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"Windmill and Mesquites at Sunset"

by Ken Young

## Matador Grand Prix is "smashing success"

By Carol Campbell

It's an official love fest. The West Texas Boondockers love Matador and Matador loves the Boondockers. The third annual motorcycle race on a 4.8-mile downtown course was a "smashing success," organizers said.

One hundred sixty-six riders plus their support groups

of about 450 people plus; plus the local residents that came to support the races turned downtown Matador into a hubbub of activity on Sunday, March 16.

"Everything went smooth - no problems, no injuries," Boondocker organizer Steve Murphy said. "We probably had about 600 people in Matador between the riders, support groups, and families."

That doesn't count the Matador residents who wandered downtown after church to grab a turkey leg or hamburger for lunch then hang out for the action.

Even the weather that posed a problem for the spectators, didn't phase the riders. "There is so much physical activity involved, 50 degree weather

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## Hackberry Creek Care Center is one year old

By Carol Campbell

There is no one like a one-year-old. In a year's time, a one-year-old may find everything new and interesting. Once a discovery is made, one-year-olds want to make it happen again and again and again!

From the first residents March 19, 2007, to the current census of 22, the Hackberry Creek Care Center is growing.

In a year's time, Hackberry has moved from an economic development idea to a \$4.5 million, state-of-the-art 50-bed, nursing care facility, serving 33 residents to date.

The Center employees 27 full- and part-time professionals, and is growing. However, on March 16, the one-year warranty ran out, Board Chairman Seab Washington said.

"We are just now in the process of closing out the construction phase of the facility," Washington said. What that really means is: payback time.

The facility was built with a loan from the Rural Development Division of the USDA for \$4,510,000.00. The Center needs a minimum of 33 Medicare and/or Medicaid residents to operate and begin the process of payback to the USDA, Washington said.

Currently, with 22 residents, Administrator Rosie Rendon is now working on three new resident packets, and she is very hopeful the center will meet its goal in the near future.

Rendon, who has a 30-year history in health care, also owns her own hospice business in Lockney; and a small assisted living facility in Plainview. She has been in management



photo by Carol Campbell

ENTRANCE to Hackberry Creek Center

for more than 30 years.

"There were 13 children in my family," she said. "We were really a tribe," she laughed. Her expertise: managing people. "My dad was a migrant worker and we moved from Colorado to Texas in the '60s and '70s. He made me a Crew Leader," she said.

She has been managing people ever since. A graduate of Wayland Baptist College, Rendon has a bachelor's degree in healthcare. She has developed a positive "people come first" leadership style. Her motto: "God heals, God reveals," she said.

"I like to bring out the best in people," she said. "I am very patient. It will all come out in the wash."

The staff meets every Tuesday, and on the staff meeting day, they vote on Employee of the Month. The employee must have a great attitude, is willing to go the extra mile, has excellent timeliness and attendance, and is consistent and uses time effectively.

Rendon wants more input from the community, she

said. "We are open to suggestions." One idea she has heard was to implement an Adult Day Care program. "We would provide two meals, a snack, activities, but we would like to hear from the public," she said.

She also implemented the "buddy" system, whereby every employee has two resident buddies that they work with on a daily basis.

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**HACKBERRY CREEK CARE CENTER ADMINISTRATOR**  
Rosie Rendon is a "people first" manager, providing leadership to 27 full- and part-time employees.



photo by Ken Young

THE 4.8-MILE RACING TRACK cuts a path through an old house. The West Texas Boondockers spent Saturday before the race on Sunday flagging the track, identifying obstacles, and mapping a path for riders.

## Local talent scores big in West Texas Boondocker Matador Grand Prix

By Carol Campbell

Five local racing enthusiasts ran the 4.8-mile track to compete for trophies in the West Texas Boondockers Matador Grand Prix; two racers took home First Place honors.

Chaundra Wolf, 16, daughter of Robyn and Jay Wolf, won First Place in the Women's class. She is competitive, she is tough, and according to Mark Seigler, "she lapped every single rider, except one. She made the boys look bad," he said.

Chaundra has been racing for four years. "This is the first Grand Prix I have raced in," she said. "I usually race in motocross." In Grand Prix, the tracks are mostly flat; in motocross, there are a lot of jumps, "whoops" and turns, Robyn Wolf explained. Whoops are "whoop-te-do's," she said, that is, small hills in succession that provide jumps for the rider.

Austin Wolf, 13, also races. He had a bit of bad luck in the race, pulling a shoulder muscle in the last lap. "I didn't

check the finish, but I finished," he said.

Brandon Moore, 24, Roaring Springs, competed in the Novice Large, Over 40 class, taking home 11th place. This was Brandon's first race this year. This grueling 60 minute race takes a toll on the joints and muscles, he said. He ran at Buffalo Springs Lake, Idalou, Mackenzie Park, and Post last year. An avid racer, he won First Place in New Home year-before-last, he said, 2nd in motocross

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# FOOTHILL COUNTRY CONNECTIONS

By Larry Vogt

Quite the topic of conversation, rain. How much, how fast, did it soak in, will it run off, anything, just so it comes and gives us a reprieve from the drought and we can start farming again. The smell of the air after a nice ozone dispensed thunderstorm, there is nothing like it. We don't care what time of day or night it comes, just so it comes. We don't care if it gets the car dirty, the kids (or dogs) track in some mud, or the clothes got left on the line, just so the rain comes. There are some of us who have tried tempting the rain gods with a favorite tool we intentionally leave outside, or a car window rolled down, things like that. We watch the weather reports for some signs, see the radar picture of the clouds pass us by, agonize over every increment in hundredths of an inch, we are ready to call in the rain makers after months

of small, infrequent two minute showers.

Then it comes, like it did early Monday morning and we can talk with relief in our voices, look at the grass and almost see it come to life again. Yes, let it rain, who cares about having to mow the grass, just so there is grass to mow. We vow never to complain about cleaning out the rain gutters, just send the rain, please, and the gutters will get cleaned. Never complain about the wind blowing the rain sideways, just blow the rain, thank you very much. Never complain about the cold blowing rain, just let it rain.

Then there are all the rain songs: "Singing in the Rain" or "Let it Rain" or "April Showers" or "Pennies from Heaven." We sing about it, pray about it, talk about it, fret about it, measure it, turn our faces up to it, and there's nothin' like a good, soaking rain.



photo by Larry Vogt

By Laverne Zabielski

Finally it rains and I no longer carry out dish water for the roses my mom planted when she first moved into the house in 1975.

The Boondockers have come and gone leaving their tracks behind and excitement for next year. It was great to see that there were several local participants. Are these our modern cowboys? Perhaps as Debra Scott suggested we could set up an art and craft gallery in the old Spot Cash building next year.

The gin is quiet in Roaring Springs, much the way I remember it from my hot summer visits.

Republican and

## Opinion Editorial

I would like to ask the citizens of Motley County that voted in the March 4th election to say a word of thanks to all of the poll workers that ran the election at each precinct. These good citizens were required by the Secretary of State's Office to take training and pass a test in order to run the polls. It is a frontline job that allows the people of our country to be governed. I feel very fortunate that we had volunteers that ran the election professionally, efficiently, and with integrity.

I would also like to thank Kate Hurt, District/County Clerk, and D'Anna Russell, her assistant, for their hard work, guidance, and late hours in seeing that the election ran smoothly and the results were submitted in a timely manner.

However, I am a bit dismayed at the low voter turnout. We have a total of 883 registered voters in Motley County, and only 340 of them voted. There was a tremendous amount of work and expense in running the election. The Republican and the Democratic Parties conducted a Joint Primary in order to cut expenses. Even so, the cost of running the election county-wide was still approximately \$8,500. Hopefully, there will be a much larger turnout for the General Election in November.

C.W. Moore  
Motley County Democratic  
Chairman

# WRITING COMMUNITY

## Wrinkles

by Suzanne Abbott

The cutest wrinkles I ever saw were on a three-month-old Shar-Pei puppy sitting in an open convertible, parked curb-side in front of a sidewalk cafe in Aspen, Colorado. This puppy had wrinkles everywhere. He was such a cutie. I would have tried to steal him but; 1. His owners were seated at the first table by the sidewalk, keeping an eye out for anyone who might walk off with their puppy; 2. Kenneth doesn't like wrinkled dogs; and; 3. We were on the motorcycle and I don't think I could hold a squirming puppy, even one with cute wrinkles, on the motorcycle all the way back to Texas.

There is a part Shar-Pei living in Roaring Springs. He adopted Sybil and Banty Brandon as his keepers and providers of food and shelter. He, too, is a cutie. He is black and his face features folds of loose skin so deep that sometimes you can't see his eyes. He is appropriately named Bear. He has a friend who lives across the street. Her name is Wayso and, while she doesn't have any wrinkles, she does have a big black heart in her fur on one side.

Bear must have decided that the black heart was a sign to him that Wayso would be his sweetheart. Unfortunately, no one told Wayso that. She ignores Bear more often than not. There is one thing they agree on. They hate Randy Meredith's pickup. When that truck goes by, Bear and Wayso quickly run after it, chasing it until it crosses Dutchman Creek Bridge. After vanquishing the pickup, Wayso and Bear trot happily back across the bridge. Bear's wrinkles form a grin so big that his eyes disappear into the folds.

