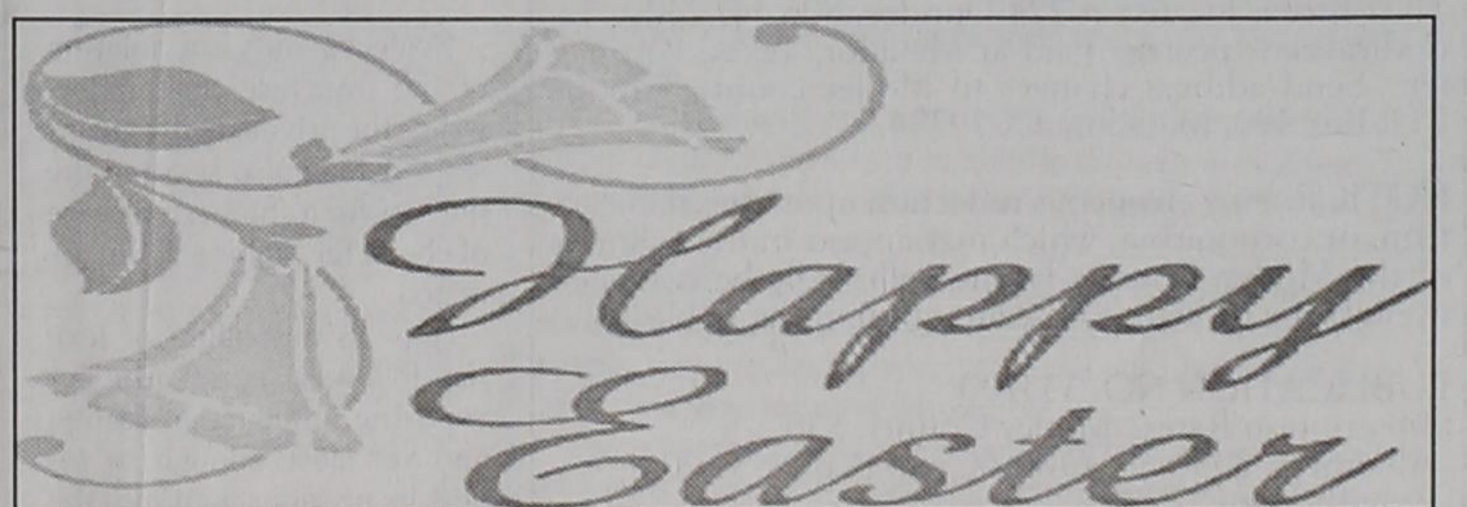
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Photo by Carol Campbell



Ed D Smith & Larry Hoyle clean trash off of a 2-mile stretch of Highway 70, west.

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THIS WEEK'S NEWS

County News

Due to Lack of Oil and Gas Exploration Activity the Palo Duro Basin Oil and Gas Updates will come to an End.

School News

The Jr. High Track Teams traveled to Crowell on Thursday April 2nd to participate in their District Track Meet.

FSA News

May 15th is the final date to report your planted wheat acres. May 31 is the last day to request a loan or LDP for Cotton, Corn and Milo.

Library News

Don't forget, the Library will be closed on Friday, April 10th for the Good Friday Holiday.

County Agent News

April 15 is the deadline for ordering state validation tags for steers.

Foothill Country Connections

Community, Diversity, Art

By Laverne Zabielski

Since we began publishing the paper and the Junior Stock Show photos, I have begun to notice sheep and other farm animals more often. So naturally I was drawn to the photo and poem that my friend Claudia Banahan sent.

I appreciate all the poetry we have been getting from the fifth graders and Monta

Marshall's story which is the beginning of a series. A community's newspaper is more than news. It is also a history book as seen in Days Gone By. However a newspaper creates history not only with the news. When a it publishes the creative expression of it's citizens, another layer of who they are and what they value is uncovered.



This ewe and chicken belong to Eleanor Peavy of Georgetown, Kentucky. Eleanor keeps sheep because she has sheep dogs and competes in sheep dog trials. This particular ewe had twins the night after this photo was taken by Claudia Banahan.

The Ewe's Complaint

by Claudia Banahan.

Spring has sprung the days are warm,
but I'm still wearing wool.
It wouldn't be so uncomfortable
if I weren't so full.

Full of lambs like Ninjas sparring in the dark.
Waiting for their arrival is no walk in the park.
And all the little miracles who are already here

spend their time incessantly
bleating in my ear.

And then there are the chickens
Who strut around and gloat
They have no lambs inside them,
No wool to make them hot.
They have wings, the lucky things
And freedom I have not.


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WRITING COMMUNITY

Uncle Sud and Aunt Limmer Stories

By Monta Marshall

Most of these stories are true, only the names have been changed. I don't aim to cause any un-needed embarrassment! If you recognize yourself or someone you know just keep quiet about it and no one will know.

Aunt Limmer and Aunt Fannie really loved to go to town together. They usually go so tickled over some silly thing that people wondered if they were a little teched. One day Limmer came by and wanted Aunt Fannie to go with her to town. Aunt Fannie said that she guessed that she couldn't, her hair was a mess. It was. She had real fine hair that just wouldn't hold a perm and it could look like a limp dishrag. Aunt Limmer reminded her that she had that new little hat and if she would pull her hair up and just put her new hat on, no one would know that her hair wasn't just beautiful underneath the hat. Fannie rushed because Limmer didn't like to have to wait on anyone. She sprayed a little perfume, put on a little lipstick and the new hat and off they went. They shopped and Aunt Fannie thought that she was sure glad that her hair problem was solved and she had come along. They were having such a good time. They wandered over into the hat section. There was another lady admiring hats and trying them on. She was sort of a flucie sort of lady and she imagined that she knew all the latest fashions. She turned around and looked at Aunt Fannie. She said, "Oh, my dear, that isn't the way to wear that hat." Before you could blink an eye she had pulled the hat off Fannie's head to readjust it. Her old

lank hair just fell down in her face. The fashionable lady was a little taken back. She realized what she had done and apologized profusely. Aunt Limmer just about had to make a quick run to the restroom, she was laughing so hard. Fannie quickly regained her composure and put it back on so that she got maximum coverage again and she and Aunt Limmer went on with their shopping. They left that store and went on down the street to go to the next department store. At the corner there was the fashion lady again. She began apologizing again and again. They turned around and went the other way hoping they wouldn't see her again! As long as she lived, Aunt Limmer would tell that story everytime she and Aunt Fannie got in a crowd then she would laugh until she would lose her breath. She was like that.

It was more fun to go to church with Aunt Limmer and Uncle Sud. Aunt Limmer was always looking around and she would usually see something she thought was funny. The pews were not like they are today and the floors were uneven. You might say Aunt Limmer was a little on the fluffy side. When she would get tickled the whole pew would shake, much to my delight.

One time a couple rushed in late to the services. You could tell they got ready in a hurry. The coat hanger was still under the man's suit coat, just sticking up the back. His opinion was that all suits and ties were uncomfortable and hated to wear the darned thing. He was totally unaware of the coat hanger, he just assumed that it was just that stiff collar.

Soon his wife was shifting around to get more comfortable on the pew. They weren't padded in those days. Anyway she put her arm across the back of the seat. Aunt Limmer was already about to explode and her pew was rocking. Then the wife decided to give her husband a reassuring pat and she felt that coat hanger. Aunt Limmer was off in a rush again to the restroom. Aunt Limmer always could see the funny side of anything. Just a long feather on the preacher's wife's hat tickling her neck could set her off. I've seen her get distracted and watch old man Tut's adam's apple when he sang and get pure hysterical. I always tried to sit next to her. It made the sermon seem shorter somehow.

I reckon she had always been jolly that way. She loved to tell about when she was a girl and they were to have baptisms one Sunday. It was before churches had baptisteries. Folks would go to the creek or stock tank for baptisms. It was cold so they contrived an inside baptistry. One of the ranchers brought in a steel stock tank, they filled it with water and they hung a wagon sheet on a wire behind the tank for a dressing area. One young lady wanted to be baptized and her mother went back to help her into the baptismal clothes. She would stay back there to help her dry off and re-dress. However, she wanted to see the baptism so she stood up on a chair to look over the wagon sheet to watch. She lost her balance and tried to hold on to the wire to right herself. The wire snapped and she screamed, "Whoops" and fell right in on the baptism. Aunt Limmer always did wonder if that was a scriptural baptism!

