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## State moves forward on \$1.9 billion in construction and project development

AUSTIN - State officials today gave final approval to approximately \$1.9 billion in additional transportation funds to communities across the state.

The Texas Transportation Commission, in its revision of the 2012 Unified Transportation Program (UTP) gave approval for the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to move forward with additional funding identified earlier this year.

TxDOT partnered with Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), regional transportation organizations, and districts to identify projects that focus on safety, congestion, maintenance, and state-wide connectivity in the coming months.

Communities selected projects that meet important local needs, while leveraging the state's limited resources with other available funds or opportunities to achieve the greatest benefit possible for each community.

The TxDOT Childress District

received \$2,434,000 of these funds. The project selected is the rehabilitation of US 62/70, beginning at the Motley County line and going east through Paducah and ending at FM 1037.

"This is a unique position for the state to be in with these funds becoming available," said Texas Transportation Commission Chairman Ted Houghton. "We want to make the best use of them by partnering with local communities to insure this funding is applied where they feel it is most needed."

Projects like the Interstate 35 expansion through Central Texas will benefit with a \$9 million award to fund new construction and design of Loop 574, a connector to I-35 in Waco.

The additional funding sources originate from Texas Mobility Fund bond proceeds, anticipated federal funding and savings on construction projects currently under way make up the \$1.9 billion in allocations.

"The state will be greatly impacted by the work added because of this funding," added Bill Meadows, a Texas Trans-

portation Commission member from Fort Worth. "Continual work with our partners around the state brings solutions like this that provide needed improvements to the transportation infrastructure."

"The state's transportation challenges remain great" said Phil Wilson, TxDOT executive director. "But statewide efforts like this help us address them every time we make forward progress such as this."

East Texas will see planning begin for the construction of portions of Interstate 69 in the Lufkin and Nacogdoches areas with \$12 million dedicated to conducting the necessary environmental review and right of way identification for developing portions of I-69 in that area.

Initially, \$2 billion was identified in additional funding. The remaining \$100 million is still unallocated pending continued work by the department, MPOs and local stakeholders to finalize recommendations on the remaining funding needs.

A project list is located at: <http://ftp.dot.state.tx.us/>

## Commission adopts rural transportation plan

AUSTIN - Today, the Texas Transportation Commission adopted the Texas Rural Transportation Plan 2035 (TRTP), putting in place a rural component of the state's broader long-range planning efforts and providing a blueprint for the development of a safer, more efficient and less congested transportation network between population centers.

This is the first plan the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has prepared that specifically addresses transportation issues in rural areas, noted Commissioner Fred Underwood.

"Rural transportation planning in Texas is a collaborative process that brings TxDOT together with public and private transportation stakeholders, local elected officials and the public," Underwood said. "The TRTP focuses on rural areas of the state and transportation projects that connect users in rural areas to urban markets, jobs and services."

Underwood added that the TRTP is an analytical assessment of rural transportation needs and unfunded projects.

"It's a starting point, not the end all," he explained. "As usual,

there will be other factors that come into play during project development that will determine which projects move forward."

The TRTP is a component of the agency's 2035 State-wide Long-Range Transportation Plan (SLRTP), a much broader planning effort that received Commission approval in November of 2010. Like the SLRTP, the rural version examines all modes of transportation including highways, inter-city buses, rural aviation, rural port access, freight movement and bicycle and pedestrian facilities. The TRTP identifies planned improvements for highways by focusing on rural added capacity projects that address statewide mobility and connectivity goals. Also included is a ranked list of district highway projects to be used as a guide to shape the future of rural transportation.

In January, the agency adopted new rules that better define requirements for developing the SLRTP and the Unified Transportation Plan (UTP) as well as specify coordination with Rural Planning Organizations (RPOs) to develop long-range plans. RPOs generally make recommendations to the department

concerning transportation projects, systems or programs that impact the rural area.

TxDOT conducted a series of public meetings earlier this year in each of the agency's 25 districts to present the project selection process and the findings and to solicit customer feedback. Stakeholder meetings with RPO representatives, county judges, business leaders, and other transportation partners were also held to develop a consensus on the project selection process and the projects actually chosen. The rural plan builds on the work done previously in the SLRTP.

## First Baptist Matador hosts VBS

By Jeni Adair  
 Motley County Tribune

Amazing Wonders Aviation™ will be an event to remember, said Jeni Adair, First Baptist Church VBS planner.

Join the fun at The Worship Rally Hangar (sanctuary) at First Baptist Church, Matador, Vacation Bible School, on Monday, July 16 to Wednesday, July 18 at 5:30 p.m. Children from ages 3- through Grade 5 will rotate from worship to Bible study, snacks, missions, music, recreation, and crafts, ending at 8:00 p.m.

Registration will begin Sunday, July 15, 2012, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with free food, drinks, snow-cones and activities for the whole family. "There will be face painting, an enormous inflatable water slide, and a kiddie pool for toddlers," Adair said. "Please have children dress in swimsuits and bring water shoes and towels."

"On Wednesday evening, parents are invited to attend the Worship Rally from 7:30 to 8:00 p.m. to watch a slide show of the week's activities and listen to their children sing the songs they have learned," Adair said.

This week of fun, food, and exciting learning opportunities is free of charge and open to everyone. Call Jeni Adair at 806-347-2249 or call the First Baptist Matador church office at 806-347-2345 for more information.

## Capital Farm Credit Announces Election Results

Two incumbents and two new nominees were recently elected to the Capital Farm Credit Board of Directors. They include, Dan Henard- High Plains Region, Carl Sample-Coastal Bend Region, Ronnie Riddle- At-Large position #1 and Dr. Larry Boleman- At-Large position #8.

The Capital Farm Credit Board of Directors is made up of 19 stockholder-elected directors and 2 director-elected directors, each serving a four-year term. Capital's Board members are the governing voice of the Association, acting to represent the best interests of the Association's

shareholders. Capital Farm Credit's Board members regularly participate in director development programs and trainings in addition to attending scheduled board and committee meetings throughout the year.

As the largest rural lending cooperative in Texas, Capital Farm Credit has 95 years of experience providing agricultural financing to farmers, ranchers and other rural property owners and agribusinesses. You can explore [www.CapitalFarmCredit.com](http://www.CapitalFarmCredit.com) for more information about the Association's governance, loan products and services or office locations.

