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Matador Ranch chuckwagon in the late 1880's or early 1890's. Future Motley County Sheriff William T. "Billy" Cloyd is shown standing to the right of the chuckwagon. (Photo courtesy of Paul Cloyd, great-grandson of Sheriff Cloyd)

Fourth annual Boondockers race set for Sunday

By Dianne Washington

The West Texas Boondockers will host the Fourth Annual Matador Grand Prix Sunday, March 29, 2009. The Motley County Chamber of Commerce helps the Boondockers prepare for the race. The staging area for this event is on the east side of the courthouse square.

Over 400 racers, along with their families and support crews are expected to begin arriving in Matador Saturday afternoon. Racers will begin sign-in Sunday at 7:30 a.m. A full day of racing is planned with the first race starting at 9:30 a.m. and the last race is

starting at 4:30 p.m. There will be six classes of races. This is a family event with race classes for men, women, and children.

Along with the excitement of the races various organizations and businesses will have food concessions. Relay for Life will be selling breakfast burritos. Look for the Relay for Life sign around the courthouse square. This year the Motley County Senior Citizens are serving smoked brisket sandwiches, rodeo wraps, and various sweets in the Senior Citizens building. Tommye and David Keith are slow cooking the briskets for the sandwiches over mesquite

wood. The Catholic Church will be selling turkey legs and other goodies on the north side of New to You. Hackberry Care Center will be selling mesquite grilled hamburgers for the fourth year on the east side of the courthouse square. The Hackberry Creek Care Center Family Council will have a bake sale next to the hamburger booth. New this year is Giggles. Giggles is operated by Lyndee Ward and Jody Watson. They plan to be located in the fire hall and sell breakfast burritos beginning at 6:00 a.m. They will also sell pizza and other food items.

Also new this year is the

gift shop El Matador at the historic Matador Ranch, located north and west of the historic ranch headquarters. The gift shop will be open for business between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. The Ranch is located on the south side of Matador on State highway 70.

Everyone is encouraged to come watch the races. Bring your lawn chairs and sit on the courthouse lawn and enjoy the races, great food and the day. If you would like to order food to go, call Dianne at 269-1388 to turn in your food order. If you would like to help with the race contact Shane Jones at 347-2820.

Health Care Bill in Texas Legislature Would Benefit Panhandle Clinics Legislation Addresses Growing Shortage of Health Care Providers in Texas

A bill introduced in the Texas Legislature designed to address the critical shortage of family health providers across the state would bring much-needed resources to Regence Health Network (RHN) and help bring care to additional people in the Panhandle and South Plains.

House Bill 1876 by Rep. Warren Chisum (R-Pampa) and Rep. Richard Raymond (D-Laredo) would establish the Texas Health Care Access Fund. For family care physicians, nurse practitioners, dentists, psychologists and other selected primary care professionals locating in areas of great need, the Fund would be available to assist in paying off student loans amassed during medical school or other

health professional training. More than half of Texas counties currently need additional primary care physicians.

The average medical school graduate carries a debt of up to \$160,000 in student loans. Average dental school debt also reaches \$160,000. HB 1876 would significantly expand loan repayment programs for primary care providers who come to areas of greatest need and stay for at least 4 years.

"It is a constant struggle to find providers to address the growing need for our services in the community," said Cynthia Wetzel, Chief Nursing Officer of Regence Health Network. "This bill will give us an excellent recruiting tool to

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Young Boonedockers prepare for last year's race.

photo by Ken Young

Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off Needs Volunteers

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. Volunteers from all 13-counties in TxDOT's Childress District have made plans to participate.

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.

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THIS WEEK'S NEWS

FSA News

Producers who did not obtain crop insurance coverage for 2008 can pay a buy-in fee through May 18, 2009.

School News

Fifth graders have been studying poetry by looking at examples of the different elements of poetry and why poets write poetry.

Days Gone By

Chapter from The Green Family is shared by Richard "Jiggs" Green of Hackberry Creek Care Center. "Jiggs" lives and breathes fishing.

Library News

New books! "Corsair" by Clive Cussler, "Paths of Glory" by Jeffrey Archer, "Pursuit" by Karen Robards and more.

County Agent News

On April 2, 2008 the Motley 4-H Club will sponsor a Rabies Vaccination Clinic and Flea and Tick Dip at the Matador Volunteer Fire Department.

Foothill Country Connections

Community, Diversity, Art

By Laverne Zabielski

This time I made the long drive from Kentucky to Motley County alone, except I brought my dog, Highlin'. Larry stayed behind to put finishing touches on the cabin.

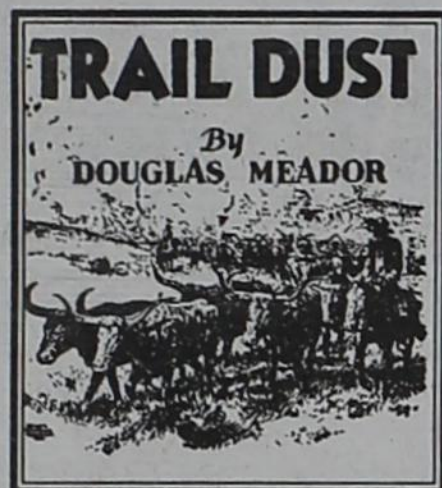
Whenever we meet old and new friends and tell them that we publish a newspaper they practically offer us condolences. "Hard times for the newspaper business," they say. I tell them that is not true for small hyperlocal community news-

papers because the news we publish can't be found on the internet. Then we tell them we are publishing from afar. They are again surprised. "How can that be?" They ask.

"Because we come from a strong community," I tell them, "that wants to see the good news of what's going on around the county and at school published in the newspaper, so they email it to us. After all," I add, "it's their newspaper."

For that we are grateful.

Call us if you need anything.
Laverne's cell 859-576-4625
Larry's cell 859-351-8099



try to get included in a group of teenagers (those 97 out of every 100 that don't ever get their names in the crime headlines) and then get down on your knees and ask forgiveness for ever doubting the future of America.

RETRO NEWS

Matador Tribune
March 11, 1965

Now and Then when a man is bouncing on the trampoline of fate, he will land on his feet and stay there long enough to, be proclaimed a success.

Returning to the locations of our youth is an unwise adventure which can provide little more than an opportunity to press down the seams of memory and patch torn places in the fabric of illusions.

The value of everything is arrived at by the amount of satisfaction it can deliver at a specific point.

A good cigar may mean as much to a groom of forty summers, as a new spring outfit to his bride.

Of all the club footed excuses for failure, the best is for no equal for blaming fate for failing to introduce opportunity.

A penny for the thoughts of an Internal Revenue tax scout while visiting a modern busy airport in trying to estimate the justifiable business deductions.

If you are the worrying type

Matador Tribune
March 11, 1965

A meeting is announced for tonight in Roaring Springs for adults for the purpose of organizing a recreation center for the young people of the community.

The movement has been under consideration for some time now. And the meeting has been called for 7:30p.m. in the high school gymnasium, to elect officers and discuss rules and regulations. All adults in the community are urged to attend the meeting, regardless if you have teenagers or not.

"The matter is one of community concern, and parents will need the support of friends and other patrons of civic welfare in promoting the project," said a spokesman for the organization.

WRITING COMMUNITY

Matador Ranch Cowboy, Motley County Sheriff and a Mason

By Ron Bailey

The sixth sheriff of Motley County was William Thomas "Billy" Cloyd. Cloyd served as sheriff from 1896 until 1900.

Billy Cloyd was born February 29, 1870 in Texas (probably Denton County).

According to the payroll records of the Matador Land and Cattle Company, Cloyd went to work for the Matadors in January, 1887. He later became a chuck-wagon cook for the Matadors.