More poems from the fifth grade

MY SISTER SAMANTHA

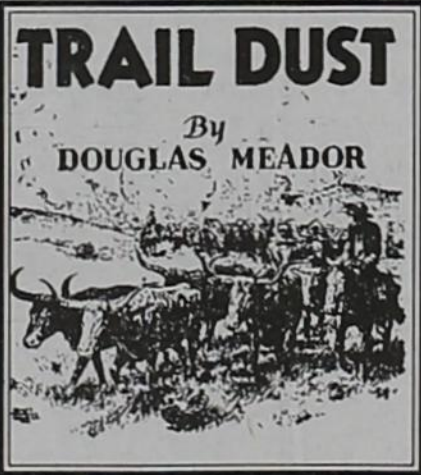
By Thalia Quillimaco

I have a sister who is crazy,
She is silly as my brothers,
She looks like a sweet adorable strawberry,
But to me she is just my sister.
Sometimes she can be as lazy as a bear hibernating,
But I guess that is how sisters are suppose to be.

FAIR

By Seth Markey

Once there was a bear
That went to the fair, and saw a man there laughing.
The bear said what are you laughing at?
The man said you're not as strong as Donkey Kong.
The bear chuckled and said,
Who is Donkey Kong? I bet im that strong.
I'll show you wait and see.
So the bear grabbed a sludgehammer
Wwwwwhhhhhhosssshhhhhh DING!!!
I showed you!



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April 9, 1959

Neglect of duty is a violation of the franchise that underwrites the privileges of citizenship. It may also become the nucleus for a stubborn disease of character that is seldom arrested.

Hope is a satellite of love that follows a special orbit beyond the influence of reality, and yet close enough to reflect its precious light into the darkest hours.

Choirs of trees accompanied by organs of the wind provide vesper music when candles of the stars are lighted and the sermons of nature are commenced.

It is rather confusing when we are advised that the gov-

ernment almost owns the people, and on the other hand that the people own the government.
Fate often receives credit for conditions that were previously arranged by accident, carelessness or rank stupidity.



Matador Tribune
April 16, 1959

Cheerleaders are elected for 1959

The cheerleaders for the 1959 football season were elected by the student body Thursday, April 9th. Elected to the top as head cheerleader was Daphne Lynn. Her two assistants will be Carol Campbell and Geney Spray. The three cheerleaders will be in charge of all pep rallies and extra jobs at homecoming time.

HOG THE FROG

By Bryant Taylor

One day a frog named Hog saw a dog on a log
Who was in the fog
The dog said, "You big hog!"
Hog the frog said "I can't see you that well, Dog,
so why don't you step right out of there,
and make it a quick jog?"
so he stepped right our, and he was as big as a clump of fog.

ANIMALS

By Bailee Perryman

Some animals are tall, and some are very small,
Some are fast like cheetahs, but some are slow as turtles,
Some can jump hurtles, while some work at circuses,
Others work at services, and some walk while others mock.

DEAR DOG

By Samuel Charette

Dear Dog,
You are my best friend.
Best, Best, Best friend.
I depend on you,
You are my best friend.

THE HORDE

By Matthew Faulks

I am Raam.
I'm the king of the Horde.
The Cog are out for me.
We call the Cog the hog.
We fight back at the hog.
We loose men
We gain men
Who will ever win?

Elaine Risser,

*I do not appreciate you as much as I should.
I can never realize all you do for me. You do so many things I never seem to realize until MUCH later. I appreciate you for all I know you have done for me. I will thank You for the rest as I realize them. I Love You.*

Fred, (your not so bright husband!)

DAYS GONE BY

The Greens Go West...and Settle At Whiteflat

By Carleton Green

Editor's Note: This chapter from The Green Family is shared by Richard "Jiggs" Green of Hackberry Creek Care Center. "Jiggs" lives and breathes fishing. He is anxiously awaiting a field trip to wet a hook, so he has his rod and reel polished and ready to go. Lately he has been exercising and walking more so he will be in shape for the spring outing.

The Homestead Heartbreak

This sounded like maybe just what they had been looking for, so Jim and Jennie, Annie and her future husband, Arthur Garland, and the Padgetts all filed claims. In order to perfect a claim, it was necessary to live on it at least six months each year. They would come back to west Texas every six months where they could pick cotton in order to earn enough money to live on the claim for another six months. They traveled back and forth by covered wagon.

Although they had no babies to worry about by then, it was not an easy life. Luther was only 5 in 1908 when they first started this. Art was about 11, Earl 12, Daisy 13, Jamie 15, Teddy 20 and Annie 23. Everybody had to work to make a go of it.

In Kenna, they lived in a dugout with a wood-burning stove down in the bottom of this hole in the ground. As told to Sylvia Foss by her mother, Annie, higher up there was a shelf on which she slept. When it rained, the water would run in the bottom, and the smoke would rise up to the shelf and just hang there. Annie's parents lived with her.

Jim and Jennie finally got fed up with this king of life, gave up their claim and settled back in Gasoline in the fall of 1910. Annie and Arthur perfected their claims, sold them, married and settled in Plainview. Teddy apparently went only one year to Kenna, because by 1909 he was living and working in Floydada, Texas. We have no informa-

tion on the Padgett claim but they too settled in Plainview. The Thompsons, Jennie's parents were already there.

This summer (1981) my wife, Lois, and I came through Kenna on our way back to California from the Green Family Reunion held by Aunt Ona's (Mrs. Jamie Green) family in Matador, Texas. None of the original buildings is left, and we really couldn't see anything that looked like a town. It is little more than a railroad stop. Going south toward Roswell, the land on both sides of the highway, U.S. 70, was fenced and posted and we could see a few cattle grazing here and there.

It is certainly no "Garden of Eden," even after 73 years. We did notice a few oil wells pumping away, and there is a small tank farm or two. I'm told those cattle fatten beautifully when they can stand in the shadow of an oil derrick. Maybe they gave up too soon, we thought, as we filled up with gas in Roswell at \$1.50 a gallon.

Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off Needs Volunteers to Keep Roads Clean and Safe

(AUSTIN, Texas)-This year, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) hopes to gather more litter during the Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off on April 4. During Trash-Off, volunteers across the state will clean roadsides, parks, waterways and neighborhoods.

The Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off is the largest one-day statewide cleanup event in the U.S. and is a partnership between TxDOT and Keep Texas Beautiful (KTB). The event brings together KTB volunteers and Adopt-a-Highway groups from across the state to clean up roadways and their communities on one designated day. The public is invited to participate by signing up online at www.ktb.org or calling 1-800-CLEAN-TX.

TxDOT needs more volunteers because it is facing a challenging year for trash

pick-up.

There are more roads to keep clean, and Hurricane Ike spread extra debris over parts of the state.

"Without volunteers, it could cost even more to keep Texas roads clean," said Doris Howdeshell, Travel Information Division Director for TxDOT. "That's why we have to continue changing peoples' behavior through the Don't Mess with Texas litter prevention campaign, and we are so grateful to our dedicated volunteers who help keep Texas clean and safe."

During last year's Trash-Off, 61,000 volunteers collected more than 5 million pounds of litter.

About Don't Mess with Texas

The Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off began in 1986 to encourage the public to re-

frain from littering for one designated day. TxDOT's litter prevention program includes Adopt-a-Highway and a grassroots partnership with Keep Texas Beautiful. Don't Mess with Texas activities also includes community outreach, a student litter prevention contest and a corporate partner program. TxDOT also wants to remind Texans that they can get a free litterbag via the Don't Mess with Texas Web site, www.dontmesswithtexas.org.

Litterbags offer an immediate solution for drivers, so they can easily store their trash until they reach a trash can. TxDOT's goals are to reduce congestion, enhance safety, expand economic opportunity, improve air quality and increase the value of transportation assets. For more information, visit www.txdot.gov.

It's April 15 and you can't pay your tax bill

DALLAS - The Internal Revenue Service is making extra efforts to help taxpayers this tax season, but there are some things you should know if you can't pay your entire tax bill.

"The IRS recognizes that many folks may be going through some tough financial times right now," said Clay Sanford with the Dallas IRS office. "Unfortunately events such as job loss or tapping a retirement fund can obviously have an impact on taxes."

Sanford said that doing some research at IRS.gov can pay off for some folks. For instance, if your income decreased because of a layoff or a cut in wages, you may be eligible for certain tax credits, such as the Earned Income Tax Credit.

Most importantly, if you believe you may have trouble paying your taxes, contact the IRS immediately. There are steps that can be taken to help ease the burden.

"You should file a tax return by April 15 even if you are unable to pay so you can avoid additional penalties," Sanford pointed out. "If you do not file your return by the due date, you may have to pay a failure-to-file penalty."