The progression of Bear's entry into the Brandon family has been interesting to watch. One day at the beauty shop, I heard Sybil say, "Well, I can't let him starve." Come to find out, she was talking about Bear, not Banty. So I know that Sybil was at least giving food and water to the dog. Not long thereafter, a large pile of rags appeared on the porch and it was Bear's bed. As the weather got cooler, a large cardboard box took the place of the rags. One had to think that the rags were in the box and one could see Bear going in and out of his new, enclosed bed. Today, there is a stronger, more sturdy box with a waterproof cover draped over it and probably a real mattress inside for Bear to sleep on.

The next step in Bear's becoming a real member of the Brandon family was being allowed to ride in the back of Banty's red pickup. When Banty went to the post office, Bear would get to ride along. Now, Bear can be seen hanging his head over the side of the pickup, his wrinkled face flopping in the wind as Sybil and Banty drive to the Hitchin' Post for a hamburger. I don't know if Bear gets a hamburger, too.

Another conversation overheard in the beauty shop told me that Bear has arthritis and is very stiff in the cold weather. Sybil was talking to someone about giving Bear people medicine, especially medicine that has glucosamine in it. That's a big step from a pile of rags on the front porch to providing medical attention to a stray dog.

It has been really cold for the last few days and someone noted that he hadn't seen Bear lately. This person wondered if he had died; maybe he had been run over as he chased the Meredith truck. When the cold went away and the days warmed up, Bear appeared in the neighborhood again. Either he was in his box or, more likely, he was in the Brandon house, in all his wrinkled glory, sleeping snugly by Banty's side of the bed.

## Womens' History Month contribution from a reader in California

By Eloise Van Tassel

Bertha Schmidt, my mother-in-law from my first marriage, was born in 1900. She was one of many siblings in a Mennonite farm family. Most of the older children in her family were girls, which meant that the girls were pressed into service for all kinds of jobs on the farm, those that would have been considered boys' work as well as the more traditional girls' chores. By the time Bertha and I met, she was in her sixties, a veteran of a hard-working life that included two marriages, several children of her own and several stepchildren. She was competent to meet the many challenges of subsistence living, and very religious. The religious part intimidated me because Bertha's sixties were, after all, The Sixties, and she seemed to hail from a different era.

Bertha, who spoke in a

ritual at the beginning of each meal was the passing around of a little box in the shape of a loaf of home-made bread. Inside the box were slips of paper the size of Chinese fortunes. On each slip was written a verse from the New Testament, and each diner was asked to draw a slip from the loaf and read the verse. Bertha knew them all by heart.

After the meal, we'd sit in her living room under "The Piano Lesson" and Bertha would bring out her old family photos, or tell stories from her childhood and youth on the prairies. She'd show us her quilts, some made with wool cut from old menswear, some cottons with a few pieces of garish sixties' prints creeping in alongside older, more sober prints and solids. My girls received small doll-sized quilts from their grandmother, as well as some home-sewn dresses.

Bertha and I continued to stay in touch over the years

Plautdeutsch (Low German) accent, quickly put me at ease by being delighted with me. She knew I'd been an honor student in high school and had won a scholarship to college. She knew of my mother, a teacher, and was admiring of the fact that women in my family had been educated. Prominent on the living room wall of this competent farm woman's home was a picture called "The Piano Lesson." In this picture two girls in Jane Austen-era dresses were being taught by a piano master, one seated at the keyboard, the other looking on as the master hovered over his pupil.

Over the years when her son and I came to visit, eventually bringing our own two daughters, Bertha was always delighted to see us and sat us down to bounteous farmstyle meals, always rounded out with pickles or produce from the Mason jars that glowed like jewels on the shelves of her pantry. A

when she had become my ex-mother-in-law. The last time I saw her was in the late eighties when she had moved to a board and care home. I arrived at after-lunch nap time. "The Piano Lesson" was on the wall of her cozy room. She snuggled under one of her quilts. She seemed to me to have taken on an almost impish quality. Maybe it came from the beginnings of dementia, maybe from a feeling of having gotten away with something because now others cleaned and cooked for her. Her delight at seeing me was as strong as ever. I sat by her bed, we held hands and I told her the latest news of her granddaughters. When it came time to leave, I told her I loved her and that I'd see her again. Was the last half of that goodbye sentence a lie? I don't know... I do know that driving down a few miles of road off the main freeway to find that board and care home was one of the best things I've done.

## HACKBERRY

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Rendon says she loves coming to work. "It is almost like going into a small community," she said. Seab Washington, Chairman of the Board, agrees wholeheartedly: "It's the resident's home, they need to feel like it is home," he said.

Washington says that Hackberry is run as a non-profit corporation, by the people that pay their dues. "It is important to note that there is a not a taxing entity involved," he said. Dues are \$5.00 a year. Hackberry has 81 voting members. At \$5.00, membership is definitely a bargain.

"I have an excellent board," Washington said. "It is amazing how it came together." Board members are: Washington, President; Chuck Reames, Vice President; Regina Sheffield, Secretary; Charlie Johnson, Treasurer; Marisue Potts, Reporter; Jim Watson, Sammie Phillips; and two new board members, Pam Thacker and Larry Hoyle.

While Hackberry has had some ups and downs, employee turnover in the medical field is an "industry" standard, Washington said. "I am disappointed in the trouble we have had finding employees." Board member Marisue Potts-Powell

said there is no question there is a huge turnover in the medical field.

"Right now we are getting a lot of aides and nurses from Paducah, a few from Spur; and one (nurse) drives from Crosbyton," she said. "We have jobs in our own backyard, but local people have not taken advantage of this opportunity."

A Certified Nurse's aide only needs 16 hours of classroom instruction, Powell said. Students can then begin working on the floor under supervision, completing an additional 56 hours of training. The Center is in the process of getting licensed as a teaching facility. Until then, individuals can enroll in other facilities that offer Certified Nurses Aide classes.

"We are a group of amateurs trying to get experienced people to work," Powell said.

Well, there is no one like a one-year-old. While some skills at Hackberry may be immature; one thing is certain: This one-year-old wants to make it happen - again, again, and again.

"Everyone working here really appreciates this fine facility," Washington said. "The community has been so supportive of us."

## RSCV sponsors Easter egg hunt, Sunrise Service and breakfast

The Roaring Springs Community Volunteers met on Tuesday, March 12. The May 3-4, 2008 Highway 70 Garage Sale for Roaring Springs will be held in the pavilion or on the grounds of the Community Center. The vendors will have access to the rest room facilities. There will be awnings available for anyone who would like to be outside the pavilion.

The RSCV will be selling baked goods such as cakes, and pies, and popcorn and soft drinks. The Tour De Nine Zero bicycle racers have rented the

community room for their headquarters this year and will be using that part of the facility on that day.

A bingo game and a cornbread and beans supper is planned for April 11th as a fundraiser. RSCV will be asking for donations only.

The Easter egg hunt will be on March 22, at 2 p.m. Prizes will be given in 2 groups; ages 3-5 and 6-11.

An Easter sunrise service and breakfast is planned for March 23 at sunrise. Everyone is welcome.

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is much better than 80 degree weather," Murphy said.

Chamber of Commerce member Shane Jones said that "everyone had a good time; we had a great turnout; the Boondockers were happy; all the riders were happy." And Shane is a happy, too.

"There was a great volunteer effort from the community," she said. Shane organized the Hackberry Care Center concessions. She estimates the concessions netted about \$1,100-\$1,200. "This is Hackberry's fundraiser for the year," Shane said. "We buy fun things for the residents, things they wouldn't have otherwise."

The outpouring of help from the community was especially rewarding, Shane said. "I

would like to thank everyone who helped, from the "blockers" to the concession workers to the city for dirt work on the tracks."

And an "extra special thanks" to Devin Perryman, Bob Kilmer, Jim Watson, and Seab Washington for cooking hamburgers, Jones said. Also, The Glittered Pig made the banner placed on the south side of Matador Variety, "Welcome West Texas Boondockers." Nice touch.

The Senior Citizens reported they took in \$387.00 in concessions, and that is "profit," Director Tommye Keith said. "All the food was donated," she said. "Thanks to the volunteers that hung out 'til the bitter end," Keith said. "It was a long 12-hour day for the site committee."

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Catholic Church took in about \$350.00 selling turkey legs and trimmings. "We only had a few turkey legs left," Annette Hollingsworth said. "The members of our church donate all supplies - every penny is 100% profit."

Eternas Study Club members manned one of the "blocker" slots at the intersection. Blockers keep traffic from driving through the rider area, and are critical to the success of the race. Wilda Dixon, Leadell Martin, and Annette Hollingsworth shared 12 hours, with Dixon taking the primary lead.

This "love fest" provides mutual benefit to the guests and the home team alike. Mark your calendars for the fourth annual motorcycle race in downtown historic Matador - March, 2009.

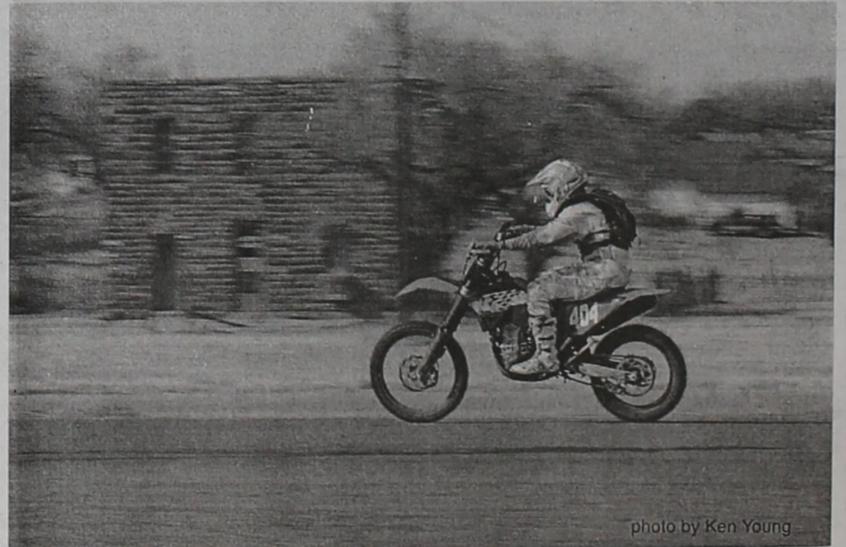


photo by Ken Young

RIDER 404 finds a straight-away, speeding past the old Motley County Jail. The West Texas Boondockers brought about 600 riders and support families to town on Sunday, March 16.

