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"Roaring Springs"

by Ken Young

Motley County Democrats meet to select state delegates

By Carol Campbell

The Motley County Democratic Convention was called to order Saturday at 10:00 a.m. in the Roaring Springs Community Center by Chairman C.W. Moore.

Only two precinct chairmen of the six voting precincts were present: E. G. Reed, Precinct 2; and Carol Campbell, Precinct 6. Alternate Pat Moore was elevated to Chair of Precinct 1, thereby establishing a quorum. Precincts 3, 4, and 5 were not represented.

C. W. Moore was nominated as the permanent Convention Chair; and Pat Moore, was nominated as the permanent Secretary of the Convention. It was noted that 80% of the precinct attendees were committed to Hillary Clinton. Under the rules of the Democratic Party of Texas, the state delegate and alternate must agree to support the majority nominee at the state convention.

Motley County is allowed one delegate to the state convention, held in Austin June 5-7. The floor was opened for nominations and J. N. Fletcher, Roaring Springs, was elected by unanimous vote; E. G. Reed, Flo-mot, was selected as an alternate delegate to the state convention.

In other business, Chairman C. W. Moore opened a discussion regarding a resolution for a "Texas One-Step Plan, a plan designed to force the Texas Democratic Party to abolish the practice of selecting one-third of its designated delegates by the caucus system. He read an email from the Editor of the Cow Country Courier proposing that the county Democratic convention adopt a similar resolution to take to the state convention.

There are 228 delegates in Texas; 126 are chosen by the

voters in the primary; 67 delegates are chosen by caucus; and an additional 35 are "super delegates." In the caucus system, an individual can vote in the Democratic Primary and then return that evening and vote a second time in the precinct caucus. Both votes are for choosing pledged delegates: two-thirds of the pledged delegates are chosen by the primary votes and one-third by the caucus votes.

The opposition to the Texas Two-Step caucus is that this system transfers much of the power from the people to the "power brokers of the Democratic Party." Wendle Scott, Editor, of the Cow Country Courier, Nixon, Texas, has developed a Texas One-Step Plan to eliminate voting twice in the same election. He says the principle of equal representation is violated by the present caucus system.

"Since I vote in both the primary and in the caucus my votes will have more than twice the impact as that of someone who votes only in the primary,"

he said. "This is an obvious violation of the 'one man one vote' principle."

Following a discussion, the group unanimously adopted the following resolution to be presented at the state convention.

"Be it resolved that the Texas Democratic Party (effective January 1, 2009) eliminate the selection of delegates by caucus, in favor of all delegates being selected by the voice of the people as expressed by the voters in the Democratic Primary."

Moore then read a letter from the State Chairman, Boyd L. Richie, encouraging county conventionees to "come together for Texas." The state convention theme is Moving Texas Forward.

Moore concluded the meeting by reminding attendees that early voting in the runoff election for Railroad Commission will be held at the Motley County courthouse on March 31 to April 4, 2008. Polls are open from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on April 8 for the final vote.



DEMOCRATIC CONVENTIONEES meet to select state convention delegates on Saturday, March 30, in the Roaring Springs Community Center. Left to right, standing, are: Chairman C.W. Moore, Jimmy Geer, J.N. Fletcher, Joan Patton, Barbara Reed, and E.G. Reed. Seated is Secretary Pat Moore. Not pictured is Carol Campbell.

Republicans Elect Delegates in District Convention

By Marisue Potts Powell

Motley County Republicans met on March 29 at the Motley County Library conference room for the County/Senatorial District Convention. Wilburn Martin, county chairman, served as temporary chairman in absence of Marie-Louise Liebe-Harkort, who served as chair for the precinct convention held on primary election day, March 4.

Martin called the convention to order. The temporary roll call of delegates elected at the primary convention revealed a quorum. Martin was elected as convention chair, Marisue Potts Powell as convention secretary, and Michael Crutchley as Sergeant-at-Arms.

The delegates elected at the primary convention selected the delegates to the county/senatorial district convention at hand.

Nominations for Republican party voting delegates and alternates to attend the state convention in Houston June 12-14, were made. Those selected as delegates are Michael Crutchley and Marie-Louise Liebe-Harkort. Alternates are Pina Sturdivant and Wilburn Martin.

The Resolutions Committee suggested several resolutions dealing with the right to bear arms, what constitutes a militia, the abuse of public assistance, and the renewal of the Federal Production Credit Act.

After each resolution was read, the assembled delegates debated the resolutions. A lively discussion took place concerning the powers and limits of the federal government according to the constitution, drug users and non-working people

receiving public assistance, and the limitation of wind power economic development without the renewal of the Production Tax Credit incentive. All individual resolutions were adopted by a majority vote.

The Chairman announced that the State Convention will be held in Houston on June 12-14. A list of the delegates and alternates will be submitted electronically. The county convention was adjourned.

Those attending the district convention were Olivia Barton, Pina Sturdivant, Buffy Crutchley, Tom Edwards, D.A. McGuire, Ruby McGuire, R.C. Giesecke, Carter Luckett, Betty Luckett, Eva Barkley, Michael Crutchley, Wilburn Martin, and Marisue Potts Powell.

Program at the library features experts on soil testing, mulching, and landscaping

By Carol Campbell

Friends of the Library served refreshments of coffee and cookies to about 35 residents Saturday, attending a 2-hour presentation at the Library Annex on soil and water testing; and xeriscape landscaping. Xeriscaping refers to landscaping in ways that do not require a lot of supplemental watering and planting plants that are native to the area.

Ryan Martin, Motley County AgriLife Extension Agent, and Nell Rains, Master Gardener, Lubbock, were the featured speakers.

Martin spoke on soil and water testing, distributing a soil and water sampling form from the Texas Agricultural Extension Service of the Texas A&M University System. Martin encouraged residents to call him if they needed a soil or water sample. He said he would help residents obtain samples for routine analysis. "The only thing I won't do is pay for it," he said. A basic soil analysis costs \$10; and water samples are \$20 per sample.

Martin also informed the group that a 10-foot stack of mulch shavings used at the re-

cent stock show is available to the public. He said the shavings were "piled up" at the bus barn. He invited residents to "help themselves."

Martin spoke on the benefits of mulching, and distributed handouts to the group on homemade organic recipes for fungicide and compost.

Deanie Edwards, library board member and resident gardener, introduced Nell Rains, a Master Gardener since 2003. Ms. Rains began her presentation by reporting that by the

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WRITING COMMUNITY

FOOTHILL COUNTRY CONNECTIONS

By Larry Vogt

Laverne, Carol and I went to the 2008 Panhandle Press Association 98th annual convention at the Ambassador Hotel in Amarillo last week on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday morning. The classes were interesting and we all felt that the contact with other newspaper publishers and writers was very beneficial.

Some remarks by the speaker at the Noon Luncheon on Friday caught my attention. The speaker was State Senator Kel Seliger who is from the Amarillo area and represents the 31st Senatorial District. In his mention of water problems for the Ogallala Aquifer. Then Nell Galin in her garden talk also mentioned the aquifer.

It turns out the aquifer is being depleted (by irrigation and urban development) and is not being replenished at a fast enough rate to sustain current water usage and may be completely depleted within 30 years.

What this means for most of us here in Motley County is wells going dry or being deepened and the necessity of water conservation. Since every little bit helps, we can try other methods of landscaping and vegetable growing that require less water and using less water in our daily activities. The Ogallala Aquifer may be in our thoughts and conversations for years to come and we will be looking to save as many drops of water as we can in this area.

Let Memories Swing Back to the Old Whiteflat Neighborhood Porches

By Earlene Jameson

I remember someone once said, "The slightest vestige of a childhood experience may wake a warm remembrance richly laden with thoughts of yesterday."

Back in the early days of Whiteflat, a little town eight miles north of Matador did not have air conditioning. They enjoyed the big porches across the front of homes that provided a shady place to sit.

