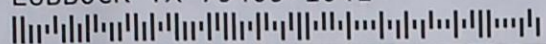


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West Texas Boondockers Club: a Family Affair

By Carol Campbell
Motley County Tribune

George Washington Seigler settled almost 7,000 acres of land on the North Pease River 115 years ago. The Seigler Ranch headquarters is located about 15 miles north of Matador on FM94 on a high mesa - one of the highest land points in Motley County. The landmark Quitaque Peaks, shrouded in a purple haze, and the distinctive line of white gypsum, separating the foothills of the Plains from the Caprock can be seen to the west; and the North Pease River snakes through the land. On a clear day you can see Turkey, Texas, to the north, and Childress, Texas, to the east. George Washington's descendants still live and ranch and play on this land - five generations of Seiglers - including a fifth generation George - George Michael Seigler.

Michael's parents, George Mark and wife Debbie Seigler (all the first born males have been named George) have been hosting the West Texas Boondockers Motorcycle Club for 18 years. On the weekends about 75 families from the surrounding area escape from the city and gather at the ranch in the Boondocker Camp with RVs and Camper Trailers to play in the sand, ride in the boonies, cook out, eat up, and reunite with their extended

family. This is a training ground for riders from beginners to expert.

It's a family affair. Mini-tracks for the kids with training wheels will find watchful moms and dads, helping little riders master the skill of bike riding. The experienced riders ride a 60- to 70-mile course, timing themselves on 6- to 7-mile sections. The bikes average 20 mph, maximum speeds at 70 to 80 mph. They are training for the big show - endurance races sponsored by the Texas State Championship Enduro Circuit.

"There are third and fourth generation Boondockers in the Club," Mark Seigler said, adding "This village has actually raised the child." Michael has been riding since he was three years old. He is now a handsome 15-year-old, sporting a wide friendly smile, and sitting tall on a 2011 KTM350 bike. Riding is his life, he said. He has so many trophies that his parents have run out of places to put trophies. They are in the barn, and in the living room, and in the bedrooms - "we need a trophy room," Debbie said.

Michael will be riding in the Boondockers race in downtown Matador on Saturday and Sunday, April 6-7, 2013, when about 200 riders, support crews, and family members invade downtown Matador. Look out for num-

ber 505. He is currently leading the High Plains Grand Prix series as the "Number 1" rider in his class. He will be competing in the Team Race on Saturday, April 6, and in the Intermediate Class on Sunday, April 7.

He recently took top honors in his class at Quitaque against 63 riders. He has "overalled" twice this year in six races; and, he placed 2nd in his class at the National Enduro in Blackwell, Texas. While Michael runs in the 16-year-old and under class, at the end of the year after averaging all his wins, he may score enough wins to be moved to the "B" class category.

Matador is advertised as the last "old school racing through town" on the Boondockers schedule. "This is the last Grand Prix that runs through a town," Mark Seigler said. Spur and Quitaque have pulled up the welcome mat. Opposition consists of residents complaining about closing off roads, noise, and Sunday runs that have to start late in the day after church. These issues have taken their toll in communities.

But for now, Matador is still in the loop so come downtown and enjoy the excitement, eat lunch with junior high and high school vendors raising money for summer camps. The Senior Citizens will be hosting a spaghetti supper on Saturday evening and serving barbecue sandwiches on Sunday. This is a major fundraiser for the center and it is supported by the Matador Grand Prix. Welcome, Boondockers!



Number 505, Michael Seigler, will be racing in the downtown Boondocker Race on April 6-7, 2013. He is currently leading the High Plains Grand Prix series as the "Number 1" rider in his class. Michael is the son of Debbie and Mark Seigler of Northfield, TX.

photo by Carol Campbell

Motley County and Tristar Wind Energy host public hearing

By Carol Campbell
Motley County Tribune

Twenty-seven residents "signed in" at a Public Hearing hosted by Motley County and Tristar Wind Energy on March 28, 2013, at the Motley County Courthouse District Courtroom.

The purpose of the meeting was to show the boundaries of the proposed Reinvestment Zone; ask for public comment; and answer questions regarding the proposed wind energy farm. Two maps outlining the Reinvestment Zone boundaries were available for review. The moderator for the hearing was Attorney Joe Heflin of Crosbyton, TX. Also attending were Ken Lyons and Lawrence Williams, representing Tristar Wind Energy, LLC.

Reinvestment Zones are used by taxing entities to offer tax abatements to encourage the development of a new industry. A Public Hearing on the proposed Reinvestment Zone is the first step in establishing a zone, followed by making application to Motley County for tax abatement. Another public hearing is set for April 15, 2013.

"This project will double the tax base from \$89 million to \$150 to \$250 million over a period of years, eventually reducing taxes for landowners to the county," Heflin said. "The county will have funds to operate, and the school and hospital district will also get dollars." Tristar Wind Energy is currently completing environmental studies and securing permits to proceed.

Heflin said he wanted to talk about what the project "does not do." For example, he said, "we don't use water. In the construction phase we buy water." Also, during the construction phase of the McAdoo Project, for example, the team used 50,000 gallons of diesel fuel a month, he said. "This is a great opportunity for the county and Tristar," Heflin said. What are the efficiency ratios? he asked. "Motley County wind will produce a very efficient project. We have a very reliable energy source - wind," he said.