Happy Easter

# Springs Ranch Ladies Golf Association kicks off play

Fifteen members of the Springs Ranch Ladies Golf Association met on March 12 in the Library annex to "kick-off" the new golf season.

A St. Patrick's Day theme was highlighted with golf balls nestled in Easter basket green grass along with chocolate eggs on the tables. The new president Pat Warren also served green punch, sugar cookies with green icing and macaroons.

Play will begin on April 3 at 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. The course will be closed April 9-16 to aerate the greens.

Warren conducted a short business meeting. No tournaments are scheduled at this time due to the condition of the greens.

Officers for the new year are: Pat Warren, President; Olivia Osborn, Treasurer; Tammy Simpson, Reporter; Kay Bailey, Yearbook; Marihelen Wason and Nell Berryman, Telephone Committee.

Kay Bailey distributed the new yearbook, outlining the play days. The *Springs Ranch Ladies Golf Association Yearbook* had a pictorial of play for 2007, includ-

ing tournaments, individual play, and opening day luncheon and "Scramble" and closing day luncheon in the home of Francis Hobbs, followed by a "Scramble." One page was dedicated to the 2007 Club Champion, Olivia Barton.

Members attending were: Pat Warren, Judy Cartwright, Olivia Osborn, Tammy Simpson, Jan Martin, Frances Hobbs, Kay Bailey, June Moss, Geneva Wilson, Carol Campbell, Dartha Westbrook, Tommye Keith, Olivia Barton, and Judy Renfro.



photo by Kay Bailey

**SPRINGS RANCH LADIES GOLF ASSOCIATION** kicks off a new season with a meeting in the Motley County Library Annex. Pictured, (Left to Right, back row) are: Carol Campbell, Olivia Barton, Pat Warren, Frances Hobbs, Judy Cartwright, Olivia Osborn, Tammy Simpson, Tommye Keith, Judy Renfro. Pictured (Left to Right, front) are: June Moss, Geneva Wilson, Polly Campbell, Jan Martin, and Dartha Westbrook. (Not pictured, but attending, was Kay Bailey).

# Save it forward with two kinds of green this tax season

WTU Retail Energy provides energy tips to help Texans get the most out of their taxes

**Abilene**--Feeling blue about the prospect of having to file your 2007 tax return? As part of its "Save it Forward" initiative, WTU Retail Energy, wants to help Texas consumers be "in the green" and make this year's tax season a profitable one -- now and in the future.

Before Texans send off their taxes, WTU Retail Energy is reminding taxpayers that this is the last opportunity to claim a federal tax credit for energy efficiency improvements made to their home in 2007. It is important to note that a tax credit is not the same as a deduction. A deduction reduces the amount of one's income that the government can tax, while a tax credit reduces the amount of tax to be paid.

"A tax credit can provide significant savings for any household," said Jim Steffes, VP and General Manager for WTU Retail Energy. "Credits on the upgrade of 20 energy-efficient windows, for example, can reduce your tax bill by \$400."

But the savings don't stop there. On top of the tax credit, a typical 2,000-square-foot home in Texas can expect to reduce its annual heating and cooling costs to approximately \$600 to \$900 a year by installing double-glazed windows with clear glass, to reducing them even further to \$500 to \$700 a year when installing double-glazed, argon gas-filled windows with a low-E coating -- depending on what part of the

state your home is located in. The important factor for homes in Texas is for windows to minimize the amount of solar heat that enters the home through the window -- especially for homes located in the south and up to Houston and San Antonio -- while central and northern homes in the state want to also find windows rated to minimize heat loss through the window as well.

For those who have already filed their taxes and expect a refund, reinvesting some or all of that money into efficiency improvements in the home allows for the return to keep giving through ongoing energy bill savings.

"People don't realize that by purchasing energy-efficient products they are really giving their pocketbooks a break and their house a major face-lift," said Steffes, noting that research by the Chicago Appraisal Institute shows that home value increases by about \$20 for every \$1 reduction in annual utility bills. "Not only can consumers expect to see significant savings on their energy bills immediately and for years to come, they can also increase their home's value and reduce their impact on the environment in the long run."

The good news is that investments in energy efficiency don't have to take a large chunk of your refund to make a big impact on the household's bottom line. Steffes suggests installing

compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) or a programmable thermostat to generate an immediate impact on energy bills. Replacing 10 incandescent bulbs with 10 CFLs can reduce annual consumption by 4,000 kilowatt-hours -- or \$424 based on the Energy Information Agency's average electricity rate figures for Texas.

If consumers are unsure about what improvements are needed, a home energy audit can help identify their options. Qualified technicians can be hired to perform a specialized in-home audit, while online models such as WTU Retail Energy's ([www.wturetailenergy.com](http://www.wturetailenergy.com)) provide valuable tips based on a series of questions related to the home's current appliances, equipment and square footage.

In addition to home improvements, upgrading appliances can help lower overall energy costs. This year, Texas is having an EnergyStar Sales Tax Holiday beginning at 12:01 a.m. Saturday, May 24th, and ending at 11:59 p.m. Monday, May 26th, where Texas shoppers will receive a break from state and local taxes on the purchase of certain energy-efficient products, including clothes washers, dishwashers, programmable thermostats, and even light bulbs. A full list of products can be found at [www.window.state.tx.us](http://www.window.state.tx.us). Consumers should consult their own tax advisors for tax advice.

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## Local Talent

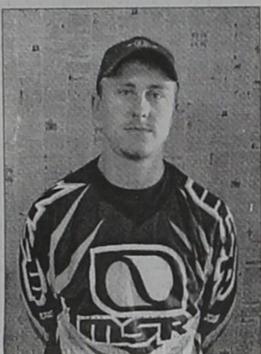
and 3rd in Grand Prix in Idalou.

Michael Seigler, 10, son of Mark and Deborah Seigler, has been racing since he was four-years-old. He won First Place in the 80cc, age 7-11 race. Michael has followed in his father's footsteps, also an avid biker.

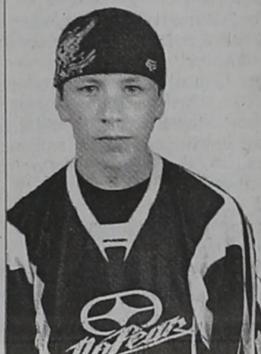
"Michael won State Championship in his class (80cc) in the mini-enduro series in 2007," Mark proudly states. The enduro series includes races sponsored by the Texas State Championship Enduro Circuit (TSCEC) at the Seigler Ranch every October. According to Mark Seigler, racers from all over the country come to compete. "We will have 250-300 riders competing in a Super Short Enduro Course (20 miles); a Short Enduro Course (50 miles); and a Long Course (70 miles). The TSCEC and the High Plains Grand Prix Circuit (HPGPC) have been competing at Seigler Ranch for 12 years. "In this sport, families come to the ranch almost every weekend to run the track," Mark said. "We are like one big family," he said.

Frankie Ortiz competed in the Novice Large, Over 40 class. This is his fourth race. He said he "caught the fever" from the Seiglers. Ortiz scored 22nd in his class. "The course was good," Ortiz said. "It had a tree section, speed sections, and technical sections. Ortiz had a bit of bad luck in the race, too. His front brake went out, after a brush with another rider in the first turn. "I ran the whole race without front brakes," he said.

Hopefully, these avid bikers will be back for the fourth annual Grand Prix in Matador. Keep a sharp eye, Matador racers are scoring big and winning trophies.



**BRANDON MOORE** competed in the Boondockers race, scoring 11th in his class.



**AUSTIN AND CHAUNDR A WOLF** both competed in the Boondockers race on Sunday. Austin suffered a shoulder injury, but finished the race; Chaundra won First Place in the 80cc, 12-16 Women's Race.



**FRANKIE ORTIZ** competed in the Boondockers race, competing in the Novice Large, Over 40 class.



**MICHAEL SEIGLER**, a past State Champion, won First Place in the 80cc, ages 7-11 race.

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## IN CHRIST ALONE

An Easter Celebration

Easter cantata  
11:00 am, Sunday, March 23  
First Baptist Church, Matador

Join us for Bible study (all ages) at 10 am!

Also mark your calendars for this FBCM event:  
Fifth Sunday  
noon fellowship meal  
& Mission Fair  
Sunday, March 30

# News Around the County

## Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

How thankful we are for the RAIN! We had over an inch at our house. Everything looks and smells so fresh. Even L'il Toot, Clyde and Prissy look happier and L'il Toot won't have to take dirt baths for awhile. I think L'il Toot took a swing on our bird feeder last week. The bottom of the feeder was on the ground. The feeder is hung away from the post so the birds are out of reach but I think she made a leap for it and landed on the ground feeder and all. That is the worst thing about a cat, they like to intimidate the birds and catch one occasionally. I would rather they harass the squirrels. They have it made; they run on the overhead lines, jump from tree to tree and run along roof tops. Wixie can bark for hours at them and they totally ignore her.