No longer does the old adage, "The United States is as American as a front porch" hold true for the porch has all but disappeared.

Porches were once windows of the world, where neighbors visited each other. However, as a center for family togetherness, porches have gone the way of the horse and buggy. Who wants to sit outside when there is no air conditioning? It is much more comfortable inside where it is nice and cool!

I love porches. No, I am not writing here of those tiny stoops one sees in front of homes such as the one in which I lived before I married. I am referring to what is often called a veranda, a roofed area that extended

across the front of the house. Sometimes they projected from more than one side of the structure.

When I married over 50 years ago and moved to Whiteflat, I was delighted to see the two story home of Tom Tilson, Sr., the T.M. Dixon and Kim Wilkerson homes with extended porches in front. I was truly impressed by the Shands-Hargrove home that had four porches around the two-story framed structure including a balcony porch.

These porches used to be an integral part of a home. It nearly always included an old porch swing, rocking chairs and other furniture. Cardboard fans bearing colorful pictures and painted funeral advertisements were always available.

Porches were spacious. There was room for reading, listening to radios, playing games and working with garden vegetables such as shelling black-eyed peas, which I don't like to do!

There were other porches running entire length of house screened from top to bottom with beds for sleeping such as the former home of my husband beside the Middle Pease River. In threatening weather, they had curtain tarps they could

fold down. He likes sleeping here in the summer and learned to distinguish night sounds.

Beautiful flowers bordered the porches and pots of geraniums lined the porch railings.

If there was a back porch, it sheltered a wringer washer, washtubs, shovels, brooms and buckets. Clearly this porch was not a favorite but good storage.

Memorable evenings were spent on front porches in relaxation and rest; cares, tension and anxieties seemed to drain away. This was true before television when no family was "glued to the tube."

It is quite true that today's random drive by shootings make it unwise to encourage family gatherings on the porch in some neighborhoods.

I fear I will likely never see a porch like used to be. For those of us who return to memories of porches, those memories are laden with nostalgia.

May you renew memories at the Whiteflat Homecoming Saturday, April 5, at the Senior Citizen building in Matador!

By Laverne Zabielski

City Council Story Corrections:

Lot's of thank yous in this week's paper for all the donations citizens and businesses made for the Jr Livestock Show. What's equally nice is our receiving hand written thank you notes from several young participants. There's something to be said for cards received in the mail. Now that email is so popular, going to the mailbox is not like it used to be. I love email, however, for receiving news and stories.

Kay Bailey was also in attendance at the City Council meeting held on March 13, 2008. The decision regarding the 4B tax money should read: "The Council decided to make Application to the 4B Tax Board requesting \$15,000 to help meet the \$30,000 in kind match for the grant."

Note from the Editor: This poem was written for Bateman B. Middlebrooks' 79th birthday by his son-in-law, Ron Thurman (with help from Clyda), on November 28, 2007.

Today's a great date, a birthday for Bate
An interesting man with a story.
Born November 28, in 1928.
About time now to take inventory.

A fascinating fate, the youngest of eight
Always given the heart of each melon.
Spoiled but not rotten, worked hard pickin' cotton
May have got into trouble, he's not tellin'.

Grew up in Dickens, Texas, an interesting nexus
Played first trombone in high school.
With his brothers he'd sing almost any old thing
The harmony was great (as a rule).

Met Garcia, his wife-to-be, the love of his life-to-be
At a masalia station in Matador
It was love at first sight, the future looked bright
Whether they were in Texas or Ecuador.

A real war hero - but he'd rather say zero
About that hard time in Korea.
Our admiration he earned, we're just glad he returned,
For us, that's the major idea.

A great family man, he's their number one fan.
For him only one thing is better
Than having two girls, that's three with some curls.
Ask him why, and he'll write a long letter.

He and Rollins built a getaway at their "Aunt's Hill"
hideaway
In Eagles Nest, near Angel Fire, New Mexico.
Their own little toy, for the family to enjoy
For vacations, the best for all to go.

A leader in his church, it would take a big search
To find someone who worked any harder.
Loves to travel and go where it's warm with no snow
He'd rather be in Bermuda than a martyr.

An expert in the biz, he's a mobile home whiz
More than 45 years as the chief.
Not easy to quit, when you're still really fit
But it was time to bring in the relief.

A big sports guy, baseball's rating is high
When it comes to having a thrill.
Loves reading the best, historical fiction's his request
Wilbur Smith is the king of the hill.

Enjoys gardening you know, making everything grow
And he's great at putting 'round the yard.
On that mower with some cider, he's a real easy rider,
But when burning leaves - he'll keep up his guard.

So Bate we love you, a father and friend true
You're the great patriarch of our clan.
Life may be harder to take, more needing a break
But for us you will always be the man!

TRAIL DUST
By
DOUGLAS MEADOR

Matador Tribune
April 20, 1950

Conceived by thought, a slug of type is born from a typesetting machine through the midwifery of fingers on a keyboard and given life through precision. It remains in the bassinet of the machine stick for a brief period before being removed to the nursery of a galley. Matured quickly on the stone it is ready for a mission of existence. The roaring thunder of the press, the crushing tympan of duty and the creating of messages that convey trite and tragic news; failure and greatness, birth and death, a mirror reflecting the lives of people and the trend of a world. The press is suddenly silent. Duty has been satisfied and the slug is dumped back into the crucible, like the body of a useful man being returned to the soil.

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NEWS**

Matador Tribune,
April 20, 1950

Bubble Gum Aid to Office Seeker

Candidate baby kissers are a thing of the past.

If a candidate really wants to get to the youth of today, and that includes babies who have acquired teeth, then take the bubble gum route.

Walter E. Rogers, Pampa attorney, candidate for congress from the 18th congressional district, learned early in his rounds of the district that the young fry must be shown some attention.

Obviously he could not give them matches and his cards made no impression so he hit upon the bubble gum idea.

Recently he was in Silverton and was besieged by the youth of the town. The bubble gum did the work and before he could do much about it his posters were in every window in town. It was the power of bubble gum.

Roaring Springs

by Dinah Young

The flow and ebb of this place
Water bubbling up -
Falls spilling down
Pool slowly filling
Creek gurgling round

Rushing somewhere to red sand
Finding pebbles and willow to
play around
Catching blue sky reflection
And cotton ball cloud sounds

Wild iris in spring
Elephant ears in summer
Blue & orange dragonflies
Lighting up the place
As they dart and dance
In the sparkle of the sun-water.

Children laughing - splashing
Chattering teeth - purple lips
Steamy concrete waiting to
warm them
Cannon balls and races to the
other side.

Winter makes us miss it more.

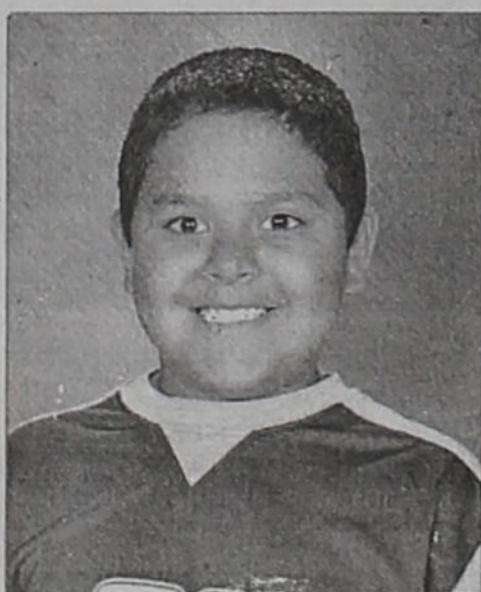
Motley County Shining Stars

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Rumaldo Chavez

Son of Efrén & Simona Chavez
Rumaldo likes to play football, baseball, kickball, and spend time with his family. "When I grow up, I want to be a football player."