I would like to answer one question before it is asked, he said, "Can I plug my house into the system? The answer is no."

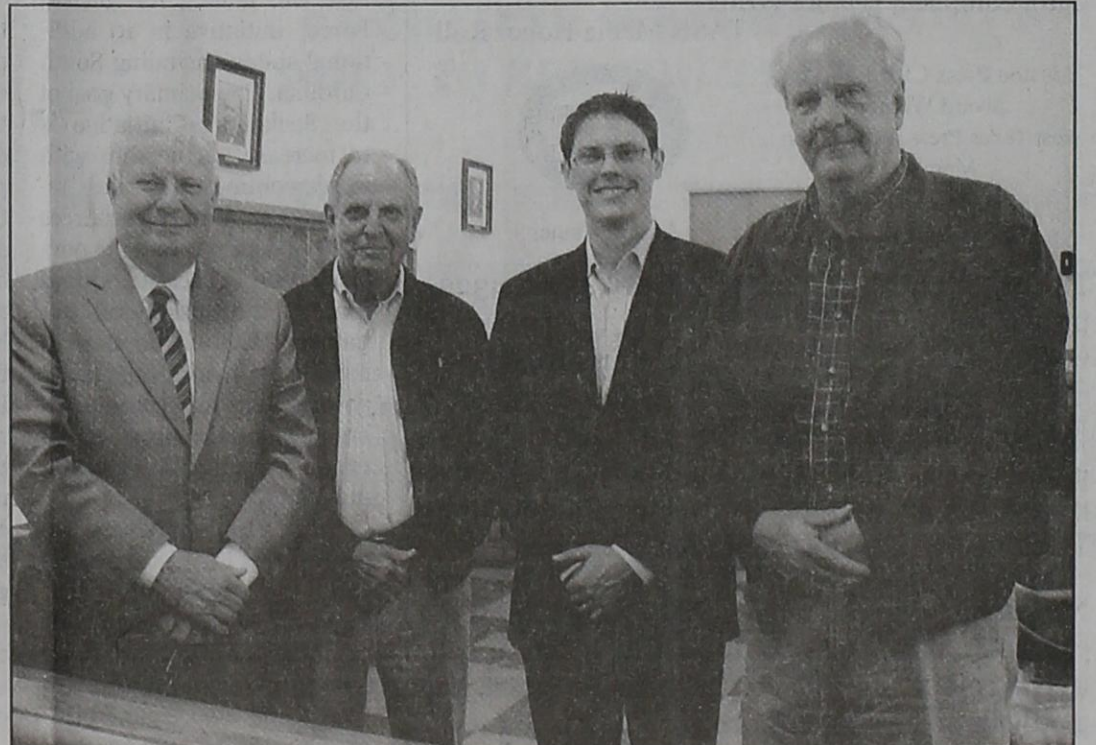
Also attending the meeting was Mark Harral, Di-

rector of Commercial Development at Group NIRE in Lubbock, a clean energy development company that provides project development and consulting services. In addition, Harral consults with Texas Tech University Wind Research Center. He reported on the steps that had been completed.

"The land has been leased; we have done a facility study and a detailed analysis on the impact to the grid. We are in the final steps of selecting turbines and putting together construction contracts," he said. "Wind farms are very good neighbors," he added. "It is good for the community and for the landowners."

Attendees were asked to make comment, and County Attorney Tom Edwards asked how big the footing of a three megawatt tower would be. Harral said the footing would be 80 foot by 80 foot, with 15 feet under the soil. "We have an underground stream that leads to the water falls at Roaring Springs," Edwards said, adding, "We don't want the underground stream messed up." Harral assured the group that soil

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Pictured are representatives of Tristar Wind Energy group (L to R): Joe Heflin, Ken Lyons, Jr., Mark Harral, and Lawrence Williams at a public hearing in the district courtroom on March 28, 2013, to show the boundaries of the proposed Reinvestment Zone and ask for public comment.

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Local Racer to Compete in Boondocker's Race

By Carol Campbell
Motley County Tribune

Frankie Ortiz is a boyish looking 37-year-old and father of 15-year-old Marcus Ortiz who attends Motley County High School. Frankie says racing keeps him young. Frankie got interested in competitive racing from visiting the Boondocker Camp on Seigler Ranch with his son. His true competitive nature from his former MHS football glory days has kept him active in the sport for more than eight years, he said.

"Marcus and Michael used to ride four wheelers together," Frankie said. "In the first Matador Grand