There is a new dog in town named Chubbs; he has a whole wardrobe of bandanas. He loves ice cream cones and prefers to lick out all the ice cream before eating the cones. Another trick of his is to hide their shoes when he thinks his family is leaving without him. He belongs to Sha and Jalayne Knox. Chubbs is a blue heeler, or some sort of cow dog.

Dawn Fletcher of Elsanora, California visited a week with her father, Bobby Fletcher. She returned home on Sunday evening.

Pennie Keltz children, Kevin and Lesa Keltz and Kandi and Jared Johnson planned a wonderful surprise birthday for Pennie. They sent her cards with poems about with hints about events that were planned for her. Kevin and Kandi prepared a video about their mom's life, interviewing family members and friends. She and Kelly enjoyed a night at the Embassy Suites; Pennie was treated to a massage, pedicure and a shopping trip to the mall. Kandi and Jared hosted a birthday dinner for her. Also they presented her with a family portrait.

Ruby Hipp is doing well. She continues to live at Heritage Oaks on 53rd and University in Lubbock. She spends Sunday's with Charles and Dorothy Hipp often where they relax and nap on the patio. Charles is on the waiting list for surgery at a Cincinnati hospital to repair an aneurysm.

The Full Gospel church is doing a sermon in drama for the Easter Service entitled "What Chair Are You Sitting In" at the Sunday morning service. The public is invited.

Sunrise Easter Services will be held at the Roaring Springs Community Center on Easter Morning. An early breakfast will be served. The worship service will begin at sunrise. All are invited.

The Roaring Springs Community Volunteers are sponsoring an Easter egg hunt for children on Saturday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. Anyone

wishing to donate individually wrapped candy eggs or treats are welcome to bring them in advance either to the Community Center or Don and Billie Studkey's home on third street. They need to have them at the Community Center enter by 1:00 p.m. when the eggs will be hidden. Children from age three through eleven will hunt eggs in two different hunts. Children from 3 years old to 6 will hunt and then the older children will have their hunt. Prize eggs will be in each hunt; those lucky enough to find them will receive a prize.

Ken and Dinah's Young's daughter, Sinikka and son-in-law, Patrick Verill, grandchildren, Jude Ellie and Zak were visitors in the orchard this past week for Spring Break. They live in Austin where Pat is a carpenter and Sinikka teaches at the University of Texas and is finishing her PH.D. They helped pick up and pull limbs while Ken was in a work session photographing hunters with their bird dogs. Ken and Dinah's granddaughter Jenna Lynn LaDue had great fun with them jumping on the trampoline, riding in her 'carriage' while Jude drove the mower. The children had fun putting on puppet shows. They rode bikes, played cards and enjoyed having lots of things to eat! Zak age 14 got to practice driving their family car around the orchard. They visited Monday with Ginny LaDue who is a teacher in Post ISD and her husband Ty.

Ginny LaDue is recovering from surgery and has been on the sick list quite a while. She and her family would like to thank everyone for their concern and especially their prayers during this time. She is taking therapy at home now and regaining her strength. Her daughter Jenna was able to go home to be with her parents on Saturday. Jenna has been with Ken and Dinah for several weeks.

Kevin and Lesa Keltz are vacationing in Ruidosa for a few days.

Bunni and Jamie Zeilinger and children Blake and Brooke of Longview, Texas visited Grace Zabielski. Blake was especially fascinated with the cotton lingering in the fields now that the modules are gone.



BLAKE ZEILINGER gathers cotton to take back to Longview.

## Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

### OVERHEARD

Spring has come to us again this year with promises anew. We still have hopes ahead of us that our dreams may all come true!

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Dr. Renee Laegraid of Hastings, Nebraska and Mrs. Marisue Powell of Mott Creek Ranch visited Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton, Saturday.

Leah Cruse of Canyon visited overnight Sunday with her parents, Brenda and Darrell Cruse.

Shonda and Roger Lee, her sister and husband, Penny and Bud Taylor of Floydada enjoyed entertainment in Plainview, Saturday.

Mrs. Janice Hughes visited last Sunday and again Tuesday in Floydada with son and family, Roger and Tiffany Hughes, Tara and Reagan and new baby son, Brody Wayne who arrived March 7 at the Covenant Hospital in Plainview.

Tim and Melissa Kendall and sons, Jere and Jacob visited the weekend in Midland with his brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Cory Kendall, Chancey and Connor.

Donnie Rogers attended the

agricultural meeting Saturday morning held at the Traveler's Inn in Roaring Springs.

Gwen and Tim Mandrell and daughter, Peyton of Lubbock, visited Sunday with her parents, Mary Jo and Doyle Calvert and brother, Glen Calvert.

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

Clois and Kathy Shorter attended to business in Lubbock, Friday, en route home, they enjoyed the presentation of *Lazarus* and the preceding musical held at the Ragtown Gospel Theater in Post.

Cally and Will Sperry and children, Savannah, Blayne, Gage and Cash left Monday, March 17 to attend the Houston Livestock Show. They will not return home until Friday. Blayne is showing his pig in the show.

### RAIN!

Rain was welcomed Sunday night and early Monday morning. Clois Shorter of Flomot reported 0.92 and Lawrence Allen of Whiteflat reported 1.10 inches.

## Matador News

Pete Williams was conveyed by ambulance from the Hackberry Nursing Center in Matador to the Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock, Monday, March 10. With him during his hospitalization are his children and families, Mrs. Ronda Miller and Rodney Williams.

Rhonda Norell, teacher at Patton Springs, is home from the hospital.

Beverly and Lewis Shorter of Fort Worth, visited their daughter Jennifer Moncrief and their grandchildren, Bradon and Matthew, and Allison McCoy on Tuesday.

### Bridge Club Meets at Hotel Matador

The El Carte Bridge Club met at Hotel Matador Tuesday, March 11, for "High Tea" and bridge play.

Following a walk-through the newly renovated hotel by Marilyn Hicks, the group enjoyed a buffet consisting of Prosciutto and Cream Cheese on

Pumpnickel, Chicken Salad Pockets, Chocolate Chip Scones with Berry Jam, Fruit Parfait, and Western tea and coffee.

Attending were hostess Di-Ann Campbell, Marion Woodruff, Winifred Darsey, Dixie Campbell, Joanie Stephens, Kay Bailey, Marihelen Wason, and guest, Carol Campbell.



EL CARTE BRIDGE CLUB met recently for an afternoon of play at the newly renovated Hotel Matador. Pictured, (left to right) standing are: Winifred Darsey, Kay Bailey, Di-Ann Campbell, Dixie Campbell and Marion Woodruff. Seated (left to right) are Joanie Stephens, Carol Campbell, and Marihelen Wason.

## County Agent's News

by Ryan Martin, Agri LIFE EXTENSION Agent



### Rabies Vaccination Clinic

Rabies is still a concern for animal owners in our area, HSR 1. Recently there has been a confirmed case of rabies found in Hansford County. This is the second case for Hansford County and the fourth case for HSR 1. This is a reminder that your pets, horses, and valuable livestock should be vaccinated annually for rabies.

On April 9, 2008 the Motley 4-H Club will sponsor a Rabies Vaccination clinic at the Matador Volunteer Fire Department. Dr. David Fuston will be here to administer rabies vaccinations for your pets from 3-6pm. After 6 p.m., Dr. Fuston will administer coggins tests on horses if you need it. Make plans to bring your animal to the Matador Volunteer Fire Department between 3 and 6 p.m. for their annual rabies vaccination.

### 15th Annual TCCA Sanctioned Rolling Plains Steer Show

On Saturday, May 3, 2008 the Baylor County Jr. Livestock Show Association will sponsor a Rolling Plains Steer Show. This show is sanctioned with TCCA. The show will take place at the Baylor County Ag Pavilion. The barn will open at 5 p.m. on Friday, May 2. Weigh in will begin at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday and the show will start at 1 p.m. Prize for grand champion prospect steer is \$1000 and a buckle and champion progress steer will receive \$250 and a buckle. Buckles will also be presented to reserve champions with 50% payback divided to classes and champions. For more information contact your local Extension office or the Baylor County Jr. Livestock Association at 940-889-3119.

### Energy Efficient Fertilization Practices

Springtime is near and with it people are starting to think about fertilizer needs for their lawns and crops. With the continuing increase in energy costs to produce, transport, and apply fertilizers, there is a need to evaluate the impact of fertilization practices on energy usage. A major factor linking energy and fertilizer is the use of natural gas to produce anhydrous ammonia. From 35,000 to 40,000 cubic feet of gas are needed to produce a ton of anhydrous ammonia. With gas prices rising, the cost to produce anhydrous ammonia increases along with the price consumers pay for fertilizer.

Consider these factors to make fertilization more efficient and conserve energy:

- Soil Testing
- Maintaining acceptable pH
- Using high analysis
- Efficient application methods
- Effective time of applications
- Maximizing the use of legumes
- Using wastes where economically profitable

**Soil Testing** - A fundamental requirement for efficient and profitable use of fertilizers is maximizing soil nutrients. Soil tests have been developed to show the level of available soil nutrients. To fully utilize soil tests, each individual should develop a plan for sampling the area of land that is being tested. As the cost of fertilizer nutrients increases, the value of soil nutrients also increases. Counting soil nutrients towards the nutrient requirement of a crop or yard is economical as well as energy efficient.