## Cattle Raisers Association Event Held In Roaring Springs

By Monta Marshall  
 Motley County Tribune

On Thursday evening, June 28, 2012, the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) held an informative meeting in Roaring Springs and provided a free beef dinner to 109 attendees.

First vice-president Clay Birdwell introduced Rick Hardcastle, outgoing state representative of District 68 who resides in Vernon, Texas.

Representative Hardcastle spoke about recent legislation that affects ranchers and farmers in Texas. There have been water hearings just last week that could impact our area, he said. TSCRA was there to outline and testify to the effects it might have on the ranchers and farmers as well as the state budget. TSCRA sends daily emails to each of its members to keep them up to date on issues that pertain to ranchers and their families. Clay Birdwell spoke about

the water bill that has passed which meant "that the water beneath the land is owned by the owner of the land." TSCRA has been instrumental in slowing down the Environmental Protection Agency regarding dust and dirt in rural areas. He stressed that TSCRA's strength is in its membership. Their lobbying helps legislators understand the issues of cattle raisers whether they are ranchers, feedlot owners or farmers with a few head of livestock.

TSCRA promotion leader Van Baize talked about TSCRAs role in honoring and protecting our ranching way of life. He stated that TSCRA is an investment in our future.

Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raiser's Association was formed 135 years ago. Scott Williamson of TSCRA noted that TSCRAs biggest asset is "our crime watch mentality." Harold Dempsey is the TSCRA special ranger assigned to 18 counties of the Texas Panhandle District.

Dean Bohannon, whose jurisdiction includes 18 counties of the South Plains of Texas which includes Motley County is the TSCRA ranger assigned to our area. Much of the work of these special rangers is to prevent cattle thievery, catch cattle thieves and see that they are prosecuted as well as being involved in cases of theft of ranching equipment. A bill authored by Sen. Kel Seliger (R-Amarillo) in 2009 made cattle rustling a third degree felony punishable by up to 10 years in prison and a \$10,000.00 fine.

Door prizes of \$25, \$30 and \$50 were given as well as a one-night stay at the Matador Lodge. Sponsors included: Noratis Animal Health; Capital Farm Credit and Livestock Nutrition Center. Noratis Animal Health provided the dinner with Clint Lewis of their company preparing the barbeque brisket, potato casserole, beans and a variety of fruit cobblers and ice cream.

**Motley County Varsity Cheerleaders**  
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## Foothill Country

### Connections

Community, Diversity, Art  
When you have history, you have pride.



By Larry Vogt

Yes, the weather is severe. There are record-breaking high temperatures in many cities around the USA including a story about a man heating up an iron skillet on his sidewalk and then cooking some turkey bacon. These high temperatures started at the beginning of 2012 and the climate report for the first quarter showed many high temperatures for that whole first quarter.

When the weather is this hot we are advised to stay indoors with the air conditioning on but what happens when the power goes down? I talked to my daughter in West Virginia last evening and she was without power as a result of the storms in her area and she and millions of others across that part of the country may not have their grid up and running until this

coming Friday. She and her family produce fresh vegetables for market and although they have enough water from a couple of sources to irrigate they are not sure they can deal with a sustained lack of rainfall. They are keeping their operation going with the use of a small generator but the warmer dry temperatures are taking a toll on their crops.

These weather conversations bring up the issue of climate change and the various methods by which the population of a given area can sustain itself through a series of major changes. As always, the question on the table is can people agree and implement changes in their lifestyle when the chips are down? They have done it to some degree during times such as the 1930's when they simply packed up and moved from the dust bowl areas to the land of milk and honey in California. Of course what they found when they got there was not necessarily better but many of them felt that their choices were limited. In the meantime, enjoy your ice-cold lemonade and take advantage of your air conditioning while those power plants are cranking out the kilowatts.

## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I spent several hours last night just reading the last two editions...the Centennial sound like a huge success...I am also enjoying Carla's Library reports.

I just wanted to mention in our Thank you note underneath the esteemed local writer on June 21, Cora's name or mom wasn't mentioned...the script was lovely and we truly appreciated but thought that might have made more clear for whom the graveside service was for.

Also, appreciated the comments written in the editorial regarding the falls...in earlier

years that was a wonderful place to visit...only because we had RPI membership when going back and forth in rv...we were able to take mom and her friend Jean into the park for a lovely visit. I always thought it didn't seem right to make it private...such a part of the history of the local folks. My kids still remember the smooth holes no doubt ground there by the local native people in the rocks as well as the falls.

Again, thank you. we will continue to read the paper for mom and ourselves!

Would love to send some rain to you. . .  
Norma Hall

# WRITING COMMUNITY

Namaste, Friends and Family! From Kolkata, India!

By Stevie Welch

Daughter of Stephen Zabielski, Granddaughter of Ray and Grace Zabielski  
Great Granddaughter of Tom and Stella Tilson, Great Great Granddaughter of Gabriella and Andrew Butterfield.

Editors note: Stevie Welch follows in the footsteps of her Texas and Motley County ancestors without ever knowing them. Her great great grandfather was a missionary among the Indians. Stevie's story as a missionary in India is worth sharing. We talk about how we look like our parents and ancestors. What is equally fascinating is how they influence us, and we may never have met them. If you have similar stories from your children and grand children please send them. There is much to be said of those that have gone before. However, they have influenced the current generation and their stories are equally informative. It's not bragging. It's sharing. It's being proud. It's recognizing our own for their accomplishments.

### Namaste Friends and Family!

Being in Kolkata, I realize there is no other place I would rather be at this moment! I am in one of the most fascinating

places on earth; the enigma of India! The city embraced me in its idiosyncratic charm the minute I stepped off the plane at 4:00 AM on Thursday, March 22nd. I knew I was no longer in the wealthy Emirates or experiencing the comfortable luxury of the West, as I was greeted by the overwhelming smell of mildew and dirt. The white walled interior of the terminal was grime-stained from the omnipresent pollution that fills the air at all hours.

I changed some of my U.S. dollars to rupees (exchange is about Rs46 to \$1) and ordered a pre-paid taxi. Prepaid taxis are great because the price is set and there is no haggling with the drivers, which would usually have resulted in an obscenely inflated price for the ignorant and exhausted foreigner having just arrived. There are always hidden fees, though, that one needs to be careful of, especially when the drivers and "helpers" tug at one's



Stevie Welch pictured on right with a friend while in India..

heart with their stories of woe, which their general appearance does a good job to validate!