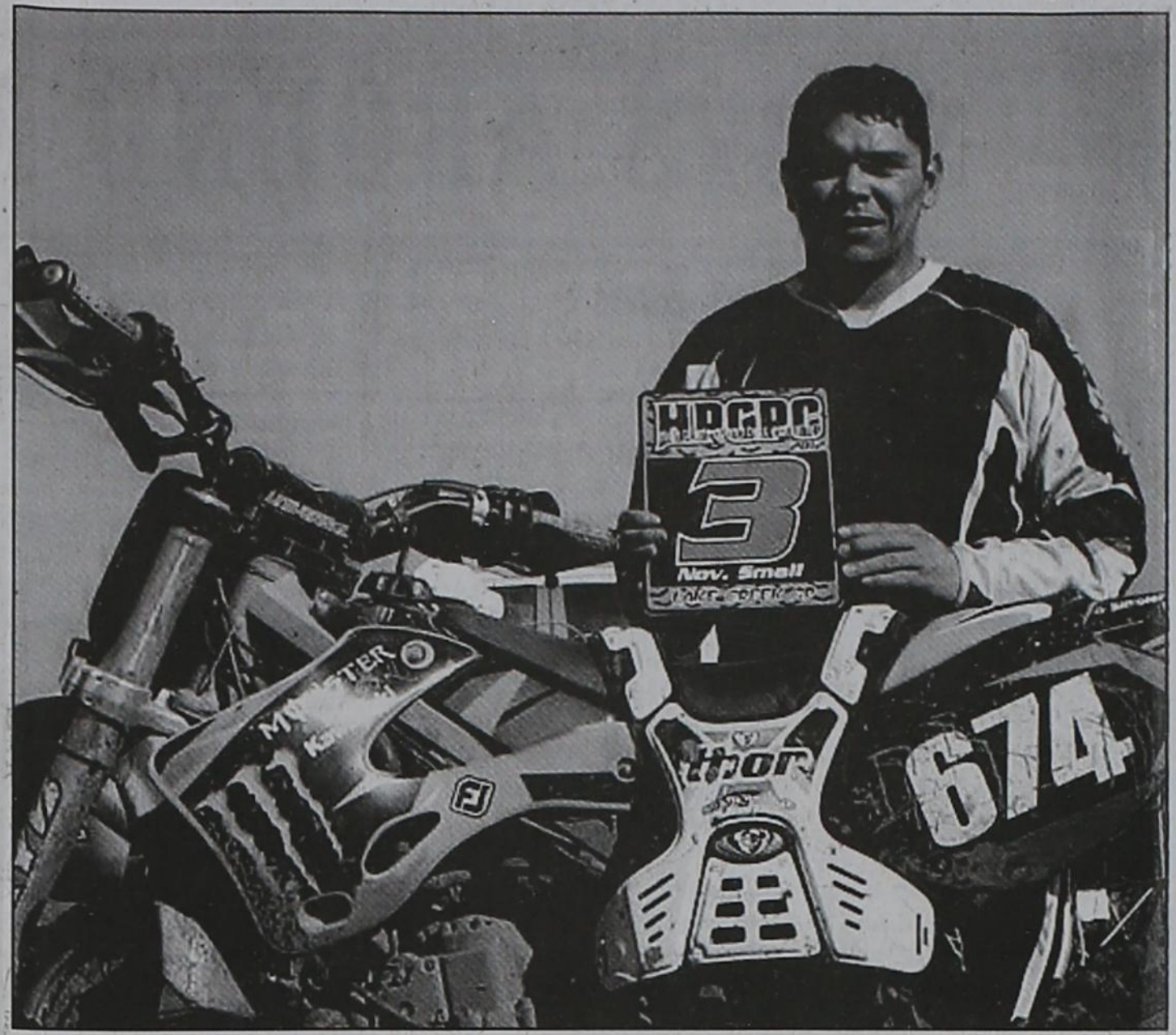
Prix I didn't even own a bike," he said, adding, "After my first race, I was hooked." He still rides the first bike he ever bought - a 2002 KX250.

Frankie competes in the Novice B Class and will be racing on Saturday at the Team Race event that begins at 3:30 p.m. and runs for 90 minutes; and in the Novice B Class on Sunday at 12:30 p.m. He recently won third place in his class at Wichita Falls. He races at least 10- to 12 High Plains Grand Prix races a year - mostly day trips to Lubbock, Idalou, Post, Clovis N.M., and Amarillo, he said. Look for number 674.

The Team Race is a relay with two to three riders

that run a circular course for 90 minutes, bumping the tire of the next rider in the team who shoots forward for another lap. Team members wear "transponders" that record the time of each lap. The fastest team is the winner. Is this a dangerous sport? "Well, I've had a lot of nasty get-offs, but no broken bones," Frankie said.

Frankie is the son of Anna and Frank Ortiz of Matador. He graduated from Motley County ISD in 1994, attended Midwestern State University and South Plains College. He works for Potts Composites as a supervisor, manufacturing carbon fiber for medical facilities.



Pictured is Frankie Ortiz, Number 674, at the Wichita Falls High Plains Grand Prix competition where he took third place in his class. He will be competing in the Matador Grand Prix on April 6-7, 2013.

Final trail ride to Palo Duro Canyon passes through Motley County



Len Williams' last dying wish was a final trail ride to Palo Duro Canyon State Park, via scenic drive FM 207 at Silverton, TX. J. Williams, his widow, said Len was born in Pampa, TX, and he "cowboyed" all over this part of the country. He "fought the good fight" against cancer and now she is taking him to his final resting place.

Monday was the 10th day of a 280 mile trip from Breckenridge, TX. Len's pallbearers, 14 close friends and traveling buddies, are escorting his ashes by wagon and buggy to his final resting

place. They can only make about 20 miles a day, and they overnighed at Motley County Mill and Cube in Roaring Springs. Next stop, Turkey, Texas. Four wagons and two buggies snake slowly in the highway right-a-way from Roaring Springs. In front - two cowboys with a riderless horse. Len's horse.