**Maintaining Acceptable pH** - Soil pH affects the availability of several plant nutrients as well as microbial activity. Therefore, liming acid soils makes the use of applied nutrients and soil nutrients more efficient. Soils that are too acid can be limed to bring pH into the acceptable range. It generally is uneconomical to reduce the pH of alkaline soils under field scale operations.

**Using High Analysis** - Using fertilizer materials rich in necessary nutrients provides major savings in transportation, storage and handling. If the only nutrient needed is nitrogen, ammonium nitrate would be more "energy efficient" than ammonium sulfate.

**Efficient Application Methods** - Fertilizers must be applied uniformly to be most effective.

**Effective Time of Applications** - Improve energy efficiency by timing nutrient applications to meet specific needs. Apply fertilizers when needed and not before so nutrients are not wasted or diminished when plants need them.

**Using Waste Where Profitable** - A serious limitation in the use of animal wastes is the cost of hauling and spreading over a large amount of acres, but for lawn purposes, using animal waste as fertilizer may be more profitable than using commercial fertilizers. If possible, fully utilize animal wastes and other materials that can be applied to the soil to supply plant nutrients. However, first evaluate the amount of energy used compared to the energy savings from the reduction in commercial fertilizers and other benefits.

To learn more about fertilization and what fertilizer best fits your needs, contact the Extension office at 806-347-2733.

## Happy Easter

### Motley County Tribune

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## NEAR... YET SO FAR

We are familiar with the story of the prodigal son found in Luke 15 of the Bible. There is another son in this story. We find him in the last few verses of the chapter. He is called the older brother. The selfish language he uses exposes his impure motives. He has been the great pretender. Externally and geographically, he is where he should have been. But spiritually he was miles from godliness.

The lesson for you and I is to remember that real Christianity involves more than warming pews in church buildings. Even there on the pew we could be miles away from our Lord. Real commitment is what is needed. And that from the inside out. The older brother of our story was "there." But that is all he was! Just being geographically there is not enough.

Let us earnestly seek our God, learn His will and worship accordingly. There is nothing you can do which will enrich your life more than the cultivation of a close, personal relationship with your heavenly Father.

Michael G. Crowley, Sr.

Roaring Springs Church of Christ

Michael G. Crowley, Sr.

BIBLE STUDY - 10:00 A.M. WORSHIP - 9:00 A.M.

# Arts & Crafts news

By Winifred Darsey

Motley County Arts and Crafts Club had a very pleasing and delightful lesson at their March meeting at the Senior Citizens Center.

Dorothy Knight was the instructor for the day, assisted by Lorene Lancaster. They taught a class on making fabric angels that were painted and quilted. The results were outstanding and charming. They were fascinating and captivating with lovely trimmings of lace, flowers, ribbons and more.

Club President Joyce Archer dispensed with the business meeting due to the absence of Vee Gordon, Club Secretary, due to illness in her family.

Club members dined at noon with the Senior Citizens. Lunch time was good food and good fun. The April class will be taught by Joyce Archer. It will be painting and decorating bottles. These bottles were a "Sell Out" at the Fall Bazaar last November.

Supplies needed for the painting class are: glass paint, brushes, palette, paper towels, stylus, white graphite paper, water container, paint, medium for glass paint.

Members present were Joyce Archer, Lorene Lancaster, Nova Dale Turner, Dorothy Knight, and Winifred Darsey.

Don't forget to bring a bottle for the April meeting! See you there!



## Notes from the Library

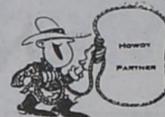
by Buffy Crutchley

I am pleased to announce the library is going high tech!!! We now have our very own website. You can find us at <http://mclibrary.lib.tx.us> (Make sure you leave out the www.) The best part is the calendar feature. This will be an excellent way for you to stay informed of all our upcoming events.

There is also a great "Web & Research Resources" section which has links to websites with various information like health and medicine, consumer product safety, automobile buying guides, and of course book reviews. It's brand new, and I definitely have a lot to learn, but I hope you'll check it out. There is a lot of information to be found on there. The library has a MyS-

pace now too. It's best feature is the slideshow of pictures from our recent library events. There are also links to famous authors and publishing houses that also have MySpace pages. This is useful in keeping up with new book release information. If it weren't for MySpace, I never would have read J.A. Konrath's new book, and now he's one of my favorite authors. You can find us at [www.myspace.com/motleycountylibrary](http://www.myspace.com/motleycountylibrary). I want to remind everyone that we now have the 2007 IRS Tax forms. The April 15th deadline is fast approaching, so stop in today. If you don't see the form you need, please ask. We have a binder behind the desk that offers all the IRS forms, and they are available to copy.

## Chamber News & Views



By Marie-Louise Liebe-Harkort

Marie-Louise Liebe-Harkort is on vacation

### Consider:

He who rejects change is the architect of decay. The only human institution which rejects progress is the cemetery. ~Harold Wilson

### The Caprock Sentinels

By Barbara Bird Armstrong

The tall and stately Wind Turbines are going up across the horizon. They are appearing as sentinels guarding the Caprock area.

Just as long ago, the Comanches stood on the edge of the Caprock and searched the land for buffalo and other game, 'now stand the tall white bases that hold the 'turbine motors and blades' to produce electricity. Those Native Americans used the wind in many different ways, never dreaming of one day seeing the wind used to bring lights to earth.

My uncle and aunt, Carl and Lois Bird, had a 'wind charger' at their house. The 'wind' would turn the charger during the day and send electricity to batteries. Then at night they would have light from the batteries for a few hours. My family and I would go over on a summer evening and sit on the porch or out in the front yard to

visit and watch a big bull frog come and eat the bugs that were drawn by the porch light. (This was long before television.)

My Grandpa Charlie Bird probably never had any idea of seeing the 'wind' bring money into our area either. He speculated on many an oil well or a new gadget to try to find oil with. Little did he know that the 'wind' he was dealing with daily was the very thing that his grandchildren, great- and great-great grandchildren would see as progress for this area.

As I travel the different directions to and from Matador, it is an interesting sight to see the different aspects of the 'wind farms' going up. When you go north, they loom on the Caprock west of Whiteflat in small groups. Some days, if it is around noon, you hardly see them. Then by afternoon they are bold and stately, some turning and some not.

Coming into Matador at night from the east, there is a row of 27 red blinking lights, like Christmas lights, right over the top of Matador.

The last few weeks, as I drive to Roaring Springs and look southwest to that edge of the Caprock, the turbines are multiplying as they are being erected in the McAdoo area.

They may be ugly to some people, but they represent progress to me, and bring the promise of a bright future.

## Do Gooders Club meets

The Do Gooders' Club met Tuesday afternoon, March 11, at the Community Center in Flomot. They were greeted with beautiful decor in observance of Easter.

In the absence of Mrs. Brenda Browning, president, who was ill, Mrs. Anna Beth Clay, conducted the business session. Mrs. Suzie Shannon read the minutes of the previous meeting that were approved. This civic club has been the one to keep the Community Center inside as well as outside in A-ONE condition. They have made it available for the many special events held in Flomot. They had a clean up day.

Mrs. E.J. (Mary Ann) Browning of Rising Star has given the club a red, white and blue pieced quilt top and all the materials needed for the Club's 2008 Flomot Homecoming quilt on which

chances will be sold. The members plan to put it in a quilting frame at their next meeting, Tuesday, April 1st and begin their quilting B's.

Mrs. Nada Starkey and Mrs. Cally Sperry, hostesses presided at an Easter designed service. The table was laid with a pink and white pastel cloth centered with a basket of colorful eggs and a white bunny rabbit perched on top. Adding to the decor, colored Easter eggs were intermingled on the table. They served canapes, chocolate cookies and decorated cake with fruit punch.

Those attending were Mesdames B. Rogers, Suzie Shannon, Tommie Jo Cruse, Anna Beth Clay, Nada Starkey, Cally Sperry, Connie Franks and Kathy Shorter. Guests were Gage and Cash Sperry.

## Roaring Springs City Council meets

The Roaring Springs City Council met on March 10 in City Hall.

Attending were Mayor Corky Marshall, Council Members, Alex Crowder, Patricia Green, Kelly Keltz, Timmy Brooks, Gary Simpson, Water Manager Robert Osborn, and City Secretary Zella Palmer.

The position for Mayor and two council members were open for the May 10 2008 general election. Incumbent Mayor Corky Marshall was the only application filed for Mayor. Two applications were filed for council position. Incumbent Kelly Keltz filed for one position, and James McCleskey filed for the position currently held by Gary Simpson.

Two bids were received to remodel city hall. Bids were received from Bob Davis and Kenneth Marvel. After a long discussion and consideration, a motion by made by Kelly Keltz to reject all bids and reopen bids at a later date, due to unexpected expenses.

Rick Collett will be contacted about giving an estimate to repair the roof on the high school and grade school classrooms.

## Democratic Party sets Convention date for March 29

The Motley County Democratic convention will be held at the Roaring Springs Community Center on March 29, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. Delegates from the precincts will vote for presidential candidates as well as delegates to the Texas State Demo-

cratic Convention. All interested parties are encouraged to attend and participate in the discussion regarding candidates, various issues affecting the voters, and possible resolutions to carry to the State Convention. Coffee and donuts will be served.

## Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church Easter Services

Holy Thursday Mass  
5 p.m.

Good Friday  
Veneration of the Cross  
and Communion  
5 p.m.

Easter Vigil Mass  
Saturday  
5 p.m.