I walk out of the airport doors and am immediately engulfed by the thick tropical Bengali air. Even in the early hours, before the sun has risen, the temperature is about 84 degrees. My skin is moist with the humidity that is stifling and the yellow taxis are covered with beads of water that look like the metal is sweating. A young man walks up to me and takes my ticket for the prepaid taxi, and I follow him. A cautious trust is something one must have here. He seems friendly and leads me to the row of yellow taxis and a few more men, underweight and slightly disheveled, provide various kinds of support in transporting my bags from the terminal to the trunk of the taxi.

At first, I was pushing the cart with my luggage but immediately, one man grabs the cart from me and takes charge. Another man guides the cart (because he thinks it necessary to help in this way) and a few men provide moral support and advice on how best to deliver the bags to the taxi and arrange the luggage in the trunk. All in all, a job I could have easily handled on my own, made work for five Indians, all wanting to be tipped in the end! Ahhh, I should have known they were not just kind-hearted samaritans!

The drive from the Kolkata International Airport to the Nir-

mala Convent was enjoyable. I could hardly contain my excitement for being back in India and I leaned over and talked to the driver, exclaiming that India is my favorite place on earth after the United States! The sun was just starting to rise and slowly the streets were bathed in hazy light from the densely humid air. It was much too early for any of the shops to be open, but some men and women were washing in the public baths that are scattered along the streets.

A few rickshaw-wallahs (the men who pull the carts) were sleeping on the sidewalks and taxi drivers were resting in the backseats of their cabs. Some of the thousands of stray dogs and cats were roaming the streets after a night of scavenging in the refuge of the vacant streets and cooler temperatures the night provides.

Litter had been swept into piles in the gutters and men with garbage carts walked along putting the trash into them to be brought to a central rubbish heap. This is where the poor would sift through for aluminum and metal, plastic, glass and anything else that may be sold, saved, or returned for money. With the windows of the taxi rolled down, the air was refreshing, although the stench of urine and dirt wafted in every once in a while during the twenty minute ride.

continued next week



Class Reunion Floydada High School, Class of 1960, toured the historical Motley County Jail and the Motley County Museum and enjoyed the hospitality of Hotel Matador on June 29, 2012. They were (L to R): Nancy (Watson) Williams, Abilene, Marisue (Burlison) Potts, Matador, Sonja (Guffee) Ragsdale, Dumas, Martha (Meek) Carey, Denton, Carolyn (Dillard) Wilson of Amarillo, and Freida (Smith) Dunn, Dougherty. They were joined by other classmates at Mott Creek Ranch for a Saturday afternoon cookout.

### "FREEDOM'S BIRTHDAY!"

With this, the 236<sup>th</sup> birthday of our country, we recall the words of Beth Pratt, "America breaks the mold on religion, showing more in common with poorer countries than with the wealthy nations of the world." I believe she is correct. I also believe one of the reasons for this is because we as Americans understand freedom. In our defense of our freedom we have fought to insure the right of the individual to worship. This **Freedom** must be closely watched. There are some who seek to strip it from us.



John Adams, one of America's great men once said, "Posterity, you will never know how much it has cost my generation to preserve your freedom. I hope you will make good use of it." In the main, we have understood and appreciated those of Mister Adams stripe. Someone has written, "What we attain too cheaply, we esteem too lightly; it is dearness only that gives everything its value." May we never count our assembling on the Lord's Day for worship, a insignificant matter. It is a matter of **Freedom!**

The God of heaven knows how to put a price upon that which is good and it would be sad indeed if such a precious freedom is lost in trivia. Our freedom to assemble to worship our God can be easily lost in just one careless generation. We can purpose to be at the worship assembly this coming Lord's Day and by our very presence, we are declaring our understanding of our **precious freedoms**. Freedoms dearly paid for by our nations finest. Without question, our God has been good to us. God has blessed America far beyond any expectation. **Freedom** does indeed have a ring to it!

Roaring Springs Church of Christ

Michael G. Crowley, Sr.

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## 50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY JULY 5TH 1962



Bundy Hal and Dixie Campbell were honored by their children and grandchildren with a celebratory dinner in a private dining room at the Double Nickel Steakhouse in Lubbock on Saturday, June 23rd.

The evening was filled with great fun and laughter and joy as many stories from their journey together were shared by all. Everyone enjoyed delicious food and a wedding cake that was adorned with their wedding photo.

Those in attendance were Kimberly and Jamie Bulls with children Bailey and Barrett, Brent and Lisa Campbell with Chancy and Tyler and Koree and Stacy Price with Payton, Jessie and Jack. Also attending was Dixie's sister Brigid and her husband Grant Peacock and Chancy's friend Kendall Oliver.

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# Motley County Youth Organization Summer Baseball

The MCYO 2012 Baseball season came to an end on Friday June 22<sup>nd</sup> with three games, awards for each division and a delicious hamburger supper provided by Stafford Catering.

Overall the season was a success with 102 players in

four divisions. Rachele Davis said, "Although there are always lessons learned each year on how we, as an organization, can improve the program. I hope that each child, coach and parent enjoyed playing and supporting each other as much as we did!"



**2nd Place T-Ball, The Horned Frogs.** Coached by Aaron Green, Ryan Martin and Jeremy Freeman. Back - Jeremy Freeman, Ryan Martin, Aaron Green. Middle - Taylor Green, Brooklyn Freeman, Cade Martin, Anabel Guaman, Zoey Buckner. Front - Aiden Fisk, Colter Fisk, Joleigh Darsey, Brianna Silva (Not pictured Mia Silva)



**1st Place T-Ball, The Grand Slammers.** Coached by Ty Barclay, Carol Taylor and Ashley Allred. Back: Carol Taylor, Justin McCleskey, Chris Overton, Arianna Sanders, Krystin Ferguson, Scout Braley, Trent Barclay, Trevor Barclay, Landen Leyva, Brock Taylor. Front: Bailea Lawrence, Raylee Martin, Ashley Allred.