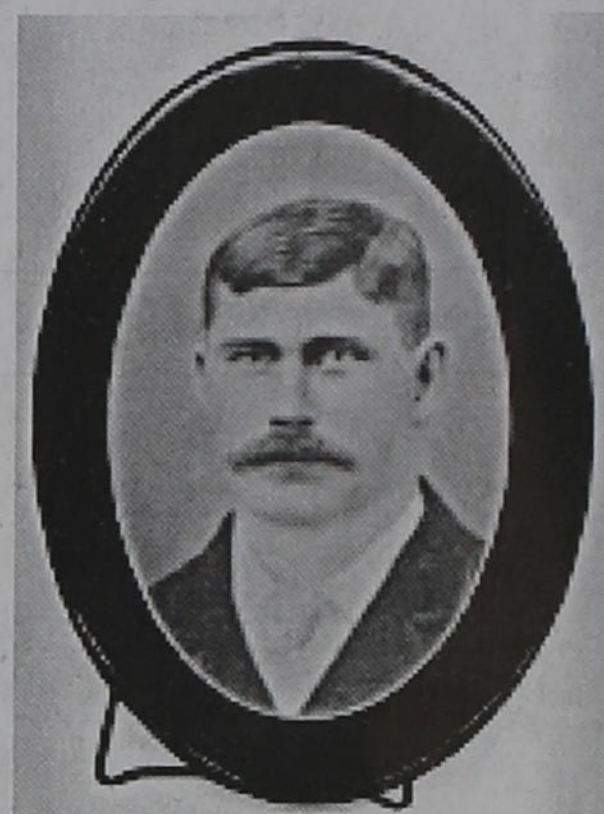
John Duff Green in his book, Recollections, knew Billy Cloyd and related the following: "Bill and Jim Cloyd, two brothers who cooked for the Matador wagons, fed one hundred and forty men for dinner one day. The wagons were side by side. A sack of flour was used for bread. One handled the bread line, the other the meats, and they divided the other chores according to convenience. Seemingly an awful undertaking, and it was, but those two brothers turned the trick on the dot and to the minute. That was their job, and they knew every

detail, as they also knew the appetites of hungry cowboys. Boy! They were cooks of the first water, the kind of cooks you were glad to meet around meal time."

Cloyd married Floyd Mary Nelson in 1891. He was elected Sheriff of Motley County in 1896 and served until 1900. His wife, Mary, died in 1902, leaving Cloyd a widower with five children. He married Ava Martin in Motley County in 1903.

Cloyd came down with pneumonia in January, 1904, and he didn't make it. He was a member of the Matador Masonic Lodge. His death bed wish was that his children be enrolled in the Masonic Home and School in Fort Worth, Texas. A check of the 1910 Federal Census for Fort Worth, Texas shows that all of Cloyd's children were indeed cared for by the Masons.

Cloyd and his first wife, Floyd Mary, are buried side by side in the East Mound Cemetery in Matador.



William T. "Billy" Cloyd was a Matador Ranch cowboy and Motley County Sheriff from 1896 - 1900. (Photo courtesy of Paul Cloyd)

Opinion Editorial

If We Don't Rebuild It, They Won't Come

By Rep. Warren Chisum, Texas House of Representatives

For many Texans who are sick, finding a primary care doctor can mean long waits, longer distances or - if they can't wait - a long line at the hospital emergency room.

Last year, 26 Texas counties had no primary care physician. Eighteen counties had only one. In rural Texas, the shortage is especially severe. Texas has 114 counties federally identified as a Health Professional Shortage Area. By far, most can be found in rural parts of our state.

More than an inconvenience, the results of this shortage are a price we all pay - in real dollars taken from our tax base, our own out-of-pocket debt to cover what insurance doesn't, or if we are among the fortunate who have insurance, unaffordable hikes in our annual premiums - can be calculated in the millions.

The factors that contribute to this high-cost medical spiral are getting worse. Far worse.

We are beginning to understand what the studies have been fairly screaming at us for several years: If more of us could get our pressing and immediate needs cared for by a primary care physician, the nurse practitioners they work closely with or a dentist, the savings - in terms of preventable suffering, time off work, and unaffordable health care - would take a sharp turn in the right direction.

If we don't start rethinking how we get family doctors, nurse and dentists to the parts of our state in the greatest need, we will all pay an even higher price.

Delayed care, or interruptions in that care (especially for patients suffering from chronic ailments like diabetes, heart disease or breathing disorders like asthma) translates into more heart attacks, acute asthma attacks, insulin shock, or worse, a permanent decline into irreversible conditions and longer hospitalizations.

The longer the wait, the worse it gets. And tragically, some of us won't make it.

My colleagues and I in the Texas Legislature understand that a perfect storm of below-cost reimbursements, waiting rooms and emergency rooms crowded with more and more patients with little or no insurance, coupled with the suffocating debt new doctors, nurses, and dentists inherit after their training, are keeping some of our best and brightest primary health care professionals out of the Texas Zip Codes where they're needed most.

The current projected supply of primary care physicians to all parts of our state is not even a third of what it should be. But we can start, right here and now by providing meaningful loan repayment to family care providers if they'll come to the areas of greatest need and stay for at least 4 years.

And we can easily pay for

this not out of your tax dollars, but by simply closing the loophole in Texas' tobacco tax for some smokeless tobacco products. This is nothing more than a user fee for a product that - while perfectly legal - is addictive, toxic, and, if used as directed, increases exponentially the probability of dying of one of a variety of cancers. Who knows? We might even discourage a few more Texans to kick that habit.

It takes seven years to train and place these health care professionals. If we can relieve some of the fiscal pain of the six-figure debt load new doctors, nurses and dentists face, we can start assuring essential medical care will be available across our state. Yes, we can afford it. And no, we cannot afford to wait, especially in rural Texas. Many of us are already waiting far too long for care that just isn't there and may not be on the horizon unless we do something today.

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Letter to the Editor

Drive safe to be safe
Observing National
Work Zone Awareness
Week, April 6-10

Navigating construction can be difficult, not to mention risky for both drivers and workers.

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) manages more than 1,000 highway projects at any given time on 80,000 miles of Texas roads. President Obama's American Recovery and Reinvestment Act will bring another \$2.25 billion to the state, substantially increasing construction. As work volumes increase, so do crashes.

TxDOT will join the Federal Highway Administration and other transportation partners the week of April 6-10 to observe the 10th annual National Work Zone Awareness Week. The event is designed to remember victims and raise safety awareness for workers and motorists.

Each year in Texas, there are more than 20,000 crashes and about 150 people killed

in highway construction and maintenance work zones. Since 1938, there have been 268 TxDOT employees killed in work zones.

In 2007, the Childress District had 1 work zone fatality and 17 crashes. More than four out of five fatalities are motorists. Speeding and inattention are the most common causes cited. Rear-end collisions account for one in three crashes.

Safety is TxDOT's first priority, no matter what job* behind the desk or on the highway.

* Slow down and follow posted speed limits. Traffic fines are double in work zones.

* Pay attention. Workers are often close to traffic.

* Be patient. Delays can be frustrating, but it only takes a few minutes to slow down in a work zone.

* Plan ahead. Leave early to reach your destination. Drive safe to be safe.

Terry Keener, P.E.
District Engineer
TxDOT Childress District

JUST SOME FACTS ABOUT 2ND HAND SMOKE:

There is no risk-free level of secondhand smoke.

Food service workers are 50% more likely to die from lung cancer than the general public.

Secondhand smoke kills 53,000 non-smoking Americans each year.

Texas currently spends almost \$1.5 billion a year in Medicaid funding on tobacco-related health care.

Eliminating secondhand smoke in all indoor workplaces would reduce premature deaths and tobacco-related illness enough to save between \$35 billion and \$66 billion a year.

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 Greens Go West

Sometime around mid-1895, Jim and Jennie (nee Florence Virginia Thompson) Green left South Carolina with their five children, (including) Daisy a tiny baby, and headed for east Texas, traveling by wagon and on horseback. They were accompanied by her parents, the Thompsons, and by her sister and brother-in-law, the Padgettts.

As the story goes, according to my Aunt Annie (Green) Garland, the young men wanted to

get away from so much family and strike out on their own. Their father-in-law, William "Buck" Rodgers, was benevolent but possessive, and probably tended to dominate and dictate to his two sons-in-law. Perhaps, also, they had become too dependent on him economically, and felt they must begin to develop their own family lives. Apparently they had some considerable financial resources to attempt such a move.

We have no diary of the trip nor do we know the route they followed. It must have been a long, arduous, perhaps frightening journey of nearly 1,000 miles over unimproved dirt roads, and with small children. Much of the country was well developed by then, but this was truly a pioneer migration in every sense of the word. Even Walter, the oldest was only 14. Annie was 10, Teddy 7 and Jamie 2. We do not know if the Padgettts had any children at that time. There is no evidence

that they had any friends, connections or plans for earning a livelihood when they reached Texas. Jim was apparently looking for a place to farm, so they put the three older children in school while Jim scouted around.

By early 1896, only a few months later, they showed up in Gonzales, Texas, 60 miles east of San Antonio, where Earl was born on March 13. From there, according to Annie, Jim and son Walter made a trip down into "Old Mexico," as they called it, still looking for a farming opportunity. Nothing apparently worked out, and the family headed north to Mineola in Wood County, about 70 miles east of Dallas. Art was born in Mineola on July 16, 1897. As you can see, much of their itinerary has been reconstructed from the birth dates and places of their children.