## Lions schedule highway trash pick up for April 4

13 Lions plus 3 guests enjoyed a lunch at the Methodist Church in Matador on March 18, 2008. The meeting was called to order by Boss Lion Hobbs and the 2nd quarter flag committee was named, the date for the highway trash pickup (April 4, 8 am) was announced, and a report given on the net proceeds from the pancake supper.

Barbara Bogart, of Cap Rock Telephone Cooperative, introduced Nancy Cordero from the Texas Department of Agriculture. Nancy presented information about some of the programs that come through the rural economic development department. Some of these programs include

a loan program for young farmers, assistance for counties who want to attract business to their communities, grants for downtown revitalization, and programs to attract tourism. The Certified Retirement Community program was presented which is a program that assists communities to help them become certified, which is intended to attract more retirees to a given area. Retired persons can add revenue to the county, add persons who are ready to volunteer, and possibly create other jobs.

The meeting was adjourned and the next meeting will be April 1, 2008 at 12:30 p.m. at the Methodist Church in Matador.

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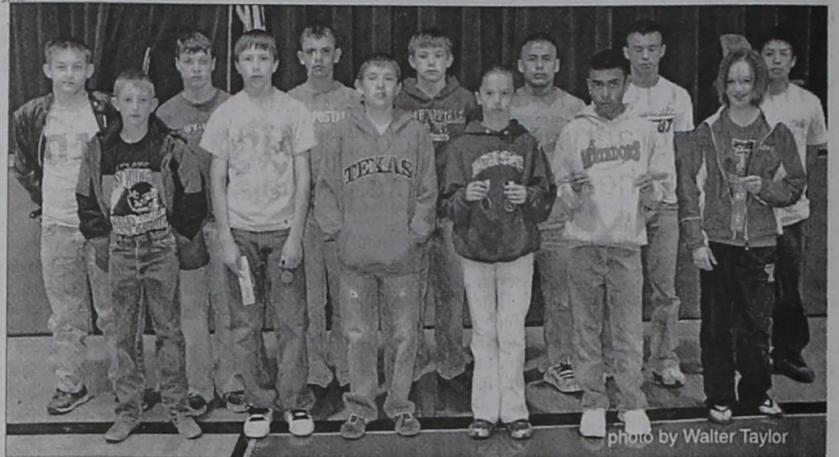
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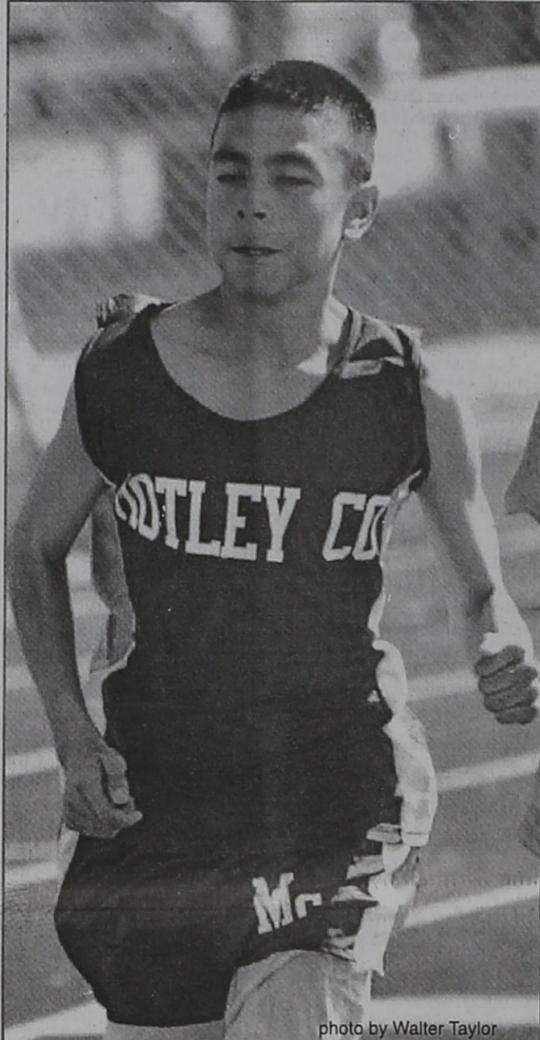
# Motley County Jr High Track takes medals at Jayton meet on March 13



**STUDENTS DISPLAY MEDALS** recently won at the Junior High Jayton track meet. Pictured (Left to Right) back row are: Aaron Woodruff, Britt Simpson, Christian Brooks, Austin Hight, Augustine Chavez, Jonathon Osborn, and Nayo Santos. Pictured (Left to Right) front row are: Reagan Elliott, Austin Wolf, Braden Mason, Lexi Osborn, Mark Quintero, and Sabra Pope. Not pictured, but competing, were Jaci Zingerman and Hance Davey.



SABRA POPE at Jr High track meet, Jayton, March 13, 2008



AUGUSTINE CHAVEZ at Jr High track meet, Jayton, March 13, 2008

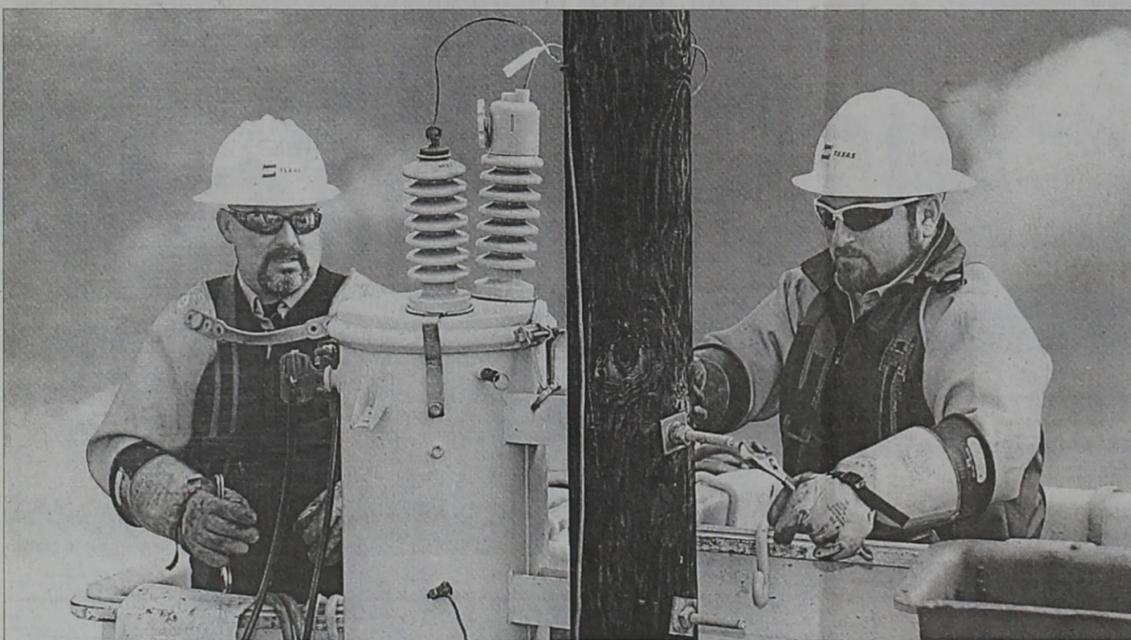


LEXI OSBORN at Jr High track meet, Jayton, March 13, 2008



JOHNATHON OSBORN at Jr High track meet, Jayton, March 13, 2008

*Happy Easter*



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## South Plains College to receive \$1.6 million for health care training

Federal grant will be used for partnership to educate, train health care professionals

WASHINGTON—South Plains College will receive a federal grant of \$1,625,313 for a broad partnership to train, graduate and place health care professionals, U.S. Sen. John Cornyn announced Tuesday. The funding comes through the U.S. Department of Labor's (DOL) Community-Based Job Training Grants Initiative.

"This funding will help fill the shortage of health service professionals in this region of Texas," Sen. Cornyn said. "We need to continue to facilitate the training and education necessary for our workforce to succeed in challenging careers and increase access to health care."

Various partners across several counties, including hospitals, colleges and universities, local school districts, workforce development organizations, and health care industry leaders will collaborate to help meet the critical need for more registered nurses and licensed vocational nurses. The South Plains College

program, Training for Excellence in Nursing, is expected to benefit several hundred area students.

Partners include: Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Nursing; Lubbock Christian University School of Nursing; Covenant School of Nursing; six public school districts; Area Health Education Center of the Plains; South Plains Tech Prep; LEARN Educational Talent Search; WorkSource of the South Plains/WIA Board; Lubbock Economic Development Alliance; Community Workforce Partnership; Covenant Health System; University Medical Center; Covenant Hospital Plainview; Yoakum County Hospital (Denver City); Covenant Hospital Levelland; and the Muleshoe Area Hospital District.

Sen. Cornyn is a strong advocate for workforce training partnerships—collaborations between community colleges and local employers (public-private partnerships) designed to equip employees with new skills or

help them transition to better careers. He has visited community colleges across the state, highlighting the important role these partnerships play in expanding job opportunities and economic growth. In addition, Sen. Cornyn hosted a summit in Austin in 2005 with more than 40 Texas community colleges to promote workforce training partnerships.

On a related note, as part of his ongoing effort to make health care more accessible and affordable, last week Sen. Cornyn introduced the Ensuring the Future Physician Workforce Act of 2008. The bill is aimed at improving health care delivery options, lowering costs, and strengthening access for patients, particularly those on Medicare. Specifically, it addresses the declining reimbursement rate for Medicare physicians which is threatening the availability of quality health care for Medicare recipients and limiting the time available for doctors to treat individual patients.