**3rd Place T-Ball, The Avengers.** Coached by Rhonda Jenkins and Chad Maines. Back - Rhonda Jenkins, Jacelyn Perryman, Bryer Davis, Jolie Gressett, Reagan Davis, Chad Maines. Front - Kaden Hale, Ella Jenkins, Bubba Quilimaco, Daniel Gresset (Not Pictured - Shandi Gwinn and Leyla Quilimaco)



**1st Place Coach Pitch, The Dirt Dobbers.** Coached by Lewis Drum and David Stafford. Back - David Stafford, Lewis Drum. Front- Journi Salazar, Demetric Sims, Andrew Stafford, Joley Braly, Case Drum, Gabriel Rivera, Derek Fisk, Braxton Salazar, Wyatt Perryman and Madison Alexander



**2nd Place Coach Pitch, The A-Team.** Coached by Brody Davis and Chad Lawrence. Back-Brody Davis, Brogan Rankin, Braeden Moncrief, Ashton Quilimaco, Matthew Moncrief, Kade Wampler, Brance Boger, Chad Lawrence. Front- Ryder Gass, Kyler Beshirs, Kason Degan, Maggie Jenkins and Isabella Quilimaco

## Thank You

We would like to thank everyone who took on a role to help us make this season possible. We won't begin to name individuals because we will inevitably leave someone out. From the announcers, umpires, coaches, picture taker, concession workers, base umpires, score keepers, commissioners, individuals that ran errands and helped to prep the concession to the husbands of the MCYO officers that put in so much of their time. We would like you to know that your efforts are greatly appreciated. It takes so many volunteers to be able to run this program for our children and give them the memorable experience each summer!

We would also like to give a big thank you the following sponsors who donated money or supplies to help fund the season and make improvements to the facility and the baseball equipment.

Rachele Davis, Denise Lawrence, Libby Cruse and Danika Jameson

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**2nd Place Minor League, The Rangers.** Coached by David Stafford and Lewis Drum. Back- Logan Salazar, David Stafford, Samantha Quilimaco, Bryson Elliott, Lewis Drum, Cade Drum. Front- Ethan Mason, Eli Jenkins, Emma Cagle, Tucker Barton (not Pictured Brody Rankin and Regan Alexander)



**1st Place Minor League, The Outlaws.** Coached by Brad Jameson, Krystal Degan and Misty Jones. Back- Brad Jameson, Garrett Jameson, Emily Jameson, Logan Jones, Gage Baker, Eddy Reyes, Zach Hurt, Misty Jones. Front- Krystal Degan, Leon Quilimaco, Jay Talamantez, Crystal Collett, Kyler Degan and Dawson Baker



**1st Place Major League, The Panthers.** Coached by Danika Jameson. Back-Brenden Fisk, Austin Taylor, Bryant Taylor, Schyler Tomlinson, Nayo Santon, Christian Brooks, Danika Jameson. Front- Natalie Jameson, Matti Brooks, Shelby Elliott, Lexi Osborn (Not Pictured Juan Flores, Reagan Elliott).



**2nd Place Major League, The Motley Shore.** Coached by LeJeanna Faulks, Lizabeth Martin, Courtney Mendolla. Back- Lizabeth Martin, Jeffrey Reyes, Kolby Williams, Jonathan Collett, Matthew Faulks, Seth Baxter, Jacob Woolsey, Braden Bigham, Michael Martin, LeJeanna Faulks. Front- Courtney Mendolla, Britt Simpson, Katie Barton, Thalia Quilimaco, Brielle Collett, Conner Mason, Joshua Martin (Not Pictured Aaron Rogers)

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Thanks and God Bless You!

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# NEWS AROUND MOTLEY COUNTY

## Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

### On a personal note

Some have mentioned they missed my personal comments last week. This week I can report on Dixie's latest naughtiness. She loves to tear paper. Paper towels and tissues are her favorites. She listens and if she hears tissues being taken from the box or paper towels unrolling she comes running to try to snatch it for her very own. Last week she grabbed a Kleenex and ran to the living room to enjoy her treasure. (The living room is her favorite place to make messes.) I followed her to take it away from her before she scattered it everywhere. She always tries to run with it to keep me from getting it and if I get part of it she jumps to try to get it back from me. While I was bending over she was jumping and hit me on the cheek really hard and knocked my glasses into my face. Now I have a black eye. Maybe her name needs to be changed to K.O. as she really gave me a double whammy and almost made me fall backward. I saw a few stars!

### In the community

Many are busy getting ready for the Fourth of July celebration. It takes a lot of planning and work to put this on each year. It is fun though. The Texas and the Southwestern Cattle Raisers' Association dinner was well attended and much information was given to help ranchers and livestock raisers. One hundred nine folks registered and were treated to a good beef brisket dinner. I would like to thank Connie Hindman for taking good

notes on the event so that I could write about it for the paper. Neither Carol Campbell nor I could attend the meeting. Connie did a great job.

On Sunday, two members of the Gideons International and their wives attended Full Gospel Church. They were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Obenhaus and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Noel of Plainview. They brought a message about the work of the Gideons. They gave out 79,000, million scriptures in 2011. Much of their work is getting Bibles to third world countries where people do not have access to Bibles. These fellows handed out 3,000 Bibles one afternoon at Walmart in Plainview!

On Thursday evening, Council Woman, P.K. Green, City Secretary, Lisa Perryman and Mayor Corky Marshall attended a Texas Municipal League meeting in Lubbock. The meeting was held at the Legacy Event Center.

Cisco Sissons from Dickens visited Mozelle Hand and had lunch with her on Sunday. On Saturday Mozelle met friends from Paducah at the Windmill Café for lunch. They were Kevyn and Lisa Hightower and Todd and Angie Holley. On Sunday, Mozelle talked with her daughter, Misty Davis who called from Alaska. Ken and Misty are enjoying a cruise to Alaska; she reported the temperature was 48 degrees. Quite a difference from their home in Texas!

The Louis Shorters visited their daughter, Jennifer Lawler, Allison, Matthew and Braeden over the weekend.

## Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

### Overheard

One of the things that keep our nation united is knowing we will be decent and brave in time of crisis; that under duress American heroism takes hold.

### Honored on Birthday

Mrs. Brenda Cruse honored her husband Darrell Cruse Saturday evening, June 30, 2012, with a cookout supper and a decorated cake at home. Adding to the festivities they had a fireworks display.