Additionally, if you pay as much as you can by April 15, you can lessen the amount of interest

owed. The late payment penalty is usually one-half of one percent of any tax (other than estimated tax) not paid by the regular due date. It is charged for each month or part of a month the tax is unpaid. The maximum penalty is 25 percent.

There are three choices for filing Form 4868 (PDF), Application For Automatic Extension of Time To File U.S. Individual Tax Return; 1) electronically (such as by computer), 2) by paying part of your tax due with a credit card through an outside service provider listed on the form, or 3) by mail. If you file your Form 4868 electronically you will receive an acknowledgement or confirmation number for your records and you do not need to mail in Form 4868. If you need to pay additional taxes, you may do so through the outside service provider or through e-file.

Here are some areas where IRS can help:

Added Flexibility for Missed Payments: The IRS is allowing more flexibility for individuals with existing Installment Agreements who have difficulty making payments because of a job loss or other financial hardship. Depending on the situation, the IRS may allow a skipped payment or a reduced monthly

payment amount. Taxpayers in this situation should contact the IRS.

Additional Review for Offers in Compromise on Home Values: An Offer in Compromise (OIC), an agreement between a taxpayer and the IRS that settles the taxpayer's tax debt for less than full amount owed, may be a viable option for taxpayers experiencing economic difficulties. However, the equity taxpayers have in real property can be a barrier to an OIC being accepted. With the uncertainty in the housing market, the IRS recognizes that the real-estate valuations used to assess ability to pay are not necessarily accurate. So in instances where the accuracy of local real-estate valuations is in question or other unusual hardships exist, the IRS is creating a new, second review of the information to determine if accepting an offer is appropriate.

Prevention of Offer in Compromise Defaults: Taxpayers who are unable to meet the periodic payment terms of an accepted OIC will be able to contact the IRS office handling the offer for available options to help them avoid default.

Postponement of Collection Actions: IRS employees will have greater authority to sus-

TxDOT Observes National Work Zone Awareness Week

"Drive to Survive - Our Future is Riding on it!"

AUSTIN - For many motorists, the first word that comes to mind when encountering a highway construction work zone is delay. The word that should come to mind is caution.

Each April, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) joins with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), national transportation associations and numerous other state DOTs for National Work Zone Awareness Week (NWZAW) to remember victims and to raise awareness of safety precautions for workers and motorists in work zones. This year, NWZAW will be observed April 6-10, 2009 and will commemorate the 10th anniversary of the campaign.

Work zones can be hazardous for motorists as well as highway crews working to improve Texas' highways. TxDOT maintains approximately 80,000 miles of highway with more than 1,000 construction or maintenance projects underway at any given time. With so much construction, it is all too common for motor-

ists to encounter work zones.

Nationally, there are over 800 fatalities and 40,000 injuries in work zone-related crashes each year.

In Texas, nearly 150 people are killed annually in highway construction and maintenance zones.

More than four out of every five work zone fatalities are motorists traveling through the work zone.

Speeding and inattention are the most common causes of work zone crashes, and one in three work zone crashes is a rear-end collision.

"We want all individuals to take extra care when working in or traveling through work zones," said Fred Underwood, Texas Transportation Commissioner. "By creating this awareness, we are empowering people with the knowledge of how they can help protect and save lives. As a result, we hope to reduce the number of fatalities that occur in work zones."

Underwood said everyone should take responsibility for work zone safety, from engi-

neers and planners to drivers and pedestrians. For more information about work zone safety, visit our Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Austin-TX/Texas-Department-of-Transportation/44520755873> or listen to our podcast at <http://www.keeptexasmoving.com>.

The Texas Department of Transportation

The Texas Department of Transportation is responsible for maintaining nearly 80,000 miles of road and for supporting aviation, rail and public transportation across the state. TxDOT and its 15,000 employees strive to empower local leaders to solve local transportation problems, and to use new financial tools, including tolling and public-private partnerships, to reduce congestion and pave the way for future economic growth while enhancing safety, improving air quality and preserving the value of the state's transportation assets. Find out more at www.txdot.gov.

TxDOT Reminder: Campaign signs on state highway right of way illegal

10 days after the election.

CHILDRESS * During campaign season the landscape blooms with a special kind of flower * the political sign. Unlike wildflowers that are welcome anywhere, putting campaign signs on public lands is illegal. Before you plant a sign, there are a few things you need to know:

* It is illegal to place any signs on or within the right of way. This includes posting signs on trees, telephone poles, traffic signs and other objects on the right of way.

* Campaign signs along Texas roads can be placed on private property with the owner's permission.

* Campaign signs may be posted as early as 90 days before an election (no earlier) and must be removed within

10 days after the election.

* Before placing a sign inside of incorporated city limits, check with the city for applicable ordinances.

Anyone running for office is reminded that it is illegal to put any sign on state highway right of way without authorization. TxDOT's regulatory authority allows the immediate removal of a sign placed on state highway right of way without prior notice, if the sign is not authorized by state law or approved by TxDOT. The penalty for violating this law is a fine of up to \$500 per

sign.

The law does not just apply to campaign signs. It is illegal to put any sign, including garage sale and business signs on state highway right of way without authorization. *Sign* is defined as any outdoor sign, display, light device, figure, painting, drawing, message, plaque, or other thing that is designed and/or intended to advertise or inform.

For more information contact Barbara Seal, Childress TxDOT Public Information Officer at 940-937-7288 or Twyla Hardin at 940-937-7124.

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Power over Oneself



There is a word that brings to our minds several different concepts. But the control we speak of here is "self-control". We listed in our bible as one of the "fruits of the spirit". It is name in the list of Christian virtues that are to be added to our faith. Easier said than done. Someone has said, "He is every

inch a king who rules with absolute authority over his appetites and desires."

R. Whitson Seaman also hit the nail on the head when he stated, "Abstain from what is harmful to the body or soul, and be moderate in your use of what is not." Self control lies in some of these areas: What we say...what we wear...how we act...where we go...what we read...what we watch on TV...? Here are some more; attending church services...how much we give...daily Bible reading...praying...and speaking to some one about their soul. Aren't these also matters of self control?

The person who says have no problem with self-control usually doesn't have any. The individual quoted earlier is again quoted here: "Not qualified to be in command of others is he who is command of himself." (Mr. Seaman). The world we inhabit would be a better place if all of us practice self-control more often. It begins with me and will you join me? Let's give it a try.

Roaring Springs Church of Christ
Michael G. Crowley, Sr.
BIBLE STUDY 10:00 a.m. Worship 9:00 a.m.

NEWS AROUND MOTLEY COUNTY

Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

Winter, Winter Go Away

For in the dirt, I'm ready to play.

Eighty-eight and ninety turned up my spring fever,

But warmer temperatures were a deceiver.

Cold came again, chased spring away,

Surely it will be back tomorrow or the next day.

Beds have been prepared, Some things moved, to set out plants, I've not dared;

Seeds are waiting, Sprouts anticipating.

Plants are whirling in my brain,

Plants are ready so please pray for rain.

My want to's were realities,

And can do's possibilities,

I would be happy as a pig so fine,

Out soaking in all the sunshine!

Last Thursday 16 people enjoyed hearing John LeVacy, cowboy poet regale the Lions with funny cowboy poems. He used descriptive words that he said cowboys were fond of like 'all spizzered up' and 'hand howdies'. He threw in a little history on Motley County to boot. He told us that Motley County had a larger population in the late eighteen-hundreds than Lubbock County. The plains and rolling plains counties were cut out of Bexar County in eighteen hundred seventy-six. He also informed us that most cowboy fatalities were caused by lightning and not from being thrown by wild broncs.

Zella Palmer was taken by ambulance to the emergency room at Crosbyton where she was treated and released. Her son, Johnny Palmer took her to Lubbock to spend the night with them. She returned home today.

Two meetings of interest to the folks of Roaring Springs will be held next week: The regular City Council meeting on Monday, April 13 at 6:30 p.m. and the Roaring Springs Community Volunteers on Tuesday, April 14th. A change in the meeting place should be noted for the Volunteers. Since it is right after Easter, the Trammell's will not be hosting the meeting.

The Volunteers will not be sponsoring an Easter Egg hunt this year. The Chamber of Commerce in Matador will have one in Matador and the

First Baptist Church in Roaring Springs will have one during Children's Church on Sunday morning in back of the church.