Len and J. had a big horse training facility in Florida, she said. Then, 13 years ago, they sold out and moved back to Texas, buying a cattle and horse ranch in Breckenridge, TX. In addition to the cattle operation, Len was known for his trail rides,

and "he was the best chuck wagon cook in the country," J. said. His ashes have been carried by his friends in a cowboy coffee pot, fitting somehow for a trail boss and cowboy.

There are 10 RVs and camper trailers still parked in Roaring Springs. When the funeral procession camps for the night in Turkey, the crew will hitch a ride back to Roaring Springs to pick up their rigs. J. Williams plans a yearly trail ride in honor of her husband to raise money for cancer awareness. Next year, look for an overnight in Matador, she said.

DEADLINE EXTENDED: Hispanic and Women Farmers and Ranchers Claims Must be Filed by MAY 1, 2013

WASHINGTON, March 25, 2013 - Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today announced the extension of the voluntary claims process for Hispanic and women farmers and ranchers who allege discrimination by the USDA in past decades. All claims must now be filed by MAY 1, 2013.

"Hispanic and women farmers who believe they have faced discriminatory practices in the past from the USDA have additional time to file a claim in order to have a chance to receive a cash payment or loan forgiveness," said Secretary Vilsack. "USDA urges potential claimants to contact the Claims Administrator for information and to file their claim packages on or before May 1, 2013."

The process offers a voluntary alternative to litigation for each Hispanic or female farmer and rancher who can prove that USDA denied his or her application for loan or loan servicing assistance for discriminatory reasons for certain time periods between 1981 and 2000.

As announced in February 2011, the voluntary claims pro-

cess will make available at least \$1.33 billion for cash awards and tax relief payments, plus up to \$160 million in farm debt relief, to eligible Hispanic and women farmers and ranchers. There are no filing fees to participate in the program.

Call center representatives can be reached at 1-888-508-4429. Claimants may register for a claims package (by calling the number or visiting the website) or may download the forms from the website. All those interested in learning more or receiving information about the claims process and claims packages are encouraged to visit the website at any time or to contact the call center telephone number Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Eastern Time.

Claim packages and other documentation may be mailed to Hispanic and Women Farmers and Ranchers Claims Administrator, PO Box 4540, Portland, OR 97208-4540. Claim packages and other documentation may also be emailed to claims@hwfr.org. Claimants may also fax claims packages and other docu-

mentation to (855) 626-8343. Completed forms and documentation must be received no later than 11:59 p.m. PDT on May 1, 2013.

Once a claim is submitted to the Claims Administrator, the Claims Administrator will determine if it is timely and complete. If it is, the claim will move to the Claims Adjudicator for a determination on the merits of the claim. USDA may submit evidence to the Claims Adjudicator regarding the claim. If a claim is deemed incomplete, a claimant will be notified by the Claims Administrator and given the opportunity to provide additional information within a certain timeframe. Claimants may check the status of their claims on the claims website.

Website: www.farmerclaims.gov
Phone: 1-888-508-4429
Fax: (855) 626-8343
Email: claims@hwfr.org
Claims Period: September 24, 2012 - May 1, 2013.

Independent companies will administer the claims process and adjudicate the claims. Al-

though there are no filing fees to participate and a lawyer is not required to participate in the claims process, persons seeking legal advice may contact a lawyer or other legal services provider.

Under Secretary Vilsack's leadership, USDA has instituted a comprehensive plan to strengthen the Department as a model service provider and to ensure that every farmer and rancher is treated equally and fairly as part of "a new era of civil rights" at USDA. In February 2010, the Secretary announced the Pigford II settlement with African American farmers, and in October 2010, he announced the Keepseagle settlement with Native American farmers. Both of those settlements have since received court approval. Unlike the cases brought by African American and Native American farmers, the cases filed by Hispanic and women farmers over a decade ago were not certified as class actions. The claims process provides a voluntary alternative to continuing litigation for Hispanic and female farmers and ranchers who want to use it.

BROWN BAG BOOK DISCUSSION

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In the world around us today one can easily see the confusion. Confusion as to what is right and what is acceptable behavior before our God. Long ago the prophet Isaiah warned the people, "Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; who put darkness for light, and light for darkness: Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!" (Isaiah 5:20). Those were some confused folks.

That verse of the prophet comes to mind with some of the happenings of today. Yet, there has always been a wide gulf between what God expects of those who are His and those whom the world counts as acceptable. The earliest biblical example of this is found in Genesis chapter 4 with Cain and Able. Abel had respect for God's word while Cain proved himself as a man of this world. Tragic is the outcome of that story.

We need to remember that Christians are to influence the culture and not the other way around. Sometimes it is easy to become distracted and confused. If this state of mind is allowed to continue, alienation from God is the sure of certain result. God's Word will clear up any confusion of right and wrong. We can live lives acceptable to our Lord. The apostle Paul tells us that in hearing God's word it is... teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present age." There is nothing confusing about that statement.

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

On a personal note

After almost two weeks I am home after knee replacement surgery and eight days at Crown Point for rehabilitation. Crown Point was a very nice place to be. Chesle Rains of Roaring Springs works there part time. Also one of my therapists named Wally and some other therapists came to Hackberry Creek Care Center when they were beginning their therapy program. He was disappointed to learn that Hackberry was closed but wished to tell the people he knew "hello." He asked about several of the patients that he remembered.