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April 2, 2009

The Angel Food Ministry in Motley County

The Angel Food Ministry was put together by people with a heart to help others and a generous spirit. Joe and Linda Wingo founded Angel Food Ministries in 1994 to provide food for friends and neighbors who were struggling financially. Today, they are still doing the same thing. The Angel Food program now is helping provide food relief to more than 500,000 families each month in the USA. Angel Food Ministries crosses denominational lines and has spread the good news of the gospel of Christ.

You can order as many boxes as you wish, for yourself or for others. Or you can simply place an order that will be donated to someone in the county who is in need.

You can get enough food to feed a family of four for a week for \$30, which, in these economically difficult times, could be a real help for your budget.

You don't have to be a member of any group to get it, you don't have to meet any finan-

cial or other requirements, and there are no strings attached. All you have to do is fill out an order form and turn it in together with your payment. The next order deadline is April 8th, with pick-up on April 25th.

You may get an order form from the bulletin board at the Matador or Roaring Springs post offices or call and leave a message at the Full Gospel Church, 806.348.7943. Someone will call you back and get you an order form and the information you need to order.

The food selections are different each month. For example, the Regular Box in March contained ribeye steaks, split chicken breasts, country fried steak patties, ground beef, meatballs, Italian sausage, sliced ham, vegetables, soup, pasta, beans, milk, eggs and desserts. There was also a senior or convenience box with two servings each of 10 different prepared meals, as well as an allergen-free box, consisting of five pounds of chicken

and beef.

In addition, there are six different specials, which could be ordered in connection with any one of the three boxes described above. They included a seven pound meat box, a four and a half pound meat box, an Easter Sunday Dinner box, and a box of sides (vegetables and gravy, stuffing, rolls and desserts). There is also a chicken tenders box and a fresh fruit and veggie box. One or more of these can be chosen.

This opportunity is provided by the Angel Food Ministries, a non-profit, non-denominational organization dedicated to providing food relief and contributing to benevolent outreaches in communities throughout the United States. (It has nothing to do with Food Bank food.) The Angel Food distribution for Motley County is sponsored by the Roaring Springs Full Gospel Church. Be sure to place your order for April on or before April 8th.

Health Care Bill in Texas Legislature Would Benefit Panhandle Clinics

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bring more doctors and other crucial family care providers to our clinics in the Panhandle and South Plains."

RHN operates medical and dental clinics in Amarillo, Plainview, Hereford, Muleshoe and Matador. Wetzel noted that the Amarillo clinic currently is searching for dentists to fill 3 vacant positions. The shortage of dentists has resulted in a six-week wait for an appointment. RHN has been searching for several months to recruit a provider for its clinic in Matador. That facility is temporarily closed, forcing residents in that area to travel more than 60 miles to see the nearest doctor.

In addition to providing incentives for health care providers, the Texas Health Access Fund would also provide support for RHN and other federally-qualified health centers across Texas. Such support would be critical as new health providers and services are established in shortage areas. Funding for HB 1876 would come from a restructuring of the tobacco tax, closing a current loophole on smokeless tobacco products.

According to the Texas De-

partment of State Health Services, the latest numbers for 2008 revealed that 26 Texas counties had no primary care physician. Eighteen counties had only one. In addition, 46 Texas counties lacked a dentist.

Provider shortages are not limited to rural areas of the state. Inner-city and border communities are without adequate access to primary and preventive care.

"Many families in our area and across Texas seeking basic healthcare are forced to travel to the nearest doctor many miles away, turn to highly expensive emergency room care, or simply go without care," said Wetzel. "The latter two alternatives have a great impact on healthcare costs for everyone. House Bill 1876 makes sense if we are to meet our future needs while working to keep costs and the taxes associated with healthcare costs in check."

For more information on House Bill 1876 and the Texas Health Care Access Fund, visit www.HealthAccessForTexas.org <<http://www.HealthAccessForTexas.org>>

Gymnastics' Meet in Pampa

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Six students competed in a USAG meet in Pampa on Saturday March 7. Pictured L to R: Meagan Ford, Ahleigh Jones, Mattie Brooks, Carley Turner, Rivers Marshall, Mikenna Ford and Bailee Perryman.

Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off

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About Don't Mess with Texas

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

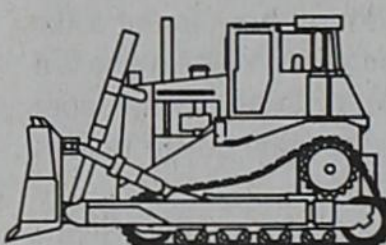
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"A Walk With God."



Enoch was a man of exceptional faith. God valued His relationship with Enoch so much that He simply took Enoch off of this earth. We read of this in Genesis 5:21-24.

Enoch did not die a "normal" death on this earth. Well, for that matter, he did not lead a

"normal" life either. From Scripture it is clear that Enoch lived an exceptional life and left this world in an unusual manner. All because he "walked with God."

Even though the Old Testament does not give us many details of Enoch's life, we know that his life was so exemplary that he is listed in the roll call of the men and women of faith found in Hebrews chapter 11.

Enoch evidently was a man who believed that God did exist and that He would surely reward those who earnestly sought Him. The Bible tells us that for at least 300 years, Enoch walked with God. This is the kind of daily life that God values the most.

The value that God loves is something so basic to our existence... faith in Him. May God grant us the ability to have faith like Enoch that we may also walk daily with Him.

Michael G. Crowley, Sr.

Roaring Springs Church of Christ

Michael G. Crowley, Sr.

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NEWS AROUND MOTLEY COUNTY

Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

The purple martin scout came in this weekend; the rest won't be too many days behind. I wonder how it communicates with the rest of the flock or if the scout only claims dibs on the birdhouse apartments. I noticed he just seems to be perched and watching, not flying around much. We have a book that came with the birdhouse that tells a lot of interesting facts about them. Corky cleaned out their house and made it ready about three weeks ago; the sparrows may have moved in by now and the martins won't like that! They won't stay if their house is dirty. I wonder what they do in natural circumstance... find new holes in trees? I was reading that they winter in Brazil; their scout usually arrives a few days earlier. The scout arrived later than it did last year. According to the book we have about them, their arrival varies according to the weather and the flying bug population. They have been leaving earlier than usual and well before onslaught of the mosquitoes that we have in late August and September. The author of the book wasn't sure about the reason for their early migration. I thought they left because it got too hot and I supposed that they just went farther north but evidently that is not necessarily so. Guess I still don't know all about the birds and the bees!

Don and Billie Stuckey's daughter, Leander Whittenberg and their grandchildren, Matthew and Kenna visited during spring break. They came on Thursday and returned to their home in Flower Mound on Sunday.

John. H. Letinger, a cowboy poet will be the featured guest at the April Lions Club meeting. The public is invited to their regular meeting at 11:30 a.m. on April 2nd at the Windmill Café. If you would like to attend, please call Lion Boss, Wes Campbell at his home 983-3073 or his cell number, 983-1000 or Corky Marshall at 789-9597 or his home 348-7000. Wes needs to let the owner know how many folks to prepare for. Wes says he is a very entertaining cowboy poet who never runs out of poems and stories!

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Glenn Meredith and Parker were in San Angelo this week-end vis-

iting their son, Randy, his wife Leah, Angelica and Jonah.

Jeannie Carpenter, Devonne Dillard's sister-in-law passed away last Thursday. A memorial service is being planned for a later date. Jeannie grew up here and was the wife of the late Dick Carpenter.

Dana Graham left last Friday to "go abroad" as she laughingly said. She has gone to Kaiserslautern, Germany to visit her son Jerod, his wife Hilda and the new little grandson, James Bradley Rieger. Devonne said that she arrived safely. She plans to return later this week.

On Saturday, Dwight and Dahl Clower, Cindy Johannes, Corky and Monta Marshall met at the Windmill Café to make plans for the annual Marshall family reunion that is always held the first Sunday after Easter. Cindy brought a friend, Jeannie Moore who is a cousin-in-law of the Clowers. A golf game is planned for Saturday, April 19th, a hamburger cookout at the Roaring Springs Community Center Saturday evening; church service on Sunday morning at 10:30 with Cody Clower bringing the lesson and John Smith leading the singing. A potluck dinner will be served and an auction held in the afternoon. It is a fun time.