Savannah Rose

Daughter of Lisa Rose. Savannah's activities include UIL-1st Place in accounting, 5th in number sense, and Varsity Girls Basketball team. She will be attending regionals in UIL Accounting, A-Honor Roll, NHS, tutors the 4th and 5th grade students, and is a Little Dribblers coach. She plans to attend either Abilene Christian University or Wayland Baptist University and major in Business Administration.



Coby Cochran

Son of William & Stayce Cochran
Coby's favorite activities are eating, 4-H, Little Dribblers, PeeWee Football, Church Youth Group, fishing, and enjoys playing tennis, golf and video games. Coby is also on the A-Honor Roll. He plans to go to college after high school.

MCOOC hosts guest speakers on property taxes

By Carol Campbell

The Motley County Oversight Committee (MCOOC) hosted two guest speakers Tuesday, April 1, in the Library Annex to discuss the property value tax system. Twenty-six community residents attended the meeting.

Marisue Potts-Powell, Chair, opened the meeting, welcomed the guests, and handed out a net-to-land value survey to farmers and ranchers present. The MCOOC is in the process of establishing an agricultural appraisal board. Powell said she had met with the Chief Appraiser of the appraisal district, and encouraged landowners present to participate in the survey which ultimately helps calculate the property tax value of Motley County's agricultural land and improvements.

"We need to have input on the (property) value in Motley County," Powell said. "It is up to us to give the state comptroller's office this information."

Powell introduced Superintendent of Schools Randy Brown, who gave a brief history of the recent "rollback election" that increased the local property tax rate to fund schools. While the tax rate has dropped, values continue to increase, Brown said.

"I don't like the system at all," he said. "It is based on raising revenues by property taxes. But if we don't have property taxes, it could be replaced by an income tax, and then we have new problems."

As a school entity, the school district has no interest in increasing values, Brown said. "Whether values go up, or go down, a school district stays the same." School districts work with appraisal analysts who work in behalf of school districts to make sure schools don't lose funding.

The next speaker was Mr. Woodrow Menn, a senior appraisal analyst for Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins and Mott, attorneys at law. Menn, a certified appraiser, told the group that while he was "not a lawyer" he was hired by the school district to analyze the Property Value Study by the Property Tax Division of the Comptroller's office.

Menn's presentation included a discussion on why the Appraisal District must appraise productivity values in addition to market value. Other than it being "required by law," market values are the only equal and uniform way to value property in the same way as similar properties in the area.

Taxable market values are determined by produc-

tion, and the process of obtaining those values is aided by surveys, Texas Extension Service expense reports, reports from the USDA/FSA on what crops are planted and harvested; and in-house studies, for example, fencing costs in Motley County.

Land is divided into categories, the productivity averaged over a 5-year period, then the capitalization rate is applied. "The lower the cap rate," Menn explained, "the higher the values." Motley County's capitalization rate is about 10 percent, he said.

Appraising agricultural land, according to the rules of the Property Tax Code, Menn said, "is based on the Typical Prudent Manager." In other words, "if you don't have a hunting lease, and it is determined that a Typical Prudent Manager" would have a lease for hunting, then you pay for hunting anyway," Menn said.

Menn defended the current system, saying that the "mindset" of the comptroller's office is not "how high can we get it" but rather how to provide for public services. "Once the Property Value surveys are complete, it goes to an educational section where a formula is established that determines a funding template," he said.

Red Rover Red Gatters Meet

The Red Rover Red Gatters met March 20 in the Library Annex to plan future events for the group.

Attending were Marihelen Wason, Mary Jones, Norma Marrs, Joyce Campbell, Betty Henry, Evelyn Garrison, Dorothy Knight, Beverly Vinson, Suzanne Abbott, and Joan Patton.

The Red Rover birthday celebration was held at the Sky View Restaurant in Lubbock on March 25.

Other trips and events discussed were: a luncheon at the Harvey House in Slaton, April 12; a three-day program on short plays at Wayland Baptist University, April 17-19; Quilt show in Dimmitt, April 4-5; Ken Young photographic exhibit in the Motley County Library Annex, April 4; and in the future, Prairie Winds singing group in Lubbock for a program for Red Hats of the area on June 7.

The phone committee will be in touch with members and other ladies wishing to join the group may contact any of the members listed.

Tribune staff attend press convention, receive award

Publishers Laverne Zabielski and Larry Vogt, and feature writer Carol Campbell attended the 2008 Panhandle Press Association 98th Annual Convention at the Ambassador Hotel, Amarillo, March 27-29.

Following an Early Bird Reception at Acapulco's Restaurant in historic downtown Amarillo on Thursday evening, the group attended workshops on Friday consisting of Postal Solutions, Parts 1 and 2; and participated in a hands-on computer workshop for instruction in In-Design, Part 1 and 2.

State Senator Kel Seliger, spoke at a luncheon on Friday, giving an update on legislative issues accomplished in the last session that affect newspapers statewide.

Following lunch, the group attended "Newswriting Tips" presented by David Stevens, Editor of the Clovis News Journal.

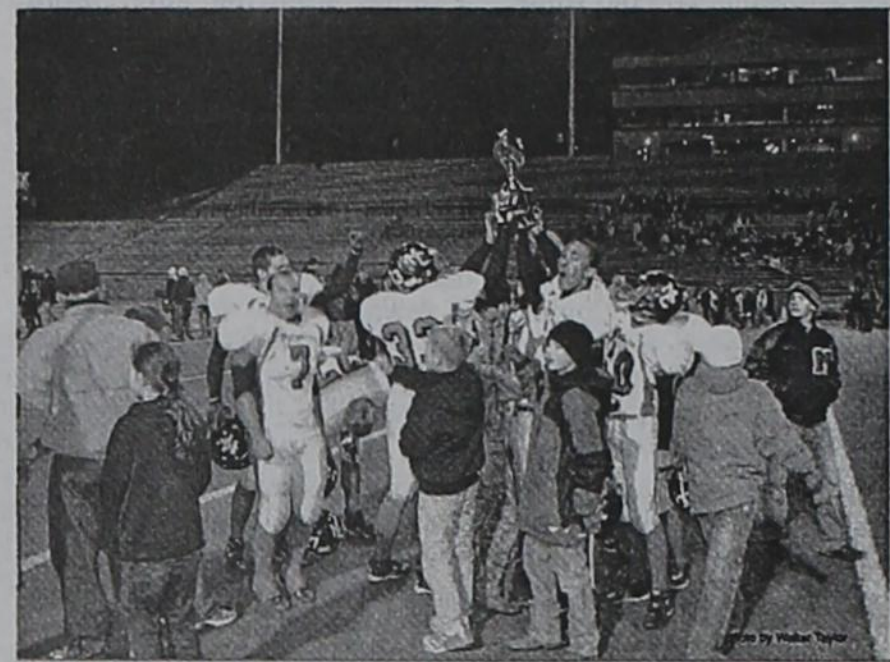
The evening Hall of Fame Banquet featured Mike Haynes, Journalism instructor at Amarillo College; and Dave Wolfarth, University of Texas A&M, who are collaborating on a resource book on the Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame awardees.

The book will feature more than 145 individuals, dedicating two pages to each individual currently in the Sports Hall of Fame.

On Saturday, an ethics panel convened consisting of David Stevens, the Clovis News Journal, Laurie Ezzell Brown, the Canadian Record, and Jim Hudson, Perryton Herald. A variety of ethical issues were discussed, including the publishing of the police blotters and tape record-

ing public meetings.

Several Panhandle newspapers received plaques during the breakfast awards brunch. The Motley County Tribune received 2nd Place in Spot Photography for Walter Taylor's photograph taken after The Motley County Matadors earned a Quaterfinal playoff win with a 42-30 hard fought victory over the Follett Panthers on November 30, 2007.