In the community

Kevin, Lesa, Kaitlyn, Kenzie Morgan, Kagan, and Kennedy had Easter dinner and an egg hunt with Kelly and Pennie Keltz.

Visiting Don and Billie Stuckey on Sunday were Bud and Brenda Dickinson from Canadian, TX. They returned home on Monday.

Kay Jones has moved to Clarendon, TX. She sold her home to Stacey and Connie Durham. Kay will be missed; she was a faithful member of the First United Methodist Church in Roaring Springs. Kay moved here from the Clarendon area to be near her daughter and son-in-law, Jan and Mike Jones. Kay felt she needed to be closer to her doctors in Amarillo and has many friends at Clarendon.

Corky and I went to my son's home in the Acuff community on Sunday afternoon to visit with my family and watch my youngest granddaughter, Kenzie René hunt Easter eggs. Also attending were my daughter, Kay, Miller, grandson, Sean Miller and granddaughter Kel-

sea Miller. Sean and Kelsea being Tech students hid the eggs for Kenzie.

Q. D. Williams who ranched in the Roaring Springs area as well as in Blanco Canyon was buried in Truscott, TX on Friday. Graveside services were held with full military honors. Q. D. was well known in the area. He was also the great uncle of my son-in-law, Ford Miller.

Again, I would like to remind all the Roaring Springs Alumni that your help is needed in updating mailing lists and notifying the committee of any deceased school mates. Devonne Carpenter Dillard, Vee Harmon Gordon, Allie Gwinn, and Barbara Havis Watson are on that committee.

Fourteen members of a covered wagon cortege were served breakfast at the Travelers Inn on Monday morning. Len Williams' ashes are being carried by covered wagon to their final resting place in Palo Duro Canyon. This was Mr. Williams' request. Mr. Williams was born in Pampa, TX. He was 52 years old when he lost his battle with cancer. Several horse drawn buggies are in the possession as well as five out riders. Sunday evening they camped on the grounds at Motley Mill and Cube. Eight wagons began their journey at Breckenridge, TX on March 23rd. Their destination is expected to be reached on Saturday, April 6th, a journey of 280 miles. Mrs. Len Williams (J) said the people traveling in the wagon train were friends from Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma.

Vince Taylor returned home from his stay in the hospital following knee surgery on Friday.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

Overheard

Spring has arrived and I'm of good cheer, my mail order prescription for allergies is already here.

Starkey Family Easter Reunion

The descendants of the C.W. Starkey family held their annual reunion during the Easter holidays at the Starkey homestead building southwest of Flomot. They enjoyed Easter egg hunts, cookout meals, games and hiking.

Seven of the eleven children and families attended, Nola Long of Winnewood, Okla; Bobbie Hanna of Warner, Okla; Phylis Gladson of Austin; Lola Starkey of Clyde; L.T. Starkey of Ralls; Ersie Van Cleeve of Dougherty and Johnnie Starkey of Flomot. Over 105 relatives registered from New Mexico, Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, North Carolina and Texas.

Community News

Mrs. Mary Jo Calvert visited in Turkey Thursday afternoon in the home of brother and wife, Billy and Patsy Lyles and their guest, Mrs. Donna Proctor of Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. Jorney Turner of Canyon visited during the Easter holidays in their home in Flomot. Guests were her mother, Mrs. Carolyn Luckenbach, daughter and family, Heather and Scott Blount, Cash and Skylar of Lubbock, Janelle Turner, and Hadley of Claude. They attended the U.M. church services in Matador Sunday morning.

Easter holiday visitors of Jerry and Sandra Barclay were Mr. and Mrs. Lance Barclay and Kayla of Meadow, Mr. and Mrs. Cody Barclay, Ty Barclay, Tylee, Trent, and Trevor of Matador, James Castillo and Emily Barnett of Quitaque.

Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton was a guest Easter Sunday of Dixie and Bundy Hal Campbell in Matador.

Visiting during the Easter holidays with Connie and Coy Franks were children and families, Cara and Clint Cowart of Southland, Cory and Amy Franks, Madison, Hudson and Heston, Cary and Mary Franks and Cal of Idalou.

Kendall Hughes of Floydada visited Friday and Saturday with her grandmother, Mrs. Janice Hughes. Other visitors Saturday were Roger and Rickey Hughes of Floydada and Sherry and Clint Trent of Quitaque.

Kyler Kleibrink and friend, Meshia Wing of Clifton and Kelsey Clay, student at WTU in Canyon visited during the holidays with grandparents, Anna Beth and Joe Ike Clay. Joining them for Easter day luncheon were Julie and Neal Edwards, Laney and Jaxon, Pat Carson, Ryleigh, Walker and Parker of Turkey.

Kaycee McGraw, student at Clarendon Junior College, visited Easter Sunday with grandparents, Ruth and Orville Lee.

Lindsey Martin of Cibolo, Near San Antonio, Texas, visited Friday and Saturday with father, Dr. David Martin and grandfather, Wilburn Martin.

Mrs. Jackie Lynn Davis of Fritch, Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse of Turkey and Donnie Rogers of Flomot visited Mrs. B. Rogers during the Easter holidays.