Those attending the happy occasion were their children, Leah Cruse of Amarillo, Keane and Lacy Cruse, Reese and Brighton of Turkey, and Derrick and Christina Cruse, Paisley and Cash of Snyder. Others attending were his mother, Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse, Brand Cruse and Roegan Cruse of Turkey; Tanner and Monica Smith, Cutter and Jaxon of Floydada; Mrs. Marihelen Wason, Mrs. Carol Taylor and Bradly, James and Darla Gwinn and Danielle, Fannin and Ashley Gwinn and Shondi of Matador and Mrs. Judy Cruse of Flomot.

### Community News

Colton Barclay of Meadow visited the week with grandparents, Jerry and Sandra Barclay. Arriving Sunday to

visit this week was granddaughter, Kayla Barclay of Meadow.

Mrs. Keri Sehon, Brian and Brooke of Wolfforth visited Wednesday and Thursday with her parents, Kathy and Clois Shorter. Grandchildren, Haley and Emily Milam of Lake Kiowa visited the week and Kathy accompanied them to Vernon Friday where they met their father, Dwain Milam for return trip home.

Connie and Coy Franks visited last weekend in Idalou with sons and families, Cory and Amy Franks, Hudson, Madison and Heston, Cary and Mary Franks.

Mrs. Janice Hughes, sons and families, Ricky, Tasha, Kason and Kendal Hughes, Roger, Tiffany, Brody and Roegan Hughes of Floydada enjoyed a fireworks display in Turkey Sunday night.

Lou Burleson of Floydada accompanied Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton to Plainview Wednesday for a medical appointment.

Michael Starkey of Canyon visited the weekend with his mother, Mrs. Nada Starkey and granddaughter, Taylor Stallings.

Mr. and Mrs. Travis Kendal and Mr. and Mrs. Tim Kendal, Jacob and Jere enjoyed Independence celebration in Turkey Sunday night.

## Matador News

The Edwards 31st Family Reunion Held at Lake Leon, Eastland Texas

The 31st annual family reunion of the Edwards clan was held this weekend at the LaMancha Guest Ranch on Lake Leon, outside Eastland, Texas. Much fun, visiting, and eating was done by all.

Those in attendance were: Tom and Deanie Edwards, Matador, Texas; Ben and Dvonna Grundy, Matador, Texas; Harold and Ellen Edwards, Tulia, Texas; Dayton, Brittany, Graham and Emerson Grundy of Magnolia, Arkansas; Jerry and Pat Edwards of Palo Pinto, Texas; P. J., Blake and Ben Edwards of Eastland, Texas; Michelle Henson of Boerne, Texas; Zac and Brandy Bartz of Louisville, Texas; David and Heather Goad of Azle, Texas; Valerie Jenkins of Colleyville, Texas and Joel and Andrea Baskin of Dallas, Texas.

Clay and Melinda Jameson left Monday morning to spend the next three months

at their vacation home in Creede, Colorado.

Kay and Ron Bailey visited with grandsons Dillon and Kolton Bailey of Leveland on June 26-27, 2012. On Saturday, June 30, their son Lance Bailey and grandson Jason of Lamesa visited. Jason extended his visit a week in Matador. Kay traveled to Eastland on July 2, to visit her daughter Andrea, and grandsons, Brant and Sage Bailey.

Lucretia and Carol Campbell travelled to Spur, Texas, for lunch on Sunday, July 1, to view the Quannah Parker exhibit in the Dairy Queen. The exhibit, sponsored by the Dickens County Historical Commission, will be on permanent display in the Dairy Queen.

Winifred Darsey is visiting her daughter Joanne and son-in-law Steve Stevens in Dallas. She will return on July 5, 2012.

The Sheriff's Office has recovered a bicycle. If anyone is missing a bicycle, please contact the Sheriff's Office at 347-2234 or call Sheriff Chris Spence at 806-269-3577.

## FSA News

By Amy Hackler

Producers who carried NAP Insurance for 2011 Haygrazer and have not turned in production you have until July 15th to do so.

2013 NAP Continuous Coverage Letters will be going out to all producers who purchased coverage for the 2012 year. If you did not purchase coverage for 2012 year but would like to purchase for 2013, the deadlines are as follows:

Wheat - Grazing - September 1, 2012

Grass - Grazing - December 1, 2012

These can be purchased at the same time or separately. Please make an appointment

with the County office to do your application.

It's time to seek nominations for COC ELECTION. This year's election will be in LAA#2 which Rob Francis Jr. currently holds this position. Nominations must be received by August 1, 2012 in the County office. Please make sure your voice is heard.

July 16th - the last day to certify crops on an acreage report. Please make an appointment with the County Office. This would include all spring seeded crops, CRP land, Grass that has not been certified already or to report any failed acreage as well.

## Sizzling summer with hot blowing winds in June

By Earlyne Jameson

Summer arrived with sizzling triple digit temperatures in June. A wall of gusting wind, sand and dust with flashes of lightning with little rain on June 15, left broken tree limbs scattered all over Motley County.

Cotton planting was finished, but due to rainfall being spotty it has different range of growth. Farmers were running sand fighters to minimize the blowing dust and some were applying herbicides. Livestock were mostly in good condition with no supplemental feeding as rangeland is in fair condition with warm season grasses.

The Motley County National Weather Service Volunteers say the County could benefit from more rain: Buzz Thacker, Roaring Springs, 1.76; Ronnie Bailey, Matador, 2.00; Betty Simpson, Northfield, 3.39; Lawrence Allen, Whiteflat, 1.00 and Clois Shorter, Flomot 2.78.

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### This Week's Local Forecast

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### Weather Trivia

What was the greatest amount of snowfall in one day?

ANSWER: 75.8 inches in Silver Lake, Colorado on April 14-15, 1921.

### Weather History

July 5, 1937 - The temperature at Medicine Lake, Mont. soared to 117 degrees to establish a state record. Midale and Yellow Grass in Saskatchewan hit 113 degrees to establish an all-time record high for Canada that same day.

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**Library Journal**  
by Carla Meador Librarian

Happy Independence Day! It's really nice to observe the 4th in the middle of the week, giving us the opportunity to celebrate 'hump day' with a bang.

Our last Summer Reading program was held Monday, June 25. Mrs. Lou Bursleson of Floydada presented a story about two brothers who took a long trail ride at the ages of 9 and 5. Her presentation included props and interaction with the children. The kids really enjoyed it! Although our Monday programs are now over, our Reading Challenge will continue through July 27. Please encourage your child to come to the Library and check out the books listed on their challenge card. When they complete the card and have read all 20 books they will be eligible to win the Grand Prize. The drawing will take place August 1.