WALTER TAYLER'S winning photograph for 2nd Place, Spot Photography, awarded during recent Panhandle Press Association convention.

USDA Authorizes Emergency Use of CRP Acres for 100 Texas Counties

In response to producers who lost forage acres or fencing as a result of recent wildfires, USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) today announced authorization of emergency use of Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acres in 100 Texas counties. Eligible producers must request and receive FSA approval for emergency use of CRP acres by close of business April 4, 2008.

Emergency use of land enrolled in CRP has been authorized for Andrews, Archer, Bailey, Brooks, Callahan, Coke, Comanche, Crane, Crockett, Dimmitt, Duval, Edwards, Glasscock, Hidalgo, Howard, Jim Hogg, Kent, King, Knox, Kenedy, Kinney, LaSalle, Martin, Midland, Parker,

Pecos, Real, Scurry, Starr, Sterling, Terrell, Val Verde, Willacy, Winkler, and Young Counties as well as 65 adjoining counties.

Livestock may be temporarily moved to land enrolled in CRP for no more than 60 days, as approved by the county office, on a case-by-case basis. No payment reduction applies to the authorized exception and no funds are other wise authorized for water, feed, or other cost.

Authority is limited to livestock producers who lost pasture or fences, due to wildfire. To take advantage of the emergency provisions, eligible producers may cross county boundaries from one approved emergency use county to another approved emergency use county.

The use of the CRP acreage is authorized for grazing only. CRP participants who wish to provide land to eligible producers must request approval to graze eligible acreage; obtain a modified conservation plan from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to include grazing requirements, and leave at least 25 percent of each field or contiguous CRP field ungrazed for wildlife, or graze not more than 75 percent of the stocking rate determined by NRCS.

For more information and eligibility requirements on USDA disaster assistance, contact the Motley County FSA at 806-347-2263.

Experts on soil testing

supply," she warned, "and the aquifer that supplies this area is being reduced by two-feet a year." She challenged the group to be responsible in landscaping. "Landscape to conserve," she said.

Ms. Rains spoke on the eight basic principles of landscaping: water conservation, good design, soil analysis, practical turf, appropriate plants, efficient irrigation, mulch, and maintenance.

A good soil analysis will determine what "amendments" the soil needs, she said. "Clay suffocates plants," she said. "You need to till at least 4-6 inches of organic matter into the soil." "Caliche takes a pickax and a cool beer," she laughed.

Rains recommends adding 1-1/2-inches of water every five days. "You can set out tuna cans to catch water for measuring," she said. "Always water in the cool of the day," she said. And when mowing, don't scalp the grass, she warned. Buffalo grass needs to be about three inches tall; Bermuda, 1-1/2 inches; fescue, 2-1/2 inches. "Taller grass acts as living mulch," she said, reducing mowing overall.

Rains said an individual should not fertilize more than two times a year. "Use a quick release form of nitrogen in the

spring and fall," she said. "Too much fertilizer is equal to thirsty grass." And don't forget, she said, be practical. "Fertilizer doesn't realize there is a brand name."

Rains spoke at length on selecting the appropriate plant for a location. Check the zone and altitude, soil type, drainage, and moisture requirements, she said. In "cool areas" she recommended Hostas, and warned consumers to place "like plants with like needs" together. Another rule of thumb: "If it blooms in a 50-mile radius of your house, it will re-plant and bloom in your yard."

She then discussed efficient irrigation. New plants need more water than established plants, she said. She recommended drip systems and soaker hoses for watering.

She discussed the benefits of mulching, which reduces the amount of time spent weeding, watering and fighting pests. But more importantly, she said, mulching prevents the loss of water from the soil by evaporation.

Her topic on maintenance included a discussion on pruning; only prune dead limbs or crossing limbs; avoid overuse of fertilizer on trees and shrubs, and avoid overuse of chemicals, she said.

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News Around the County

Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

I have a correction and an apology to Dinah Young; I get her family mixed up and I reported that her son Joshua Elliott and his wife had the new baby in Montreal. It is Dinah's son Aubrey and Marie Josee who are the proud parents of a baby boy named Phoenix Aubrey Elliott. Though it was bitterly cold while Dinah was there, they treated her to home cooked gourmet meals. She enjoyed lots of time to hold and rocking her new grandson. Not being able to get out allowed a relaxed, unhurried visit with her children in a beautiful city. She returned March 25th.

Johnny and Connie Morris have a new granddaughter. Her parents are Jeffery and Allison Morris of San Angelo. Little Mackenzie was born seven weeks early and weighed 4lbs. 9 oz. She has had some difficulties being born early and is still in the hospital. Mackenzie was born on Wednesday, March 26th.

Corky Marshall, Zella Palmer and P. K. Green attended a Texas Municipal League seminar and meeting Friday at Cagle's Steakhouse in Lubbock.

The Marshall reunion was well attended. There were 45 to 50 family members present on Saturday night for delicious hamburgers prepared by Dahl and Delores Clower. Sandra Sandifer Bennett of Ballinger celebrated her birthday at the reunion with a cake with many candles! Several family members had their entire family in attendance. All of Frances Mitchell's children and many of her grandchildren were there; all of Virgie Marshall Clower Bannister's children were there also and most of her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Corky's children, grandchildren and great grandchildren were able to come. It was good to get to see everyone from near and far. Perhaps next year we should give an award to the person with the most family members attending. I think this year that would have been Phyllis Marshall. Cody Clower brought the lesson at the family worship service. One hundred and folks were served lunch on Sunday.

On April 7th, five people

from Poly Pipe in Gainesville, TX will be here to begin reopening the Poly Pipe Plant here. That is good news for Roaring Springs and Motley County!

Ross Graham's mother, Becky Nichols is in the Seton Hospital in Austin. She is recuperating from surgery to remove a cancer from her lung. Both Dana and Ross have been with her. Ross came home to tend to some business and Dana stayed with Becky.

Pat and Kathy Groves have been town staying at Traveler's Inn to attend the funeral of Dick Groves. Other 'out of towners' here for his service and to visit were: Dick Groves daughter, Mary Le Fielder and her son and daughter-in-law Mark Fielder and Dawn Kopetzky from Jackson, TN; Margaret Groves Ulshafer and husband, Kevin their daughters, Katy and Kory of Macon Georgia; Lou Groves Aidukas and her husband, Richard Neuman and Lou's son, Jonah Stullman all of Oakland, CA; Pat's aunt, Hattie T. Tomlinson and sons Terry and Jerry with their wives Kay and Denise. Pat's daughter Cortney Groves came from Dallas. While the families have been here they have visited with many of their classmates and friends from their childhood.

Other folks from out of town for the funeral were: Jerome and Diane Neuman for Walnut Creek, CA; Betty and Milton Rudder from Hereford, TX and Ronald and Carmen McCullough of Levelland.

During spring break Morgan and Judson Jones of Lubbock visited their Mimi, Carla Meador, and their Nana, Joyce Meredith. They enjoyed playing with Parker Meredith in the vacant lots.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Meredith and grandson, Parker, went to San Angelo and celebrated Easter with Cody and Leah Meredith and Jonah and Angelica Meredith.

Ross Graham's mother, Becky Nichols is in Seton Memorial Hospital, Room 404, 201 W. 38th St., Austin, TX 73301

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

It is the little things that matter, that add up in the end, with the priceless thrilling magic found only in a friend.

FLOMOT GRASS FIRE

The Matador, Flomot, Quitaque, Turkey, Lockney, and Floydada Volunteer Fire Departments responded to a grass fire at 3 p.m., Thursday, March 29, three miles west of Flomot. The flames were traveling east ahead of gusting west winds on the south side of FM 97.

When they were still battling the fire at 6 p.m., the wind turned to the north and the fire shifted to the southwest. It was 9 p.m. before the flames were under control.

Rodney Williams reported 400 acres of CRP and pastureland was destroyed at the Baker and Dr. Chamales locations, but the goats on Baker land were okay.