On Wednesday, my daughter, Kay Miller and two of my grandchildren, Sean and Kelsea went to Granbury and Glen Rose on a short mini-vacation. We went to the Paluxy River to see the prehistoric dinosaur tracks and enjoyed shopping and looking. The spring weather was beautiful, we didn't see any bluebonnets but the redbuds were in bloom. On the way there we stopped in Graham, TX to visit Kay's grandfather, Melvin McClaran who is 96 years old and still very active. We returned home on Friday.

On Friday, Carla Meador brought her grandchildren, Morgan and Judd Jones to visit their great grandparents, Joe Glenn and Joyce Meredith. They were on their way to spend their spring break with Carla and Jim Meador at Canadian, TX.

Julian Zabielski took his mother Grace to Longview for some medical tests. On Saturday they stopped at her daughter, Beverly Shorter's home in Fort Worth and spent the night.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

The man wasn't feeling too well, so he visited the doctor. After examining the man, the doctor explained to him, "You have a hammertoe, a hangnail and shingles. I'm going to recommend you go to a good carpenter."

Mrs. Erma Washington was conveyed by ambulance to Mangold Hospital in Lockney Sunday suffering with high blood pressure.

Brenda and Darrell Cruse accompanied daughter, Leah Cruse of Canyon and friend, Kourtney Carson of Borger to Gillett, Wyoming Friday, March 13. Brenda, Darrell and Leah visited in the home of son and brother, Derrick Cruse. Kourtney visited in the home of sister and family, Lacy, Keane and Reese Cruse. They enjoyed entertainment including playing golf. They returned to their respective homes, Saturday, March 21.

Darla and James Gwinn and daughter, Danielle enjoyed a vacation trip to Fort Mansfield from Friday, March 13 to Saturday, March 21. Joining them there to visit were Bonnie and Bob Fullingim of Harlingen, Fannin, Rebecca and Shandi Gwinn of Matador and Rosemary and Luke Ayers of Buda.

Kelsey, Tanner and Sarah Clay, children of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Clay of Panhandle visited from Thursday until Saturday with their grandparents, Anna Beth and Joe Ike Clay.

Mrs. Lance Barclay, Colton and Kayla of Lubbock visited during the spring holidays with Sandra and Jerry Barclay.

Billy Hughes, Brennan and Baylee of Lubbock visited from Thursday until Saturday with his parents, Janice and Butch Hughes. Visiting them Saturday was son, Rickey Hughes of Floydada.

L.T. Starkey of Ralls visited Sunday with his brother, Johnie Starkey.

Visiting Sunday afternoon with Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton were Ann and Buster Chadwick of Quitaque.

Brook Rogers, a student at the Texas University in Austin, visited her father, Donnie Rogers from Wednesday until Sunday. She made trip from Lubbock Airport.

Jack and Nada Starkey visited overnight Sunday in Canyon with son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Starkey. They had medical appointments in Amarillo, Monday.

Mrs. B. Rogers is in the Swing Bed division of the Mangold Hospital in Lockney. She is hoping to be able to return home before too long.

Cally Sperry, Blayne, Savannah Cash and Gage visited the spring holidays in Canadian with husband and father, Will Sperry.

Sherrilyn and Dan Foster of Lubbock visited Saturday with her family, Mary Jo and Doyle Calvert and Glen Calvert.

Mrs. Christi Milam, Haley and Emily of Petersburg visited overnight Friday with her parents, Kathy and Clois Shorter.

Wilburn Martin visited the weekend in Borger with daughter and husband, Marilee and Fred Cooper. They attended Saturday night the annual Texoma Credit Union meeting held at the Frank Phillips College cafeteria and the church services Sunday morning.

Matador News

Attending the memorial service for Dr. Pat Williams in Spur last Saturday were Joyce Campbell, Dorothy Russell, Mary Renfro, Daphne Meredith, Joanie and Roy Gene Stephens, and Gail, Chuck, Charli, and Mandi Ream, all of Matador.

Mary Lou Williams, wife of Dr. Pat, returned to Matador with the Reams for a short visit.

The Craig Turner family traveled to Washington, D.C. during spring break. Craig attended a national FSA meeting while Cathey, Cassidy, and Carley toured points of interest in the historic city. The girls were especially enthralled with the changing of the guards at Arlington National Cemetery and with the First Lady exhibit in the Smithsonian.

The Seagrist family went fishing during spring break at Lake Tawakoni in North Texas. They reportedly caught over 200 pounds of fish and played lots of card games.

Dave Mount of Vernon, James Wallace of Wimberly, Brad Adams of New Orleans, and Bruce Adams, also of New Orleans, all were in Matador hunting with Devon Ballard this week.

J.D., D'anna, and Shane'a Russell attended the annual Texas and Southwest Cattle Raisers Association meeting in Fort Worth last week. While there they visited the Fort Worth Zoo and Sundance Square in downtown.

Shane'a is now a junior member of the Texas Cattlewomen's Association. Among the notable speakers they enjoyed hearing were Senator Kay Bailey Hutchinson and Susan Combs, Texas Comptroller.

Cap Rock Telephone Cooperative donated pencils to Mot-

ley County ISD for TAKS testing. Cap Rock will award eight \$1,000 scholarships to area graduating seniors. Scholarship applications may be downloaded at www.caprock-spur.com or by calling 806-271-3336. Deadline for applying is at 5 p.m. April 15.

Bev Salters of Albany visited with her daughter, Bethany Overton, grandson Chris and son-in-law Chad last week. Bethany and Bev spent a day shopping in Lubbock.

Emma Cagle, daughter of Libby Watson, flipped over on a four-wheeler last week. She is on the mend, but she suffered a broken wrist and dislocated elbow.

Ronnie and Shelley Cox went to Sanger last week to visit Shawn and Greg Reding, their daughter and son-in-law, and granddaughter Augie.

Lisa and Noel Guerrero traveled to Corpus Christi during spring break along with their three children, Stormie, Addie, and Noah. They took Stormie's friend, Katrina, home after her visit to Matador. Conner Mason of Matador, Noah's friend, accompanied them to the coast. While there they went to a "Dive In Movie" at the Portland Aquatic Center during which they swam while watching a movie on a huge projection screen.

Brent and Eli Marshall went snow skiing last week. Brent said that he learned to ski "head first."

Jana, Macy, and Chambrie Marshall joined Zacha, Sage, and Tatum Guerrero for a girls' weekend in Lubbock where they spent the night in a hotel and did lots of shopping.

Time is a priceless gift

By Earlyne Jameson

"Love does not need rose colored glasses. Its vision is enhanced by memories."

If someone had told me 60 years ago that I would be content living on a piece of western prairie, 15 miles from town, six miles to my nearest neighbor and a paved road, I would have thought them "nutz!" When living in town, I could hear our next door neighbors flush their commodes.

Today, I arrive on time for appointments and when in town, I was late every morning for school and lived just across the street. My loving husband, H.R. "Skeet" Jameson expected an early morning nourishing breakfast. (UGH!) When my brother, Gary Belmont Laughlin stayed with us, our mother, Sammie Bolling Laughlin, was amazed he would get on the school bus at 7:30 a.m. He told her, "The aroma of Lou's breakfast

helps; I can't smell that dry cereal!" If hard work and long hours made a millionaire, a farmer and rancher would be one.

The rural area was an ideal location to rear two sons, Lance (6-16-55) and Shannon (3-29-61). They never said, "I wish I had something to do!" We have shared many happy times together and we are "proud as punch"

of their achievements. However, they view our choice of pulling the plug on technology and our embracing devices with which we are familiar and comfortable operating, living in the "dark ages."

My Dad, Earl Belmont "Red" Laughlin's good sense of humor and smile was a curve that straightened out life's ordeals. He said if you can't see the bright side, polish the dull side. His death (1-7-49) two months before my marriage (3-24-49) was a loss that words cannot express. My one consolation was he thought I had made

a wise choice when choosing Skeet as my life companion. As always, he was right! I was honored that Uncle Van Laughlin of Rule gave me away at our wedding ceremony.

A generation gap is having adorable grandchildren who have never read Mother Goose Nursery Rhymes and grandparents who have never played a computer game or don't know how to set the clock on the VCR.

We thank our heavenly Father for the gift of life after our family encountering polio, a vehicle accident, a serious illness and 60 years of a happy marriage.

I find old age is when you quit watching the clock and ramble on and on. Yes, I am ending this, but remember, "Time is not an enemy, every moment of it is a priceless gift."

Editor's Note: Earlyne and H.R. "Skeet" Jameson observed their 60th wedding anniversary March 24, 2009.