As promised, I have several new books on our shelves this week including Heading Out to Wonderful by Robert Goolrick, Beach Season by Lisa Jackson, Cemetery John the Undiscovered Mastermind Behind the Lindberg Kidnapping by Robert Zorn, Conspiracy of Friends by Alexan McCall Smith, Cronkite by Douglas Brinkley, The Dog Who Came In From the Cold by Alexan McCall Smith, Let Love Find You by Johanna Lindsey, Little Century by Anna Keesey, Love is Murder by Sandra Brown, Risk Agent by Ridley Pearson, Robert Ludlum's The Bourne Imperative by Eric Lustbader, Wicked Business by Janet Evanovich, XO by Jeffery Deaver, 3rd Gate by Lincoln Child, Gangster Tour of Texas by T. Lindsey Baker, The Ranger by Ace Atkins, The Lost Ones by Ace Atkins, Mysteries and Legends of Texas: True Stories of the Unexplained by Donna Ingham, Growing Up Dead

in Texas by Stephen Graham Jones, The Blood of Heroes: The 13-Day Struggle for the Alamo and the Sacrifice That Forged a Nation by Jim Donovan, Romantic Prairie Style by Fifi O'Neill, Vintage Remix by Kishani Perera, Reinvention: Sewing With Rescued Material by Maya Donenfeld, I Brake for Yard Sales by Lara Spencer, A Ranger's Trail by Darlene Franklin, Long Trail Home by Vickie McDonough and Cowgirl Trail by Susan Page Davis.

In our Large Print section we have Lonestar Angel, Lonestar Sanctuary, Lonestar Secrets and Lonestar Homecoming all by Colleen Coble, Oath of Office by Michael Palmer, Celebrity in Death by J.D. Robb, Legacy of a Lawman by Johnny D. Boggs, The Lightning Runner by Max Brand, Incident at Gunpoint by Ralph Cotton and The Raptors by Ray Hogan.

In our Children's section we have I Spy in the Texas Sky, Good Night Texas, Hello Texas!, This is Texas, State Shapes: Texas, and Bink and Gollie Two for One.

New to our Juvenile section are several new Poison Apple books, The Serpent's Shadow, Big Nate Goes for Broke and Two Crafty Criminals.

New in our DVD section are Barbie as The Princess and the Pauper, Barbie in the 12 Dancing Princesses, John Carter, Dream House, and The Double.

We also have a new Audio book - To Heaven and Back: A Doctor's Extraordinary Account of Her Death, Heaven, Angels and Life Again: A True Story by Dr. Mary C. Neal.

Wow!! That's a lot to choose from! Our hours are Monday, 2-5 p.m.; Tuesday - Thursday, 1-6 p.m.; and Friday, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. There's something for everyone at the Library!

**County Agent's News**  
by Ryan Martin, Agri LIFE EXTENSION Agent



Motley 4-H Members Compete in District 3 4-H Horse Show

Seven Motley 4-H Club members traveled to Vernon to compete in the District 3 4-H Horse Show June 20-23. District 3 has the second largest horse show in the State of Texas lasting 4 days with a total of 156 competitors and is one of the toughest horse shows in the state. Results for the horse show are as follows: Brody Rankin placed 7th in the breakaway roping and 14th in the stock horse trail, Carley Turner placed 17th in the stock horse trail, Cassidy Turner placed 3rd in the 2 year old futurity project and 5th in halter, Seth Baxter placed 11th in the stock horse trail, and Tatum Guerrero placed 2nd in halter. In team penning, the team consisting of Brody Rankin, Garrett Fry, and Jett Cabler placed 17th; Carley, Chloe and Tatum placed 23rd and Korbyn Simpson, Seth and Cassidy placed 34th.

Congratulations to these individuals as they did an excellent job and represented the Motley 4-H Club very well.

**AgriLife Research study estimates costs of mesquite biomass delivery for bioenergy use**

VERNON - Operating on the thought that, if it is not feasible, it's not going to be done, a group of Texas AgriLife Research scientists is studying the costs of getting potential bioenergy sources such as mesquite to the processed stage.

AgriLife Research scientists from the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Service center at Vernon, Dr. Seong Park, economist; Dr. Jim Anslley, range ecologist; Dr. Mustafa Mirik, associate research scientist; and Marc Maindrault, a visiting forestry student intern from France, have completed a study on costs of delivered biomass.

The costs of feedstock delivered to a fictional wood-fired bioelectricity plant were con-

sidered under two general biomass densities - moderate and high - and across two harvest scenarios in which the minimum biomass density acceptable for harvest within each area differed, Park said.

The team recently had their findings published in the journal, *BioEnergy Research*. It can be found at <http://www.springerlink.com/content/66p1413767412632>.

They found that higher harvest and transport costs are offset by essentially no production costs and therefore it may have potential as a bioenergy feedstock under certain densities and total land areas, Park said.

The study conducted a sensitivity analysis to determine how changes in a variety of factors would affect cost of delivered biomass to the power plant, he said. Values for the "best case" and "worst case" scenarios were \$347 per acre and \$561 per acre, respectively.

"The full economic story cannot be told until we have a clear end product," Park said. "That is why this study focused only on the costs of delivery of the biomass."

The variation of cost of biomass was found to be similar on both sites, although one site had a larger range of costs and higher risk than the other, Park said.

Because rangeland trees like mesquite and juniper occur naturally and have scattered distribution, he said key factors in determining economics is: total amount of land area involved and amount of land within the total area that has patches of brush of sufficient biomass density for harvest. These were called "suitable harvest areas."