Ken and Dinah Young recently attended a fun party in Houston given by their former boss whom they worked for when working in the Olympics in Australia, Greece and Utah in the past years. He is a motorcycle buff and had a garage dedicated to his cycle hobby. It burned and he had another built. He and his wife, Fred and Ramona Arnold threw this party celebrating their new building. They called it the Phoenix Garage mah 'hal party since it was a very well appointed garage and Phoenix because it had risen from the ashes of the former garage! Dinah said they really knew how to throw a party! Mr. Arnold served up great meals of pulled pork with coleslaw and a fish fry with hush puppies and all the trimmings to a large motorcycle group and other friends.

Ken returned to the area to make a bridal portrait of Dinah's niece, Lesli Wienke sitting horseback in her wedding gown. The portrait had to be postponed earlier because of bad weather.

Dana Graham shared some pictures of her new grandson and pictures of historic places she and her son and family toured while she visited them in Germany. They were very interesting and Dana really enjoyed her stay there. She was happy to be home to Texas!

Joe Glenn and Joyce Meredith attended the First Baptist Church in Matador on Sunday to hear their daughter, Carla Meador sing.

Compliments to the Gulleddges for taking meals to shut-ins. When they have cooked more food than they could serve; rather than waste the food, they give it to shut-ins. That is really a loving thing to do. The Windmill Cafe is a success in every way.

Jen Charette, Sam Charette, 11, and Sophia Charette, 6 have recently moved to Roaring Springs from Liberty Hill Texas and they report that they are, "very happy to be in Roaring Springs."

When you have news if you will call me I will be happy to include it in my column. Sometimes it is hard to gather enough news; please call me at 348-7000.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

Lord Jesus, thank you for your love and redeeming death so that we all may have abundant life. Help us follow your ways and be faithful citizens of your kingdom.

HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL

Mrs. B. Rogers returned home Wednesday, April 1 after being hospitalized in Lubbock and Lockney since January 28th. She will have therapy treatments in her home and is reported to be recovering just fine. Visiting in her home during the weekend were Richard and Tina Rogers and Ronnie and Lou Rogers of Lubbock, Mrs. Leona Degan of Quitaque, Stanley and Donna Sue Degan of Kalgary and Mr. and Mrs. Morris Degan of Quanah.

Mrs. Erma Washington was a patient at the Heart Hospital in Lubbock from Wednesday until Saturday, April 1-4 with

her during her hospitalization and accompanied her home were children, Tim Washington of Roaring Springs, Mrs. Connie Franks and Mrs. Sandra Barclay. They were thankful for her good medical report.

GUESTS AT BAPTIST CHURCH

The Flomot Baptist Church had their guests attended from the Mount Zion Baptist Church of Floydada. Featured speaker was their minister, the Rev. Ralph Jackson and the women of Faith quartet sang a medley of religious hymns. It was declared a spiritual renewal.

L.T. Starkey of Ralls and brother, Johnnie Starkey accompanied their sister, Lola Jewel Starkey of Clyde to Flomot Sunday to visit this week.

Rickey Hughes and Kason of Floydada visited Saturday with his parents, Janice and Butch Hughes.

Snow, freezing temperatures and persistent wind gusts in March

A light blanket of snow March 13 and again March 27-28 with below freezing temperatures and persistent wind gusts in March left Motley County fruit trees and plants in a wilted condition. Only time will tell how much damage is done. Branding and vaccinating of livestock was done during the month. Cattle in good condition and still grazing wheat land with

supplemental feeding. Farm land plowed and waiting for a good rain.

Motley County National Weather Service Volunteers report total moisture for March 2009: Buzz Thacker, Roaring Springs 0.10; Ronnie Bailey, Matador 0.25; Lawrence Allen, Whiteflat 0.41; Clois Shorter, Flomot 0.67 and Betty Simpson, Northfield 0.47.

Motley County Senior Citizens Menu

Thursday, April 9, Chicken Fried Steak/w Gravy, Green Beans, Baked Potatoes, Rolls, Apricots

Friday, April 10, Center Closed, Good Friday

Monday April 13, Taco Salad, Spanish Rice, Fruit, Cookies

Tuesday, April 14, Chicken Spaghetti, Zucchini, Tossed Salad, Garlic Bread, Gelatin, and Fruit

Wednesday, April 15, Sausage on Bun, Tator Tots, Carrots, Baked Apples

Be on the Look Out

The Motley County Sheriff's Office needs your help in locating a suspect in several recent "peeping tom" type incidents in Matador. The suspect is described as a white or Hispanic male, approximately 5'6"-5'8", approximately 160 - 185lbs, with dark hair. These incidents have been occurring just after dark.

If you have any information about these incidents please contact the Motley County Sheriff's Office at (806) 347-2728.

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Matador News

Visiting with Dorothy (Traweek) and Stan Hanesworth this past week were her sister and husband, Fran and Ned Morris of Friday Harbor, Washington. Before arriving in Matador, Frank and Ned met at the Olive Garden Restaurant in Lubbock with long-time friends, Marlene (Bailey) Hamm and grandson, Cody Hamm of Brownfield, Carolyn (Pohl) and Howard Limmer of Snyder and her sister and husband, the Hanesworths of Matador.

While in Matador, Frank and Ned and Carolyn and Howard were entertained by Dorothy and Stan with dinner and a viewing of old family videos. The group also enjoyed a gourmet breakfast at

Hotel Matador. Before Fran and Ned left Matador, "the Traweek girls" enjoyed a visit to the Motley County Museum housed in the old Traweek Hospital building.

Carol and Lucretia Campbell, Todd Allison, and Kay and Ron Bailey traveled to McLean on Saturday, March 28, to attend the funeral of Todd's father, Jim Allison. Todd remained in McLean for several days, visiting old friends.

Kay Bailey and Carolyn Limmer traveled to Amarillo, Monday, April 6, for a doctor's appointment for Carolyn, and to visit Kay's mother, Laverna Price Johnston, a resident at Ware Care Center.

FSA Reminders

Amy Hackler, CED

DEADLINES-please be reminded that May 15th is the final date to report your planted wheat acres-if you do not report your acres by that date, you will be required to pay a late file and a spot check performed. Please call to schedule your appointment.

BUY-IN WAIVER-For those producers who did not have coverage on all or some of their crops for 2008, here is your opportunity. They have reopened the opportunity to buy either CAT level for your

insurable crops or NAP insurance for crops where insurance is not available. If you need coverage, please schedule an appointment as soon as possible. By purchasing coverage this will make you eligible for 2008 disaster programs. This deadline is May 18th. Please don't miss out on this opportunity!!!!

Final Date for Commodity Loans: May 31,2009 is the last day to request a loan or LDP for Cotton, Corn and Milo.

Motley County School Menu

Thursday, April 9, Breakfast- Cereal, Blueberry Muffin or Toast, Juice, Milk. Lunch-Oven Fried Chicken, Creamed Potatoes, Gravy, Salad, Cake, Peaches, Milk

Friday-NO SCHOOL

Monday, April 13, Breakfast- Breakfast Pizza, or Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk. Lunch- Pizza, Salad, Pineapple Chunks, Vanilla Wafers, Milk

Tuesday, April 14, Breakfast- Pancake, Sausage, or Cereal, Toast, Slice Pears, Milk. Lunch-Spaghetti/Meat Sauce, Salad, Cheese Sticks, Peach Cups, Milk

Wednesday, April 15, Breakfast- Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk. Lunch-Steak fingers, Creamed Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans, Hot Roll, Honey, Milk

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5:00pm - 8pm

Friday Night

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Handmade
Easter Baskets
By Shane

Notes from the Library

By Buffy Crutchley

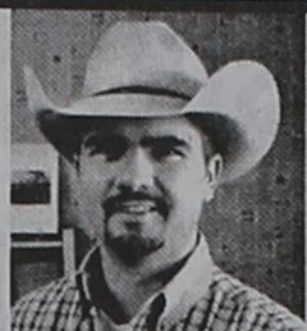
The Reading for Ringling program has certainly gained popularity this week. For those of you that didn't hear about it, let me explain. Ringling Brothers & Barnum & Bailey Circus has given us free circus tickets to give out to anyone between the ages of two and twelve. But there's a catch. The youngsters have to read five books to make the ticket valid. I even have a special elephant shaped stamper to mark the tickets. The circus will be in Lubbock at the end of April, so there's plenty of time to bring your kiddos into the library and earn those tickets!

Jo Trammell was kind enough to donate a gigantic bag of books this week. There

were some treasures in that bag that now grace the shelves of the library. Thanks to Jo, we have some new Beverly Lewis, Lori Wick, and Tracie Peterson. There is even a book called "The Blue Bottle Club" that is about a group of girls who, during The Depression, write their dreams on a piece of paper, then put them in a blue bottle. Sixty five years later, someone finds the bottle and tracks the ladies down. This is one book I can't wait to read!