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Notes from the Library

By Buffy Crutchley

I was doing some straightening in our Large Print section this week, and could not believe the number of Christian Fiction books we have in this part of the library. Like most of you, I too forget to look over there when I'm browsing for something to read. But there are several folks who have read nearly all the Christian Fiction we have in regular print, so I invite you to browse the large print for a little variety.

I want to thank the rush of new folks joining our Friends of the Library group. It's neat to see so many great folks taking part in our organization. Thanks to every one of our wonderful Friends!

We've got new books in this week! "Corsair" by Clive Cussler, "Paths of Glory" by Jeffrey Archer, "Pursuit" by Karen Robards and "True Detectives" by Jonathan Kellerman.

FSA News

Buy-In Waiver Extension Approved for Disaster Assistance Programs

USDA Extending Buy-In Waiver for Those Impacted by Natural Disasters

Amy Hackler, Executive Director of USDA's Farm Service Agency in Motley County announced today that producers who did not obtain crop insurance or Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage for 2008 can pay a buy-in fee through May 18, 2009, to become eligible for 2008 disaster assistance programs authorized by the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008.

"Producers have an additional opportunity to become eligible for several programs if they suffered 2008 agricultural losses due to natural disaster," said Hackler.

Producers who have not already taken the necessary steps to become eligible for the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program (SURE), Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-Raised Fish (ELAP), and the Tree Assistance Program (TAP) are required to complete the following steps by May 18, 2009:

Pay a \$100 "buy-in" fee per crop. The maximum fee is \$300 per county, per producer, not to exceed \$900 for

multi-county producers.

In the case of each insurable crop, excluding grazing land, agree to obtain a policy or plan of insurance for the next insurance year for which crop insurance is available; coverage level should equal 70 percent or more of the yield at 100 percent of the price.

In the case of each noninsurable crop, agree to file the required paperwork and pay the applicable administrative NAP coverage fee by the applicable state application closing date for the next available year.

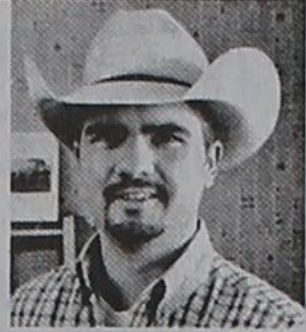
Producers who choose to "buy in" under this provision will be considered, for insured crops, to have obtained a policy or plan of insurance for the 2008 crop year at a level of coverage not to exceed 70 percent of the yield at 100 percent of the price. For non-insurable crops, producers will be considered to have a level of coverage equal to 70 percent of the yield. These levels of coverage will be used to calculate the 2008 SURE guarantee.

Producers who meet the definition of "Socially Disadvantaged, Limited Resource," or "Beginning Farmer or Rancher," are not required to pay the buy-in fee.

For more information regarding the disaster assistance buy-in waiver and other FSA programs, please contact the Motley County FSA office at 806-347-2263 or visit the national website at www.fsa.usda.gov.

County Agent's News

by Ryan Martin, Agri LIFE EXTENSION Agent



Rabies Vaccination Clinic

Rabies is still a major concern for animal owners in our area, HSR 1. There have already been several confirmed cases of rabies in our area this year. This is a reminder that your pets, horses, and valuable livestock should be vaccinated annually for rabies and with the mild winter we had, fleas and ticks are already on the move.

On April 2, 2008 the Motley 4-H Club will sponsor a Rabies Vaccination Clinic and Flea and Tick Dip at the Matador Volunteer Fire Department. Dr. David Fuston from the Childress Veterinarian Clinic will be here to administer rabies vaccinations for your pets from 3-6pm. After 6pm, Dr. Fuston will administer coggins tests on horses if you need it. If you have a horse that needs current coggins testing, please call the Extension office before April 2 to make arrangements for testing.

The Motley 4-H Club will also be spraying pets for ticks and fleas if needed. This will be a free service, but donations will be welcome.

Make plans to bring your animal to the Matador Volunteer Fire Department between 3 and 6pm for their annual rabies vaccination and flea and tick dip.

Texas 4-H/FFA Steer Validation

It is once again time to plan for the 2009-2010 Texas 4-H/FFA Steer Validation program. 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 thinking of taking a steer to a major stock show, you must order validation tags. Tag orders are due in the Extension office by April 15, 2009 at a cost of \$7 per tag. Steers will be validated between June 1 and June 30 for 2009 fall shows and 2010 spring shows. Validation is a proof of ownership as required by major livestock shows in Texas. It does not automatically enter exhibitors in a major livestock show or county show.

Texas drought losses approach \$1 billion

COLLEGE STATION – The state's ongoing drought has cost the state's farmers and ranchers nearly \$1 billion, and losses could continue to mount this spring if sufficient rainfall isn't received for forage or row crops, Texas AgriLife Extension Service economists report.

Rainfall this week over much of Texas was too little too late as ongoing drought has cost livestock producers \$569 million since November. Cattle producers have spent substantial amounts on hay and supplemental feed, according to agriculture officials, and the

drought losses also include failed wheat crops usually used for grazing.

When totaling losses already sustained since November, AgriLife Extension economists said the ongoing drought has cost Texas \$829 million to date. Those losses will likely surpass the \$1 billion mark in the next 60 days as livestock producers continue to make supplemental feed purchases or sell cattle and calves in a declining market, said Dr. David Anderson, AgriLife Extension livestock marketing economist.

"The lack of rain has reduced wheat grazing production, resulting in less forage available and lost income from grazing," Anderson said.

"Texas is the largest beef cow producing state in the United States with more than five million head. More than 60 percent of the state's beef cows are located in counties categorized as being in severe to exceptional drought.

"The effects of drought on livestock go well beyond the immediate year. Drought results in reduced conception rates and calf crops the next year. The lack of feed results in lower cattle sale weights. Range and pasture recovery from drought can take multiple years and can result in reduced stocking rates while ranges recover."

Dry conditions across the state began in 2008 and have continued into early spring. Late rains that came in August of last year were too late for crop farmers, but did "grant a reprieve for ranchers in some parts of Texas," said Dr. Mark Welch, AgriLife Extension small grains specialist.

"That reprieve was short-lived as dry weather returned and has remained throughout winter," he said.

Last fall, Texas farmers planted 5.9 million acres of winter wheat. Over the course of the winter, the condition of that wheat crop has deteriorated, Welch said. According to the Texas Department of Agriculture, about two-thirds of the Texas wheat crop is rated as being in "very poor" to "poor condition."

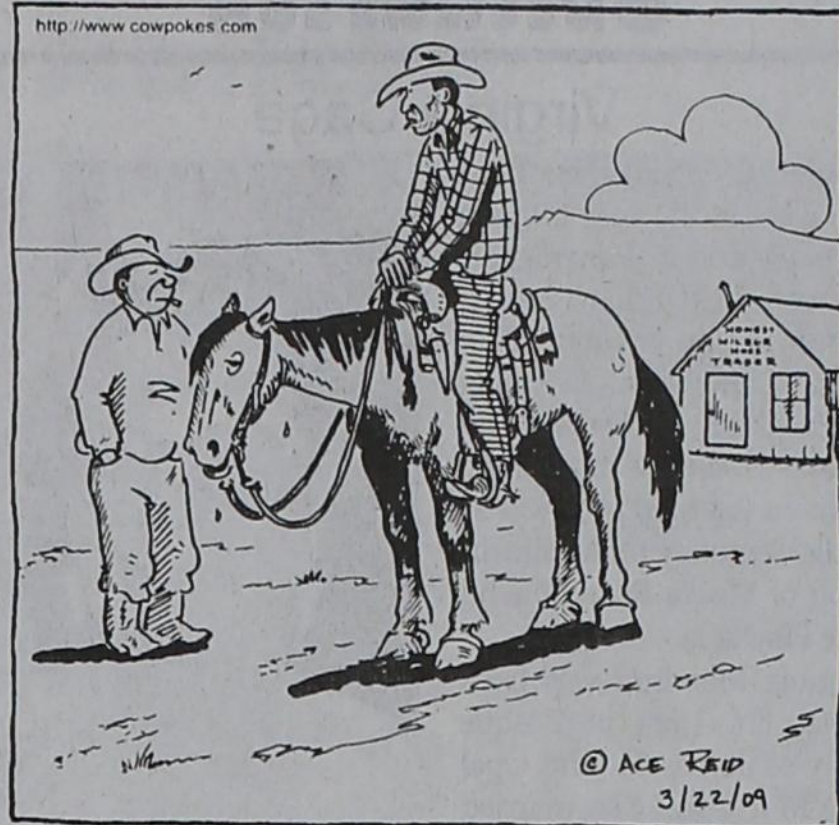
"These are the worst wheat condition ratings since the drought of 2006 - a year when only 25 percent of planted wheat acres were harvested and the yield on those acres averaged 24 bushels," Welch said. "The long-term average wheat yield in Texas is 30 bushels per acre."