Wilburn Martin, who lives just north of the fire, was appreciative of the Fire Department containing the damage to south side of the pavement. Donnie Turner, Commissioner

Precinct Two was also a benefit with the county maintainer.

Mr. and Mrs. James Gwinn and daughter, Danielle enjoyed the spring vacation at Port Mansfield. Joining them there for some good fishing and visiting were Bonnie and Bob Fullingim of Harlingen, Michael and Christina Ebram, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Ebram, William, Tommy and Chris of San Antonio.

Visiting last weekend with Wilburn Martin and attending the birthday party of Mrs. Geneva Martin were daughter, Mrs. Marilee cooper of Borger and grandson, Cole Martin of Portales, N.M.

Mrs. Nada Starkey was a patient from Saturday until Monday at Cogdell Hospital in Lockney with a virus infection.

Mrs. Cally Sperry, Savannah, Blayne, Cash and Gage attended the Little Dribblers basketball tournament held in Hedley from Thursday through Saturday. Savannah won a second place medal.

Jerry Barclay visited Monday night in Lockney with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S.D. Barclay.

Matador News

Dale and JoEtta Bumgardner were in Amarillo, Monday for Dale's medical check up and tests.

Billy Paul and Betty Simpson were in Amarillo this week for Billy Paul's medical appointment and tests.

Mrs. Barbara West of Amarillo visited last Tuesday with her sister and husband, Geraldine and Ellis Key. She attended the funeral of Mrs. Nora Belle Dunning.

Visiting Dan Barton in Hackberry Creek Care Center during the Easter holidays were her children, Jan and Tom Hamilton, of Aspen, Co., and Plainview, Texas, Cherri and James Karr, Whitney, Texas along with their daughters, Kourtney Karr of College Station, Texas where Kourtney is a Junior at Texas A&M University, and Konni Peacock and sons, Nathan and Coleman Johnson of Weatherford, Texas, Max and Carla Barton of Trophy Club, Texas and Max sons, Brae and Kim Barton of Flower Mound, Texas and Dustin Barton of Ft. Worth, Texas, a December graduate of Texas Tech University.

Dan enjoyed the Easter surprise of Max and Carla's wedding in the Hackberry Creek

Care Center Chapel on Saturday morning. She also was able to check out of the care center for a drive around Matador, and visited with her sister-in-law and husband June and Stanley Levell, which she enjoyed very much. The Easter Egg hunt at the care center was enjoyed along with other residents of the center. Dan expressed her joy of being in the care center right here in Matador and how she enjoys frequent visitors, the caring workers, and her special room. Sunday, Dan watched her favorite television worship service Easter morning and prayed with her family before they left to go to their respective homes.

Truitt and Chelsea Read were in Abilene this past weekend. They attended the Texas High School Power-Lifting state meet to see their grandson, Brandon Terry, take sixth place. His total of three lifts was 1,535 pounds. Brandon is a junior at Liberty Hill High School and was a starter on the 2006 and 2007 state championship football teams. He also participates in track, he is the son of Malcom and Debbie Terry.

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 confined case of rabies found in Hansford County. This is the second case for Hansford County and the fourth for HSR 1. This is a reminder that your pets, horses, and valuable livestock should be vaccinated annually for rabies.

On April 9th, 2008 the

Motley County 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 3-6 p.m. After 6 p.m. Dr. Ruston 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.

New Arrival



We would like to introduce the newest member of our family - Phoenix Aubrey Elliott - 15 minutes old in photo. He was born March 8 at 12PM weighing in at 8 lb 9 oz and 23 inches long. His proud parents are Aubrey and Marie Jose'e Breau - Elliott of Montreal, Quebec. The proud grandparents are Ken and Dinah - Elliott of Roaring Springs, Robert and Lorraine Elliott of Austin and Angela and Jean Breau of Moncton, New Brunswick, Canada.

Poly Pipe hiring temporary personnel

Poly Pipe, Inc., formerly located in Roaring Springs has a large order to fill and will be utilizing the Roaring Springs plant for ninety days. Carlie Brey, Human Resource Manager said that current orders make it necessary to open the plant temporarily. "We would like to be able to bring jobs and money back to Roaring Springs," she stated. "That will depend on future orders." Anyone seeking employment may apply at the plant on April 8, from 8 to 5 p.m. or call 940-66-1721, ext 229.

Whiteflat Homecoming

It's time again for the Whiteflat Homecoming. Former residents and friends are invited to join us for a good time of visiting and catching up this Saturday, April 5th. Homecoming will be held at the Senior Citizens Center in Matador. The doors will be open and coffee ready by 9:30 a.m.

There will be a covered dish lunch at noon, followed by a short business meeting presided over by Debra Scott, this year's president.

See you there!

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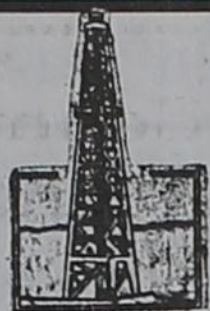
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OIL & GAS REPORT

BY THOMAS MUSSER



On Monday, March 24, 2008, Roaring Springs Energy, Ltd. applied for a Drilling Permit for the Hamilton Lease Well #1, Roaring Springs, West (Permo-Penn) Oil Field to be located 467 feet from the North Line and 100 feet from the West Line of Section 47, Block J, Indianola Railroad Company Survey, Abstract-137, one mile East of Roaring Springs.

The Roaring Springs Energy, Ltd. Hamilton Lease is 1280 acres encompassing both Section 47, Block J, Indianola Railroad Company Survey, Abstract-137 and Section 27, Block J, Houston and Great Northern Railroad Company Survey, Abstract-132. Under previous lease agreements these two sections have been operated as separate leases, the Hamilton Lease in Section 47, and the O.C. "Ollie" Scott in Section 27.

This will be the 10th well drilled on this 1280 acres of Sections 47 and 27. The first well drilled on Section 47 was in 1959 and the first well drilled on Section 27 was in 1957.

The Roaring Springs Energy, Ltd. Hamilton Lease Well #1 will be located approxi-

mately 415 feet Northwest of the plugged location of the S.K. Rogers Oil, Inc. J.A. Hamilton lease (14055) Well #2, and approximately 278 feet Northeast of the plugged location of the Hamilton Brothers O.C. Scott Lease (14908) Well #2.

When the Railroad Commission of Texas, Oil and Gas Division posted this drilling application on their website on Thursday, March 27, 2008, the RRC O&G mistakenly listed this application in the Roaring Springs (Permo-Penn) field instead of in the Roaring Springs, West (Permo-Penn) field. This drilling application should be correctly listed as the operator filed it, in the Roaring Springs, West (Permo-Penn) field instead of in the Roaring Springs, West (Permo-Penn) field.

Since 1959 wells drilled in the area East-to-West from Mid-Section 11, Block 0-4 through Section 27, Block J, have been listed in the Roaring Springs, West (Permo-Penn) field. The Roaring Springs and the Roaring Springs, West are listed as separate fields because each is located over separate structural highs.

Legionnaires hold convention in Shamrock

Shamrock's De Shazo-George Post 68 will host the annual Spring Convention of the 18th District of The American Legion, Department of Texas on Saturday, 12 April at the Shamrock Community Center.

Richard Keys, Post 68 Commander, indicated that several American Legion and Auxiliary dignitaries will be in attendance, including Department of Texas Auxiliary Secretary Paula Raney, Austin; 4th Division Auxiliary President Myra Cooper, El Paso and American Legion 4th Division Commander, Harry Hicks also of El Paso.

Other expected guests include David Olsen, Leuders, who is a candidate for Division Commander. David Rehkopf, Dumas, who serves as President of the 18th Districts only American Legion Riders Chapter, will also be on hand to discuss that program.