Don't forget, the Library will be closed on Friday, April 10th for the Good Friday Holiday. Stop in Thursday to gather all your reading goodies for the long weekend. Happy Easter Everyone!

County Agent's News



by Ryan Martin, Agri LIFE EXTENSION Agent

Texas 4-H/FFA Steer Validation

The deadline for ordering state-validation tags for steers is approaching quickly. April 15 is the deadline to place orders for state steer validation tags. If you would like to order tags, contact the county Extension office.

All Texas major livestock shows require all 4-H and FFA steers to be validated in the Texas 4-H/FFA Steer Validation Program. Therefore, if you are taking a steer to a major stock show, your animal needs to be validated. Validation tags are \$7 per tag if ordered by April 15, after the deadline tags will cost \$20.

Private Applicators License

If you are in need of a private applicators license please contact the Extension office at 806-347-2733. In order to have a training to issue license we need several people to sign up. The training includes a video then a test administered by a representative from the Texas Department of Agriculture. A TDA representative will only make the trip if we have around 10 people sign up. Once we get enough people, a date will be set for the training.

USDA responds to producer concerns by extending sign-up date for DCP and ACRE Programs

Amy Hackler, Executive Director of USDA's Farm Service Agency in Motley County announced today that USDA has extended the sign-up deadline from June 1, to Aug. 14, 2009, for both the Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) and the forthcoming Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) Program. This action extends the sign-up deadline by 10 weeks to give producers ample time to decide whether to participate in ACRE or remain in DCP.

"Extending the sign-up deadline for both these programs ensure that America's farmers have enough information and time needed to determine if ACRE is the right program for their operational needs," said Hackler. "The DCP and ACRE programs play a critical role in the farm safety net and it is vital that we act to support the hard work of the farmers we depend on."

Sign-up for ACRE is expected to start in late April, with an official sign-up announcement to be made in the coming weeks. Producers can elect ACRE at their FSA county office after the sign-up period commences. The original June 1 deadline may

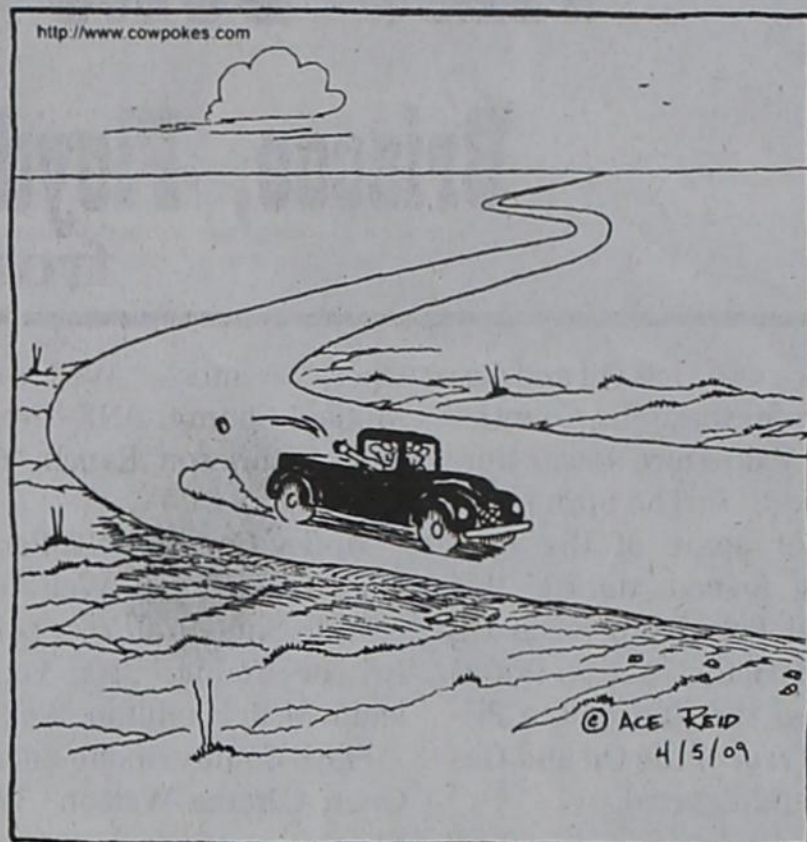
have forced producers to rush their decision, which is why this extension gives producers more time to make an informed decision about staying with DCP for 2009 or participating in ACRE for crop year 2009 and beyond through 2012.

The ACRE program, authorized by the 2008 Farm Bill, provides eligible producers a state-level revenue guarantee, based on the 5-year state Olympic average yield and the 2-year national average price. ACRE payments are made when both state and farm-level triggers are met. By participating in ACRE, producers elect to forgo counter-cyclical payments, receive a 20-percent reduction in direct payments and a 30-percent reduction in loan rates. The decision to elect ACRE binds the farm to the program through the 2012 crop year, the last crop year covered by the 2008 Act.

For more information about ACRE, DCP and other price support programs, please visit your local USDA Service Center or your local FSA county office. You can also obtain information on-line at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

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By Ace Reid



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Obituary

Georgia Jean Carpenter

On March 21st, 2009, Georgia Jean Carpenter entered the gates of heaven to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. 'Jeanie', as she was known by her friends and colleagues, was the branch manager of the now A+ Credit Union in San Marcos from 1972 until 1998. In 1998, she and her husband, Dick, moved to Lake Palo Pinto, Texas. While living there, she worked at the Palo Pinto branch of the Santo National Bank.

Three years after Dick's death, Georgia relocated in Wimberley in 2007. She was surrounded and cared for by numerous friends and family members during her battle with breast cancer. Georgia's surviving children are Cindy M. Carpenter, Carlton J. Carpenter and wife Kay, and Christi C. Usher. Her siblings are Hal D. Hines and wife

June, and Alita B. Hines. She is also survived by her father, Erna W. Lancaster and wife Lillian of Arroya Grande, California.

Surviving grandchildren are Christopher Jackson and wife, Liz, Kasey Belote and wife Cheryl, Jenni Usher, Kyle Belote and wife Mika, John Usher, Shawn Jackson, Cara Carpenter and Caleb Carpenter. Great-grandchildren are Cole Belote and Kyoka Belote.

Her celebration of life service will be held at Trinity Chapel in Wimberley, Texas on April 18th at 1:00pm. Trinity Chapel is located at 120 Green Acres Drive. Their telephone number is 512-847-9526. In lieu of flowers, please make charitable donations in memory of Georgia Jean Carpenter to Hospice Austin, 4107 Spicewood Springs Rd., Suite 100, Austin, TX, 78759.

Amarillo Botanical Gardens GardenFest 2009

Saturday, May 2 from 10a-2p the Botanical Gardens will hold their annual outdoor GardenFest event. This popular event kicks off the spring gardening season and continues to grow each year with new offerings. Local garden clubs and businesses will sell plants and other garden & yard related products. The local Master Gardeners will offer fun and informative gardening demonstrations.

New this year is an art show featuring works from the Lone Star Pastel Society, the Watercolor Society of Amarillo and

the Amarillo Fine Arts Association. A portion of their sales will be graciously donated to the Botanical Gardens. Attendees can also shop the ABG gift shop which now has colorful new spring merchandise and purchase new, used and vintage gardening books and magazines from the ABG library. Light snacks and beverages will be available for purchase. Musical artist Mike Fuller to perform. Admission is FREE!

For more information call 806-352-6513 or visit: www.amarillobotanicalgardens.org

PALO DURO BASIN OIL and GAS UPDATE

Due to Lack of Oil and Gas Exploration Activity in the Six County Area of the Palo Duro Basin the Palo Duro Basin Oil and Gas Updates, which have been published in this newspaper, will come to an End.

The Palo Duro Basin Oil and Gas Updates were started in July of 2005 when Mrs. Joyce Williams of Floydada requested that Tom Musser provide these Updates as a Service to the Community, and requested that Mrs. Alice Gilroy, Editor, run the Oil and Gas Updates in the Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon.

Later the Palo Duro Basin Oil and Gas Updates were also pub-

lished in the Motley County Tribune and in the Valley Tribune.

The Floyd County Historical Museum maintains copies of all of the Oil and Gas Information collected by Tom Musser on the Oil and Gas Activity of the Six Counties of Briscoe, Floyd, Hale, Hall, Motley, and Swisher Counties.