## School Board meets; Bigham and Cochran contracts renewed

The Motley County Board of Trustees met Monday, February 18, 2008 at 7:30pm in a regular scheduled meeting. All board members were present except Lewis Drum and Robert Fisk. Also present were Mr. Brown, Denise Ford, and Chuck Ream. The invocation was given by Ted Davey. No one was present for open forum.

Jim Barr, with A-Lert Roof Systems, gave a presentation to the board concerning the possibility of a new roof to be installed over the existing roof on the old school. The Foothills Family Development Council, Inc. presentation will be rescheduled due to illness.

Ted Davey made a motion which was seconded by Don Baxter to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried 5/0.

A list of expenditures was reviewed. A motion was made by Tina Brooks, and seconded by Mark Seigler to approve the list of expenditures. The motion carried 3/0/2 abstaining.

Mr. Brown recommended approving the Legislative Update 82. Mark Seigler made a motion seconded by Don Baxter to approve Mr. Brown's recommendation. The motion carried 5/0.

A District Improvement plan was discussed and a motion was made by Don Baxter and seconded by Ted Davey to approve the District Improvement Plan. The motion carried 5/0.

Bids for the purchase of a new activity bus were reviewed. Mr. Brown, Mr. Ream

and board members Ted Davey and David Stafford test drove several buses. Mr. Brown recommended purchasing the activity bus from Longhorn Bus Sales. A motion was made by Ted Davey and seconded by Tina Brooks to approve Mr. Brown's recommendation. The motion carried 5/0.

Bids were also discussed for an upgrade to the elementary school computer lab. New wiring will be installed improving the capacity and speed of the lab. A motion was made by Tina Brooks and seconded by Ted Davey to approve the quote from Postech Solutions for the Upgrade. The motion carried 5/0.

Mr. Brown recommended approving the 2008 Contract Package with Schwartz & Eichelbaum. The motion by Don Baxter which was seconded by Mark Seigler to approve this contract package carried 5/0.

A motion was made by Don Baxter and seconded by Ted Davey to call for May 10, 2008 School Board Elections. Board members whose term will expire are Robert Fisk and Tina Brooks. The motion carried 5/0.

Public Announcement of Board Continuing Education Training was given and all board members have completed the required hours except Robert Fisk.

Since Motley County school district has a population of less than 2,000, Motley County ISD is no longer required to use the electronic voting machines. Mr. Brown recommended approving a resolution stating that Motley County ISD will

not use the electronic voting machines. The motion was made by Don Baxter and seconded by Tina Brooks to approve the Voting System Resolution. The motion carried 5/0.

During the Superintendent's Report, Mr. Brown informed the board that the attendance was at 93% and enrollment is 178. He gave an update on the 2007 Preliminary Taxable Value Findings which showed to be invalid. Upcoming School Board training opportunities will be April 22 at Region 17 Service Center.

LifeTrack will begin surveying our 2008 Seniors upon graduation. This survey will be used in order to see what students thought about their experience at Motley County ISD and to track what they do after graduation. Plans are being made to host a college night for our students next fall. More information will be announced.

The board entered executive session at 9:30 p.m. and exited executive session at 10:35 p.m. Out of executive session, Ted Davey made a motion to re-employ Mike Bigham, Athletic Director for 2008/2009. The motion was seconded by Mark Seigler and carried 5/0.

A motion by Mark Seigler and seconded by Don Baxter was made to extend Principal William Cochran's Contract for one year with a 4% salary increase. The motion carried 5/0.

Don Baxter made a motion which was seconded by Mark Seigler to adjourn. The motion carried 5/0.

### County Garden Forum

It would be convenient to fertilize just before a rain, but since we get small amounts of rain at infrequent intervals we might try some different tactics. One method is to use commercial (organic or non-organic) fertilizer mixtures that have amounts of slow release particles in them. Since the coated particles release their amounts of nutrients over a period of time, the applications can be at less frequent intervals. The fertilizer container should have suggestions for rate of application.

If the gardener wishes to incorporate amendments into a compost pile, then that would be done all year with the additions of nutrients based on the needs of the particular garden area after a soil test has been done. It is also useful to use composted leaves and other plant matter (chips or shredded branches and stalks) mixed in with the fertilizer because it lessens the harshness of direct application of NPK mixtures such as 10-10-10.

Another method is to band or trench in the fertilizer so that the roots reach down for the nutrients and have plenty of food as they grow. To do this, a trench is dug along the planting row at, for instance a six inch depth, the fertilizer mixture is layered in at the recommended rate, then two inches of soil is layered in on top of the fertilizer (maybe mixed with compost) and then the seeds are planted on top of the soil and buried in the usual recommended way.

Anyway we look at it, plants need nutrients to grow and prosper and spring is a good time to prepare for that necessity. Happy planting!

### Hospice Hands of West Texas January Employee of the Month Nora Mendoza, HHA



Nora is originally from Petersburg and now lives in Floydada with her husband Gabriel and two children, Jesus, 4, and Adrianna, 7 mo. She is a member of St. Mary Magdalen Church and enjoys spending time with family.

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### Westbrooks celebrate 50th Anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. Westbrook celebrate 50 years of marriage

#### Mr. and Mrs. Westbrook 50th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Westbrook of Matador celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary, Saturday, March 22 with family and friends. They are the parents of Steve and Terry of Lubbock, and Larry of Las Vegas. Paul and Dartha Walters married March 22, 1958 in Lubbock, Texas. They have nine grandchildren and one great grandchild.



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# TRAIL DUST

By DOUGLAS MEADOR



Matador Tribune  
March 21, 1946

Young wheat is growing on the soil where my small feet once felt prairie grass wet with rain of another spring. The view did not fit the pattern of my childhood picture; so many years have rolled over the Oklahoma hills that they are no longer steep. A few scattered rocks remain where the house once stood. The windmill is gone. A piece of rusting pipe extends from the soil like a decaying tooth in the wrinkled face of a once-charming memory. Once I helped my mother drag the tow-sack to gather prairie chips and saw the snow banked against windows the following dawn. We did not know that deep beneath the very house, vaults of the earth held treasures of fuel, destined to become the greatest known gas field. No trace of the old water trough remains but the earth glows with a sacred warmth because my mother often walked there. The soul cries a little from the pain of returning to an empty stage where days of childhood once danced.

# RETRO NEWS

Matador Tribune  
November 12, 1959

## "Rattlesnake" Bill Takes 60 "Scalps"

Golf or deer hunting seem like "watered down" sports to "Rattlesnake" Bill Slover. For real relaxation he enjoys catching a live rattlesnake, holding the squirming reptile by the back of the head as he drops it in a tow sack. Once a rattlesnake hunter, always a rattlesnake hunter.

Last week Slover "bagged" 60 snakes, some of them in the 6-foot class. Thursday he hunted with Scout Master Douglas Pitts Jr. They returned with 33. The snakes were killed and rattlers taken for Matador Troop 60 Scouts.

On following days Slover hunted with friends from Amarillo and Cedar Hill. They killed 27 snakes and took the rattlers.

Thus Bill Slover has probably closed the season on the sport he enjoys most—one in which the competition is extremely limited. Certainly no other kind of a hunter is so enthusiastically welcomed by ranchers and farmers.

## WorkInTexas.com Teams with JobCentral

AUSTIN — WorkInTexas.com, the proven Texas job-search Web site, is bigger and better than ever. Through a partnership with JobCentral.com, a national job-search clearinghouse, WorkInTexas.com has boosted the number of openings available to Texas job seekers to more than 125,000, a jump of more than 25 percent. JobCentral.com is operated by DirectEmployers Association, a nonprofit consortium owned and managed by 375 Fortune 500 companies, increasing the number of professional-level positions on WorkInTexas.com as well.

"WorkInTexas.com job seekers have a more comprehensive look at the available jobs in Texas, especially those from many of America's top companies," said Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) Executive Director Larry Temple. "The jobs we obtain from JobCentral.com are listings that we wouldn't have otherwise."

Bell Helicopter, Chevron, ConocoPhillips, Continental Airlines, RadioShack and Rolls-Royce are among the Fortune 500 companies that list with JobCentral. The state incurs no cost to obtain these listings.

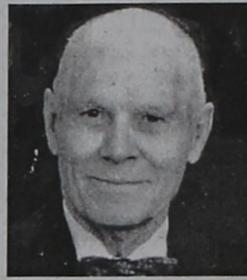
TWC and the state's 28 local workforce development boards developed WorkInTexas.com to provide a comprehensive online employment resource, matching employers of all sizes and types with qualified candidates. More than 255,000 Texas employers currently are registered to post jobs on WorkInTexas.com, and 1.2 million Texans have found jobs since the Web site launched in June 2004.

WorkInTexas.com provides many services to Texas employers and job seekers, including real-time job matching, job posting, resume customization, labor pool and job-availability researching, job-skill assessment tests and more — all online, free of charge and available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The Texas Workforce Commission is a state agency dedicated to helping Texas employers, workers and communities prosper economically. For details on TWC and the programs it offers in unison with its network of local workforce development boards, call (512) 463-8556 or visit [www.texas-workforce.org](http://www.texas-workforce.org).

## OBITUARY

### Dick Groves



Dick Groves was born in Matador, Texas on January 31, 1917, the sixth child of Elbert Bass Groves and Myrtle Ann Taylor Groves.