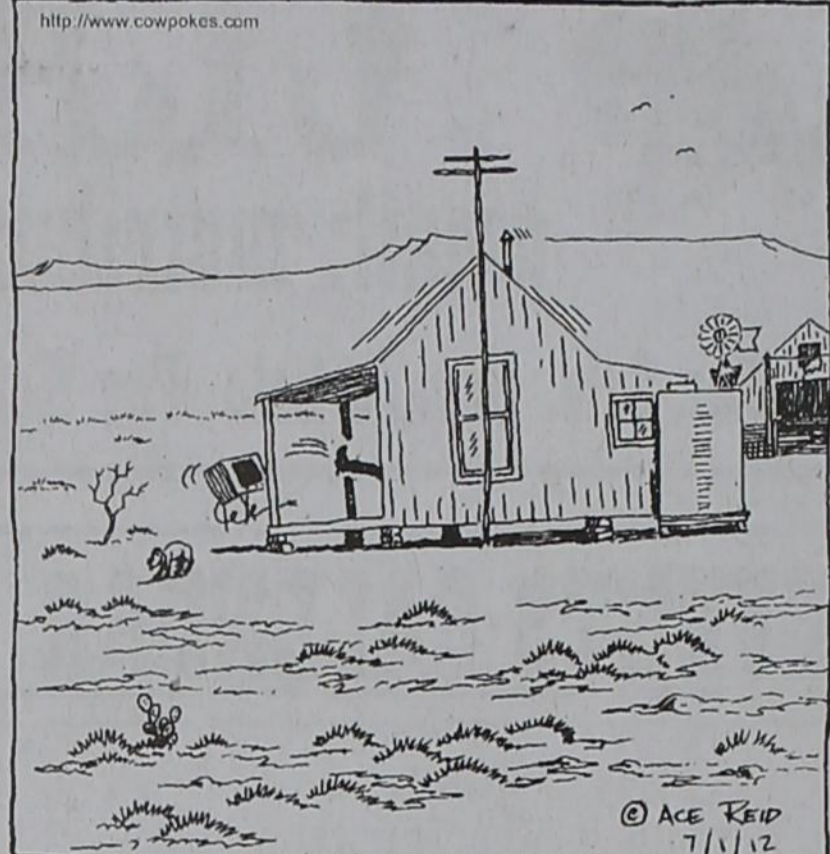
"Our analysis found that biomass density and harvesting costs are the two major factors affecting cost of delivered biomass," Park said. "While biomass use - or capacity - of the bioelectricity plant and the percentage of suitable harvest areas strongly affect land-related factors, including feedstock transport costs, these have relatively minor effects on cost of delivered biomass compared to harvesting costs."

Most emphasis for the biofuel industry has been placed on feedstocks such as energy cane, perennial grasses and sweet sorghum because they can be grown in high density situations with lower harvest costs, he said. However, woody feedstocks are being evaluated for their potential benefits because they are not grown on cropland and require lower cultivation costs.

Woody species such as willows that grow in wetter climates have been considered. More recently, researchers like Anslley have been considering the potential of shrubs and trees on rangelands such as mesquite and juniper for bioenergy uses.

"These trees likely will not be considered for ethanol conver-

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sion - they won't result in liquid fuel for the automobile tank - but may have other uses as a bioenergy feedstock such as electricity generation," Anslley said.

Park said there are several advantages to mesquite and similar woody plants that may offset the lower growth rates and potentially higher harvest and transportation costs. Particularly, these plants are abundant in existence, are drought-tolerant and grow without additional costs of planting, cultivation, irrigation and fertilization. And they resprout after harvest.

Also, they don't grow on land typically needed to grow food crops, they have higher energy content than switchgrass and they can be harvested year-round, he said.

"Also, we found that water content of mesquite and juniper wood at harvest is lower than most cellulose feedstocks; thus, drying costs could be reduced," Park said.

One major problem with mesquite as a feedstock is its variable growth form, which vary from tree to tree and stand to stand. Any harvesting operation would have to contend with this variation, he said. And the regrowth is much slower - about 10 years before it could be re-harvested. But the greater amount of available land area where this material grows offsets this to some degree.

"Harvesting the regrowth is a key factor in the long-term planning of this species as a bioenergy feedstock," Park said.

The study was based on several key assumptions, including that the bioenergy industry could use rangeland biomass through a system where harvesting and transportation would be vertically integrated, and that landowners would be willing to participate in a long-term contract with

bioelectricity plants for a sustainable flow of product to the plant.

Location of the bioelectricity plant was centered relative to the location of the feedstock source in the scenarios studied, Park said.

If the industry grows large enough, custom harvesters dedicated to harvesting and transporting the mesquite would likely operate more efficiently than if the bioenergy company tried to maintain its own harvesting equipment.

The tougher growth form of mesquite and the remote locations where it will be harvested create a higher probability for downtime from mechanical failure that may be better absorbed by businesses that are solely dedicated to this task, he said.

Another difference in utilizing mesquite biomass compared to other dedicated energy crops is that the business arrangement would have to be made with multiple landowners to obtain enough stock to sustain the plant, Park said.

"The landowners would have to agree to have the mesquite trees harvested according to a long-term strategic plan that would include allowing the trees to resprout and grow to be harvested again in the future," he said.

Anslley said landowners would benefit from additional grass growth and increased livestock production for many years after a harvest, but would then have to allow the regrowth to get large enough to re-harvest. He estimated that in a 10-year re-harvest schedule, the landowner would have seven to eight years of increased grass production before it would begin to level off.



THE LISTENING CIRCLE - Reading program participants form a circle as they sit and listen to Mrs. Lou Bursleson as she presents a story for last week's session, which concluded the Library's 2012 Summer Reading Program. The Reading Challenge will continue through July 27.

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## EVENTS CALENDAR

### July

- 4 July 4th, Roaring Springs
- 5 Roaring Springs Lions
- 9 Commissioners' Court
- 9 Roaring Springs City Council
- 11 Hospital Bd meets in the back of the ambulance barn, 7am
- 12 Matador City Council
- 12 Matador Chapter of the Eastern Star, Floydada, Meal at 6:30pm, meeting at 7:30 pm
- 15-18 FBC VBS
- 17 Matador Lions
- 19 Matador Masonic Lodge, 6:30 pm

### August

- 2 Roaring Springs Lions
- 6 Motley County Arts and Crafts Club, Motley County Senior Citizen Center in Matador from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm.

### Application for Local Option Liquor Election

An application has been filed with Kate Hurt, Motley County Clerk in Matador Texas, to have a Local Option Liquor Election. The election is for the City of Roaring Springs.

Application filed by Perry Gullede. The application is for the sale of beer, wine and other alcoholic beverages for on-site and off-site consumption.