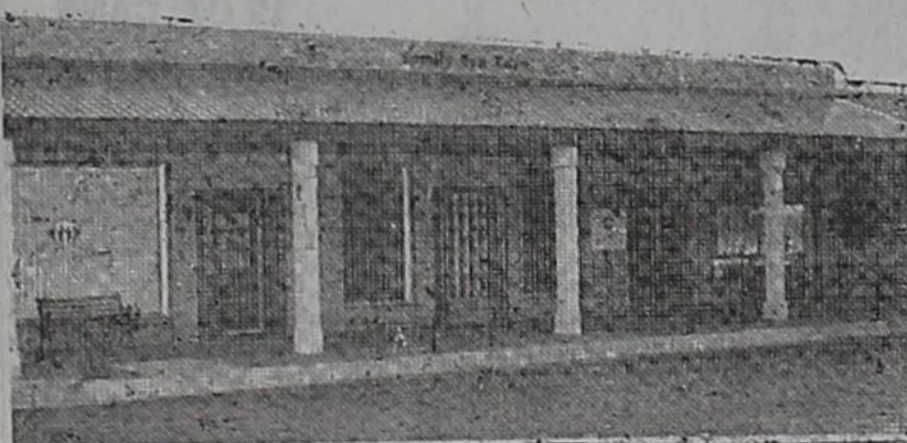
Tom Musser will continue to monitor the Oil and Gas Activity of the Palo Duro Basin, Update as necessary, and keep up with Yearly Production. This Information will be added to the Information now on file at the Floyd County Historical Museum.

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Weather Trivia

Based on average yearly snowfall, what is the snowiest location in the U.S.?

Answer: Stampede Pass, Wash. with 440.3 inches per year.

Weather History

April 9, 1947 - A tornado struck Woodward, Okla. during the late evening, killing 95 people and causing six million dollars in damage. The tornado, traveling at a speed of 68 mph, killed a total of 167 people and injured 980 others along its 221-mile path from Texas into Kansas.

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PALO DURO BASIN 2008 Oil and Gas Summary

Briscoe, Floyd, Hale, Hall, Motley, and Swisher Counties

from Thomas Lee Musser, Lubbock Texas

There was Less Oil and Gas Activity in these Six Counties of the Palo Duro Basin during 2008. In The Spring and Summer some of the First Leases Signed during this Current Palo Duro Basin Oil and Gas Activity (2000-2008) Reached the End of the Primary Term of the Oil and Gas Lease and Expired.

Current Ongoing Palo Duro Basin Oil and Gas Activity as of December 2008

Producing Oil Wells: Briscoe County OGL Holdings G. Mayfield Well #1
 Floyd County Apollo Energy W. D. Miller Well #1
 Motley County Tyner Texas Oper. R. G. Stephens Well #1 Well being Worked Over: Floyd County Tyner Texas Oper. McIntosh Well #1077.

2008 Palo Duro Basin Oil and Gas Activity:

Well Plugged and Abandoned: Briscoe County Bankers Petroleum R. I. Montgomery Well #1
 Dry Holes Drilled and P&A: Briscoe County Gunn Oil Company Turner Well #1
 Briscoe County Gunn Oil Company Winston Well #1
 Motley County Sharp Image Energy Vinson Farms Well #1

Drilling Permits Expired: Briscoe County DBP Exploration Rodgers D Well #1
 Floyd County Texcel Exploration Sherman Well #1
 Wells Shut-In after Workover: Floyd County PetroGlobe Energy Cox Well #1013
 Floyd County Tyner Texas

Oper. McIntosh Well #176
 Motley County BNK Petroleum Burleson Ranch "60" Well #1
 Motley County BNK Petroleum Cogdell "64" Well #1
 Wells Shut-In all Year Long: Briscoe County BNK Petroleum M. J. Hamilton Well #1
 Floyd County Apollo Energy Oper. Ceretha Watson Well #1

Floyd County BASA Resources Maurice Campbell Well #1
 Floyd County BASA Resources Foster Well #1
 Floyd County BNK Petroleum Jones Well #1
 Floyd County BNK Petroleum Misener Well #1
 Floyd County BNK Petroleum Stansell Well #1
 Floyd County OGL Holdings Fowler Well #1
 Floyd County Tyner Texas Oper. Kenneth Broseh Well #1

Hale County PetroGlobe Energy Ramsower Well #1113
 Motley County BNK Petroleum D. M. Cogdell, Jr. Well #1001
 Motley County BNK Petroleum Echols "2" Well #1
 Motley County BNK Petroleum Black 4 Well #1
 Swisher County PetroGlobe Energy Young Well #1032

2000 to 2008 Palo Duro Basin Oil and Gas Activity:

In the Six Counties of Briscoe, Floyd, Hale, Hall, Motley, & Swisher there are Forty-five Wellbores of Interest:
 Three Old Wellbores have been Re-Entered: One Old Wellbore Re-Entry is Producing Oil.

One Old Wellbore Re-Entry is Shut-In with RRC 14(B)(2) Extension.

One Old Wellbore Re-Entry has been Plugged and Abandoned.

One Old Wellbore Re-Entry Application was Dismissed by the RRC.

One Old Shut-In Wellbore has been Plugged and Abandoned.

One Old Wellbore Re-Entry Permit Expired without the Re-Entry being Conducted.

Twenty-five New Wellbores have been Drilled:

Two New Wellbores are Producing Oil.

One New Wellbore is being Worked Over.

Four New Wellbores are Shut-In with RRC 14(B)(2) Extensions.

Seven New Wellbores are Shut-In without any further RRC Designation.

Six New Wellbores are Shut-In with RRC Violations.

Five New Wellbores have been Plugged and Abandoned.

Three New Permitted Wellbores are Awaiting Drilling Operations to begin.

Eleven Drilling Permits have Expired without the Wellbores being Drilled.

Briscoe County:

Bankers Petroleum (US) Inc. R. I. Montgomery Lease (196514) Well #1

Re-Entry Wildcat: T&P RR Co. Survey, Block 3, Section 56, Abstract-1320, 6 1/2 miles Northeast of Quitaque. Shut-In since 20 November 2001. Plugged and Abandoned in

Early 2008.

BNK Petroleum, Inc. M. J. Hamilton Lease (197044) Well #1

Re-Entry Wildcat: J. G. Adair Survey, Block Q, Section 16, Abstract-434, 3 miles Northeast of Quitaque. Shut-In since 04 February 2003. Operator has filed an Intent to Plug Well. Currently Listed by RRC as Temporarily Abandoned with Delinquent Organizational Report.

OGL Holdings, LLC G. Mayfield Lease (04997) Well #1 Silverton (Canyon) Field Disc Well Re-Entry: D&SE RR Co. Survey, Block G&M, Section 199, Abstract-284, 7 miles Northwest of Silverton. Re-Entered late 2006 - early 2007. Producing Oil since June 2007. Neither Re-Completion Report Nor Monthly Production Reports have been Filed by the Operator.

Gunn Oil Company Turner Lease Well #1 Wildcat: T&P RR Co. Survey, Block 3, Section 66, Abstract-1795, 6 1/4 miles Southeast of Quitaque. Spudded week of 27 October 2008. Plugged and Abandoned 04 November 2008. Dry Hole.

Gunn Oil Company Winston Lease Well #1 Wildcat: T&P RR Co. Survey, Block 3, Section 55, Abstract-187, 5 miles Northeast of Quitaque. Spudded 04 November 2008. Plugged and Abandoned 01 December 2008. Dry Hole.

Turner Energy SWD, LLC. Turner 50/50 SWD Lease Well #1 Silverton (Canyon) Field: Beaty, Seale & Forwood survey, Block B-1, Section 69, Abstract-89, 2 1/2 miles East

of Silverton. Amended Permit 09 April 2007 to the Original Permit of 27 April 2006. Awaiting Drilling.

DBP Exploration, Inc. Rodgers D Lease Well #1 Re-Entry Wildcat: Beaty, Seale & Forwood Survey, Block B-3, Section 58, Abst-1217, 13 miles Northwest of Silverton. Re-Entry Permit Expired on 16 May 2008. Wellbore Not Re-Entered.

OGL Holdings LLC Pecos Mayfield Lease Well #1 Wildcat (Orig. Drilled as Silverton Canyon Field): D&SE RR Co. Survey, Block G&M, Section 199, Abstract-284, 6 miles Northwest of Silverton. Re-Entry Permit Application Dismissed by RRC in April 2007.

Floyd County:

OGL Holdings LLC Fowler Unit (68818) Well #1 Wildcat: GC&SF RR Co. Survey, Block G-M, Section 21, Abstract-451, 3 1/2 miles Northeast of Cedar Hill. Shut-In since January 2006. Currently Listed by RRC as 14(B)(2) Extension with Severance due to Delinquent Organizational Report.