Meanwhile, Texas' crop planting continues to be bleak due to the onslaught of dry weather, Welch said. Corn planting is 20 percent complete compared to 33 percent during the same period in 2008, according to the Texas Department of Agriculture, while grain sorghum is 6 percent complete compared to 22 percent a year ago.

Uncertainty remains for

COW POKES

By Ace Reid



"Wilbur when you named this hoss 'Rover', you named him right... he's a dog!"

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the state's cotton crop, Welch said.

"Given the regular occurrence of dry weather in West and South Texas, and the late planting date in West Texas, it is not unusual to be facing uncertainty about the level and condition of cotton plantings in Texas," he said. "As the West Texas crop is not planted until May, there is still ample time for conditions to change." Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack Announces Final Rule for Handling of Non-Ambulatory Cattle

WASHINGTON, March 14, 2009 – Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today announced a final rule to amend the federal meat inspection regulations to require a complete ban on the slaughter of cattle that become non-ambulatory disabled after passing initial inspection by Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) inspection program personnel.

The final rule amends the federal meat inspection regulations to require that all cattle that are non-ambulatory disabled ("downer") cattle at any time prior to slaughter at an official establishment, including those that become non-ambulatory disabled after passing ante-mortem inspection, be condemned and properly disposed of according to FSIS regulations. Additionally, the final rule requires that establishments notify inspection program personnel when cattle become non-ambulatory disabled after passing the ante-mortem, or pre-slaughter, inspection. The rule will enhance consumer confidence in the food supply and improve the humane handling of cattle.

"President Obama has strongly stated his support for efforts to improve food safety," said Vilsack. "This rule is designed to enhance consumer confidence and humane handling standards and will provide clear guidance that non-ambulatory cattle will not be

allowed to enter the human food supply. It is a step forward for both food safety and the standards for humane treatment of animals.

"Under the final rule, cattle that become non-ambulatory disabled from an acute injury after ante-mortem inspection will no longer be eligible to proceed to slaughter as "U.S. Suspects." Instead, FSIS inspectors will tag these cattle as "U.S. Condemned" and prohibit these cattle from proceeding to slaughter.

Discontinuing the case-by-case disposition of cattle that become non-ambulatory disabled after ante mortem inspection will eliminate the time FSIS Public Health Veterinarians spend conducting additional inspections on these animals, thereby increasing the time inspection program personnel can allocate to other inspection activities. With this final rule, these cattle now must be humanely euthanized.

On July 13, 2007, FSIS published the final rule, "Prohibition of the Use of Specified Risk Materials for Human Food and Requirements for the Disposition of Non-Ambulatory Disabled Cattle; Prohibition of the Use of Certain Stunning Devices Used To Immobilize Cattle During Slaughter" (the SRM final rule). The SRM final rule allowed a case-by-case reinspection of cattle that became non-ambulatory disabled after ante mortem inspection to address the rare situations in which an animal that is deemed by FSIS as fit for human food at ante-mortem inspection subsequently suffers an acute injury.

For further information, contact Dr. Daniel Engeljohn, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Policy and Program Development, FSIS, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250, or by phone at (202) 205-0495.

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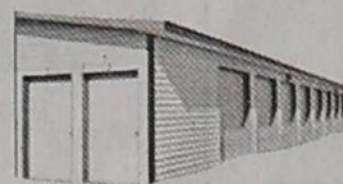
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Obituaries

Virginia Cage

Virginia Cage joined her Lord and Savior, at the age of 85, on March 18, 2009. Funeral services were held Friday, March 20, 2009 at 1:00 PM at the First Baptist Church in Floydada with Pastors Floyd Bradley and Anthony Sisemore officiating. Interment followed at 3:30 PM at Ralls Cemetery under the direction of Moore-Rose Funeral Home Floydada.

Virginia Morrison was born on May 21, 1923 in Bosque County to James M. and Opal (Holt) Morrison. She married Harlan John Cage on December 11, 1941 in Floydada. Virginia was a homemaker who was also well known for being the school bus driver in the Dougherty Community for over 25 years. She was a member of Eastern Star and volunteered at S.O.S. She was an avid gardener and also enjoyed cooking, sewing, and crocheting. She loved volunteering at the First Baptist Church and spending time with her family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband Harlan John Cage in September 1982.



Virginia is survived by her children; sons, James Ray Cage and wife Kay of Floydada, Harlan Wayne Cage and wife Pat of Dallas, daughter, Nita Beth Cage of Amarillo; two brothers, Bill Morrison and J.D. Morrison; one sister Bessie Mae Cohen; six grandchildren; and eleven great grandchildren.

Memorials in Virginia's name can be made to a charity of your choice.

Copper Breaks State Park Features Cook Off, Cowboy Poet April 3-4

The second annual Horned Toad Cook Off, the Great Texas Trash Off, and a performance by statewide Cowboy Poetry award winner Doc Wood will mark the beginning of the 2009 special program schedule for Copper Breaks State Park near Quanah April 3-4.

Special events and programs are set for every Saturday from April 4 through October 24, 2009.

Judging for the second annual Horned Toad Cook Off begins Saturday at 11 a.m. in the Day Use area of the park.

The Great Texas Trash Off runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and coincides with the first of the monthly Volunteer Work Days. Everyone is invited to join the 1998 statewide "Litter Getter" award winner, Copper Breaks State Park Staff and Volunteers, in cleaning up the park's highway frontage, park roads, trails, and campgrounds. Volunteers will be treated to free admission to the park for the day's activities.

Award winning cowboy poet/performer Doc Wood will team up with Hal Newsom of Wichita Falls as they open their second season of cowboy poetry performances on Friday, April 3, and Saturday, April 4, at 7:30 p.m. in the Day Use area of the park.

Entrance to the park for the day's events is free. Regular admission is \$2 for adults, while children 12 and under are free, and there are discounts for senior citizens aged 65 and over.

"In today's economy, this is great family entertainment for a bargain price," said park manager David D Turner.

For more information on the Horned Toad Cook off, the Great Texas Trash Off, the Volunteer Work Days, Cowboy Poetry, or other Copper Breaks events or facilities, contact the park daily during business hours at (940)839-4331.

Copper Breaks State Park is located 13 miles south of Quanah and eight miles north of Crowell on State Highway 6.



PIPS attending award banquet: Back row: Natalie Jameson, Meagan Ford, Mikenna Ford. Front row: Case Drum, Brody Rankin, Cade Drum, and Emily Jameson

PIPS receive awards

March 13th and 14th was the Annual PIP Festival held in Abilene, TX. Thirteen PIP's from Motley County attended. We won an award for the largest percentage of our group attending the festival. On Friday PIP's enjoyed fun and games at the fun day activities.

All PIP's participated in individual events against other PIP's from all over the United States. Each PIP could choose three events. The obstacle speed dribble, figure eight dribble, drop pass, between

leg pass, two ball dribble, super spin, walking spider, backwards dribble, AWA circles, PIP shots and layups, duos or trios were some of the choices. The trio group of Brody Rankin, Cade Drum and Case Drum brought home 2nd place. Several PIP's were awarded medals and certificates and all PIP's had the chance to walk across the stage for their awards. If parents have a list of each child's individual awards we would love to recognize each child.

Evelyn Pearl Moore Perkins

Evelyn Pearl Moore Perkins, 89 died March 15, 2009. Evelyn Moore married Troy Perkins on June 1, 1941 in Matador Texas. Mrs. Evelyn Perkins was a retired A.I.S.D. school teacher. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Amarillo. She was active in church missions and W.M.U. Mrs. Perkins was instrumental in starting the food and clothing ministry of the First Baptist Church. The memorial service will be held March 18th at 2:00 at First Baptist Church of Amarillo. Mrs. Perkins was preceded in death by a son, Robert Perkins

in 1992. Survivors include her husband Troy Perkins of Amarillo, one son Lynn Perkins and wife Sherrie of Canyon Texas, and one daughter Troy Ann Dennis and husband Greg of Lubbock, Texas and five grandchildren, Sarah Kay Brent, Justin Perkins, David Dennis, Bree Ann Denton, and Damon Dennis. She is also survived by a host of beloved nieces and nephews. The family requests that any memorials be made to the Perkins Food and Clothing Ministry of the First Baptist Church of Amarillo.