The event begins at the Shamrock American Legion Post Home, located at 124 South Iowa (east of the water tower) at 6:00pm, on Friday 11 April with an informal social. Registration will follow on Saturday morning at 8:00am at Mitchell's Café located on the North side of I-40 on HW 83.

RSFG 5th Sunday

Roaring Springs Full Gospel Church presents a late 5th Sunday Celebration on Sunday April 6th, 2008 at 10:30. The service and events following will have a U.S. Army theme in remembrance of all the men and women who have defended our country.

Lunch will be served after the service followed by fellowship and games which will include tug-a-war, rescue the soldier, civil war water balloon fight, and a push-up/sit-up contest. The entire day promises to be full of remembrance for the family and friends.



Notes from the Library

by Buffy Crutchley

I wanted to say Thank You to all who attended our gardening program this past Saturday. It was a very informative afternoon. I learned that maybe those pesky turkeys aren't all that bad, now that I know they chase away snakes. I now want one as a pet! Thanks to Deanie Edwards for all her hard work putting the program together.

This Sunday will be another fun time at the Library. From 2:00 to 4:00 we will be hosting a reception and show for photographer Ken Young. This is especially important to me. I fancy myself a soon-to-be famous photographer (how true it is, I don't know!) and I want to absorb as much of Ken's talent

that I can! His work is absolutely beautiful. Please join me, and the rest of the Friends of the Library as we pay tribute to such a talented man. Larry Vogt will be performing classical guitar music during the reception. The photos will be on display for two weeks, so if you're unable to attend Sunday, stop by the library during the week.

I just placed a huge order for some new books, so we'll be getting some good stuff over the next several weeks. Patricia Cornwell has a new one coming, as well as Dean Koontz, Stuart Woods, John Sandford and many others. Stop in today to browse the "New Arrival" section. You never know what you'll find!

County Garden Forum

My last gardening location had a preponderance for heavy red clay soils so it seemed that raised bed gardening was in the cards. Indeed, the first beds that were constructed produced so much high quality produce that it seems it could be used anywhere.

It was fun and challenging to construct the beds while being frugal and utilizing materials at hand. There are plenty of commercially available kits for raised beds and one can certainly purchase what is readily available to achieve success. Here are some tips when starting raised bed gardens:

Choose the right location with regard to light requirements and close proximity to water source. Small beds can be constructed out of scrap materials but make sure to stay away from treated wood.

Any type of material

can be used such as stone, cinder block, bricks, metal roofing, etc. The frame should be 12 to 16 inches high and connected well enough to withstand the pressure and weight of the soil inside the bed.

Fill the frame with good quality mixes of compost, soil, and some sand or gravel for drainage. Some gardeners like to put lots of chips and sawdust or leaves in the bottom to decompose and feed the plants that will be growing in the bed.

The raised bed has advantages for people who are in wheelchairs or have disabilities and can't spend a lot of time on their knees between rows of field crops. Other advantages include more ease of care, only caring for the growing area, earlier planting as well as continuous harvesting into the fall. If the soil mixture has plenty of organic material less water will be needed.

Senior Citizen Menu

Thursday, April 3: BBQ chicken scalloped potatoes, broccoli, bread & pickles, cinnamon apple sauce.

Friday, April 4: Beef enchiladas refried beans, summer squash, tortilla, lemon pudding.

Monday, April 7: Beef stroganoff carrots, white bread, banana pudding.

Tuesday, April 8: Baked chicken w/mushroom, baked potato, broccoli, tossed salad, muffin, peaches.

Wednesday, April 9: Cheeseburger w/bun, lettuce, tomato, onions, ranch beans, baked tater tots, oranges.

Relay for Life

The next meeting for the Relay for Life will be at the FBC Matador in the fellowship hall on Tuesday, April 22 at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is invited. If you have any questions regarding the Relay or would like to have a team and have not picked up your team packet, please make it a point to attend our meeting. There will be food and door prizes.

The purpose of the Relay is to celebrate the lives of our friends, family, and loved ones who have been fighting the battle of beating cancer and winning that fight. If you know someone who is a cancer survivor please contact the Survivor chairman, Rosalee Davis or Annette Holingsworth so that they may be honored at the Relay. Several activities are planned during the week.

This years Motley County Relay For Life will be on June 21 and 22 at the Motley County Football Stadium from 7:00 p.m to 7:00 a.m.

The American Cancer Society offers a variety of free service for cancer patients, including information and referral, support groups, housing and transportation services.



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SUE SHANNON'S aloe vera plant after it's winter stay at the Roaring Springs Ranch Golf Shop

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MIKE CROWLEY

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Thank you Lord for giving us the opportunity to grow, to care for and to tend the finest crop we will ever raise. I am speaking of our children.

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Gov. Perry: FEMA for Texas Wildfires Comes Up Short

AUSTIN - Gov. Rick Perry today urged the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to provide Texans more assistance in recovering from catastrophic losses and damages from three months of wildfires that have affected about 85 percent of Texas counties.

Since Jan. 1, 2008, more than 5,300 wildfires have burned nearly 940,000 acres and destroyed 140 homes in Texas. Some 216 of Texas' 254 counties have suffered damage from the wildfires.

After appealing FEMA's denial of Perry's request for a Major Disaster Declaration, FEMA granted an Emergency Declaration for Texas. That assistance, however, provides only 75 percent assistance limited to federal fire fighting resources, and does not include reimbursement for the \$20.5 million already spent by local and state entities to protect life and property throughout Texas.

"FEMA's approach to aid for wildfires is fundamentally flawed," Perry said. "It discourages state and local entities from taking steps to prevent the loss of lives and property by refusing to assist in the preventive efforts."

In a letter to FEMA Administrator David Paulison, Gov. Perry today called on the federal government to reimburse the state in full for operation efforts carried out since January.

"On behalf of all Texans affected by the ongoing wildfires, I strongly urge FEMA to reconsider its decision to deny our Texas request for aid," said Gov. Perry.

Gov. Perry continues to request federal aid for Individual Assistance including the Individual & Households Program, Disaster Unemployment Assistance, Crisis Counseling, and Small Business Administration Disaster Loans and U.S. Department of Agriculture loans.

RSCV sponsors fundraiser

A bingo game and cornbread and beans supper at the community center is planned for April 11th as a fund-raiser. RSCV will be asking for donations only.

TxDOT observes National Work Zone Awareness Week

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

Work zones can be hazardous places for motorists as well as construction crews working to improve Texas highways.

In observance of the ninth annual National Work Zone Awareness Week, April 7-11, 2008, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is joining the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and numerous other state DOT's and national transportation associations to urge motorists to take extra care when traveling in and around work zones.

TxDOT maintains more than 79,000 miles of highway with more than 1,000 construction or maintenance projects underway at any given time. With so much construction work underway, it is all too common for motorists to encounter work zones.

Over 1,000 motorists are killed and 40,000 are injured in work zone-related crashes across the nation each year. In Texas, approximately 150 people are killed annually in highway construction and maintenance zones.

More than four out of every five work-zone fatalities are motorists traveling through the work zones. Speeding and inattention are the most cited causes of work zone crashes, and one in three work zone crashes is a rear-end collision.

"We want motorists to be aware of the safety issues that work zones pose to construction

workers and the traveling public," said Carlos Lopez, director of the TxDOT Traffic Operations Division. "Our goal, as always, is to reduce the number of fatalities that occur in work zones and to remind motorists to do their part to help save lives."

Lopez said everyone should take responsibility for work zone safety, from engineers and planners to drivers and pedestrians. The key to reducing work zone fatalities is as easy as following some simple rules: Observe and comply with work zone warning signs. Speed limits may be reduced, traffic lanes may be altered or reduced in number, and people may be working on or near the roadway.

Slow Down. Speeding is one of the major causes of work zone crashes.

Don't Tailgate. Keep a safe distance between you and the car ahead of you.