Visiting during the Easter holidays with Brenda and Darrell Cruse and attending the wedding of Leah Cruse and Brian Meyer in Amarillo were Mrs. Marihelen Wason of Matador, Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse, Keane and Lacy Cruse, Brighton, Reese and Cade of Turkey, Derrick and Christina Cruse, Paisley and Cash of Snyder.

Matador News

By Marilynn Hicks

When part of Whigley Island started going into the water last week, I made a call to Norma and Robert Hall who live on there. They report that they are safe; one of their friends lost some property, but no lives were lost. Robert is the son of Cora Hall.

Randy and I had a very nice visit with two of our children and their families for Easter. We traveled to Amarillo where Lara, Adrian, Jaxon, and Isabel live. Jason, Kimmie, Hannah, and Hailey joined us there. Kevin had to work so they celebrated in Austin. We attended a Saturday evening church service, Randy and the guys did a little varmint hunting, the kids found some hidden Easter eggs, and we all enjoyed a wonderful visit and meal.

George Horsch worked on the final connections of the electrical grid down by Dickens. This was his second trip from California to help with the engineering of that connection.

John and Debbie Lewis from Florissant, Colorado, and formerly of Houston stopped in for a nostalgic visit. John was born in Matador and worked in the oil industry in Houston until retirement in Colorado. Debbie taught school until her retirement. They breakfasted with his first cousin, Marihelen Wason, during their brief stay.

Hiking Caprock Canyon was Theresa and Don Williams from Iowa Park, Texas. Eric and Brenda Skees from Amarillo; and Susan and David McCartney from Lubbock came into town for a relaxing few days.

Brody Rankin qualifies for State Competition

Seventh grade student Brody Rankin representing Motley County ISD, qualified for State in four events out of Region 1 Tri-State Junior High Rodeo Division.

He will compete in Breakaway Roping, Ribbon Roping with partner Layton Butler from Eldorado, TX; and Goat Tying, and Team Roping with his partner Colton McCarley from Happy, TX.

They will compete during the state competition during the week of May 25-June 1st at Gonzalez, TX.

Brody will be having a concession stand during the Little Dribblers "playday" this Saturday, April 6, 2013, at the Motley County School Cafeteria; and will have a booth during the Boondockers Race to help raise money for his state trip.



Fourteen members of the covered wagon cortege were served breakfast at the Travelers Inn on Monday morning. Sunday evening they had camped on the grounds at Motley Mill and Cube.

photo by Monta Marshall

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The following constitutes the ruling of the court and has the force and effect therein described.

Hon. Linda DeWagon Hale
United States Bankruptcy Judge

Signed March 27, 2013

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
WICHITA FALLS DIVISION

IN RE:	§	
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HARDEMAN COUNTY HOSPITAL	§	CASE NO. 13-70103-9
DISTRICT d/b/a HARDEMAN COUNTY	§	
MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	§	
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	§	(Chapter 9)
DEBTOR.	§	

ORDER UPON COMMENCEMENT OF CHAPTER 9 CASE ESTABLISHING CERTAIN DEADLINES AND NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT OF CASE, OF THE AUTOMATIC STAY AND OF THE ORDER FOR RELIEF

TO: The Debtor, Creditors, Special Taxpayers and Other Parties in Interest:

IT IS ORDERED that Hardeman County Hospital District d/b/a Hardeman County Memorial Hospital (the "Debtor") shall give notice of the following by first class mail to parties in interest and shall file with the Court proof of such service within three business days, and shall also publish this Order giving notice of the commencement of the case in the following newspapers, as required by 11 U.S.C. § 923: a. Quanah Tribune - Chief; b. The River Cities Daily Tribune; c. Paducah Post; d. Foard County News; and e. Motley County Tribune.

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Library Journal
by Carla Meador Librarian

APRIL SHOWERS, APRIL SHOWERS – come on down!! I know everyone is as anxious as I am for some rain. It would be absolutely wonderful to have a green spring and summer without having to water, water, water. Mother Nature – we need you!

If you're planning to plant your garden soon, we have many great gardening books with tips for planting times, types of plants, home remedies for weed killers, etc. Stop by and browse our selections; I will be glad to help you find the book you're looking for, or even one you may not know you're looking for.

We have a new book to our fiction section this week; *Six Years* by Harlan Coben, which will be our featured book this week.

Six years have passed since Jake Fisher watched Natalie, the love of his life, marry another man. Six years of hiding a broken heart by throwing himself into his career as a college professor. Six years of keeping his promise to leave Natalie alone, and six years of tortured dreams of her life with her new husband, Todd.

But six years haven't come close to extinguishing his feelings, and when Jake comes across Todd's obituary, he can't keep himself away from the funeral. There he gets the glimpse of Todd's wife he's hoping for...but she is not Natalie. Whoever the mourning widow is, she's been married to Todd for almost two decades, and with that fact everything Jake

thought he knew about the best time of his life—a time he has never gotten over—is turned completely inside out.

As Jake searches for the truth, his picture-perfect memories of Natalie begin to unravel. Mutual friends of the couple either can't be found, or don't remember Jake. No one has seen Natalie in years. Jake's search for the woman who broke his heart, who lied to him, soon puts his very life at risk as it dawns on him that the man he has become may be based on a carefully constructed fiction.