2009-2010 Golden Resource Directories Are Being Circulated

The Golden Resource Directory, compiled by the South Plains Association of Governments' Area Agency on Aging (AAA), is available free to the general public. The AAA staff will be distributing these directories to hospitals, libraries, senior citizen centers, Chamber of Commerce offices, home health agencies, and other high-traffic locations throughout the region.

The directory was developed because of seniors' needs for information and services available in the South Plains. The booklet contains names, addresses, and

phone numbers for businesses, programs, agencies and services of interest to seniors. This is the eighth year for the publication which was edited and printed by Word Publication. This year's directory contains several additional pages listing new agencies and businesses.

If you would like to receive a free copy by mail, contact the Aging office at 687-0940 or 1-888-418-6564. Large quantity requests are available at the SPAG AAA office, 1323-58th St. in Lubbock.

The top ten tax time tips

DALLAS—"Give your employer a new form W-4, Withholding Allowance Certificate," advised Clay Sanford, IRS spokesman in Dallas. "Either claim fewer allowances or put on line six an extra amount that you want withheld from each paycheck, and if you are self-employed or have other income not subject to withholding, adjust your quarterly estimated tax payments."

With the April 15 tax deadline less than a month away, Sanford offered these extra tips:

1. Gather your records. It's never too early to start getting together any documents or forms you'll need when filing your taxes: receipts, canceled checks, and other documents that support an item of income or a deduction you're taking on your return.
2. Find your forms. Whether you file a 1040 or 1040-EZ, you can download all IRS forms and publications at IRS.gov.
3. Do a little research. Check out Publication 17 on IRS.gov. It's a comprehensive collection of information for taxpayers highlighting everything you'll need to know when filing your return. Review Pub.17 to ensure you're taking all credits and deductions for which you're eligible.
4. Think ahead to how you'll file. Will you prepare your return yourself or go to a preparer? Do you qualify to file at no cost using Free File on IRS.gov? Are you eligible for free help at an

IRS office or volunteer site? Will you purchase tax preparation software or file online? There are many things to consider. So, give yourself time to weigh them all and find the option that best suits your needs.

5. Take your time. Rushing to get your return filed increases the chance you will make a mistake and not catch it.

6. Double-check your return. Mistakes will slow down the processing of your return. In particular, make sure all the Social Security Numbers and math calculations are correct as these are the most common errors made by taxpayers.

7. Consider e-file. When you file electronically, the computer will handle the math calculations for you, and you will get your refund in about half the time it takes when you file a paper return.

8. Think about Direct Deposit. If you elect to have your refund directly deposited into your bank account, you'll receive it faster than waiting for a check by mail.

9. Visit IRS.gov often. The official IRS Web site is a great place to find everything you'll need to file your tax return: forms, tips, FAQs and updates on tax law changes.

10. Relax. There's no need to panic. If you run into a problem, the IRS can help. Call our customer service number at 800-829-1040.

Gymnastics' Meet in Pampa

Six students competed in a USAG meet at the gym in Pampa on Saturday March 7. Sherry Fogerson comes to the school on Wednesday each week and these students also go to Lockney to prepare for competition. Each of them competed in floor routine and a trampoline routine. They

have been practicing every week and working hard on their passes. They all did a great job and performed well. Their next meet will be the state meet on March 28th at Levelland. Good luck to each of them!

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SCHOOL MENU

Thursday, March 26, Breakfast; Cinnamon Rolls or Cereal, Toast, Apple-sauce, Milk. Lunch; Cheese Pizza, Salad, Pineapple, Chunks, Vanilla, Wafers, Milk
Friday, March 27, Breakfast; Biscuit, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Cereal or Toast, Juice, Milk. Lunch; Ham Chef Salad, Baked Potato, Crackers, Sherbet, Milk
Monday, March 30, Breakfast; Pancake, Sau-

sage, or Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk. Lunch; Soft taco, Spanish Rice, Tortilla Chips, Jello, Milk
Tuesday, March 31, Breakfast; Egg/Cheese Omelet, Toast, or Cereal, Toast, Applesauce, Milk. Lunch; Corn Dog, Baked Beans, Pickle Spears, Peach Cups
Wednesday, April 1, Breakfast; Cereal, Toast, Juice. Lunch; Chicken Nuggets, Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans, Biscuit, Honey

SENIOR MENU

Thursday, March 26; Pizza, Tater Tots, Pea Salad, Apple Crisp
Friday, March 27; Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Veggies, Tossed Salad, Biscuit, Fruit

Monday, March 30; BBQ Chicken, Brussel Sprouts, Pasta Salad, Bread & Pickles, Cinnamon, Apple Sauce
Tuesday, March 31; Smothered Steak, Baked Potatoes, Broccoli, Wheat Rolls, Cake



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Motley County Boys and Girls Golf Teams off to blazing start

The Motley County Boys and Girls Golf Teams are off to a blazing start this year. On Monday, February 23 the girls team members of Courtney Alexander, Kyla Simpson, Hailey Blanco and Lexi Osborn traveled to the Wellington Country Club for a tournament. As a team the girls placed 2nd overall, and Kyla Simpson won 2nd place medalist honors.

The boys team members of Christian Brooks, Jonathon Osborn, Reagan Elliott, Andrew Martin and Will Butler made the trip on Wednesday, February 25. As a team they placed 3rd overall with Jonathon Osborn winning 2nd place medalist as well.

The following week on Monday March 9 the girls team

members of Kyla Simpson, Lexi Osborn, Hailey Blanco, and Leanne Jameson participated in the Shamrock Golf Tourney and brought home 3rd place honors as a team.

On Tuesday, March 10, the boys team stepped up to the challenge, and brought home the 1st place trophy. Team members were: Christian Brooks, Jonathon Osborn, Reagan Elliott, Andrew Martin and Will Butler. In addition to an outstanding showing by the team, Motley County also brought home the top three medalist scores in the tournament. 1st Medalist went to Jonathon Osborn, 2nd Medalist went to Andrew Martin, and 3rd Medalist went to Christian Brooks.

On Tuesday, March 24 and

Wednesday, March 25, Motley County Golf Coach Kay Bingham hosted a tournament at the Roaring Springs Ranch Golf Course. Results will be posted in next week's edition of the Motley County Tribune.

Motley County ISD will also host the Girls and Boys District 10-1A Golf Meet in Childress at the Stoney Ridge Golf Course on Tuesday, April 14. Our golf teams are made up of dedicated young men and women who spend hours practicing in order to be successful in their competitions. If you have some free time and enjoy watching golf, be sure and attend these tournaments to support these student athletes as they represent our school and community.



The Motley County Girls Golf Team L-R Kyla Simpson, Lexi Osborn, Courtney Alexander, Leanne Jameson, Hailey Blanco photo by Walter Tayler



The Motley County Boys Golf Team L-R Christian Brooks, Will Butler, Reagan Elliott, Jonathon Osborn, Andrew Martin photo by Walter Tayler