Keep a safe distance

from construction workers and their equipment.

Obey flaggers. They are the experts in what is best for safely moving traffic through the work zone.

Stay alert and minimize distractions. Dedicate your full attention to the roadway.

Avoid eating, changing radio stations, or talking on cell phones.

Keep up with the traffic flow. Motorists can help maintain traffic flow and posted speeds by obeying speed limit and warning signs and merging as directed.

Plan and schedule enough time to drive safely. Check the radio, TV and Websites for traffic information.

Be patient and stay calm. Remember that work zones aren't there to personally inconvenience you. Highway crews are working to improve the road so that your future drive will be better.



photo by Barbara Seal

CONSTRUCTION WORKERS, drivers and their passengers are at risk of injury when motorists fail to heed warning signs on Texas roadways. Motley County Maintenance Office employees working within a work zone on FM 94 in Motley County.

President Bush proposes to strip Lubbock cotton lab

By: Haley Burks

A cotton ginning lab in Lubbock is vital for more than just the High Plains. "The gin lab is invaluable not only to the producers and ginners here but also belt wide implications," says Harrison Ashley of the national Ginners Association.

Not everyone sees the gin lab as a vital resource. "In the president's budget funding for the laboratory was zeroed out for the 08-09 fiscal year," says Executive V.P. of Plains Cotton

Growers Steve Verett. The gin lab is one of three in the nation, and the only one that researches stripper harvested cotton.

"You know half the cotton that will be planted in 08 will be planted in Texas. So its pretty important to have research on the type of cotton and the harvesting that we have we do in Texas," says Verett. The gin lab plays a critical role in cotton production.

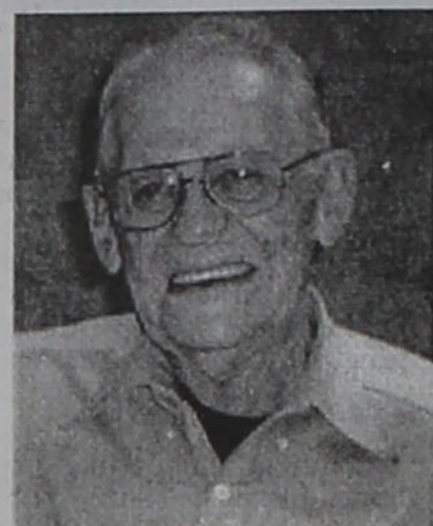
"Not just ginning techniques, but they have done re-

search over the years on more efficient cotton harvesters or cotton strippers," says Verett. The message from national and Texas cotton ginner wants to see it stay. "That this is important to the region and Texas, and we would like to see that money reinstated," says Verett.

The Lubbock Chamber of Commerce and Plains Cotton Growers are meeting with the media Thursday to outline efforts to change the president's mind.

OBITUARY

O.F. 'Pete' Williams



Graveside services for O.F. 'Pete' Williams, 81, of Matador were held at 2:00 p.m., Monday March 31, 2008 at the East Mound Cemetery in Matador with Johnny Morris and Winfield Davenport, officiating. Mr. Williams passed away Saturday March 29, 2008 at the Hackberry Creek Care Center in Matador.

Pete was born May 6, 1926 in Lamar County, Texas to Talmer Buford Williams and Velma Bell Pierce Williams. His family moved to Matador when he was a small child and has been a longtime resident. Pete owned and operated the Texaco service station in Matador for many years. Mr. Williams was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Matador, had served on the Matador City Council, and was a Deputy Sheriff under Jinks Wilson. He was a former member of the Matador Jaycees. Mr. Williams was a Fire Fighter for 54 years serving in all the official positions within the Fire Dept. Pete served his county in the US Army and was a fire fighter in the Korean War conflict at Big Delta, Alaska. He also served on the Motley County School Board and the Motley County Hospital Board.

He is survived by his wife, Bessie Jean of Matador, one son, Rodney Williams and wife Glenda of Matador, one daughter, Ronda Miller and husband

Terry of Matador, two brothers, Jelly Williams and wife Cathy of Free Port, Texas, and Bobby Williams and wife Jeanne of Matador, four grandchildren, Lindsey, Kristi, Ryan, and Brittany, and two great-grandchildren, Andrew and Randa.

He was preceded in death by his son, Randy Dale, and by his parents, Talmer and Williams.

Pallbearers were Jesse Turner, Vaden Hays, Kelly Meyers, Pat Seigler, Bryan Barnes, Ronald K. Simpkins, Joel Spray, Dude Speed, and Billy Osborn.

Honorary Pallbearers were the Matador and Surrounding Area Firefighters.

In lieu of flowers the family suggest memorials to the Hackberry Creek Care Center P.O. Box 651 Matador, TX 79244.

Bateman B. Middlebrooks

Bateman B. Middlebrooks, 79, died Friday, March 7, of natural causes.

He was born and raised in Dickens County, Texas, and graduated from Spur High School in 1947.

Mr. Middlebrooks married Marcia Gilbert in 1950. He served in Korea from 1951-1952. He worked in the mobile home industry for 40 years in Texas,

Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Indiana, retiring in 2000.

Services were held at the Topeka United Methodist Church, Topeka, Ind., on March 9, 2008, burial was in Eden Cemetery, Topeka.

Mr. Middlebrooks is survived by his wife, Marcia, 22 grandchildren and 25 great grandchildren.

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Sinikka Elliott completes PhD

Sinikka Elliott has received her PhD in Sociology from The University of Texas at Austin. She passed her qualifying exams with honors and defended her doctoral dissertation to receive her doctorate.

Sinikka is the daughter of Ken and Dinah Young of Roaring Springs and Robert and Lorraine Elliott of Austin.

She has been hired and will join the faculty of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at North Carolina State University in the fall.

Having completed this while raising 2 children and helping her husband, Patrick, finish a re-do house project which they then turned around and sold.



This has been quite an accomplishment. Her husband was a great help in all of this.

USDA seeks public comment on changes to CRP managed haying and grazing

COLLEGE STATION, TX - The U.S. Department of Agriculture today announced that it will hold public meetings in Texas on April 8-9, 2008 on proposed changes to managed haying and grazing on Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) land.

USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) will hold a meeting on April 8, 2008 at 9:00 AM at the Regency Inn Suites Hotel in Abilene, TX. The second meeting will be on April 9, 2008 held at the Fifth Season Inn in Amarillo, TX beginning at 1:00 PM.

FSA is proposing rule changes to the frequency that managed haying and grazing is allowed on land that is enrolled in CRP. Public comments will be accepted at the meeting and the public may also comment on changes to primary nesting season dates, during which managed haying and grazing are not permitted.

FSA will consider public comments when it prepares state-specific environmental assessments that will evaluate the effects of the proposed changes. The environmental assessments will aid USDA decision-makers and the public with an analysis of the benefits and potential impacts of the proposed changes to managed haying and grazing on

CRP land. Public comments can be submitted both electronically and by regular mail. They must be received by the close of business on May 9, 2008. Direct comments to: MHG EAs, Geo-Marine Incorporated, 2713 Magruder Blvd., Suite D, Hampton, Va. 23666-1572 or send them to the Web site: <http://public.geo-marine.com>.

These meetings are two (2) of fourteen (14) public meetings that will be held in 13 states where USDA is proposing rule changes to the managed haying and grazing program. More information on meeting dates and locations is available on the project Web site: <http://public.geo-marine.com>.

Here are specific details about the public meetings for Texas: CRP Public Meeting , April 8, 2008, 9:00 a.m., Regency Inn Suites Hotel, 3450 S. Clark Street, Abilene, TX 79606.

CRP Public Meeting , April 9, 2008, 1:00 p.m., Fifth Season Inn, 6801 I-40 East, Amarillo, TX 79106.