BASA Resources, Inc. L. N. Johnson Lease Well #1 Wildcat: B,S&F Survey, Block B-5, Section 13, Abstract-996, 4 1/2 miles Northeast of South plains. Plugged and Abandoned on 27 September 2005. Plugging Report filed 29 February 2008.

Apollo Energy Operating Company, LP W. D. Miller Lease Well #1 Wildcat: A,B&M Survey, Block 1, Section 24, Abstract-1974, 4

miles Northeast of Floydada. Producing Oil since January 2006. Not yet listed on RRC Proration Schedule, due to the Operator having Failed to File Form P-7 (New Field Designation).

Total Oil Production: January 2006 - June 2006 and December 2006 - November 2008: 2,926 barrels.

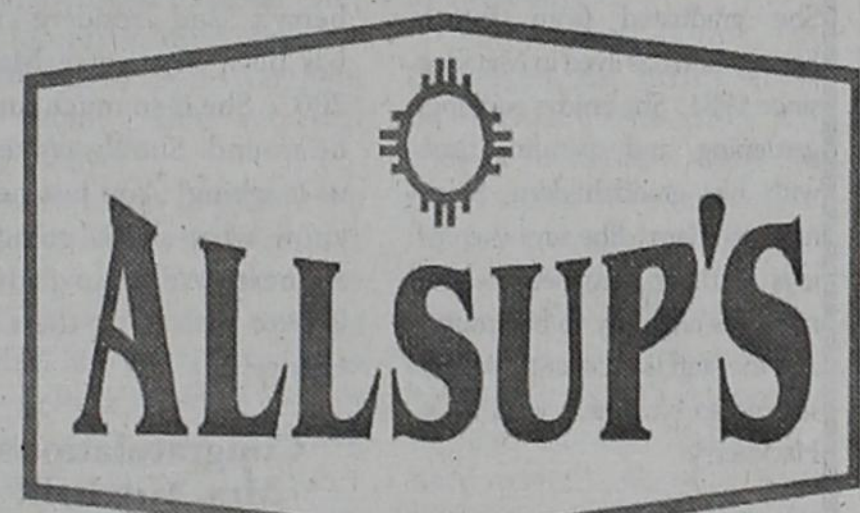
Tyner Texas Operating Company Kenneth Broseh Lease (68969) Well #1 Birnie (Congl.) Oil Field: GC&SF RR Co. Survey, Block G-M, Section 32, Abstract-1650, 15 miles Northeast of Floydada. Shut-In since 04 August 2006. Currently Listed by RRC as 14(B)(2) Extension.

BASA Resources, Inc. Foster Lease (69173) Well #1 Horizontal Wildcat: B&C/Estes TA Survey, Block T, Section 16, Abstract-1493, 6 1/2 miles Northeast of Floydada. Shut-In since December 2006. Currently Listed by RRC as 14(B)(2) Extension.

Apollo Energy Operating Company, LP Ceretha Watson Lease (223132) Well #1 Wildcat: B&B Survey, Block 1, Section 4, Abstract-1720, 3 miles Northeast of Dougherty. Shut-In since 01 February 2006. Currently Listed by the RRC as 14(B)(2) Extension.

BNK Petroleum, Inc. Misener Lease (69148) Well #1 Wildcat: A,B&M Survey, Block 1 Section 18, Abstract-1417, 6 miles Northeast of Floydada. Shut-In since April 2007. Currently Listed by the RRC as Shut-In with Delinquent Organizational Report.

BNK Petroleum, Inc. Jones Lease (69177) Well #1 Wild-



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cat: A,B&M Survey, Block 1, South Half Section 134, Abstract-1597, 2 1/2 miles South-west of Dougherty.

Shut-In since 10 May 2006. Currently Listed by RRC as Shut-In with Delinquent Organizational Report.

BNK Petroleum, Inc. Stansell Lease Well #1 Wildcat: ACH&B Survey, Block G, Section 26, Abstract-1450, 2 1/2 miles West of Floydada.

Shut-In since 01 July 2006. Tyner Texas Operating Company McIntosh Lease Well #1077 Wildcat:

A,B&M Survey, Block 1, Section 77, Abstract-44, 11 miles East of Floydada.

In September 2008 Tyner Texas Operating Company took over Operation of the McIntosh Leases from PetroGlobe Energy U.S.A. Ltd.

Workover Operations have been ongoing since the Last Week of September 2008.

PetroGlobe Energy U.S.A. Ltd. Cox Lease Well #1013 Wildcat: D&P Ry Co. Survey, Block D-5, Section 13, Abstract-396, 5 8/10 miles Northwest of Lockney.

In June 2008 Tested and Evaluated the Wolfcamp Formation.

Shut-In since 20 June 2008. Temporarily Abandoned by the Operator.

Tyner Texas Operating Company McIntosh Lease Well #176 Wildcat: A,B&M Survey, Block 1, Section 76, Abstract-1789, 10 1/2 miles East of Floydada.

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BASA Resources, Inc. Maurice Campbell Lease (234802) Well #1 Wildcat: A,B&M Survey, Block 1, Section 50, Abstract-1729, 12 miles East of Floydada. Shut-In since 06 May 2007. Currently Listed by RRC as 14(B)(2) Extension.

Tyner Texas Operating Company, LP 4DG's Corporation Lease Well #1 Wildcat: EL&RR RR Co. Survey, Block D-3, Section 39, Abstract-184, 9 miles Northeast of Lockney. Drilling Permit Expired on 13 June 2007. Not Drilled.

Bass Petroleum, Inc. Yeary #1 Lease Well #1 Wildcat: GC&SF RR Co. Survey, Block D-2, Section 18, Abstract-1967, 9 miles East of Lockney. Drilling Permit Expired on 04 August 2007. Not Drilled.

BASA Resources, Inc. Smitherman Lease Well #1 Wildcat: GC&SF RR Co. Survey, Block D-2, S/2 Section 15, Abstract-206, 4 miles Southeast of South Plains. Drilling Permit Expired on 22 September 2007. Not Drilled.

Bass Petroleum, Inc. Yeary #2 Lease Well #2 Wildcat: GC&SF RR Co. Survey, Block D-2, Section 19, Abstract-215, 9 miles Northeast of Lockney. Drilling Permit Expired on 29 September 2007. Not Drilled.

Bass Petroleum, Inc. Yearly 3 Lease Well #3 Wildcat: EL&RR RR Co. Survey, Block D-3, Section 48, Abstract-2266, 4 miles East of Lockney. Drilling Permit Expired on 29 September 2007. Not Drilled.

Bass Petroleum, Inc. Vikki Yearly Lease Well #1 Wildcat: A,B&M Survey, Block 1, Section 68, Abstract-1870, 3 miles East of Floydada. Drilling Permit Expired on 31 October 2007. Not Drilled.

Bass Petroleum, Inc. Redding 1 Lease Well #1 Wildcat: A,B&M Survey, Block 1, Section 21, Abstract-52, 6 miles Northeast of Floydada. Drilling Permit Expired on 31 October 2007. Not Drilled.

Apollo Energy Operating Company, LP W. D. Miller Lease Well #2 Horizontal Wildcat: A,B&M Survey, Block 1, Section 24, 4 miles Northeast of Floydada. Drilling Permit Expired on 17 November 2007. Not Drilled.

Tyner Texas Operating Company, LP Rushing Lease Well #1 Wildcat: D&P RR Co. / Rushing Survey, Block D-3, Section 112, 6 miles Northeast of Floydada. Drilling Permit Expired on 13 December 2007. Not Drilled.

Texcel Exploration, Inc. Bill Sherman Lease Well #1 Wildcat: A,B&M Survey, Block B-4, Abstract-2126, 11 miles North of Lockney. Drilling Permit Expired on 06 February 2008. Not Drilled.

Hale County:

PetroGlobe Energy U.S.A. Ltd. Ramsower Lease Well #1113 Wildcat: TT RR Co. Survey, Block D-2, Section 113, 5 4/10 miles Northeast of Plainview. Shut-In since April 2007.

Allegro Investments, Inc. Uncle Charley Lease Well #1 Wildcat: TT RR Co. Survey, Block JK, Section 6, Abstract-1633, 5 miles West of Plainview. Plugged and Abandoned 10 May 2007.