Harlan Coben once again delivers a shocking page-turner that deftly explores the power of past love, and the secrets and lies that such love can hide.

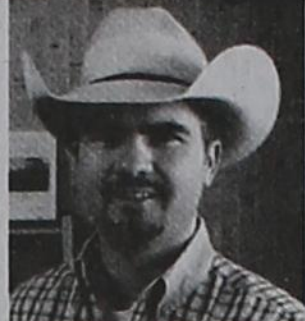
We have many more new books scheduled to arrive soon!

New DVDs include *The Hobbit*, *Zero Dark Thirty*, and *Les Miserables*.

It's not too late to check out *Until Tuesday* and be a part of the BROWN BAG BOOK DISCUSSION to be held Friday, April 12 at noon. Bring a sack lunch and enjoy a leisurely lunch while discussing this heartwarming book about a wounded warrior and the Golden Retriever who saved him. We have four copies available for check out. Give me a call to reserve your copy, 347-2717.

Library hours are Monday, 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.; Tuesday – Thursday, 1:00 – 6:00 p.m.; and Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. See you at the Library!

County Agent's News



by Ryan Martin, Agri LIFE EXTENSION Agent

Texas 4-H/FFA Steer Validation

Time has come to plan for the 2013-2014 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 planning on showing a steer at a major stock show, you must order validation tags. Tag orders are due in the Extension office by April 15, 2013 at a cost of \$8 per tag. Steers will be validated between June 1 and June 30, 2012. 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.

Rabies Vaccination Clinic

Rabies is still a major concern for animal owners in our area. 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.

On April 12, 2013 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 3:00-6:00pm. 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 11 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.

PRIVATE APPLICATOR'S TRAINING AND TESTING

The Floyd and Motley County Texas A&M AgriLife Extension office will offer a private applicators training and testing. The program will be held April 4th at the Floyd County Extension office at 110 S. Wall, on the courthouse square in Floydada. The meeting will begin at 8:30 am and will end by 1 pm. The meeting will begin with the training and the test will be administered following the training. There is a \$55 cost to be paid before the training begins. If you wish to participate, please contact the Floyd County Extension office by April 1st at (806) 983-4912 or the Motley County Extension Office at (806) 347-2733.

Extension Programs serve people of all ages regardless of race, color, religion, disability or national origin. The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Courts of Texas cooperating. We will seek to accommodate all persons with disabilities for all meetings. We request that you contact the Floyd County Extension Office by April 1st to advise us of any auxiliary and/or services needed.

Much of Texas wheat crop escapes major freeze damage, areas of concern still remain

AMARILLO – The High Plains and Rolling Plains wheat crop appear to have escaped major damage from the March

24-25 freezing temperatures that dipped into the teens and mid-20s, but the Blackland region might not have, according to Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service officials.

Dr. Jackie Rudd, AgriLife Research wheat breeder in Amarillo, said he scouted fields in both the Deaf Smith County area and in the Rolling Plains. And while there is leaf burn already showing on the wheat plants, the majority of the wheat hit by freezing temperatures was not advanced enough to do major damage.

"There will be some leaf burn and upper canopy damage, but the young immature heads did not appear to be damaged at this time," Rudd said. "The canopy will grow out of the damage, and yields will not be hurt by this single stressor."

However, he said, if the wheat was already under stress or is stressed further due to insects or drought, the damage could be increased.

Rudd explained that wheat in the vegetative state is not susceptible to the freeze, but once the head of the plant emerges above ground, it can be damaged and yield loss can suffer. The higher the head is above the ground, the more exposed it becomes.

He said research plots at Chillicothe had heads 2 to 3 inches above ground where temperatures reached 25 degrees, but the canopy and ground temperature appeared to protect them somewhat.

"It will vary field by field where there might have been pockets of colder temperatures," Rudd said. "It was in 2009 when the Rolling Plains lost a significant amount of wheat due to an April 5 freeze when the crop was further along. But I think we might be okay in most of that area this time because we were not as far along."

Almost 80 percent of the wheat in Texas is grown in the High Plains and Rolling Plains region, Rudd said. The remaining crop is grown in the Central and North Central regions.

"The foliage here will recover if it already had good moisture or receives good rain," he said. "But it does need some rain."

Dr. Travis Miller, AgriLife Extension agronomist and Texas A&M soil and crop sciences associate department head in College Station, said while the damage is isolated and not as broad as it might have been, there was still some damage done.

"The exact extent remains to be determined," Miller said. "The early emerging wheat in the Blacklands that came up in the fall appears to be damaged. The crop that came up in January didn't appear to be affected."

The extent of the damage will be more visible next week, he said, and AgriLife Extension officials Dr. Gaylon Morgan and Dr. Clark Neely will be traveling through the state to scout wheat fields for damage.

A series of freeze damage clinics are being set up on April 2 in the Blacklands region, primarily in McClennan, Hill, Bosque, Limestone, Falls and Ellis counties, Miller said. The meetings will begin at 8 a.m. in Ellis County, then move to Navarro, Hill and McLennan counties, and conclude by 5 p.m.

"It looks like they might have some injury, but we don't know how extensive it is," Miller said.

For more information on the times and places of the clinics, producers should contact Ryan Collette, AgriLife Extension agent in Hill County, at 254-582-4022 or rmcollett@ag.tamu.edu.