Called Election will be held July 14, 2012 at the Community Center from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. ct27

### AVISO

Aviso ésta dado que Rolling Plains SSA tiene intención de destruir documentos de estudiantes que recibieron servicio de Educación Especial antes y durante el Año 2005. Los unicos documentos que van estar destruidos son los que estan en la oficina de Rolling Plains SSA localizada en 1405 Scotch en Matador, Texas. Documentos en esto son de estudiantes que recibieron servicio de distrito en seguida: Motley County ISD, Turkey-Quitaque ISD, Paducah ISD, Patton Springs ISD, Spur ISD, Guthrie CSD y Jayton ISD. Padres / guardian legal o estudiantes adultos con incapacidades fisica / mentales pueden pedir copias de sus documentos. Pueden llamar o escribir a Beverly Mars en la oficina de Rolling Plains SSA, 1405 Scotch Street, Matador, Texas 79244. Número de teléfono es (806) 347-2663 antes de Augusto 1, 2012.

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El Departamento de Transporte de Texas (TxDOT, por sus siglas en ingles) llevará a cabo una reunión pública para solicitar comentarios públicos y aportaciones para el Revisión del Programa de Transporte Unificado 2012 y 2013 (UTP, por sus siglas en inglés), y el Programa de Mejora de Estatal de Transporte 2013-2016 (STIP, por sus siglas en ingles).

Las reuniones públicas se celebrará el **Jueves, 12 de Julio de 2012 6:00 p.m. (CST) a 7:00 p.m.** en los siguientes lugares:

Distrito de Abilene  
4250 Clack N.  
Abilene Texas 79601

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5715 Canyon Drive  
Amarillo Texas 79114

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### Programa de Transporte Unificado

El UTP es un plan comprensivo de diez años para el desarrollo y construcción de proyectos de transporte del estado de Texas que incluye carreteras, aviación, transporte público, vías fluviales y aguas costeras, proyectos ferroviarios, e incluye niveles de financiamiento específicos para cada año fiscal.

**Empezando a las 6:15 p.m. en punto.** Representantes de TxDOT harán una presentación breve sobre el propósito y revisión del UTP. Información adicional estará disponible y representantes de TxDOT estarán presentes para discutir el proceso del desarrollo y para contestar preguntas. Se proveerán formas para recibir comentarios por escrito. A las personas interesadas se les urge asistir. Para más información, por favor vaya al [www.txdot.gov/public\\_involvement/utp.htm](http://www.txdot.gov/public_involvement/utp.htm) o llame gratis a la línea de información (800) 687-8108.

Comentarios por escrito pueden ser sometidos en el sitio de Web del UTP: <http://www.txdot.gov>, por correo electrónico a: [TPP\\_UTP@txdot.gov](mailto:TPP_UTP@txdot.gov); o por correo a: TxDOT TPP Division UTP, 150 E. Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas, 78704. Comentarios públicos serán aceptados hasta el 20 de Agosto del 2012.

### Programa de Mejoras al Transporte Estatal

El STIP es un mecanismo utilizado por el TxDOT y la Administración Federal de Carreteras (FHWA, por sus siglas en ingles) para financiar proyectos para los próximos cuatro años e incluye todos los proyectos financiados por el Gobierno Federal.

La enmienda de 2013 - 2016 STIP se puede ver en línea en la siguiente página de Web: <http://www.txdot.gov/business/governments/stips.htm> o en cualquier Oficina de Distrito de TxDOT no mas antes que el Miercoles, 11 de Julio de 2012. Ubicaciones de estas oficinas se pueden encontrar en [http://www.txdot.gov/local\\_information/](http://www.txdot.gov/local_information/). La reunión será informal y se invitan a todos los ciudadanos interesados a participar y expresar sus opiniones sobre el programa.

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Escrito comentarios podrán presentarse al Departamento de Transporte de Texas, Atención: Lori Morel, 118 East Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas, 78704, o por correo electrónico a [Lori.Morel@txdot.gov](mailto:Lori.Morel@txdot.gov) por 5:00 p.m. el 13 de Agosto de 2012.

### Public Meeting Notice 2012 and 2013 Unified Transportation Program Revision and the 2013-2016 Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will host an open-house style public meeting to solicit public comments and input for revisions to the 2012 Unified Transportation Program (UTP), which covers fiscal years (FY) 2012 through 2021, revisions to the 2013 UTP, which covers FY 2013 through 2022 and the 2013-2016 Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP).

The statewide public meeting will be held at **6:00 to 7:00 PM (CDT) on Thursday, July 12, 2012**, at the following locations:

**Abilene District**  
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**Amarillo District**  
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### Unified Transportation Program

The UTP is a comprehensive ten-year plan for the development and construction of State of Texas transportation projects including roadways, aviation, public transportation, waterways and coastal waters, and rail projects and includes specific funding levels for each fiscal year.

**Beginning promptly at 6:15 p.m.** TxDOT staff will conduct a brief presentation on the purpose and revisions of the 2012 UTP and the 2013 UTP. Additional information will be available for public viewing and TxDOT representatives will be on-hand to discuss the development process and answer questions. Forms will be provided in order to receive written comments. All interested parties are encouraged to attend. For additional information, please go to [http://www.txdot.gov/public\\_involvement/utp.htm](http://www.txdot.gov/public_involvement/utp.htm) or call the toll-free information line at (800) 687-8108.

Written comments may be submitted on the UTP website at: <http://www.txdot.gov>, using search engine keyword: UTP; by email at: [TPP\\_UTP@txdot.gov](mailto:TPP_UTP@txdot.gov); or by mail to: TxDOT TPP Division UTP, 150 E. Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas, 78704. Public comments will be received until 4 PM on August 20, 2012.

### Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan

The STIP is a mechanism used by TxDOT and the Federal Highway Administration to fund projects for the next four years and includes all federally funded projects. This public meeting pertains specifically to the 2013-2016 STIP; TxDOT representatives will be on-hand to answer STIP related questions.

The 2013-2016 STIP may be viewed online at <http://www.txdot.gov/business/governments/stips.htm> or at any TxDOT District Office no earlier than Wednesday, July 11, 2012. Locations of these offices can be found at: [http://www.dot.state.tx.us/local\\_information/](http://www.dot.state.tx.us/local_information/). Written comments may be submitted to Lori Morel, 118 E. Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas 78704.

Persons with special communication or accommodation needs may call Joe Clark at (325) 676-6821 for assistance. Requests should be made no later than three days prior to the meeting. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate needs.