Motley County:

Bankers Petroleum (US) Inc. Ollie Birnie Lease (073843) Well #2 Birnie (Congl.) Gas Field Disc Well: H&GN RR Co. Survey, Section 2, Abstract-1161, 5 miles West of Whiteflat. Drilled September 1975. Completed August 1977. Shut-In from August 1977 thru November 2007. Plugged and Abandoned Week of 26 November 2007.

BNK Petroleum, Inc. D. M. Cogdell, Jr. Estate Lease (201274) Well #10-01 Wildcat (Birnie Field Area): C&M RR Co. Survey, Block G-P, Section 1, Abstract-246, 4 miles Northwest of Whiteflat. Shut-In since 11 July 2007. Currently Listed by RRC as Severed due to Failure to File Reports.

BNK Petroleum, Inc. Echols "2" Lease (216243) Well #1 Wildcat (Birnie Field Area): C&M RR Co. Survey, Block G-P, Section 2, Abstract-1165, 5 miles West of Whiteflat. Shut-In since 31 March 2006. Currently Listed by RRC as Temporarily Abandoned with Delinquent Organizational Report.

BNK Petroleum, Inc. M. Burleson Ranch "60" Lease (216247) Well #1 Wildcat: Matador Cattle Co. survey, Block M, Section 60, Abstract-496, 14 1/2 miles West of Matador. Shut-In since February 2008. Currently Listed by RRC as Temporarily Abandoned with Delinquent Organizational Report.

Tyner Texas Operating Company R. G. Stephens Lease (68972) Well #1 Birnie (Congl.) Oil Field: Arnold Barrett Survey, Block T, Section 62, Abstract-1475, 4 miles West of Whiteflat. Producing Condensate and Venting Gas since March 2006.

Total Condensate Production from March 2006 thru October 2008: 5,799 barrels.

BNK Petroleum, Inc. Cogdell "64" Lease Well #1 Horizontal Birnie (Congl.) Field: Arnold Barrett Survey, Block T, Section 64, Abstract-1157, 3 1/2 miles Northwest of Whiteflat. Shut-In since 10 January 2008. Operator Stated Dry Hole.

BNK Petroleum, Inc. Black 4 Lease Well #1 Wildcat: Indiana Railroad Co. Survey, Section 4, Abstract-1094, 10 miles Northwest of Matador. Shut-In since October 2007. Operator's Partner Palo Duro Energy stated Well was Non-

Cochran and Mason take first at Motley County Jr. High District Track Meet

The Jr. High Track Teams traveled to Crowell on Thursday April 2nd to participate in their District Track Meet.

Girl's Results

Because only 7th and 8th graders are allowed to participate in track, the girl's team had only four members this year. They were Sabra Pope, Jaci Zingerman, Shayla Clay, and Virginia Gutierrez. The events that they placed in are as follows:

Long Jump: Jaci Zingerman—4th place
Sabra Pope—6th place
800m Relay—Sabra, Shayla, Virginia, and Jaci—4th place
200m Dash—Jaci Zingerman—3rd place
100m Run—Virginia Gutierrez—3rd place

Boy's Results

Long Jump-- Austin Taylor—3rd place
Juan Flores—4th place

Triple Jump—Juan Flores—4th place
Shot Put—Britt Simpson—4th place

Discus—Austin Taylor—5th place

100m Dash—Britt Simpson—2nd place
200m Dash—Juan Flores—2nd place
400m Dash—Coby Cochran—1st place
Jamie Jameson—3rd place
800m Run—Connor Mason—1st place

300m Hurdles—Austin Taylor—2nd place
800m Relay—Coby, Connor, Juan, Austin—2nd place
1600m Relay—Coby, Britt, Juan, Austin—2nd place

Also participating in the meet, but not placing in the top six were: Noah Guerrero, Parker Meredith, and Jacob Woolsey.

These kids have worked extremely hard this year and need to be commended on a very successful track season.



Coby Cochran wins 1st place in 400m dash at District Track Meet in Crowell on April 2, 2009.

Photo by Walter Tayler

Commissioner Staples urges landowners

to comply with state cotton laws Untreated, non-commercial cotton a threat to cotton industry and prohibited by law

AUSTIN — The lack of soil moisture has presented many challenges for farmers, and now some producers are dealing with more than 20,000 acres of late-germinating cotton seeds that will soon grow cotton plants in fields where other crops have been planted. These plants, which are grown in fields not normally scheduled for treatment by the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation (TBWEF), pose a threat to boll weevil eradication efforts since the plants act as hosts for the pests.

In an effort to protect Texas' \$2.1 billion cotton industry, Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples is requesting that all non-commercial cotton be destroyed immediately in order to reduce the risk of boll weevil infestation and spread.

"Texas leads the nation in cotton production, and we

want to keep it that way," Commissioner Staples said. "Our state has invested millions in successful boll weevil eradication efforts, but we must eliminate non-commercial cotton as it can become a major breeding ground for this harmful pest."

Texas law prohibits the growth of non-commercial cotton in any boll weevil eradication zone except under a special permit issued by the Texas Department of Agriculture. Permits are only given for cotton grown for research, demonstrations or education. Commercial cotton fields, however, are monitored and treated when necessary.

Producers can destroy non-commercial cotton through cultivation or with herbicides. For more information, contact Robert Crocker, TDA coordinator for pest management programs, at (512) 463-6332.

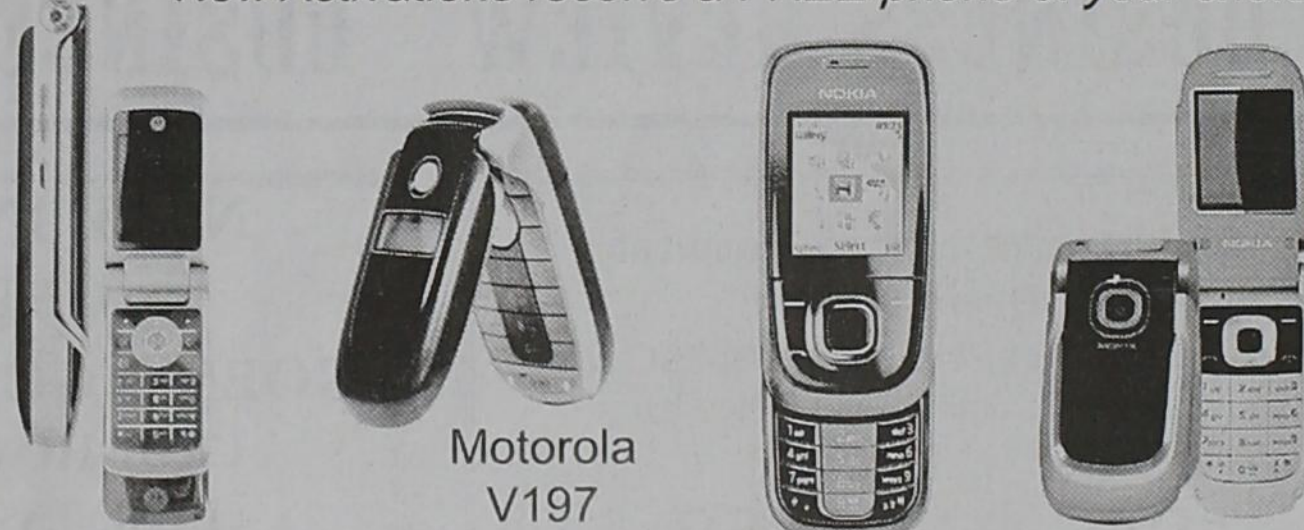


Connor Mason wins 1st place in 800m run at District Track Meet in Crowell on April 2, 2009.

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April
 9 Motley 4-H Club meeting
 9 Matador City Council, 6:30 pm
 10 Good Friday Service, First United Methodist Church of Matador, 7:30pm
 11 - District 3 4-H Shooting Sports contest - Wichita Falls (rifle and pistol)
 13 Commissioners' Court, 9:30 am
 13 RS City Council, 6:00 pm
 13 State Food Show entries due
 14 RS Community Volunteers
 16 - District 3 4-H Roundup - Horse Bowl, Quiz Bowl, Photography, and Consumer Judging
 20 - State Fair of Texas lamb and goat validation due
 20 MCISD School Board, 7:30 pm
 21 Matador Lions Club, Methodist Church, 12:30
 22 - District 3 Horse and Livestock Judging Contest - Vernon
 23 - West Texas Commissioners Conference - Abilene
 24 - North Region 4-H Jr. Leader Lab entries

May
 1 - Horse Validation due for District and State 4-H Horse Show
 6 Kids Praise
 7 - Motley 4-H Club meeting
 16 - District 3 Trap Shooting Contest - Iowa Park (shotgun)

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