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Sheriff Chris Spence issues appeal in fight against crime

Responding to the increased number of citizens wanting to assist law enforcement officials and build a stronger partnership in the fight against crime, Sheriff Chris Spence today announced that Motley County Citizens are being invited to become Associate Members of the Sheriffs' Association of Texas.

Membership invitations will go out in the mail over the next several weeks. Associate Member funding allows the Sheriffs' Association of Texas to provide critical training, technical resources, and legislative support on key criminal justice issues to law enforcement officers across the state.

In addition, dues will be used to support crime prevention and awareness programs, promote public safety, fight drug abuse, provide additional training for sheriffs and their deputies, and provide scholarships for children of law enforcement officers.

Contributions to the Sheriffs' Association of Texas are tax-deductible. "The Associate Membership Drive helps provide the funding which is vital to our mission of making our communities safer places to live, work and play," said Sheriff Spence.

The Associate Membership Program was created to provide citizens with an opportunity to lend their support to more effective law enforcement and to better help local Sheriffs protect the lives and property of citizens.

"During these economic times, the need for building stronger public-private law enforcement partnerships continues to escalate, and programs such as this continue to grow in importance," said Sheriff Spence. "I encourage every citizen receiving a membership appeal to consider joining forces with us by becoming an Associate Member. It is a valuable investment in our future."

Citizens not receiving a membership appeal or desiring more information can contact the Sheriffs' Association of Texas at 1601 S. IH-35, Austin, Texas 78741.

Founded in 1874, the Sheriffs' Association of Texas is a 501(c)3 non-profit professional and educational organization dedicated to the preservation of peace and the protection of the lives and property of the citizens of Texas. Mr. Steve M. Westbrook serves as the Executive Director. Headquarters are located in Austin, Texas. The Sheriffs' Association of Texas does not make solicitations by telephone. If you receive a phone call from someone who uses the Sheriffs' Association of Texas name, please report it to your local Sheriff or County-District Attorney.

Hardy Perennial Plants Right for Dry Weather

By Earlyne Jameson

I do not have what they call a "green thumb" with a talent for having beautiful flowers and plants. During the 1950's experiencing dry weather for several years, I was unhappy the zinnias and marigolds I planted did not emerge as I had hoped.

When Owen Rogers, our farm employee during this time, saw my disappointment, he assured me he would bring me some flower seeds that would prove to be a success. He brought some Four O'clock seeds from his mother's yard located north of Matador. I was delighted; the plants were just what I needed around the foundation of our house.

They are called Four O'clocks because they blossom open each evening around 4:00 p.m. and are known as night bloomers. They are hardy perennials and have a sweet smell. When they bloom they are different colors from pink, purple,

yellow, white and orange and even variegated ones. It takes a hard freeze to kill them and I admit they are a job to clean up once a year, but the colorful blossoms and sweet aroma during spring and summer is worth the trouble.

Another hardy plant I have bordering the north and west side of my yard is iris plants. They stay green year round. They don't bloom but in the spring and I have every shade of colors, thanks to Mrs. Olive Russell.

In Mrs. Russell's back yard was a massive planting of iris plants. She was a member of an Iris Flower Association and was awarded many ribbons for her displays. She made sure I had one of each of these treasured plants.

When these beautiful flowers bloom each year, I send a silent thank you to Owen and Mrs. Russell, who are not with us today, for these plants that survive in the driest of weather. They are for our part of the country!

Obituary

Ruth Evelyn Latimer

Ruth Evelyn Latimer, a former Home Economics teacher in the Motley County Schools, passed from this life into her eternal reward February 19, 2013.

Ruth was born March 7, 1926. Funeral services were in First Baptist Church, Lubbock, on February 23, 2013. Interment was Saturday, February 23, 2013, in East Mound Cemetery.

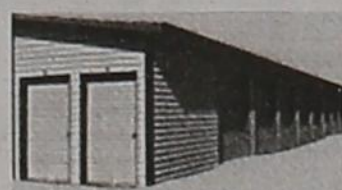
She is survived by her husband, Loyd Latimer, who lives in Lubbock. Other survivors are her children; Sandra Rowelette and husband David of Tyler, TX, Dale Latimer and wife Gale of Lubbock, and Kelly Latimer and wife Diane of Australia. She is also survived by two brothers, Brody Keith and wife Nancy of Albuquerque and Paul Keith and wife Jean of Lub-



bock. She has six grandchildren and four great grandchildren. She, her husband, and all of their children and grand children are Christians.

Ruth's parents, D.P. and Cecil Keith, were children of some of the earlier settlers of Motley County; the Keith's and the Bourland's.

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 Saturday, April 6th - District Tennis @ Vernon
 Saturday, April 6, 6-8 pm Spaghetti Dinner, Senior Citizen Center Fundraiser.
 Sunday, April 7, Boonedockers
 Monday, April 8th - District Golf @ Meadow Brook @ Lubbock
 Thursday, April 11th - Area Track @ Aspermont
 Friday, April 12th - Gifted and Talented Art Festival
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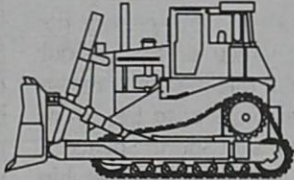
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