Contact: Micky Woodard (979)680-5208

Motley County track competes at Lorenzo Boys 1600m relay places first

The Motley County track teams competed well last week at the Lorenzo track meets. The High School team's meet was Monday, March 24th. There were 12 teams in this meet. The boy's team finished 1st with 131 points. The girl's team was 4th with 77 points. Those placing in the top six places were:

GIRLS:

- Shot Put—Christy Smith—2nd place
- Triple Jump—Chaundra Wolf—2nd place
- High Jump—Chaundra Wolf—3rd place
- 400m relay—Kyla Simpson, Melissa Flores, Alyx Smith, Shane'a Russell—4th place
- 800m run—Courtney Alexander—3rd place
- 100m dash—Shane'a Russell—2nd place
- 800m relay—Shane'a Russell, Alyx Smith, Melissa Flores, and Chaundra Wolf—1st place
- 300m hurdles—Chaundra Wolf—2nd place, Kyla Simpson—5th place
- 200m dash—Alyx Smith—5th place
- 1600m run—Melissa Flores—6th place

BOYS:

- Long Jump—Bradley Brown—1st place
- Triple Jump—Steven Webb—1st place
- High Jump—Bradley Brown—1st place
- Shot Put—Casey Carnes—2nd place
- Discus—Casey Carnes—2nd place
- 400m relay—Andrew Martin, Bradley Brown, Stacy Perryman, Isiah Archer—1st place
- 800m run—Colby McCleskey—2nd place
- 100m dash—Isiah Archer—1st place
- 800m relay—Will Butler, Andrew Martin, Steven Webb, Bradley Brown—3rd place
- 300m hurdles—Jacob Blanco—3rd place, Ky Christopher—4th place

place 200m dash—Bradley Brown—1st 1600m relay—Will Butler, Ky Christopher, Colby McCleskey, Andrew Martin—4th place

Other High School team members competing in the meet were Karrie Valdez, Hailey Blanco, Leanne Jameson, Justin Newman, Eric Simpson, Sam Moore, and Dayne Butler.

The Jr. High meet was held on Thursday. These athletes were also very successful. Results are:

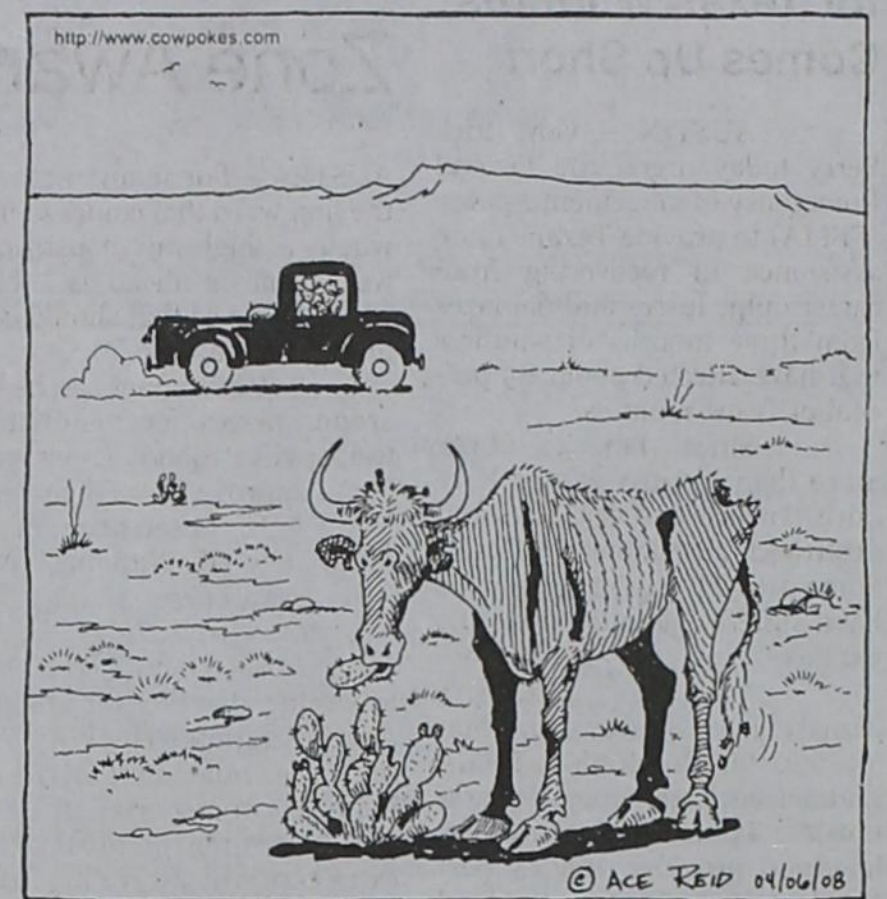
- Shot Put—Augustine Chavez—1st place
- Long Jump—Jaci Zingerman—5th place
- Jonathon Osborn—4th place
- Triple Jump—Jaci Zingerman—5th place
- High Jump—Augustine Chavez—5th place
- 2400m run—Alexis Osborn—1st place, Mark Quintero—1st place
- 400m relay—Nayo Santos, Jonathon Osborn, Austin Taylor, Augustine Chavez—2nd place
- 800m run—Juan Flores—5th place
- 100m dash—Jaci Zingerman—4th place, Jonathon Osborn—4th place
- 800m relay—Christian Brooks, Juan Flores, Austin Wolf, Nayo Santos—4th place
- 300m hurdles—Jaci Zingerman—2nd place
- 200m dash—Sabra Pope—6th place
- Augustine Chavez—2nd place
- 1600m run—Alexis Osborn—1st place, Mark Quintero—2nd place
- 1600m relay—Jonathon Osborn, Austin Taylor, Nayo Santos, Augustine Chavez—1st place with a great time of 3:58.

Other Jr. High team members competing were: Braden Mason, Aaron Woodruff, Britt Simpson, Hance Davey, and Reagan Elliott.

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Friday, April 4
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Lunch: Pizza, salad, pineapple chunks, vanilla wafers, milk.
Monday, April 7
Breakfast: Eggs/Cheese omelet, toast, or cereal, toast, juice, milk.
Lunch: Rib-B-Que, Au gratin potatoes, black-eye-peas, corn bread, applesauce, milk.
Tuesday, April 8
Breakfast: Cereal, toast, juice, milk.
Lunch: Soft taco, spanish rice, tortilla chips, orange slices, milk.
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Events Calendar

April- National Kite Flying Month

- 2 Kids Praise, First Baptist Church, 5pm
 - 2 District Track, Plainview
 - 3 RS Lions, Hitchin' Post, 11:30
 - 3 Mac Thornberry Rep at Couthouse, 11am
 - 4 Family fun Night
 - 5 Men's Breakfast, Methodist Church 7am
 - 5 Matador Lions Highway Trash Pick up 8 am
 - 6 Ken Young Exhibit, Library, reception, 2-4pm
 - 7 Girls & boys District Golf, Lubbock (Meadowbrook)
 - 8 RS Volunteers, Community Center, 7pm
 - 8 Track at Panhandle
 - 9 4-H Rabies Vaccination Clinic, Fire Dept. 3-6pm
 - 10 Matador City Council, 6:30
 - 14 Commissioners' Court, 9:30am Courthouse
 - 14 RS City Council, City Hall, 6:30pm
 - 15 Matador Lions, Methodist Church, 12:30
 - 18 Snow Day, No School
 - 21-21 Girls & Boys Regional, Lubbock
- May**
- 1 RS Lions, Hitchin' Post, 11:30
 - 1 Friends of the Library, 3pm
 - 1 Men's Breakfast, Methodist Church 7am
 - 3 MCISD Prom
 - 5-6 Girls & Boys State, Austin
 - 6 FFA Banquet 7 pm
 - 7 Kids Praise, First Baptist Church, 5pm
 - 9 Comp Day, No School
 - 13 RS Volunteers, Community Center, 7pm

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