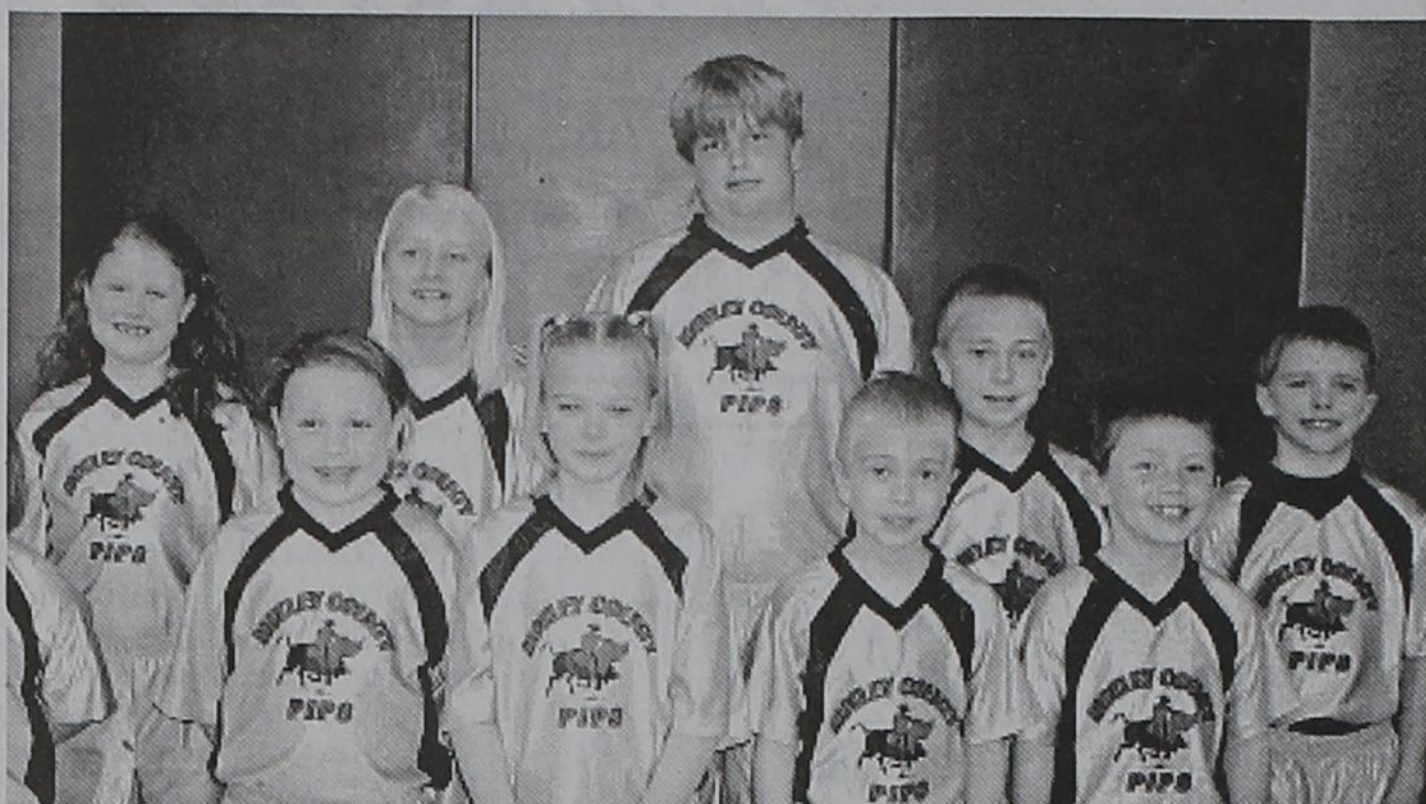
MC 5th graders studying poetry!

Motley County 5th graders have been studying poetry by looking at examples of the different elements of poetry, talking about different kinds of poetry and why poets write poetry. The students tried their hand at writing their own poems. Last week they were given a different element of poetry each day and were asked to incorporate it into their own poem. Hopefully

next week you'll be able to read some of their poems.

They are also looking at songs from different musical genres and finding the elements of poetry in the songs. Their assignment is to find elements of poetry in their favorite song and present them to the class on a poster.

MC PIPS attend Festival in Abilene



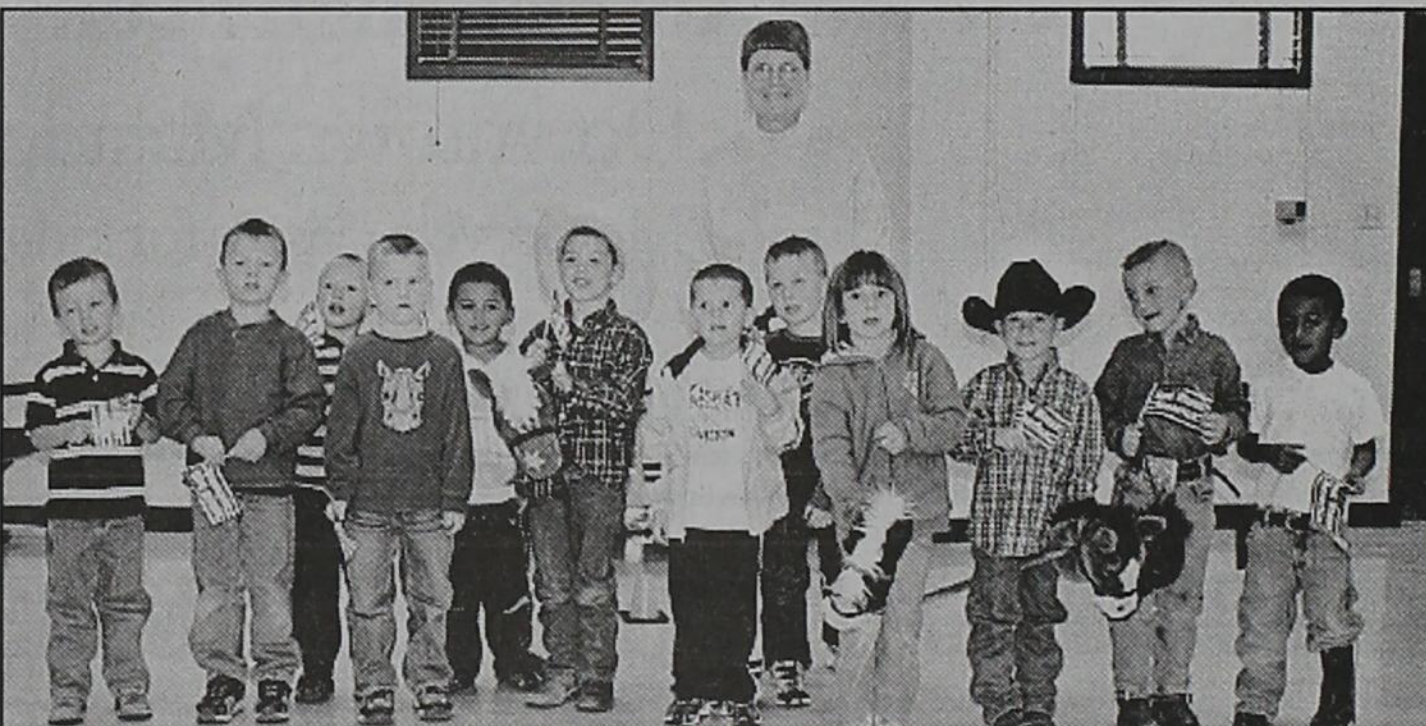
PIPS attend the Annual PIP Festival held in Abilene, TX. Back row: Gage Baker, Mikenna Ford, Natalie Jameson, Seth Markey, Cade Drum, and Brody Rankin. Front Row: Tatum Guerrero, Carley Turner, Emily Jameson, Case Drum, and Dawson Baker. Not pictured: Cassidy Turner and Meagan Ford.

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P-K through 2nd grade visit last two story fire department in Lubbock



On March 3rd, the P-K through 2nd grade went to Lubbock to visit the last two story fire department with a fire pole. The kids were able to see the fire trucks as well as the living quarters. All of the kids sprayed the hose, watched a safety video, and saw Mrs. Neaves, Mrs. Overton, and Teresa Woolsey ride on the ladder truck. A fun time was had by all. We greatly appreciate Lee Jones coming to the fire department on his day off from duty.



Pre-K Annual Rodeo. Students learned the state flower, state tree, state capital, state bird, what county they live in, and about the Alamo. In the stick horse rodeo, they rode through a barrel course and had a flag race. L-R: Trace Osborn, Kagen Ashley, Kyler Barton, Jackson Rains, Ashton Quilamaco, Jace Martin, Tyge Flowers, Andrew Moore, Journie Salazar, Kason Degan, Andrew Stafford, Demitric Sims and Mrs. Parks, teacher.

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- 27 MCISD High School Track at Knox City TBA
- 27 Titus Foundation meeting 10 am.
- 28 Earth Hour, 8:30 pm
- 29 Boonedockers race in Matador

April

- 1 Kids Praise
- 2 Rabies Vaccination Clinic and Flea and Tick Dip at he Matador Volunteer Fire Department.
- 2 RS Lions Club, John. H. Letinger, a cowboy poet will be the featured guest, Windmill Cafe 11:30 am
- 4 Men's Breakfast, Methodist Church, 7:00 am
- 7 Matador Lions Club, Methodist Church, 12:30
- 7 Motley County Chamber of Commerce, 5:30 p.m. at the library
- 8 The Angel Food Ministry orders due. RSFGC
- 9 Matador City Council, 6:30 pm
- 13 Commissioners' Court, 9:30 am
- 13 RS City Council, 6:00 pm
- 14 RS Community Volunteers
- 20 MCISD School Board, 7:30 pm
- 21 Matador Lions Club, Methodist Church, 12:30

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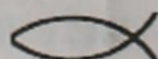
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