Dick was working as mechanic at the Ford dealership in Matador when it became clear that the United States would eventually be involved in the war. He enlisted in the Army Air Corps in September, 1940. After training as an airplane mechanic, he was admitted to pilot school and won his wings in October, 1942 and was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant. About a week later, he married Mary Elliot Ford, whom he had known for 6 weeks.

On October 5, 1943, Dick arrived in North Africa, then transhipped to Sicily, where he was assigned to the 81st Bomb Squadron, 12th Bomb Group, a B-25 medium bomber group. He flew his first combat mission on October 29, 1943. In all, Dick flew 67 combat missions in the Mediterranean Theater, China-Burma-India Theater and the Asiatic-Pacific Theater and was awarded the Air Medal in January of 1944 and the Distinguished Flying Cross in July, 1944 for extraordinary achievement. He returned home in September, 1944 where he was assigned to administrative duties. He was promoted to Captain in December of 1945 and was discharged from active duty into the reserves in January of 1946. He was later promoted to Major and then to Lt. Colonel.

After his release from active duty in January, 1946, Dick returned to Matador, where he worked again at the Ford dealership and then at the Post Office. However, work became scarce in the Texas panhandle during the drought that followed, and he obtained a position in the Post Office in Willcox, Arizona, where he and Mary raised their three daughters. Within a short time, and with the support of fellow pilot Barry Goldwater, Dick, a lifelong Democrat, was appointed Willcox Postmaster.

During his years in Arizona Dick served as a Trustee at Grand Canyon Baptist College and was the Arizona Representative on the Brotherhood Com-

mission of the Southern Baptist Convention. Dick had been ordained as a deacon in Matador, and served as a deacon in Willcox and in San Antonio, where he was made a lifelong deacon.

Dick retired from his position as Willcox Postmaster in June 1972, at age 55, to do volunteer missionary work. From 1972 to 1984 he and Mary traveled around the country and into Canada in their Airstream trailer. They worked at churches in numerous states and, as volunteers, helped Bruce and Margaret Oliver with their missionary work in Brazil from January through July of 1978.

They then settled down in San Antonio, where Mary had been born and was raised. They lived there until about 5 years ago, when they came to Oakland, California to be closer to family. Dick died on December 9, 2007, at peace with himself after putting up a prolonged fight to save a body that was exhausted.

Dick was a kind, gentle, giving man. He will be sorely missed by his wife, Mary, his daughters Mary, Lou and Margaret and their spouses, his grandchildren, Mark, Dawn (and their spouses), Jonah, Maura, Katy and Kory, his great-grandchildren Chris, Russ and Travis and his surviving sister, Hattie Tee. He will also be missed by everyone else who knew him, for he enriched the lives of all of us.

A memorial service to celebrate Dick's life will be held March 29, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. at First Baptist Church, Matador, Texas. The family would appreciate your sharing your fond memory of Dick, if you are comfortable doing this.

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## Texas bankers teach the importance of saving during Financial Literacy Month

AUSTIN, March 14, 2008 — Today's teens are active consumers, spending \$180 billion annually. But are they saving in addition to spending? To enlighten our youth on the importance of saving, Texas bankers will teach savings lessons through the state for Financial Literacy Month in April.

"Bankers have a history of community service, but financial education is particularly rewarding and it's a perfect fit between our skills and the needs of our community," said Jocelyn Carby of the Texas Bankers Foundation. "We hope each savings lesson will be an investment in a child's future, inspiring life-long savings habits."

April 29th is National Teach Children to Save Day and bankers will provide presentations that incorporate games and activities into lessons on the concept of saving, how interest makes money grow, and how to

create a budget and differentiate between needs and wants. Since the National Teach Children to Save Day program was launched in 1997, more than 45,000 banker volunteers have reached nearly 2.3 million students with saving lessons.

In honor of the Texas bankers' participation last year, the Texas Bankers Foundation was awarded a National Teach Children to Save Day Outstanding Achievement Award by the American Bankers Association.

Representing all Texas banking institutions, the Texas Bankers Association brings together community and regional banks and branches, bank holding companies, savings associations, trust companies and savings banks. Serving Texas bankers since 1885, TBA is the largest and oldest state bankers association in the nation and can be found on the Web at [www.texas-bankers.com](http://www.texas-bankers.com)

### SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

- Thursday, March 20  
Fried fish, red beans tossed salad, hush puppies, oranges.
- Friday, March 21  
Good Friday, Center Closed
- Monday, March 24  
Shepherd's pie, tossed salad, bran muffins, cottage cheese & pears.
- Tuesday, March 25  
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- Wednesday, March 26  
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The seminar will include a production cost outlook by John Robinson, Texas A&M University economist; a market outlook by cotton marketing specialist O.A. Cleveland; and information on hedging counter-cyclical payments by Kelli Merritt, CropMark, Inc., Lamesa, Texas.

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## Commissioner Staples honors farmers and ranchers

AUSTIN — Agriculture is important to Texas 52 weeks a year, but National Agriculture Week is the time set aside each spring to honor the hardworking individuals in our nation's food and fiber industry.

"This week is a time to recognize the incredible impact agriculture has on our daily lives. The food we eat, the clothes we wear, the flowers we offer on Mother's Day and now the fuel we put in our vehicles are all rooted in one industry - agriculture," Commissioner Todd Staples said.

March 16-22 is National Agriculture Week and the perfect time to educate Texans about the major contributions agriculture provides to the Texas economy. The agricultural in-

dustry surpasses \$100 billion in economic impact for the state.

From the Pineywoods to the Panhandle, Texas is one of the most agriculturally diverse states in the nation. Agriculture is the state's second largest industry and employs about one out of every seven working Texans. Eighty percent of the state's land is in some form of agricultural production.

On Thursday, March 20, National Agriculture Day, Commissioner Staples will honor the past, present and future of Texas agriculture. The Commissioner will visit the town of Pecos where ranchers held Texas' first rodeo. He will join the citizens of Ballinger during their Ag Day celebration and talk about what agriculture means today.

## OIL & GAS REPORT

BY THOMAS MUSSER



### BRISCOE COUNTY:

One Well was Test Pumped during 2007, but Production has not yet been Reported. In 2007 Briscoe County had One Well in the Silverton (Canyon) Field being Test Pumped and Two Shut-in Wildcat Wells.

### FLOYD COUNTY:

Produced 1,968 barrels of Oil in 2007. Floyd County has Three Producing Oil Fields; the Arick Field, the Stanley Gray (Canyon) Field, the Wildcat Field; and One Shut-in Field, the Birnie (Congl. Oil) Field. In 2007 Floyd County had Three Producing Oil Wells, One Shut-in Field Well, and Ten Shut-in Wildcat Wells.

### HALE COUNTY:

Produced 2,799,680 barrels of Oil and 1,293,396 mcf of casinghead gas in 2007. Hale County has Four Producing Oil Fields; the Anton-Irish Field, the Anton-Irish (Wolfcamp) Field, the Anton Irish (Wolfcamp, Up-

per) Field, the Lutrick Field; and One Non-Producing Field with an Injection Well, the Arick (Wolfcamp) Field. In 2007 Hale County had 164 Producing Oil Wells, 113 Injection Wells, 28 Water Supply Wells, 90 Shut-in Field Wells and 1 Shut-in Wildcat Well.

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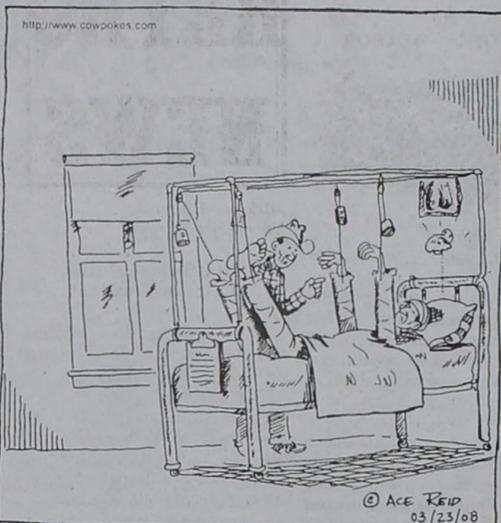
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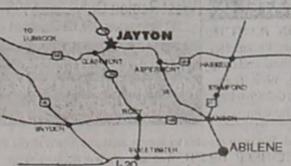
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**March**

20 MC Appraisal Board, Courthouse, 6:30

21 First United Methodist Church, Matador, Good Friday Service, 7pm

23 First Baptist Church,, Matador, Easter Cantata, *In Christ Alone*, 11am

24 MCISD School Board Meeting, 6pm

24 MCHS Track, Lorenzo, TBA

24 American Legion Post 337 Meeting, 7pm

25 MCHS Girls Golf, Roaring Springs

26 MCHS Boys Golf, Roaring Springs

27 Matador Eastern Star, 6:30pm

27 MC JH Track, Aspermont

28 Cheerleading Tryouts

29 Democratic Party Convention, RS Community Center, 10 am

29 Master Gardener Nell Rains, Library, 2pm

30 First Baptist Church,, Matador, Fifth Sunday Noon fellowship meal and Missions Fair

31 District Tennis, Lubbock Tennis Center

**April- National Kite Flying Month**

1 Matador Lions, Methodist Church, 12:30

1 MC Oversight Comm, 1st Ag Credit, 6pm

2 Kids Praise, First Baptist Church, 5pm

3 RS Lions, Hitchin' Post, 11:30

5 Men's Breakfast, Methocist Church 7am

5 RS Volunteers, Community Center, 7pm

6 Ken Young Exhibit, Library, reception, 2-4pm

7 Girls & boys District, Lubbock (Meadowbrook)

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